#### Political Methodology III: Model Based Inference

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#### Statistical Inference

- Model based inference:
- Assume: data generated via distributional process
- Wednesday: Derived a likelihood for single/bivariate problems
- Today: Interested in conditional relationships
- Today: Build Linear Model Using Likelihood

Bivariate → Multivariate → Computational Model

#### Regression Model → Time for Change

Model incumbent vote share,  $Y_i$ 

- 1)  $X_{i1} = Incumbent Presidential Popularity (Net Approval/Disapproval)$
- 2)  $X_{i2} = \mathsf{GDP} \; \mathsf{Growth}$
- 3)  $X_{i3}$  =First-term Incumbent In Race

$$X_i = (X_{i1}, X_{i2}, X_{i3})$$

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Score function:  $s(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \nabla l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | Y_i, X_i) =$ 

$$\left(\frac{Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_{i1}}{\sigma^2}, \frac{Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_{i1}}{\sigma^2} X_{i1}, -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_{i1})^2}{2(\sigma^2)^2}\right)$$

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# Algebra

$$\beta_1^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

$$\beta_0^* = \bar{Y} - \beta_1^* \bar{X}$$

$$\sigma^{2,*} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \beta_0^* - \beta_1^* X_i)^2$$

#### Bivariate Regression and Maximum Likelihood

#### Fisher Information matrix

$$\begin{split} I(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) &= E[s(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)s(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)'] \\ I(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) &= -E[H_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)] \text{ (under regularity conditions)} \\ I_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) &= -E[\frac{\partial^2 l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2|Y_i, \boldsymbol{X}_i)}{\partial \beta_i \beta_j} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2] \\ I_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) &= -\int \frac{\partial^2 l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2|Y_i, \boldsymbol{X}_i)}{\partial \beta_i \beta_i} f(Y_i | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2, \boldsymbol{X}) d\boldsymbol{Y} \end{split}$$

#### Three Ways to Estimate Variance

$$\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{Var}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2})_{OS} &=& \left[\sum_{i=1}^N s(\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2)s(\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2)'\right]^{-1} \\ \operatorname{Var}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2})_{OH} &=& -\left[\sum_{i=1}^N H_i(\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2)\right]^{-1} \\ \operatorname{Var}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2})_{EH} &=& -\left[\sum_{i=1}^N E[H_i(\boldsymbol{\beta},\sigma^2)]\right]^{-1} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial^{2}l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^{2}|\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{X})}{\partial \beta_{0} \partial \beta_{0}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}}$$

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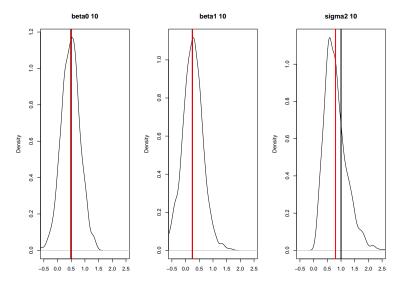
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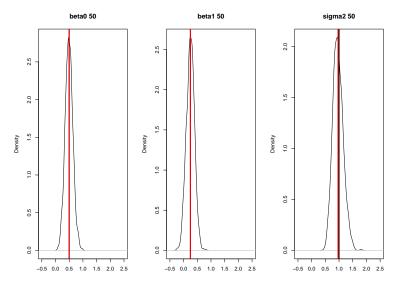
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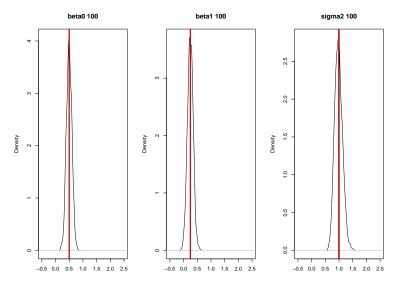
$$I(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^{2})_{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{N}{\sigma^{2}} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{X_{i}}{\sigma^{2}} & 0\\ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{X_{i}}{\sigma^{2}} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{X_{i}^{2}}{\sigma^{2}} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{N}{2(\sigma^{2})^{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
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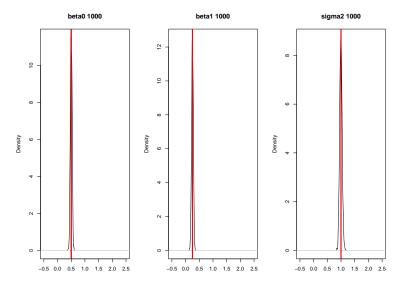
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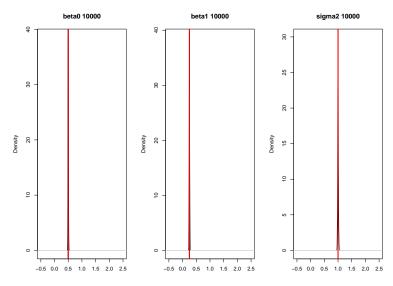
$$\widehat{\mathsf{Var}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 \left( \boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{X} \right)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2(\sigma^2)^2}{N} \end{pmatrix}$$

