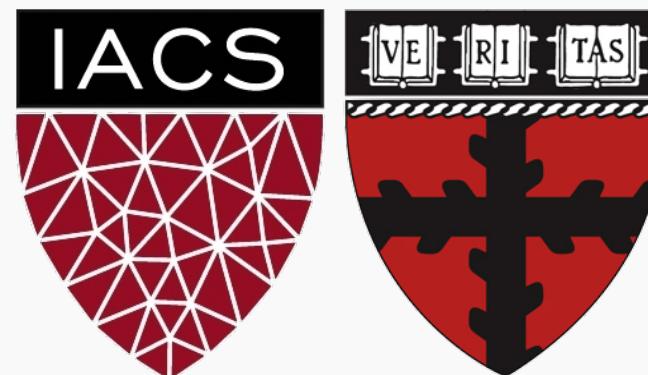


# Lecture 6: Multiple and Poly Linear Regression

CS109A Introduction to Data Science  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours:**

More office hours, schedule will be posted soon.

On-line office hours are for everyone, please take advantage of them.

- **Projects:**

Project guidelines and project descriptions will be posted Thursday 9/25.

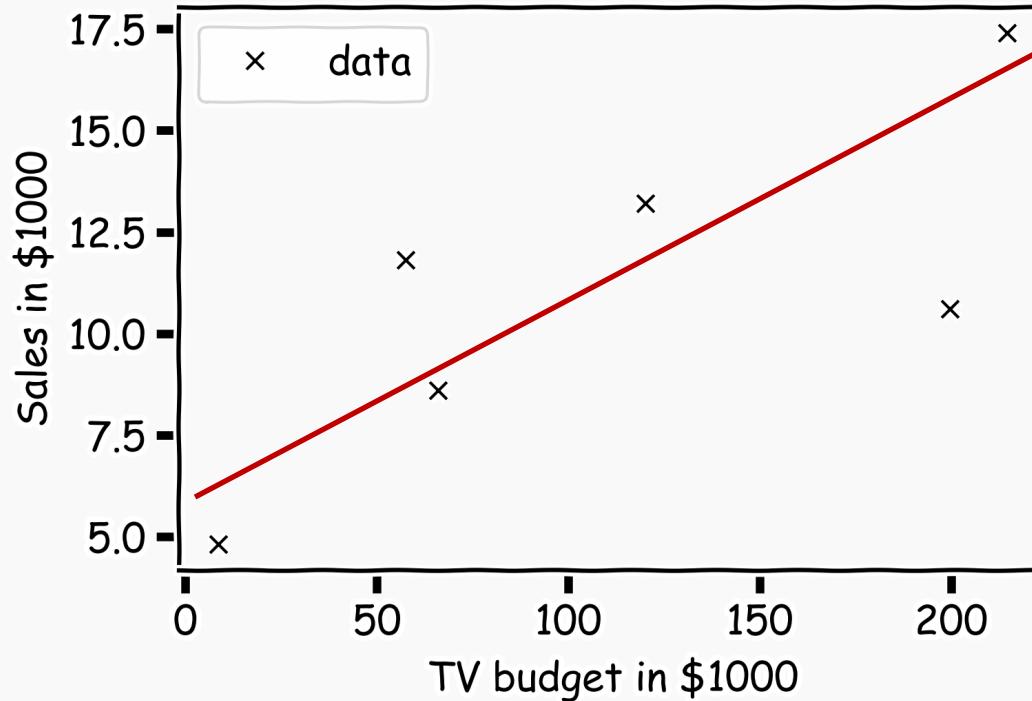
Milestone-1: Signup for project is Wed 10/2 .



# Summary from last lecture

We **assume** a simple form of the statistical model  $f$ :

$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \epsilon$$

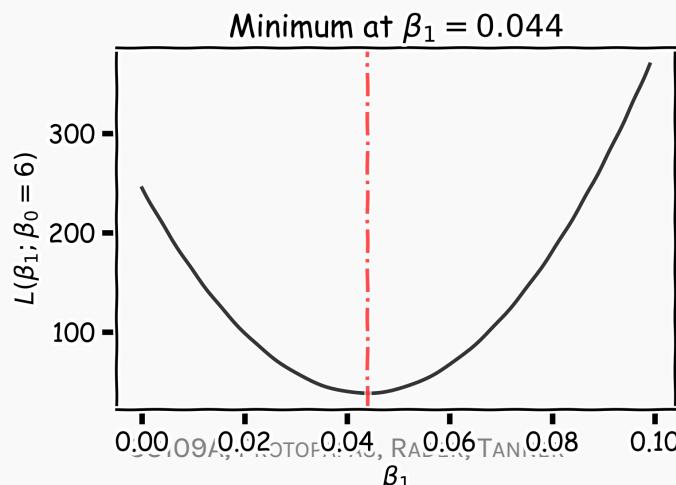


# Summary from last lecture

We fit the model, i.e. estimate,  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  that minimize the loss function, which we **assume** to be the MSE:

$$L_{MSE}(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_n [y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X)^2]^2$$

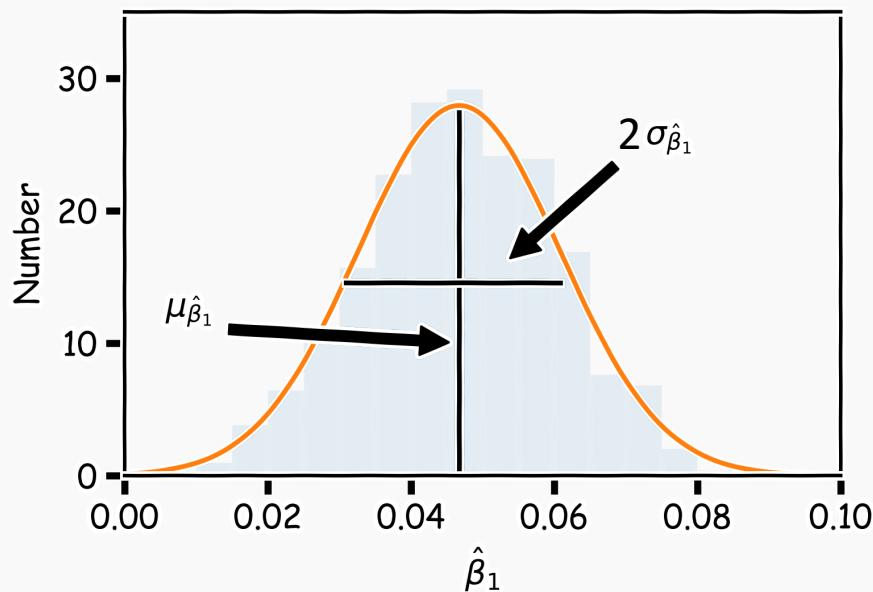
$$\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta_0, \beta_1} L(\beta_0, \beta_1).$$



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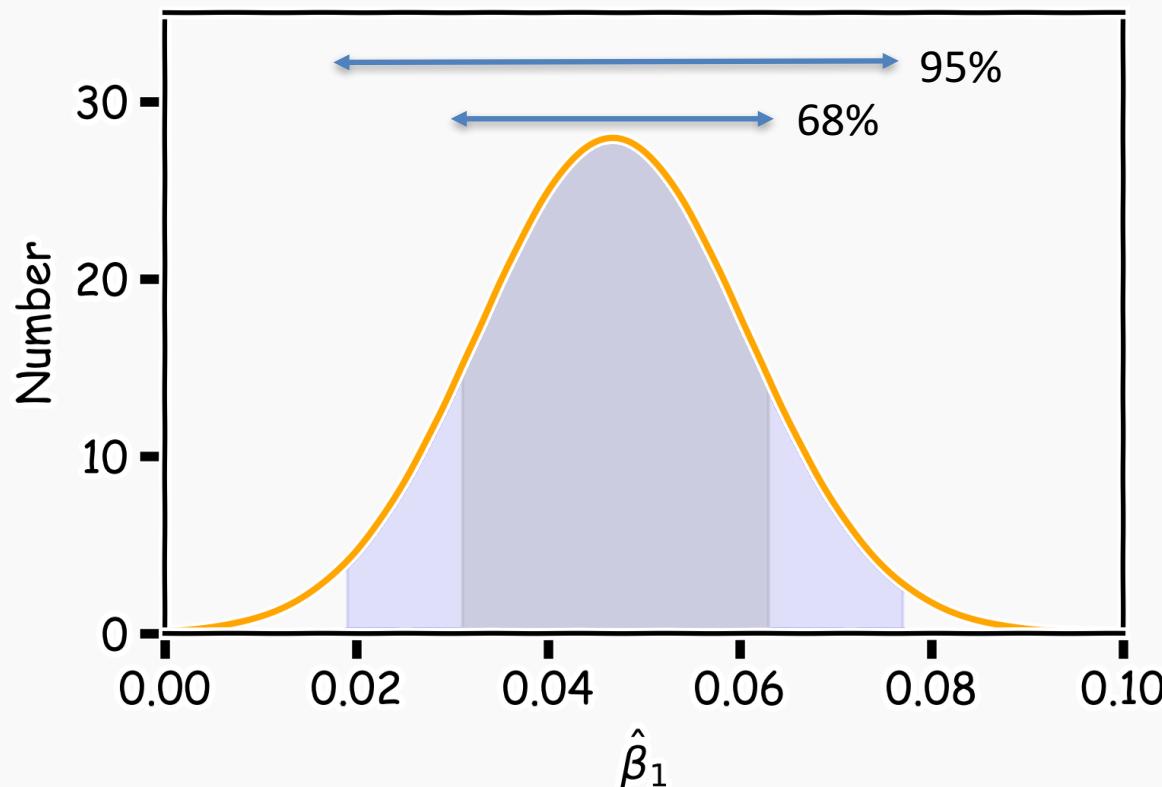
We acknowledge that because there are errors in measurements and a limited sample, there is an inherent uncertainty in the estimation of  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$ .

We used **bootstrap** to estimate the distributions of  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$



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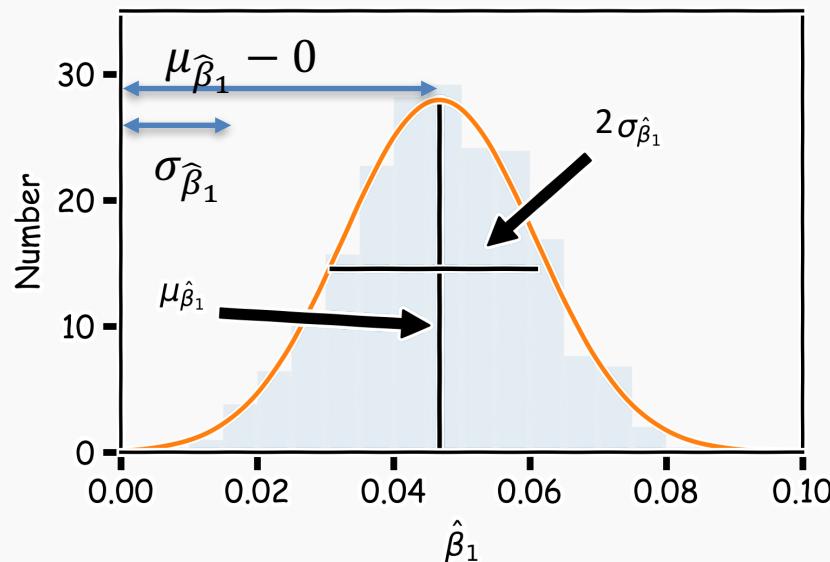
We calculate the confidence intervals, which are the ranges of values such that the **true** value of  $\beta_1$  is contained in this interval with  $n$  percent probability.