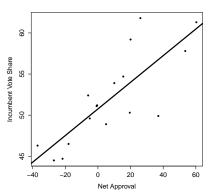




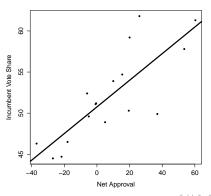




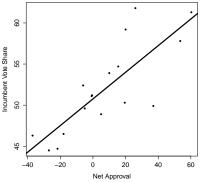




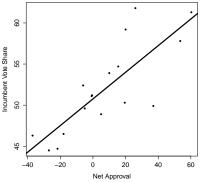
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Define:

$$\mathbf{X}_{i} = (1, X_{i1}, X_{i2}, X_{i3})$$
$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_{0}, \beta_{1}, \beta_{2})$$

Then our maximum likelihood estimators are:

$$\beta^* = \left(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$$

$$\sigma^{2,*} = \frac{1}{N}(Y - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(Y - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2} - \beta_3 X_{i3})^2$$

Then,

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}^*, \sigma^{2,*} \rightarrow^D \mathsf{MVN}((\boldsymbol{\beta}^*, \sigma^{2,*}), I(\boldsymbol{\beta}^*, \sigma^{2,*})^{-1})$$

Where

$$\operatorname{Var}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}^*,\sigma^{2,*}})) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2(\sigma^2)^2}{N} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Analytic vs Computational

#### Analytic optimization:

- Calculus + pencil and paper
- Search for closed form solutions
- Big guarantees, but solutions can be hard (impossible) to obtain

#### Computational Optimization:

- Iterative procedure
- Search for approximate solution
- Fewer guarantees, but you'll obtain solutions

#### Overall strategy:

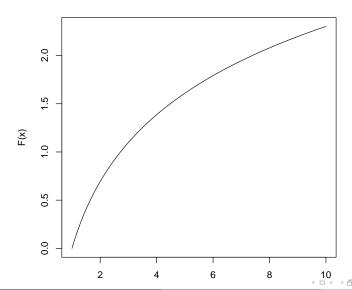
One-parameter Newton Raphson  $\rightsquigarrow$  Multi-parameter Newton Raphson  $\rightsquigarrow$  BFGS (Wednesday)

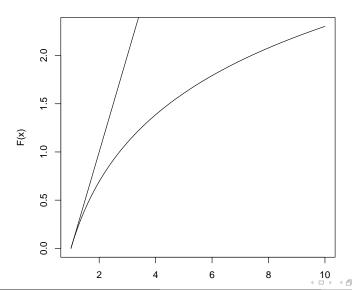
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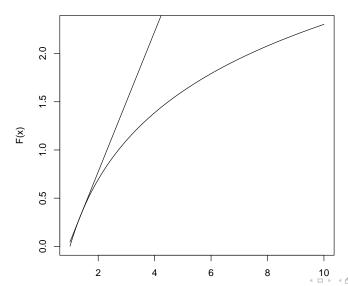
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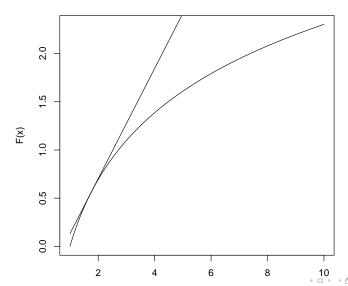
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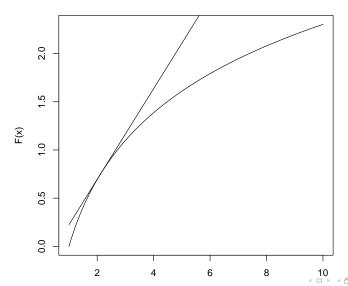
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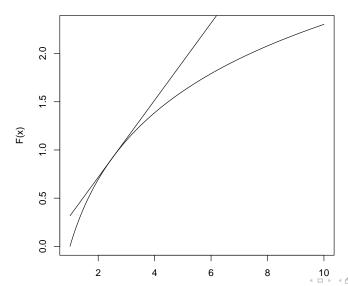


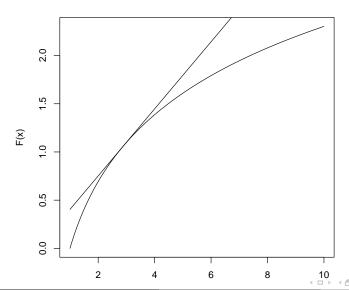


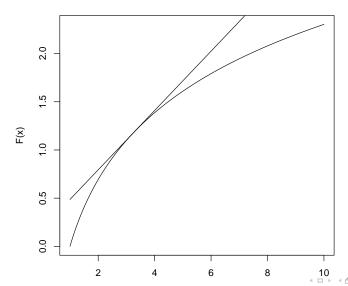


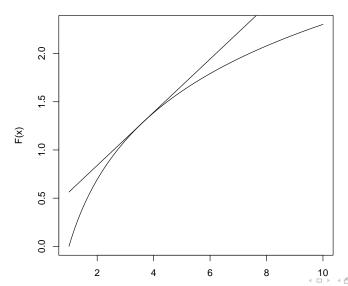


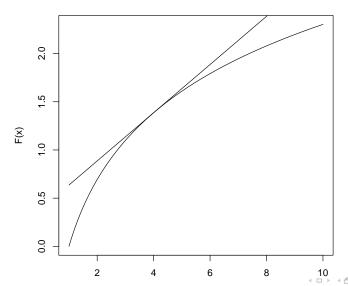


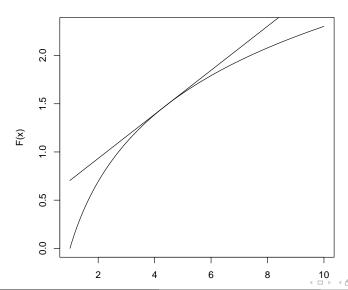


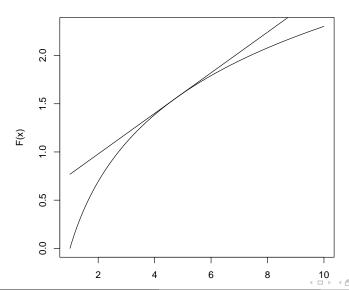


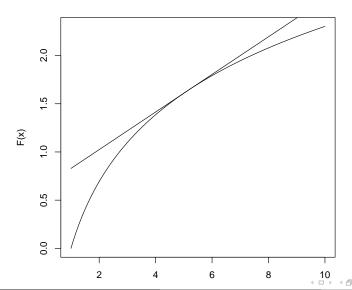


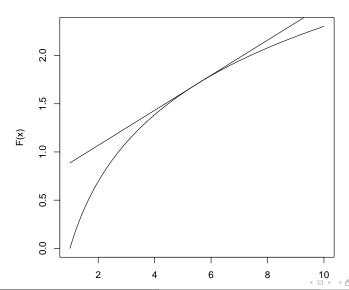


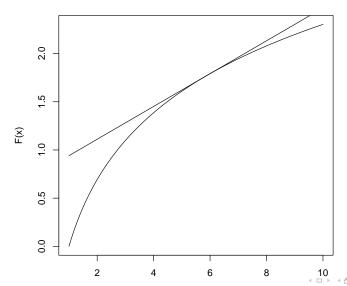


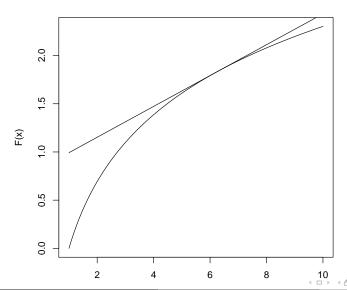


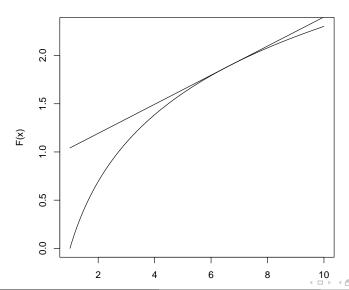


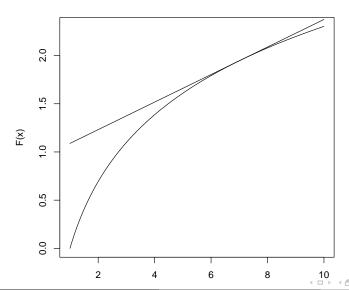