# Summary from last lecture

We evaluate the importance of predictors using hypothesis testing, using the t-statistics and p-values.

How far away from zero by looking at the t-statistics:  
 $[\text{mean}(\hat{\beta}_1) - 0]/\sigma$



# Summary from last lecture

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## Model Fitness

How does the model perform predicting?

## Comparison of Two Models

How do we choose from two different models?

## Evaluating Significance of Predictors

Does the outcome depend on the predictors?

## How well do we know $\hat{f}$

The confidence intervals of our  $\hat{f}$

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# Summary

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- Multi-linear Regression
  - Formulate it in Linear Algebra
  - Categorical Variables
- Interaction terms
- Polynomial Regression
  - Linear Algebra Formulation



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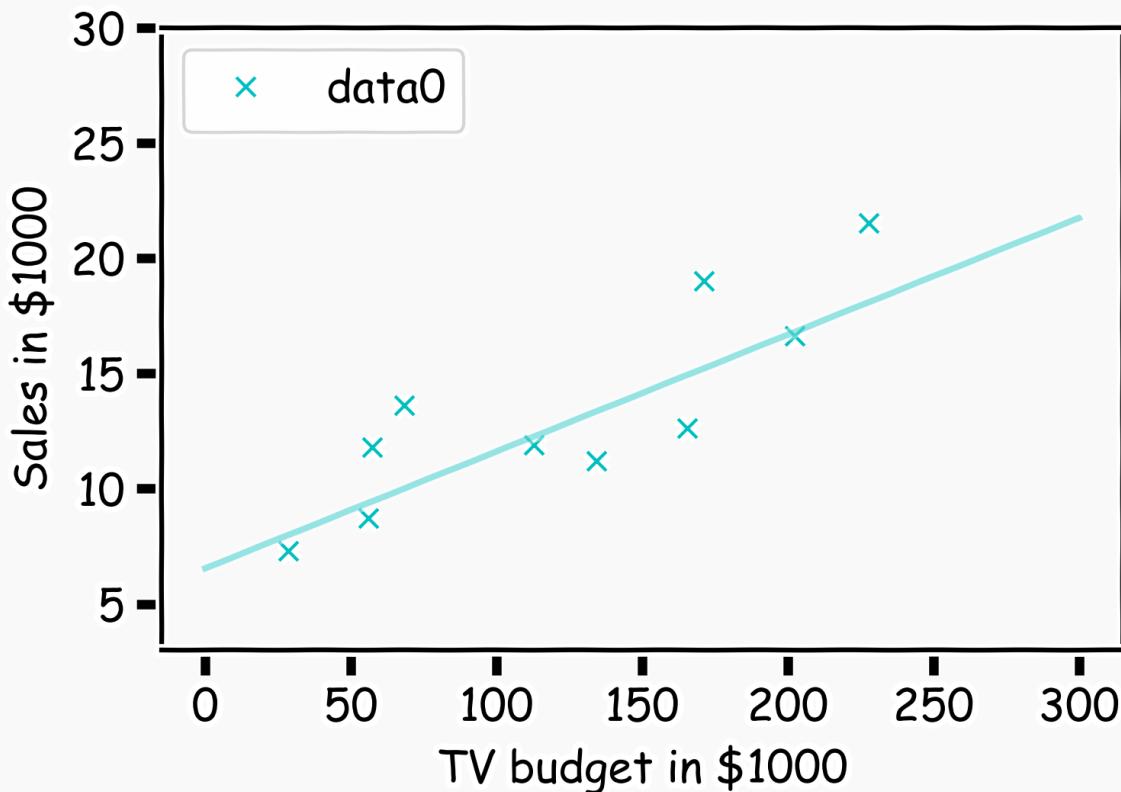
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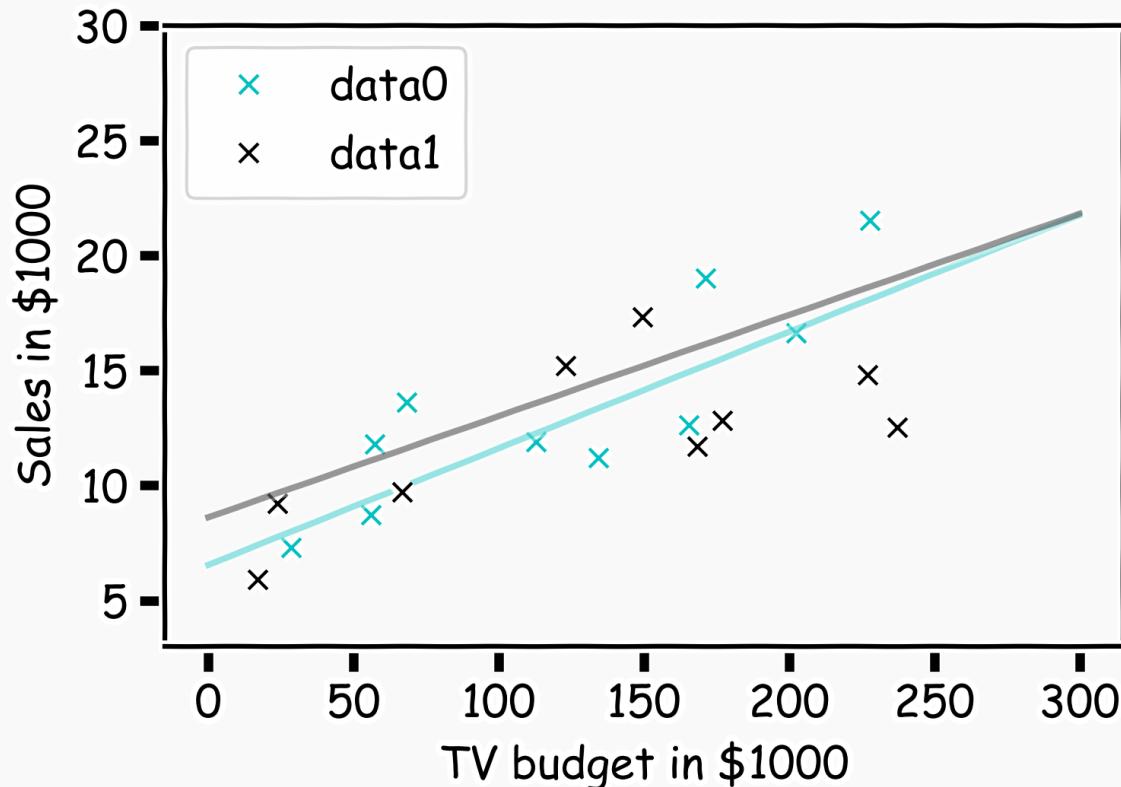
Our confidence in  $f$  is directly connected with the confidence in  $\beta$ s. So for each bootstrap sample, we have one  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  which we can use to predict  $y$  for all  $x$ 's.



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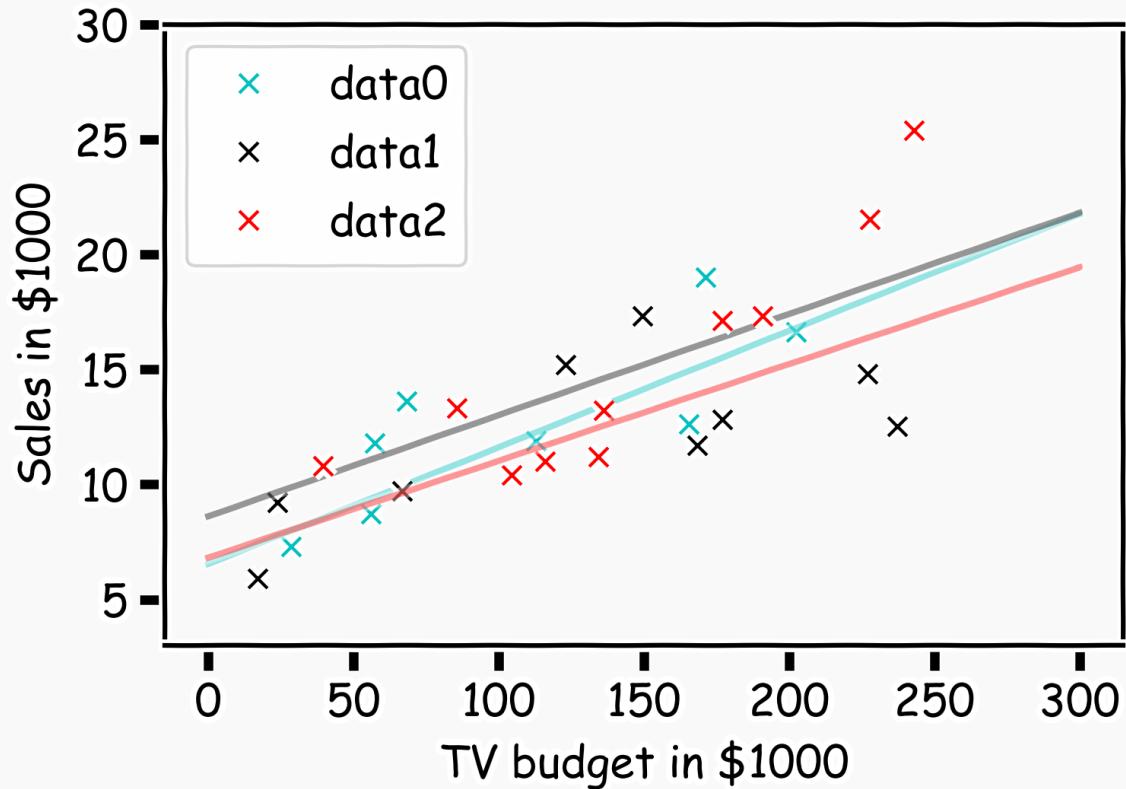
Here we show two different sets of models given the fitted coefficients.

The second model is from the second bootstrapping/sampling.



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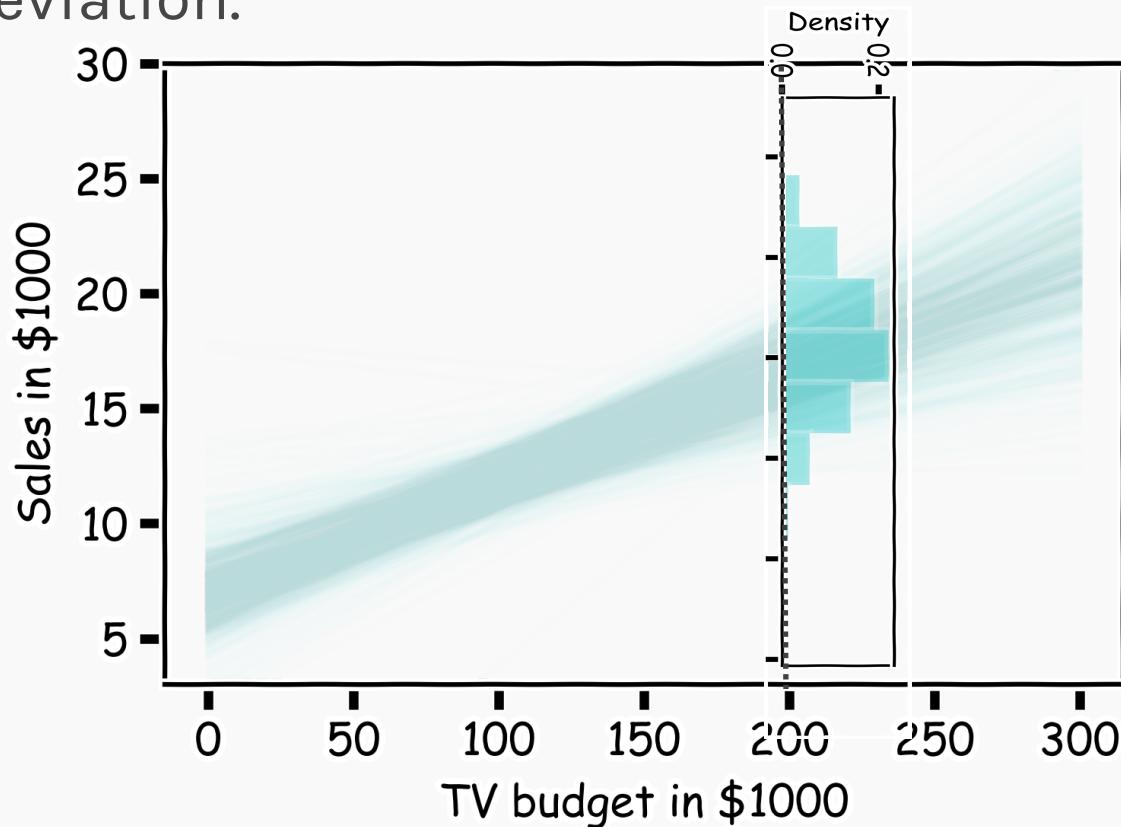
There is one such regression line for every bootstrapped sample.