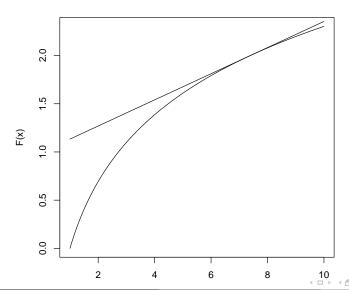


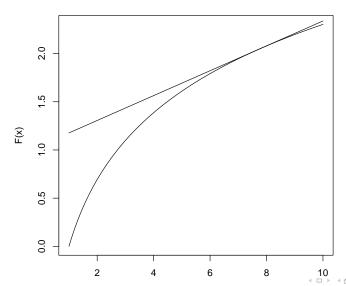


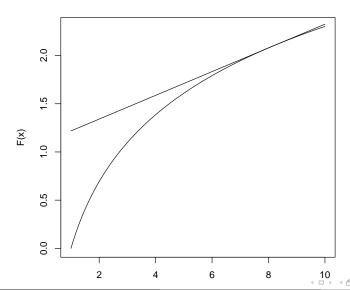


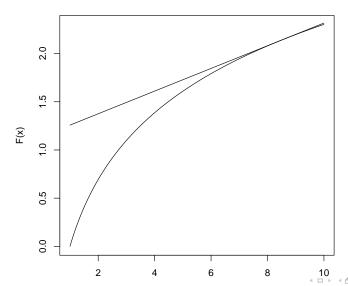


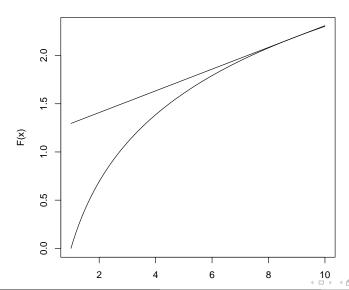


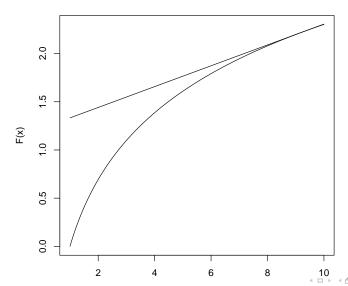


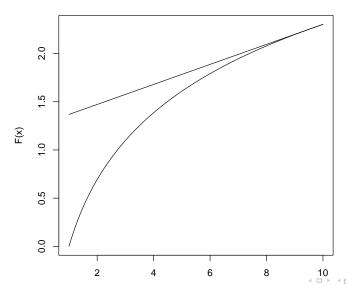


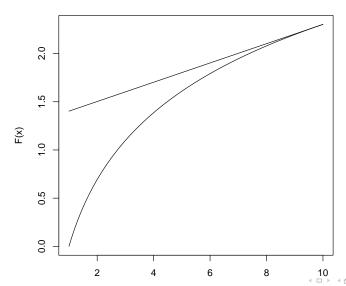












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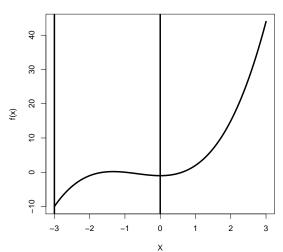
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### Example Function

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 1$$
 find  $x$  that maximizes  $f(x)$  with  $x \in [-3, 0]$ 



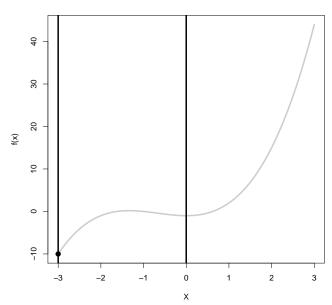


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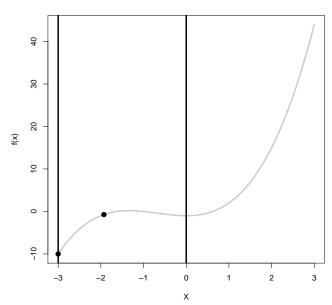
Suppose we have guess  $x_t$  then the next step is:

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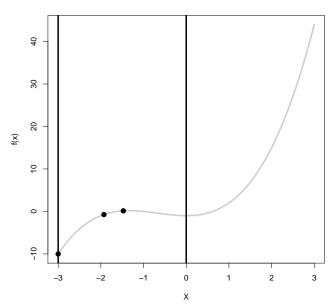




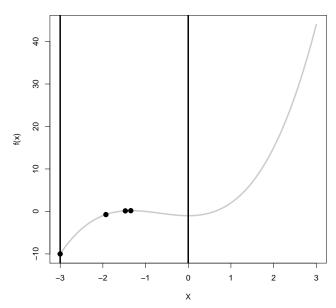




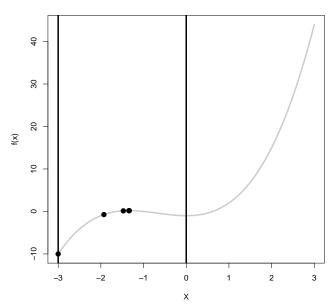




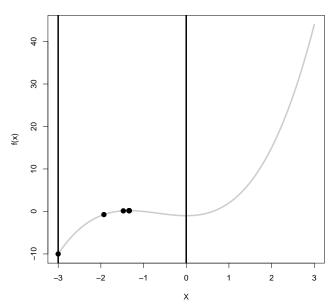






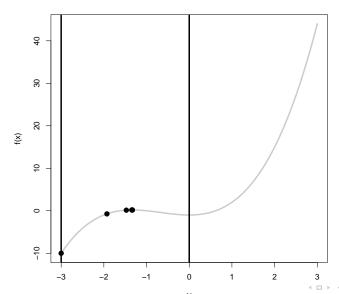


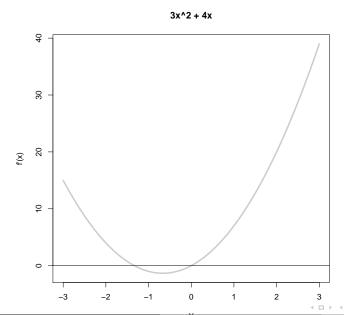


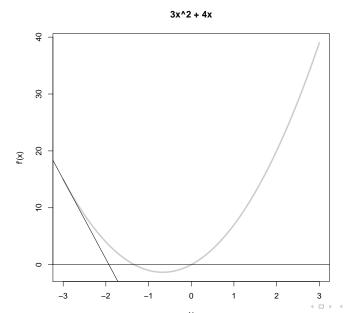


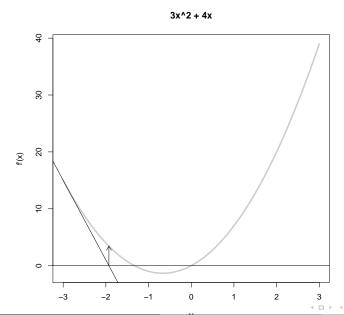
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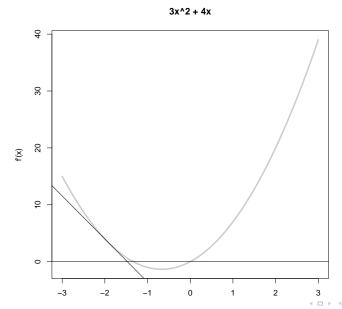