# How well do we know $\hat{f}$ ?

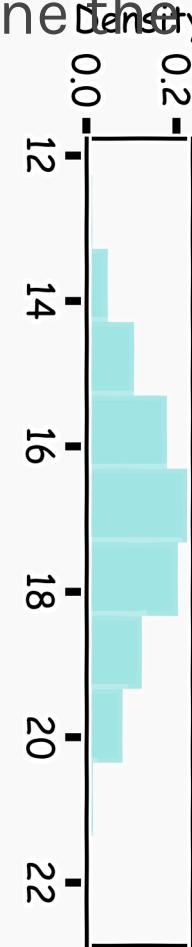
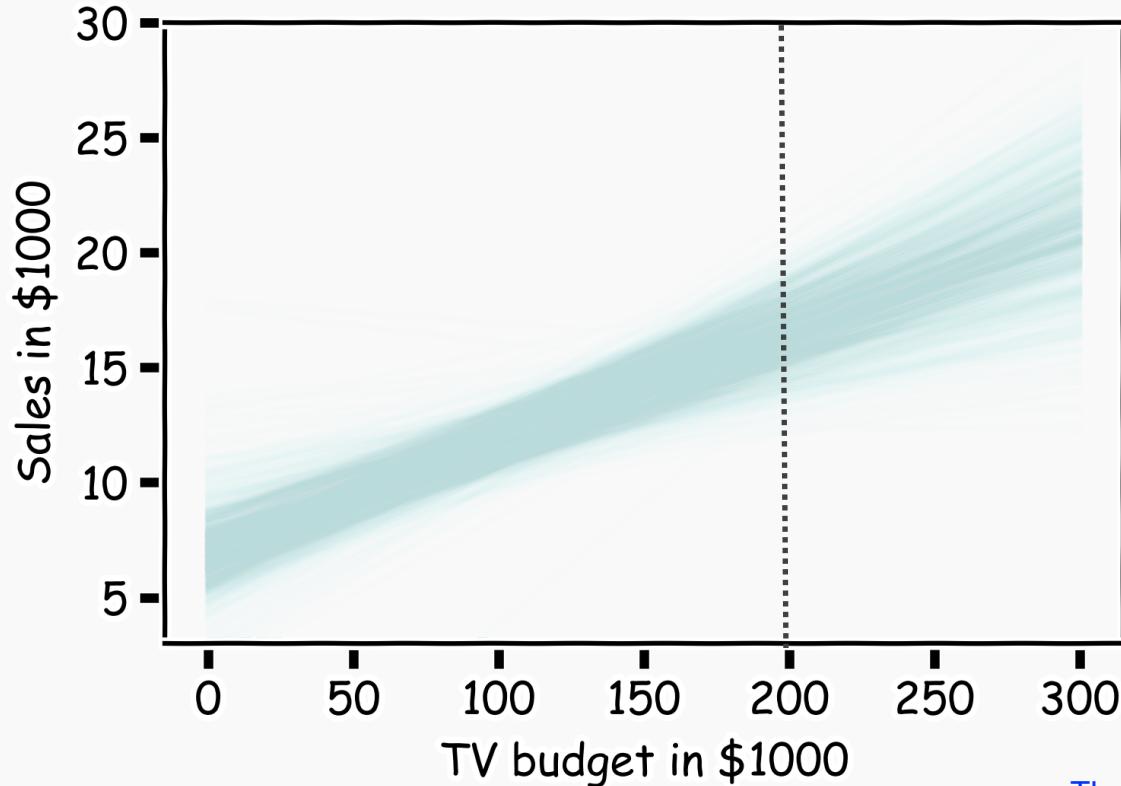
Below we show all regression lines for a thousand of such bootstrapped samples.

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# How well do we know $\hat{f}$ ?

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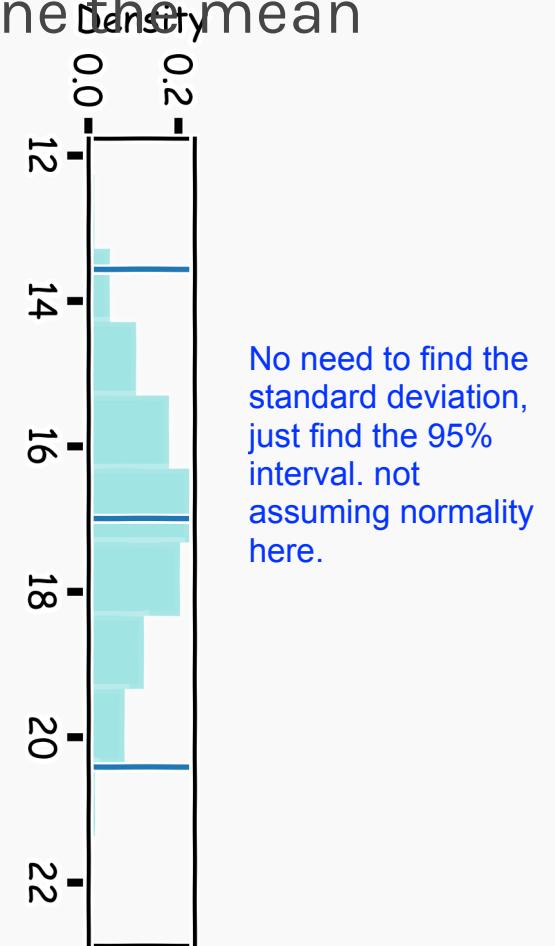
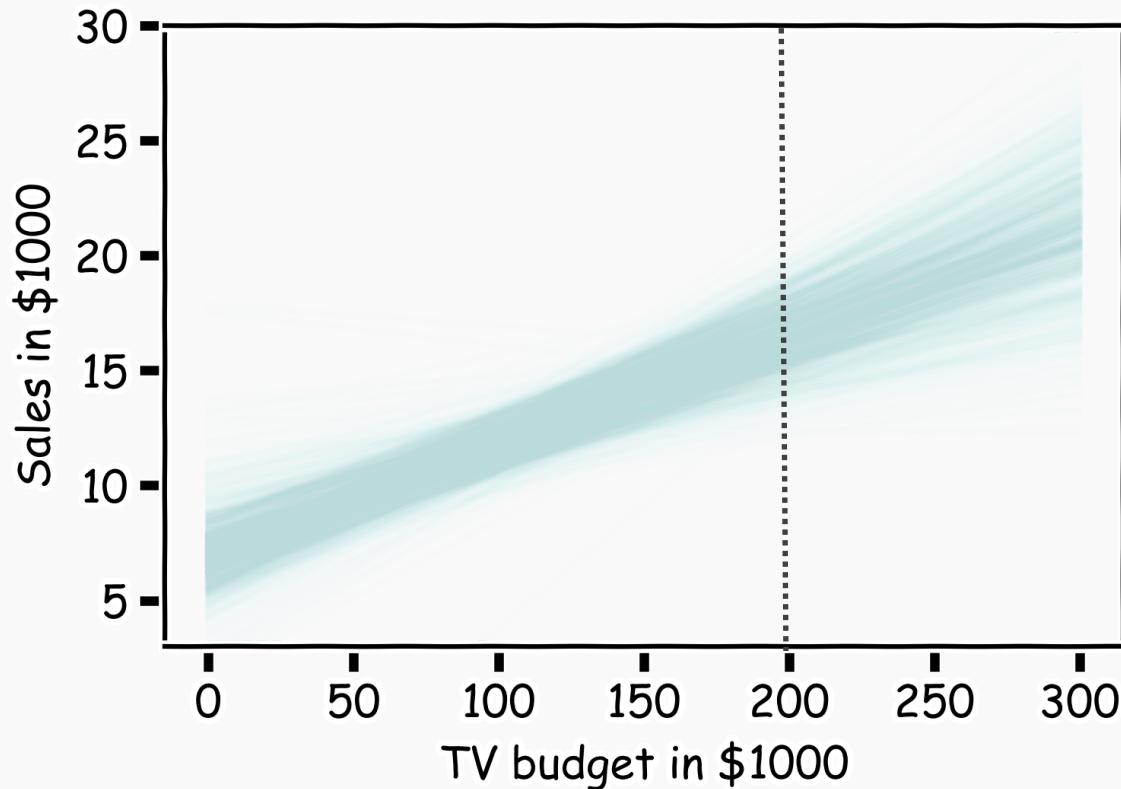


The number of predicted y-values matches the number of bootstrapping.



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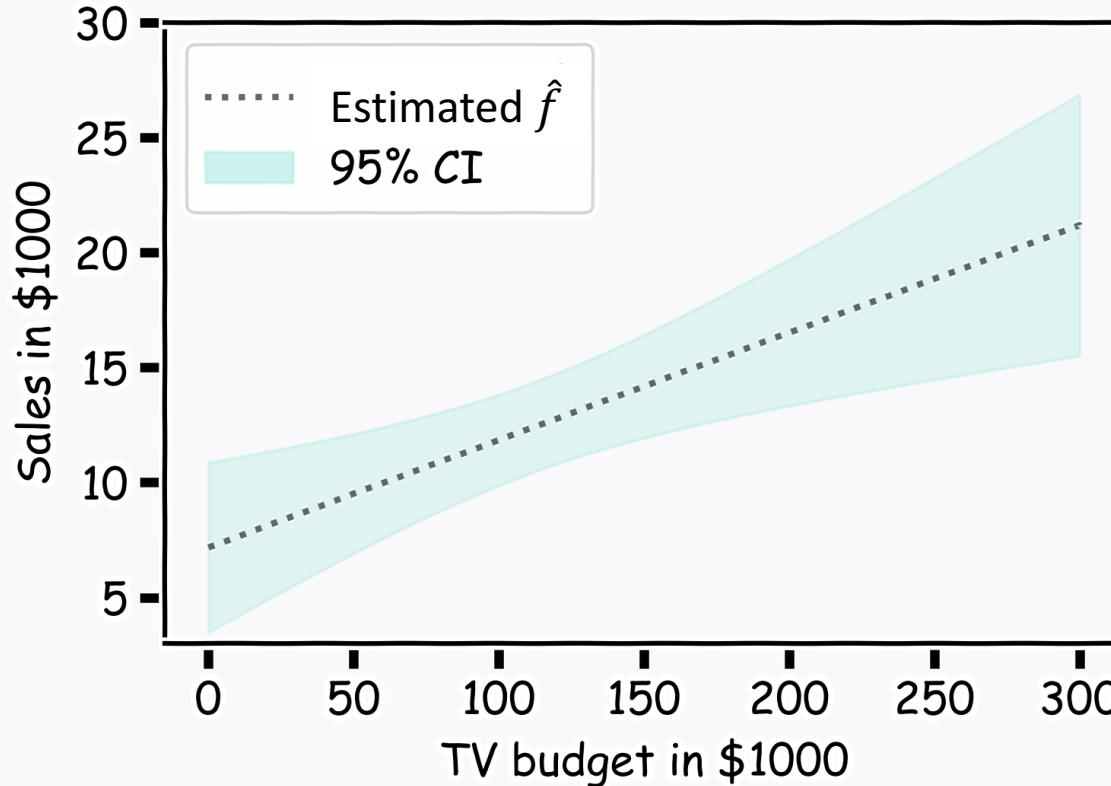


No need to find the standard deviation, just find the 95% interval. not assuming normality here.

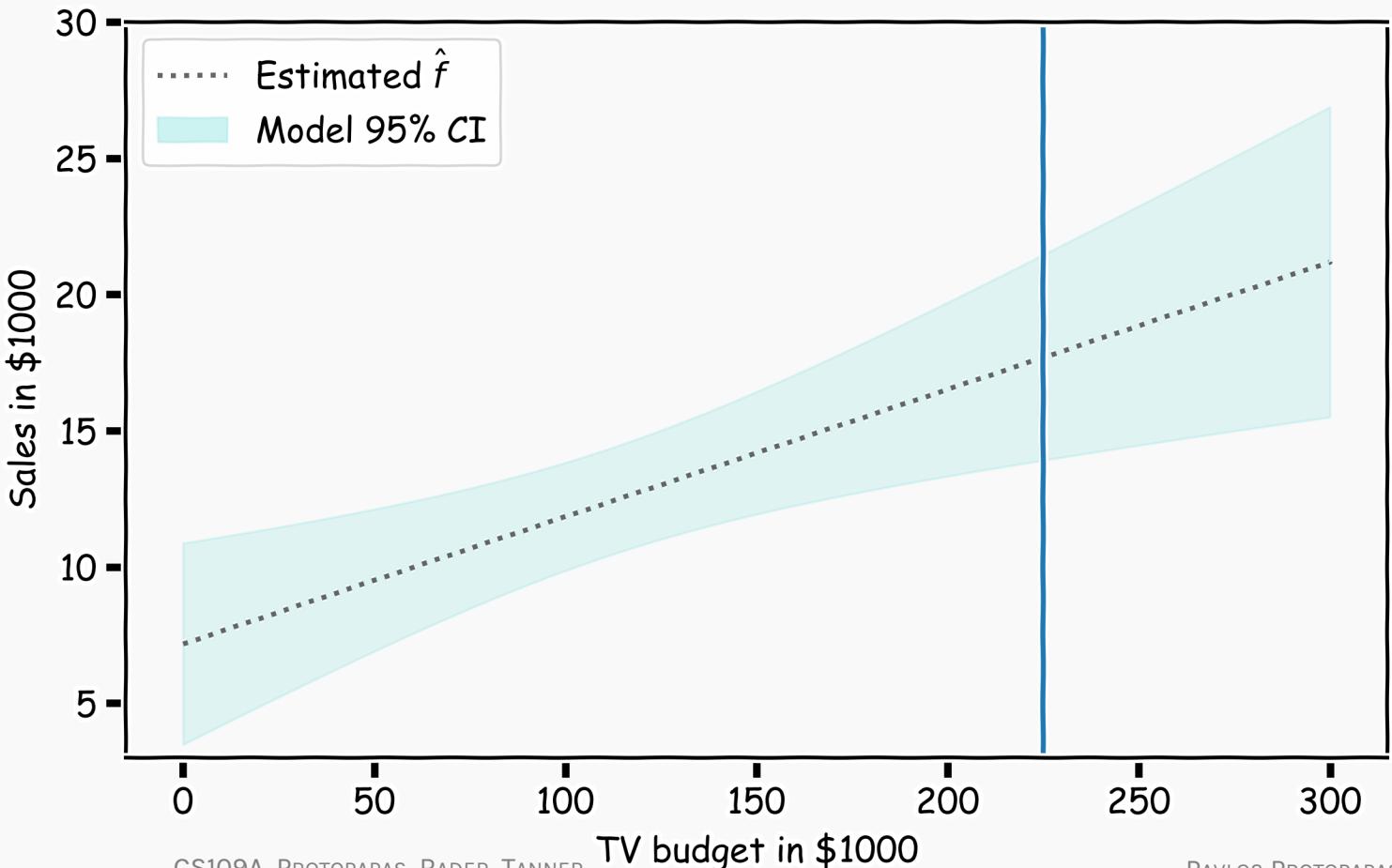
# How well do we know $\hat{f}$ ?

For every  $x$ , we calculate the mean of the models,  $\hat{f}$  (shown with dotted line) and the 95% CI of those models (shaded area).

No need to find the standard deviation, not assuming normality here.



# Confidence in predicting $\hat{y}$



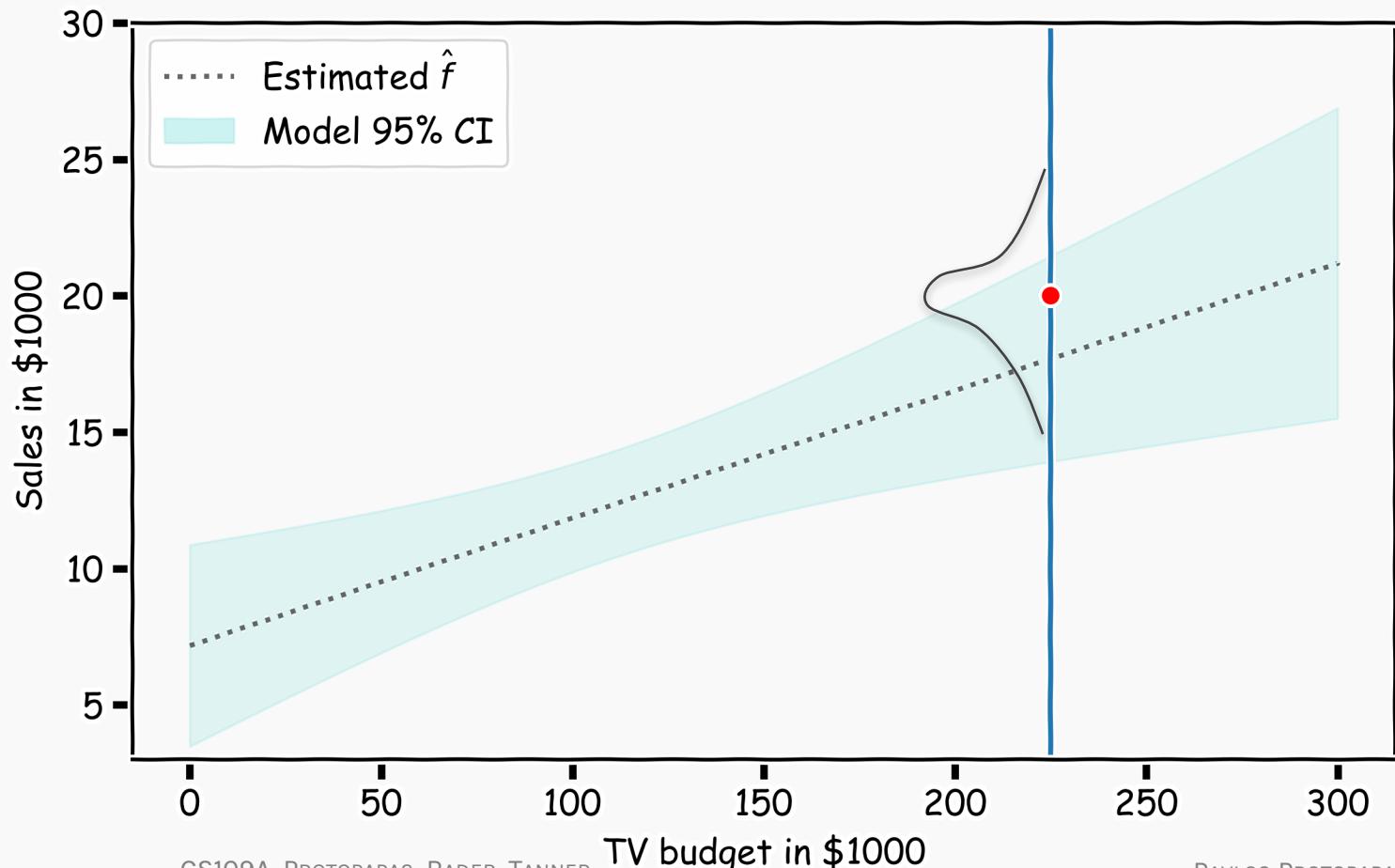
# Confidence in predicting $\hat{y}$

Assume we know  $x$  exactly., the uncertainty is all in  $y$ .

- for a given  $x$ , we have a distribution of models  $f(x)$
- for each of these  $f(x)$ , the prediction for  $y \sim N(f, \sigma_\epsilon)$  because of the errors in the measurement

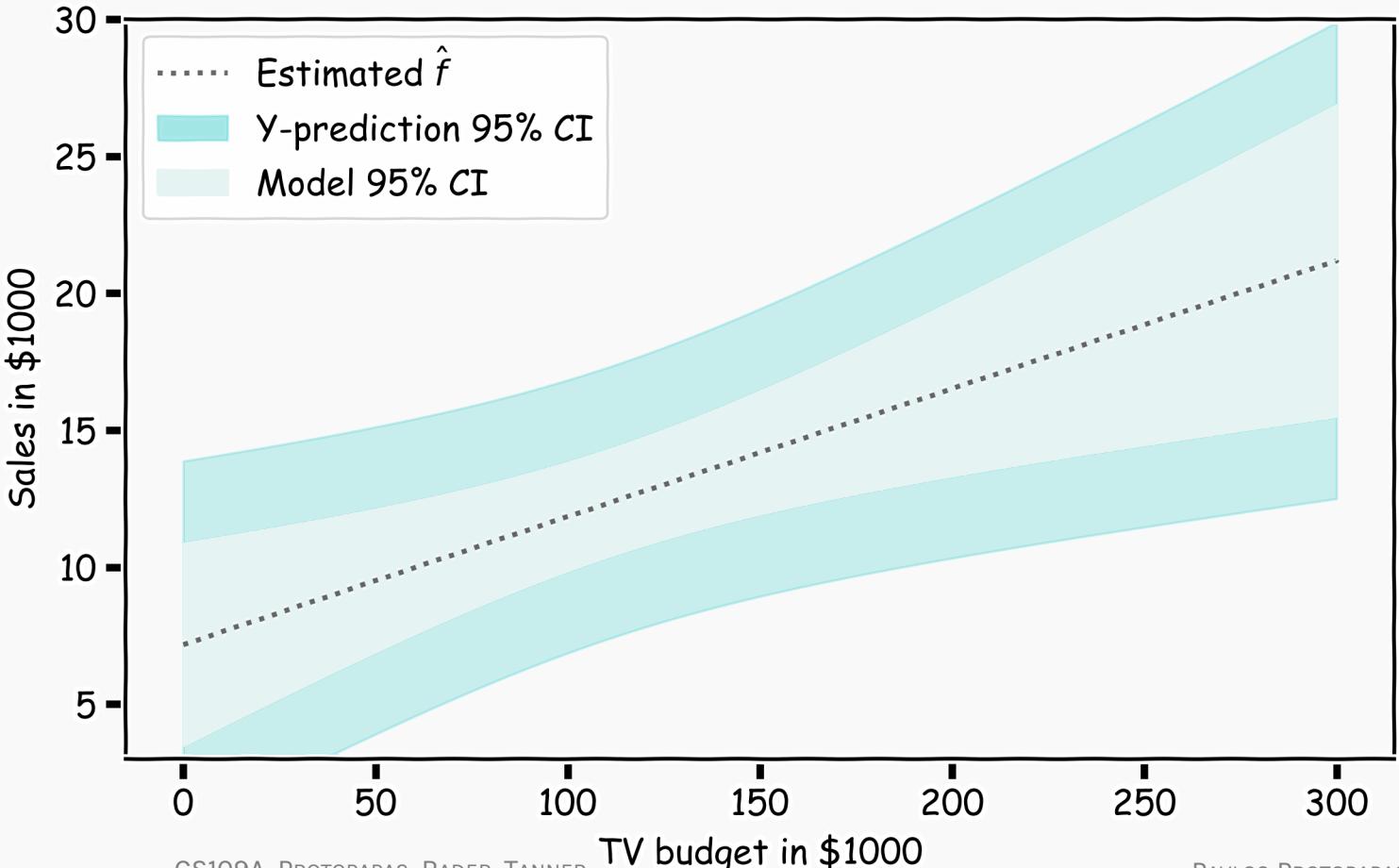
Two sources of uncertainty:

- (1) from the model which maps the  $x$  to a possible  $y$ ;
- (2) from external factors which maps a predicted  $y$  to an observed  $y$ .