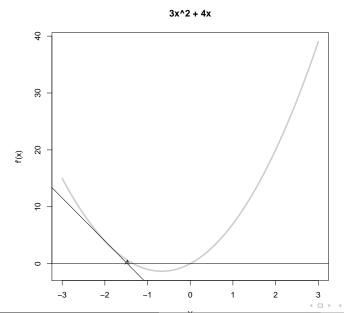


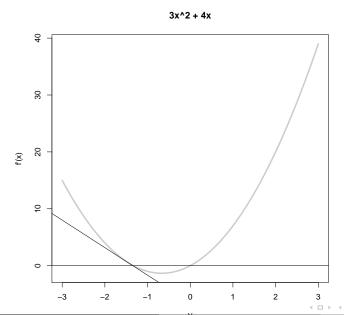


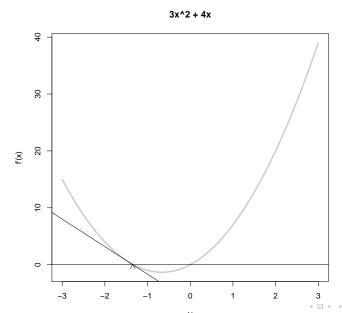


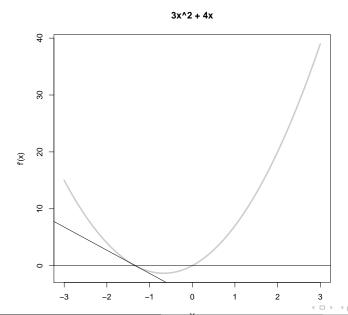


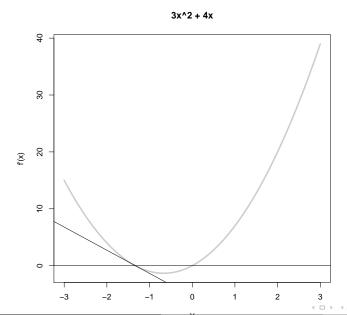


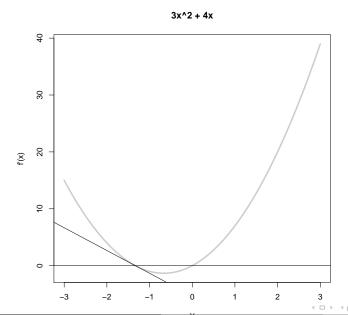




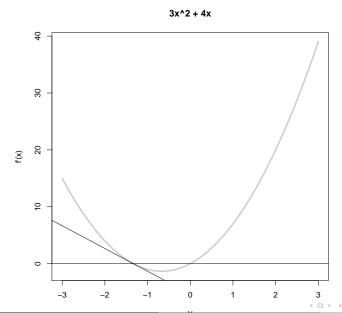




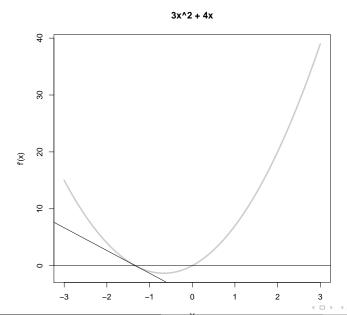




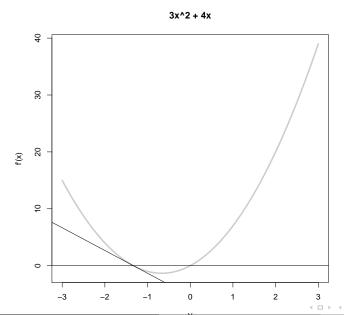
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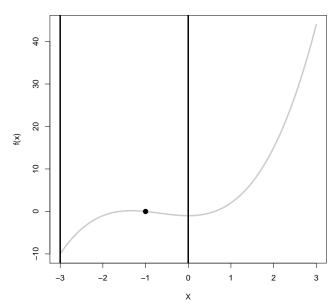
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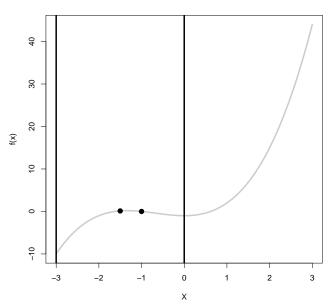
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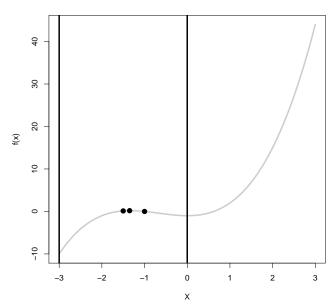




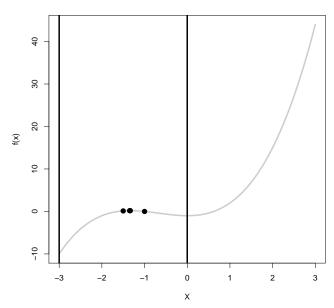




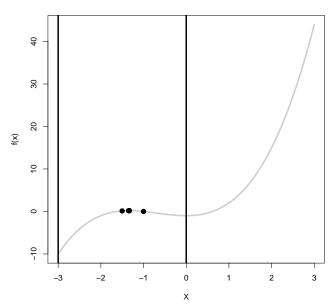




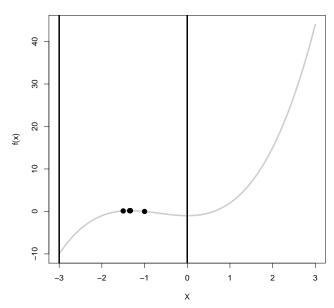




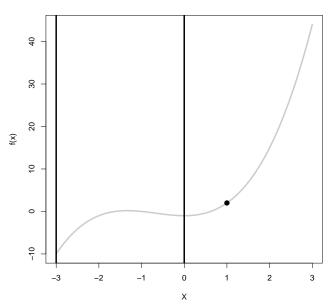




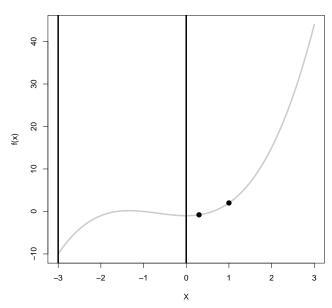




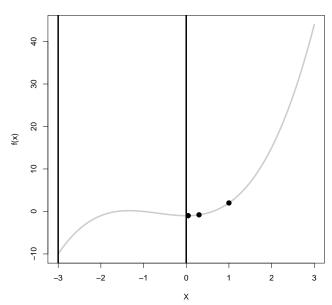




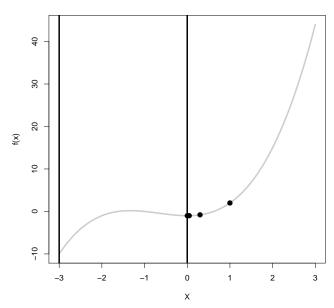




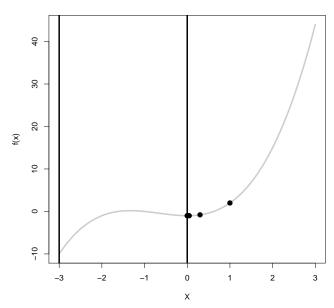




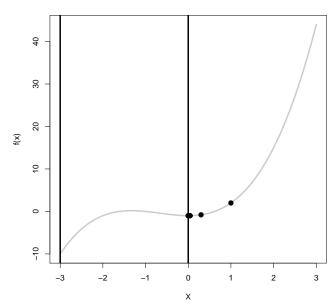












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# Multivariate Newton Raphson: Multivariate Linear Regression Model

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So we have:

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Probit/Logit + BFGS next!!