# Confidence in predicting $\hat{y}$

- for a given  $x$ , we have a distribution of models  $f(x)$
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- The prediction confidence intervals are then



# Lecture Outline

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How well do we know  $\hat{f}$

The confidence intervals of our  $\hat{f}$

- **Multi-linear Regression**
  - Brute Force
  - Exact method
  - Gradient Descent
- Polynomial Regression



# Multiple Linear Regression

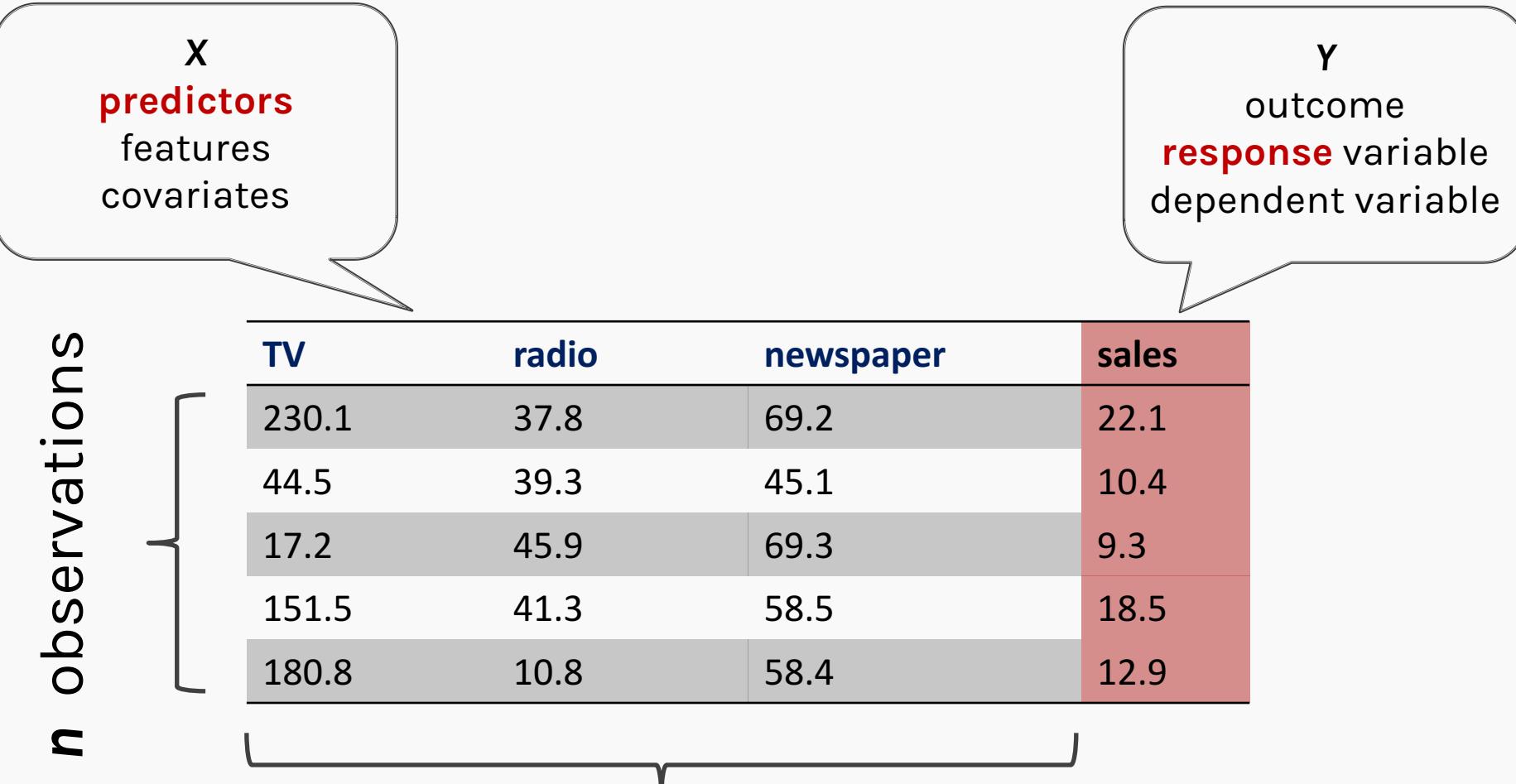
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If you have to guess someone's height, would you rather be told

- Their weight, only
- Their weight and gender
- Their weight, gender, and income
- Their weight, gender, income, and favorite number

Of course, you'd always want as much data about a person as possible. Even though height and favorite number may not be strongly related, at worst you could just ignore the information on favorite number. We want our models to be able to take in lots of data as they make their predictions.

# Response vs. Predictor Variables



**X**  
**predictors**  
features  
covariates

**Y**  
outcome  
**response variable**  
dependent variable

	TV	radio	newspaper	sales
1	230.1	37.8	69.2	22.1
2	44.5	39.3	45.1	10.4
3	17.2	45.9	69.3	9.3
4	151.5	41.3	58.5	18.5
5	180.8	10.8	58.4	12.9

**n** observations

**p** predictors

# Multilinear Models

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In practice, it is unlikely that any response variable  $Y$  depends solely on one predictor  $x$ . Rather, we expect that  $Y$  is a function of multiple predictors  $f(X_1, \dots, X_J)$ . Using the notation we introduced last lecture,

$$Y = y_1, \dots, y_n, \quad X = X_1, \dots, X_J \text{ and } X_j = x_{1j}, \dots, x_{ij}, \dots, x_{nj}$$

In this case, we can still assume a simple form for  $f$  -a multilinear form:

$$Y = f(X_1, \dots, X_J) + \epsilon = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_J X_J + \epsilon$$

Hence,  $\hat{f}$ , has the form

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{f}(X_1, \dots, X_J) + \epsilon = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 X_2 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_J X_J + \epsilon$$



# Multiple Linear Regression

Again, to fit this model means to compute  $\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_J$  or to minimize a loss function; we will again choose the **MSE** as our loss function.

Given a set of observations,

$$\{(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,J}, y_1), \dots, (x_{n,1}, \dots, x_{n,J}, y_n)\},$$

the data and the model can be expressed in vector notation,

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} & \text{add constant} \\ 1 & x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{1,J} \\ 1 & x_{2,1} & \dots & x_{2,J} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n,1} & \dots & x_{n,J} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_J \end{pmatrix},$$

# Multilinear Model, example

For our data

$$\text{Sales} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times TV + \beta_2 \times Radio + \beta_3 \times Newspaper + \epsilon$$

In linear algebra notation

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Sales_1 \\ \vdots \\ Sales_n \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & TV_1 & Radio_1 & News_1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & TV_n & Radio_n & News_n \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Sales_1 = [1 \quad TV_1 \quad Radio_1 \quad News_1] \times \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Multiple Linear Regression

The model takes a simple algebraic form:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$$

Thus, the MSE can be expressed in vector notation as

$$\text{MSE}(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2$$

Minimizing the MSE using vector calculus yields,

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \text{MSE}(\beta).$$

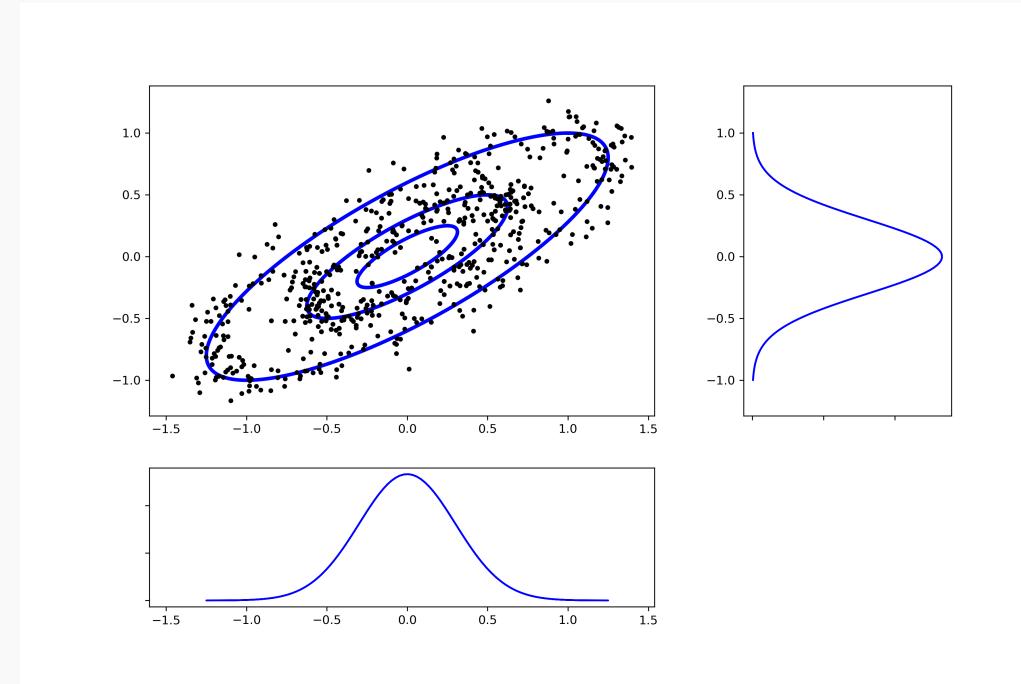


# Standard Errors for Multiple Linear Regression

As with the simple linear regression, the standard errors can be calculated either using statistical modeling

$$SE(\beta_1) = \sigma^2(X^T X)^{-1}$$

Or bootstrap



# Collinearity

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**Collinearity** refers to the case in which two or more predictors are correlated (related).

We will re-visit collinearity in the next lecture when we address **overfitting**, but for now we want to examine how does collinearity affects our confidence on the coefficients and consequently on the importance of those coefficients.

# Collinearity

## Three individual models

TV

Coef.	Std.Err.	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
6.679	0.478	13.957	2.804e-31	5.735	7.622
0.048	0.0027	17.303	1.802e-41	0.042	0.053

RADIO

Coef.	Std.Err.	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
9.567	0.553	17.279	2.133e-41	8.475	10.659
0.195	0.020	9.429	1.134e-17	0.154	0.236

NEWS

Coef.	Std.Err.	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
11.55	0.576	20.036	1.628e-49	10.414	12.688
0.074	0.014	5.134	6.734e-07	0.0456	0.102

$\beta_0$

## One model

	Coef.	Std.Err.	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
$\beta_0$	2.602	0.332	7.820	3.176e-13	1.945	3.258
$\beta_{TV}$	0.046	0.0015	29.887	6.314e-75	0.043	0.049
$\beta_{RADIO}$	0.175	0.0094	18.576	4.297e-45	0.156	0.194
$\beta_{NEWS}$	0.013	0.028	2.338	0.0203	0.008	0.035

# Finding Significant Predictors: Hypothesis Testing

For checking the significance of linear regression coefficients:

1. we set up our hypotheses  $H_0$ :

$$H_0 : \beta_0 = \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_J = 0 \quad (\text{Null})$$

$$H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0, \text{ for at least one } j \quad (\text{Alternative})$$

2. we choose the  $F$ -stat to evaluate the null hypothesis,

$$F = \frac{\text{explained variance}}{\text{unexplained variance}}$$

# Finding Significant Predictors: Hypothesis Testing

3. we can compute the  $F$ -stat for linear regression models by

$$F = \frac{(\text{TSS} - \text{RSS})/J}{\text{RSS}/(n - J - 1)}, \quad \text{TSS} = \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \quad \text{RSS} = \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

If  $F$  is around 1

4. If  $F = 1$  we consider this evidence for  $H_0$ ; if  $F > 1$ , we consider this evidence against  $H_0$ .

# Qualitative Predictors

So far, we have assumed that all variables are quantitative. But in practice, often some predictors are **qualitative**.

**Example:** The Credit data set contains information about balance, age, cards, education, income, limit , and rating for a number of potential customers.

Income	Limit	Rating	Cards	Age	Education	Gender	Student	Married	Ethnicity	Balance
14.890	3606	283	2	34	11	Male	No	Yes	Caucasian	333
106.02	6645	483	3	82	15	Female	Yes	Yes	Asian	903
104.59	7075	514	4	71	11	Male	No	No	Asian	580
148.92	9504	681	3	36	11	Female	No	No	Asian	964
55.882	4897	357	2	68	16	Male	No	Yes	Caucasian	331

# Qualitative Predictors

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If the predictor takes only two values, then we create an **indicator** or **dummy variable** that takes on two possible numerical values.

For example for the gender, we create a new variable:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is female} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ th person is male} \end{cases}$$

We then use this variable as a predictor in the regression equation.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } i \text{ th person is female} \\ \beta_0 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } i \text{ th person is male} \end{cases}$$



# Qualitative Predictors

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**Question:** What is interpretation of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?



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**Question:** What is interpretation of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?

- $\beta_0$  is the average credit card balance among males,
- $\beta_0 + \beta_1$  is the average credit card balance among females,
- and  $\beta_1$  the average difference in credit card balance between females and males.

**Example:** Calculate  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  for the Credit data.

You should find  $\beta_0 \sim \$509$ ,  $\beta_1 \sim \$19$

# More than two levels: One hot encoding

Often, the qualitative predictor takes more than two values (e.g. ethnicity in the credit data).

In this situation, a single dummy variable cannot represent all possible values.

We create additional dummy variables as:

$$x_{i,1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th person is Asian} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th person is not Asian} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i,2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th person is Caucasian} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\text{th person is not Caucasian} \end{cases}$$

# More than two levels: One hot encoding

We then use these variables as predictors, the regression equation becomes:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \beta_2 x_{i,2} + \epsilon_i = \begin{cases} \beta_0 + \beta_1 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is Asian} \\ \beta_0 + \beta_2 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is Caucasian} \\ \beta_0 + \epsilon_i & \text{if } i\text{th person is AfricanAmerican} \end{cases}$$

**Question:** What is the interpretation of  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$ ?

# Beyond linearity

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In the Advertising data, we assumed that the effect on sales of increasing one advertising medium is independent of the amount spent on the other media.

If we assume linear model then the average effect on sales of a one-unit increase in TV is always  $\beta_1$ , regardless of the amount spent on radio.

**Synergy effect** or **interaction effect** states that when an increase on the radio budget affects the effectiveness of the TV spending on sales.

# Beyond linearity

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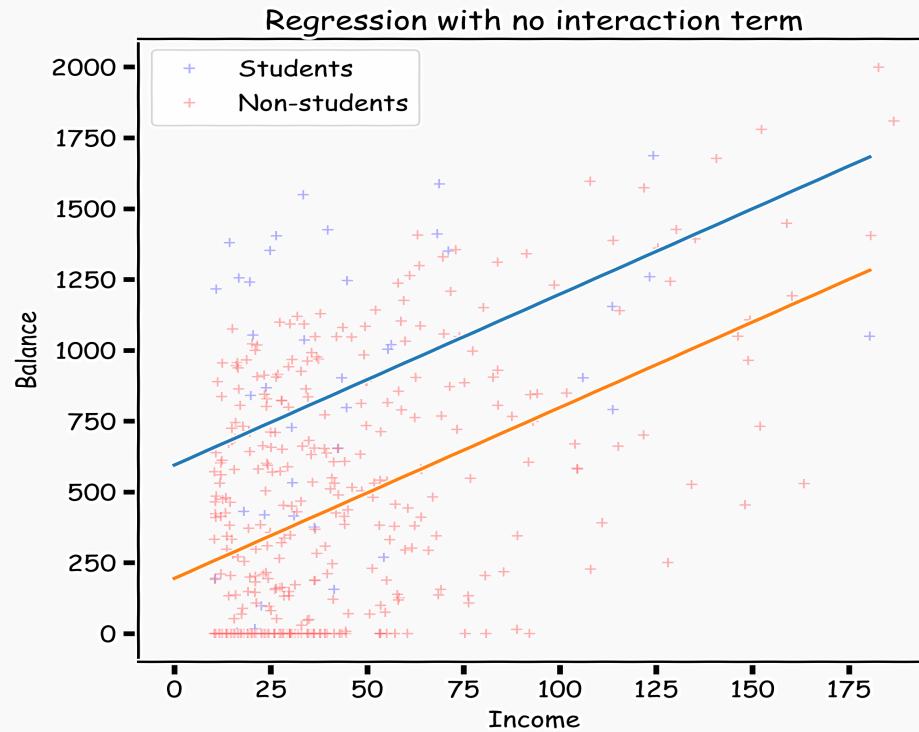
We change

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \epsilon$$

To

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \boxed{\beta_3 X_1 X_2} + \epsilon$$

# What does it mean?



$$x_{Student} = \begin{cases} 0 & Balance = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times Income. \\ 1 & Balance = (\beta_0 + \beta_2) + (\beta_1) \times Income. \end{cases}$$

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# Predictors predictors predictors

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We have a lot predictors!

Is it a problem?

**Yes:** Computational Cost

**Yes:** Overfitting

Wait there is more ...



*Cutting corners to meet arbitrary management deadlines*



*Essential*

## Copying and Pasting from Stack Overflow

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*The internet will make these bad words go away.*



*Essential*

## Googling the Error Message

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*Software can be chaotic, but we make it work*



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## Trying Stuff Until it Works

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*Does it run? Just leave it alone.*

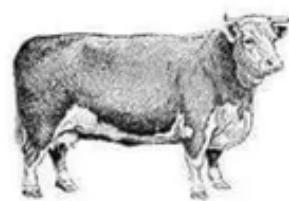


## Writing Code that Nobody Else Can Read

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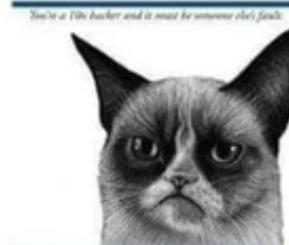


## The Guy Who Wrote This Is Gone

*It's running everywhere*

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## Blaming the User

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## Forgetting How Your Own Code Works

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We have all had this happen



## Changing Stuff and Seeing What Happens

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*Probably be able explain a sorting algorithm if it ever comes up*



*Expert*

## Vague Understanding of Computer Science

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*This time you have definitely chosen the right libraries and build tools*



*Real World*

## Rewriting Your Front End Every Six Weeks

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*git commit -m "changes"*



*Writing*

## Useless Git Commit Messages

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## Coding on the Weekend

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# Residuals

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We started with

$$y = f(x) + \epsilon$$

We **assumed** the exact form of  $f(x)$ , to be,

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x,$$

then estimated the  $\hat{\beta}'s$ .

What if that is not correct? Instead:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \phi(x),$$

But we model it as

$$\hat{y} = \hat{f}(x) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$$

Then the residual

$$r = (y - \hat{y}) = \hat{f}(x) = \epsilon + \phi(x)$$



# Residuals

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## Residual Analysis

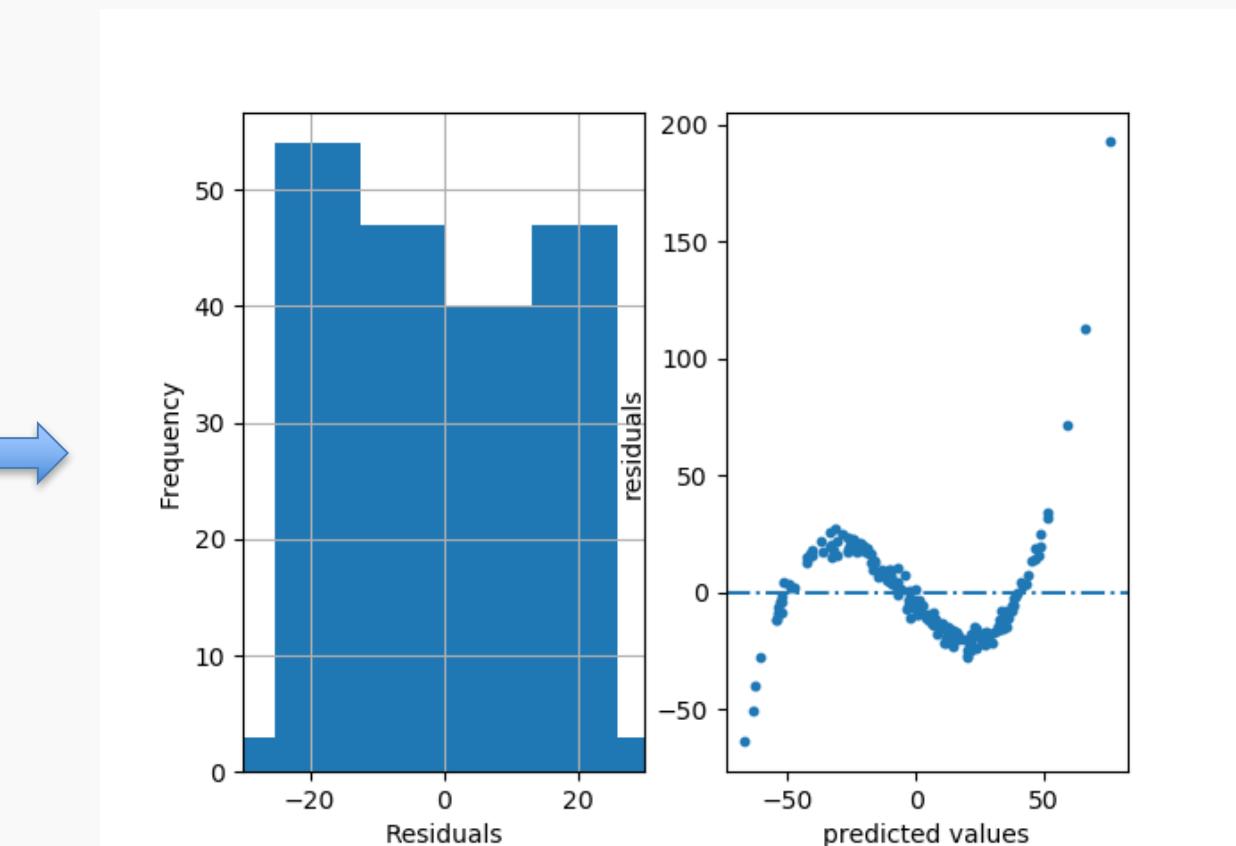
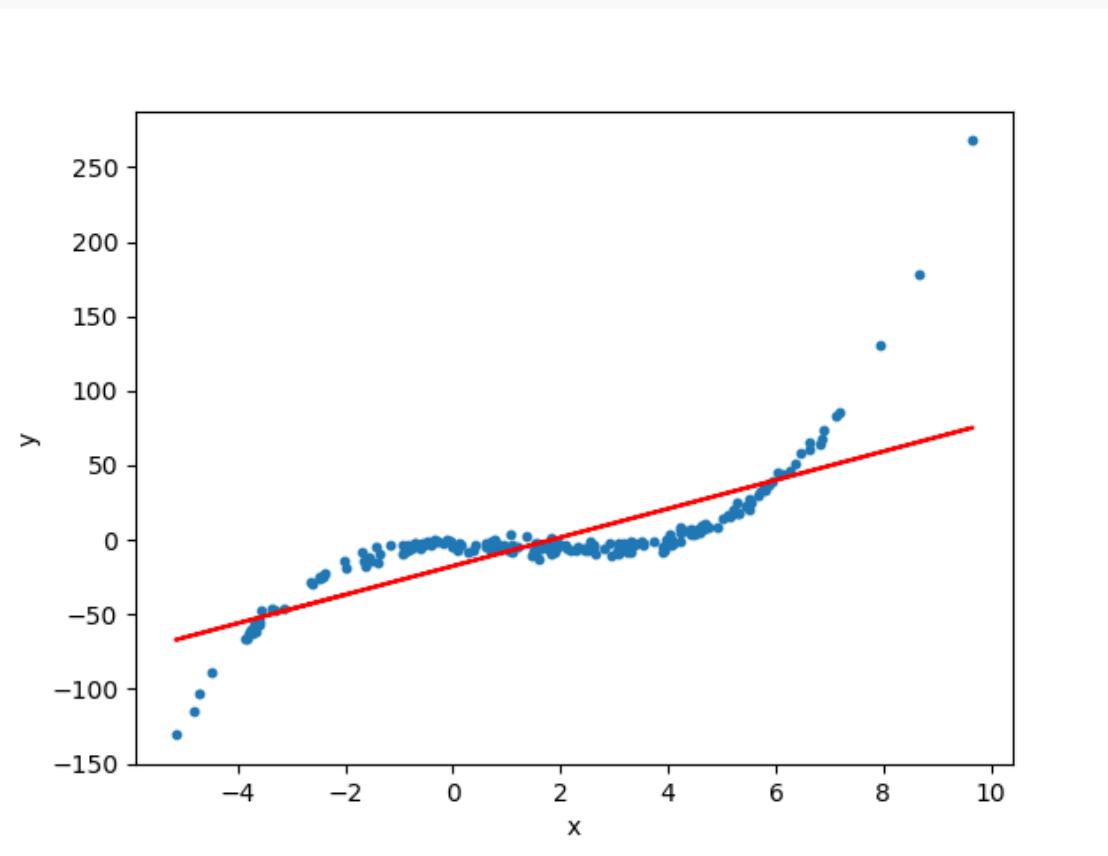
When we estimated the variance of  $\epsilon$ , we assumed that the residuals  $r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$  were uncorrelated and normally distributed with mean 0 and fixed variance.

These assumptions need to be verified using the data. In residual analysis, we typically create two types of plots:

1. a plot of  $r_i$  with respect to  $x_i$  or  $\hat{y}_i$ . This allows us to compare the distribution of the noise at different values of  $x_i$ .
2. a histogram of  $r_i$ . This allows us to explore the distribution of the noise independent of  $x_i$  or  $\hat{y}_i$ .



# Residual Analysis



plot the residuals against  
the predicted value, in case  
of multiple linear regression.

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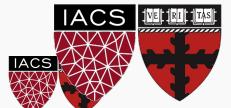
How well do we know  $\hat{f}$

The confidence intervals of our  $\hat{f}$

- Multi-linear Regression
  - Brute Force
  - Exact method
  - Gradient Descent
- Polynomial Regression



# Polynomial Regression



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The simplest non-linear model we can consider, for a response  $Y$  and a predictor  $X$ , is a polynomial model of degree  $M$ ,

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_M x^M + \epsilon.$$

Just as in the case of linear regression with cross terms, polynomial regression is a special case of linear regression - we treat each  $x^m$  as a separate predictor. Thus, we can write

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^M \\ 1 & x_2^1 & \dots & x_2^M \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n^1 & \dots & x_n^M \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_M \end{pmatrix}.$$

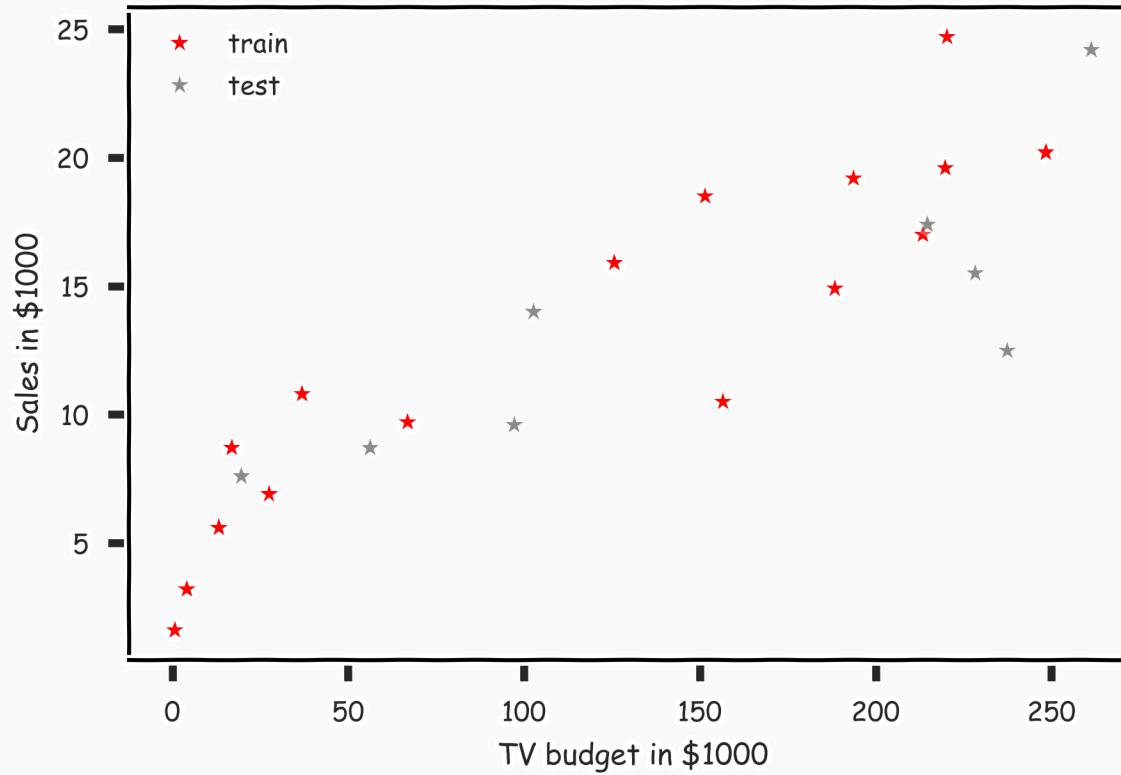
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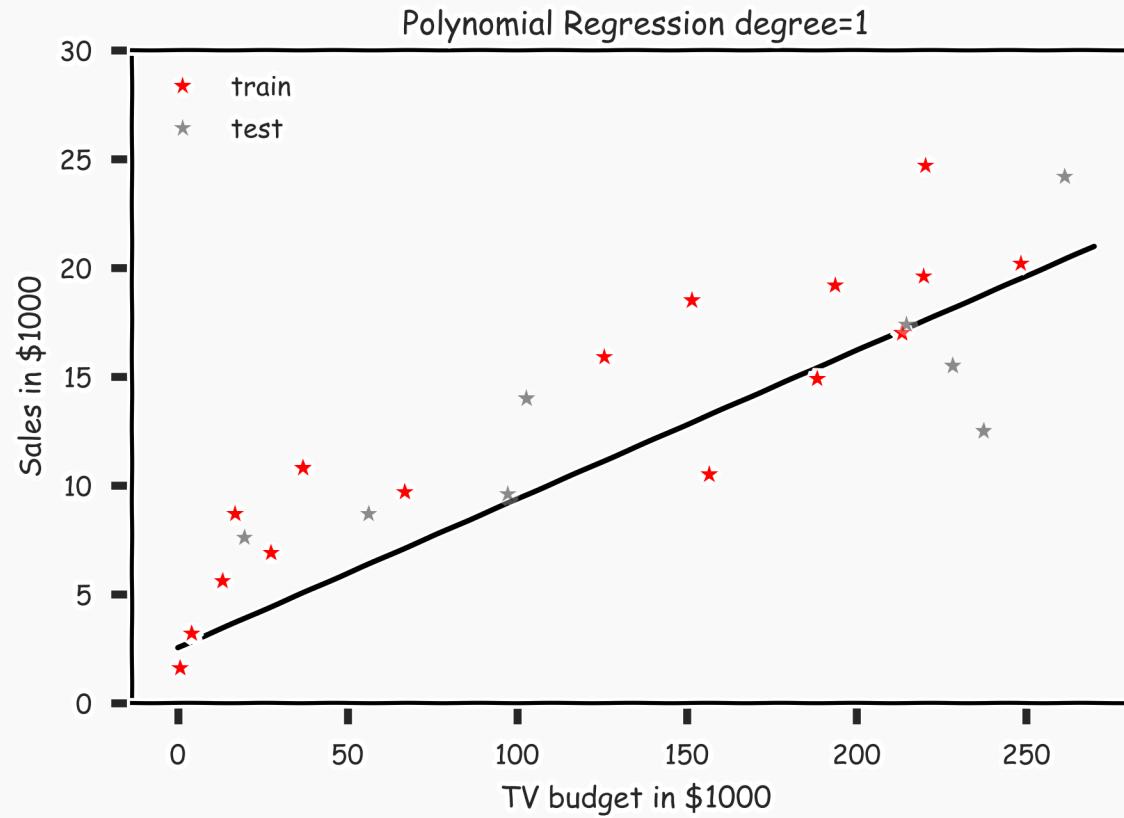
Again, minimizing the MSE using vector calculus yields,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \text{MSE}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y}.$$

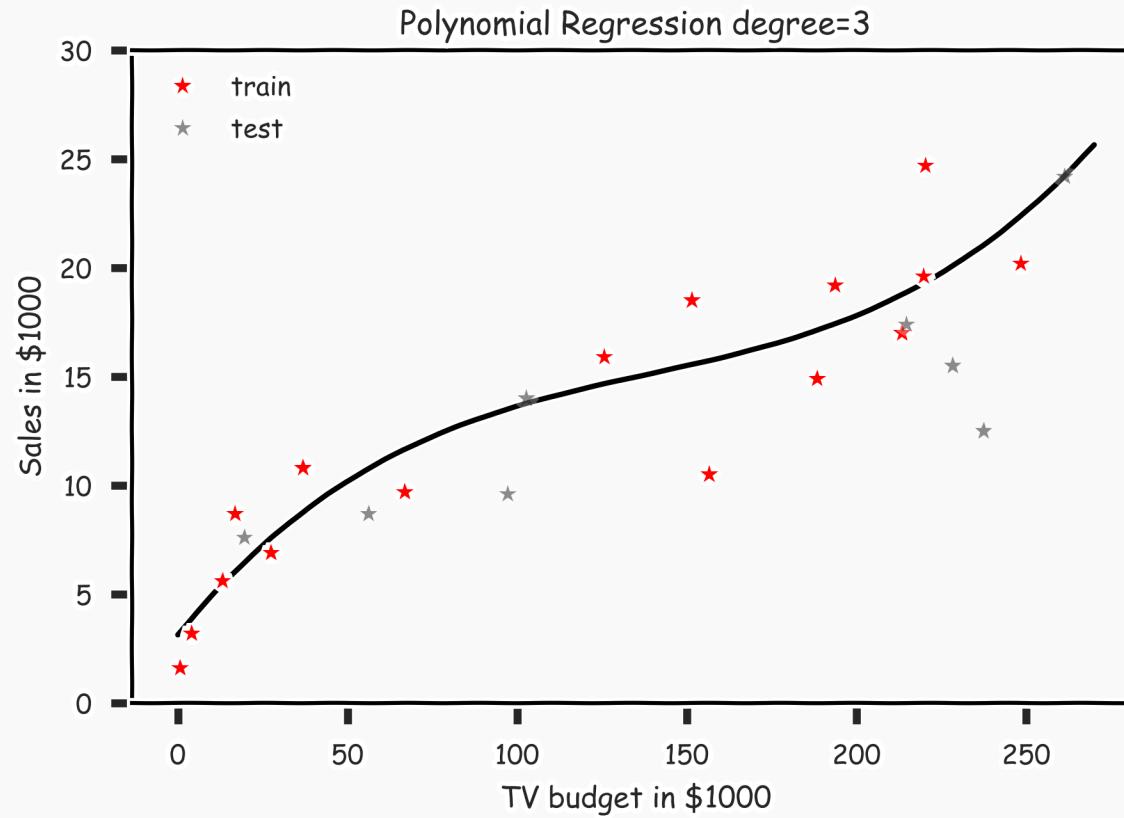
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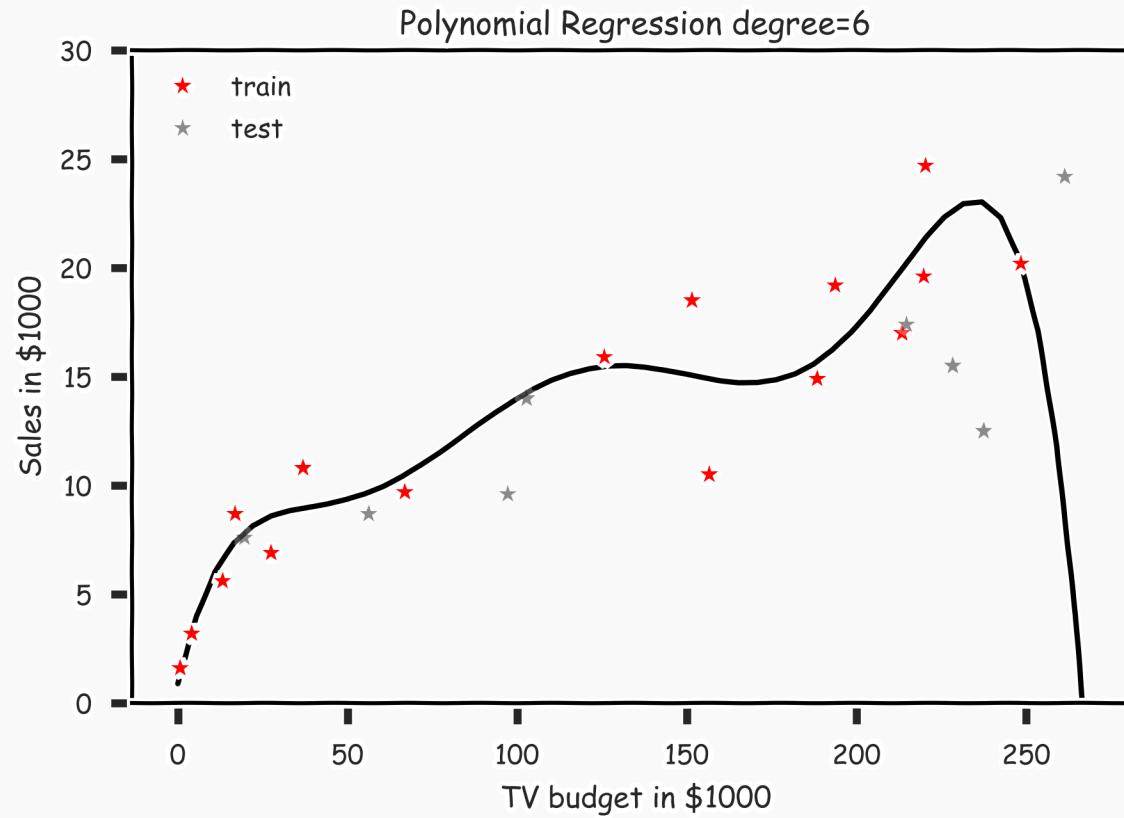
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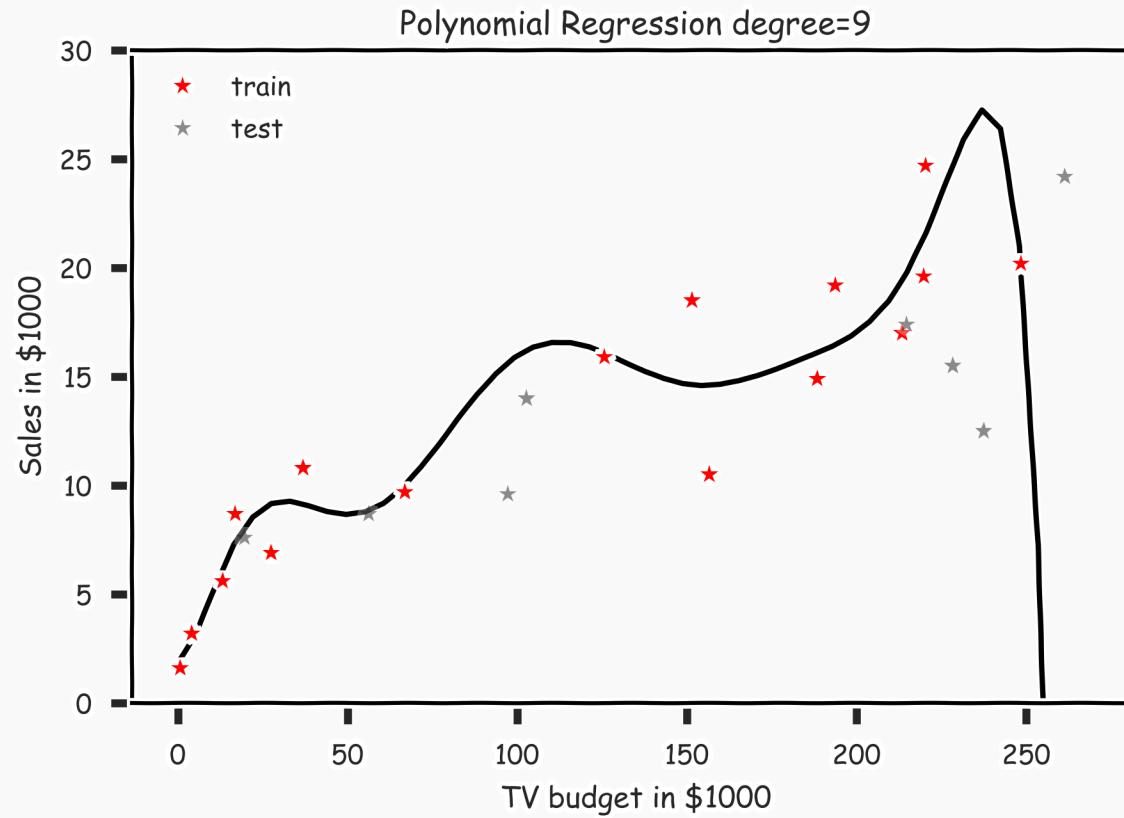
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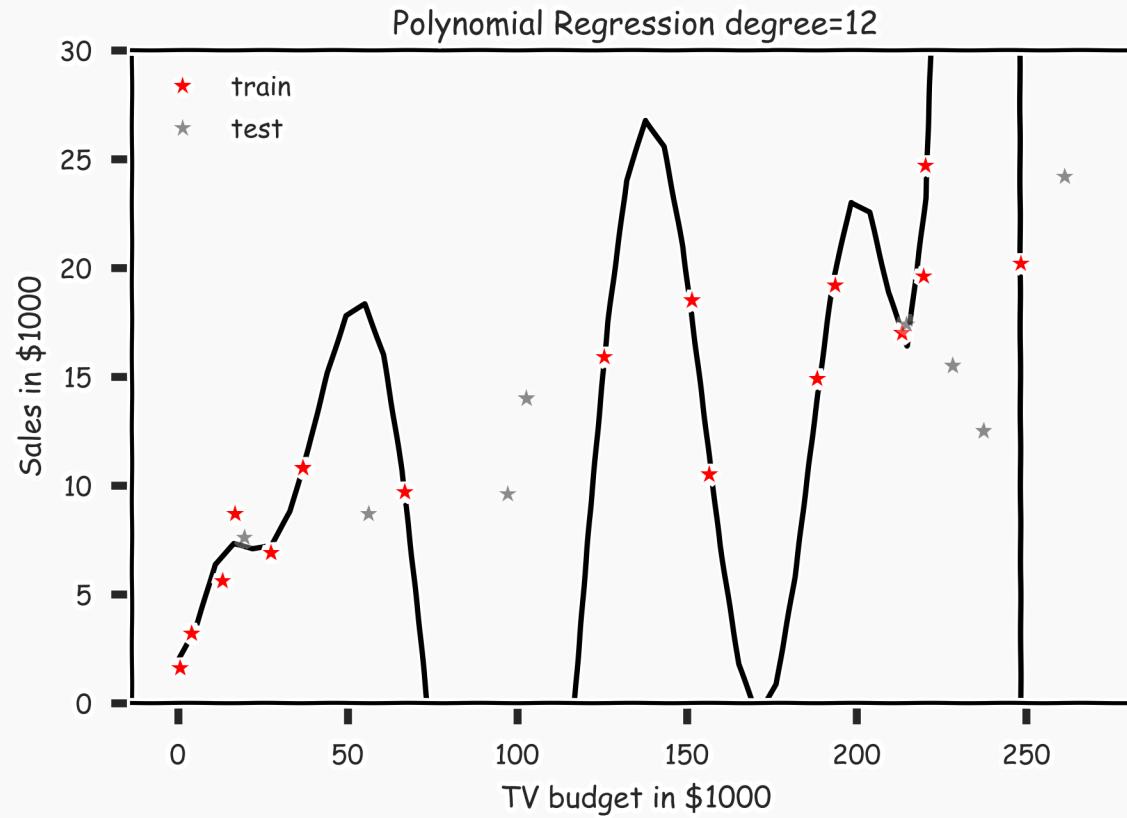
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# Overfitting

In statistics, **overfitting** is "the production of an analysis that corresponds too closely or exactly to a particular set of data, and may therefore fail to fit additional data or predict future observations reliably"

More on this on Wednesday



# Summary

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How well do we know  $\hat{f}$

The confidence intervals of our  $\hat{f}$

- Multi-linear Regression
  - Formulate it in Linear Algebra
  - Categorical Variables
- Interaction terms
- Polynomial Regression
  - Linear Algebra Formulation



# Afternoon Exercises

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**Quiz** - to be completed in the next 10 min:

Sway: Lecture 6: Multi and poly Regression

**Programmatic** - to be completed by lab time tomorrow:

Lessons: Lecture 6:

