

# **Linear Models**

**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 24**

CAS CS 132

# Practice Problem

$$\begin{array}{l} Ax = b \\ Bx = b \end{array}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(B)$

hint:  $\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = \vec{a}_3$

$$\underline{\underline{B^T B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{(B^T B)^{-1}}} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Answer

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Objectives

1. Use the least square method to build linear *models* of noisy data.
2. Show how we can use linear algebraic methods to model with non-linear models.

# Keywords

line of best fit

independent/dependent variables

residuals

prediction

simple least squares regression

multiple regression

polynomial regression

models

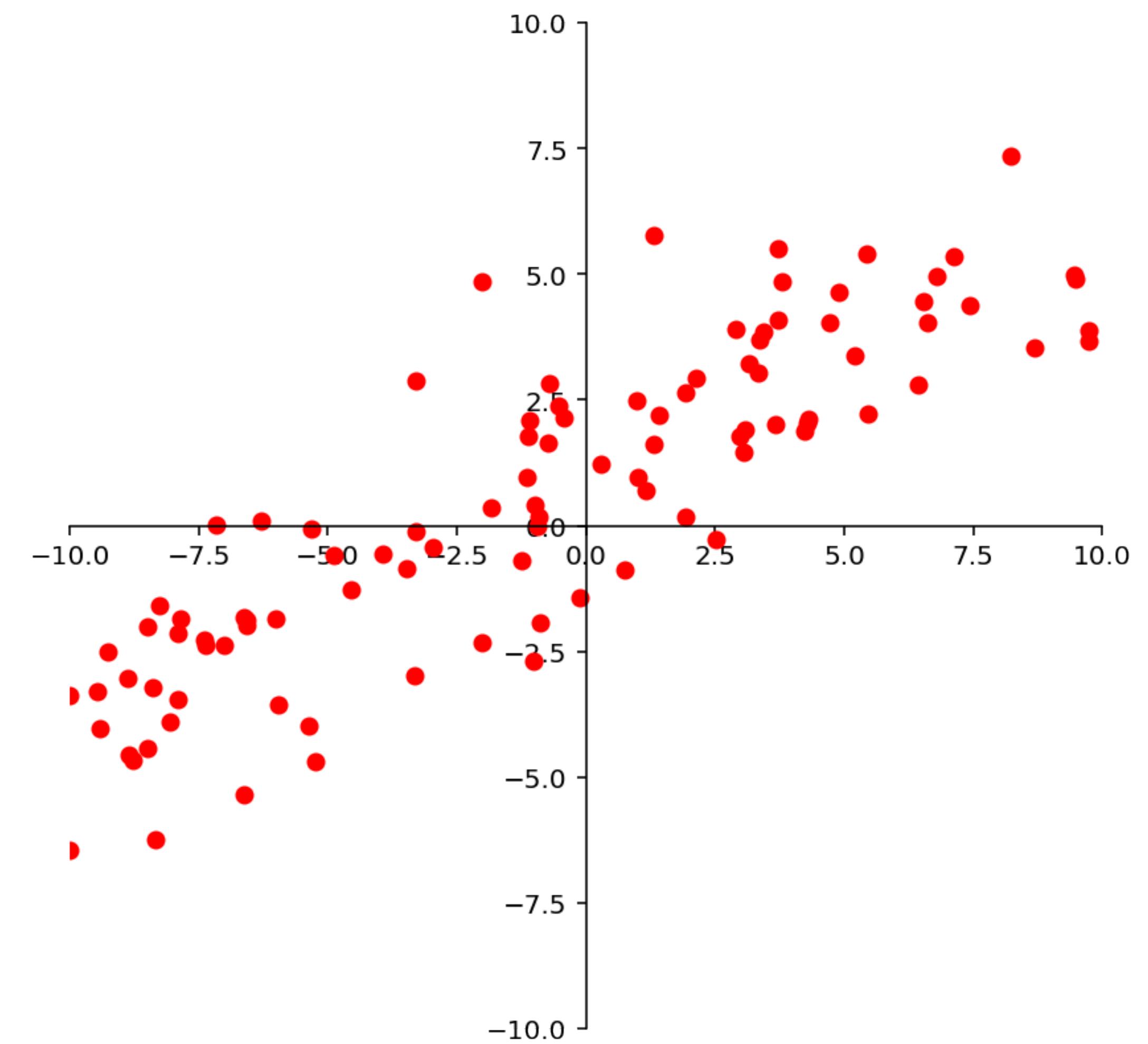
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# **Warm-up: Line of Best Fit**

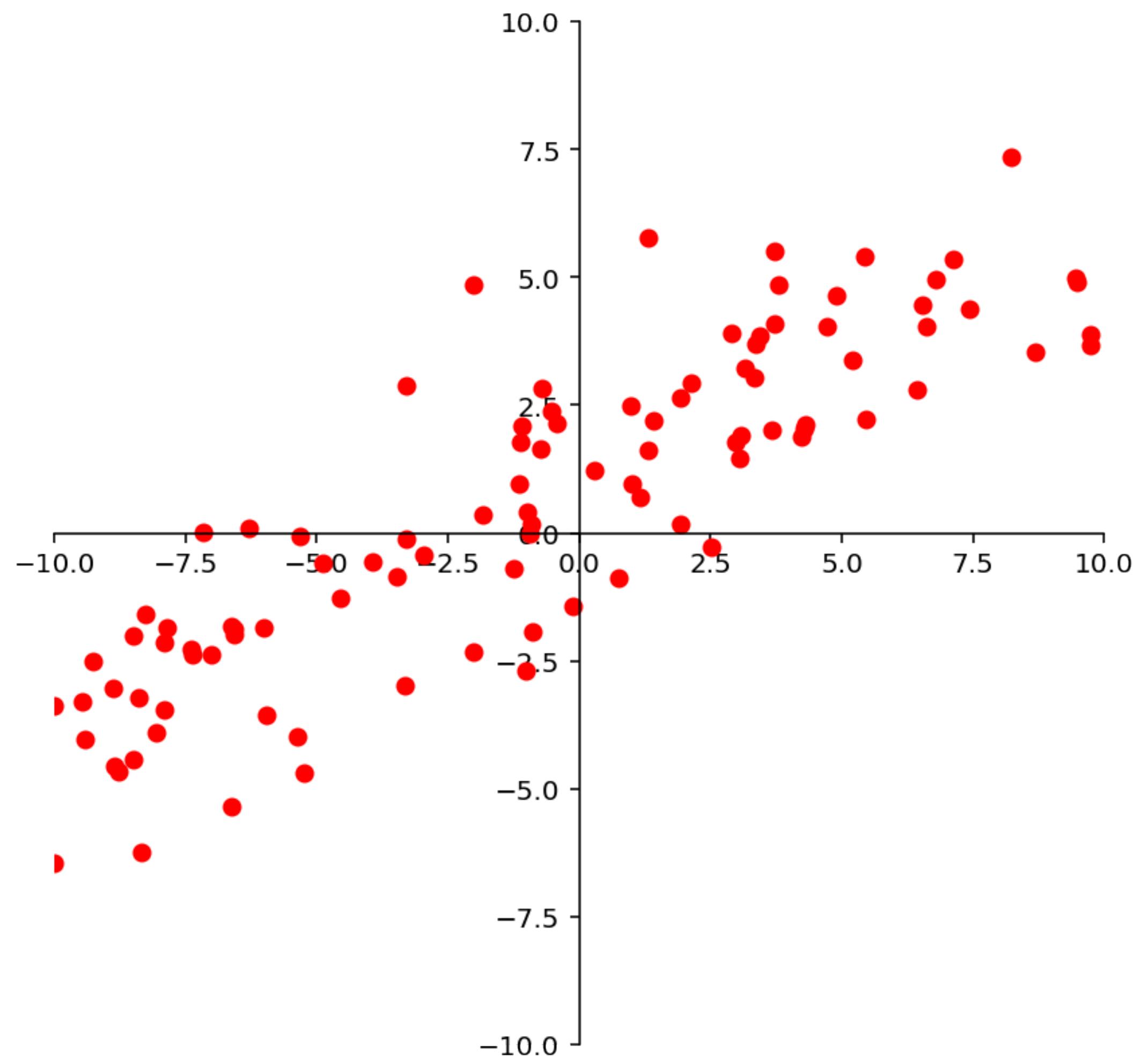
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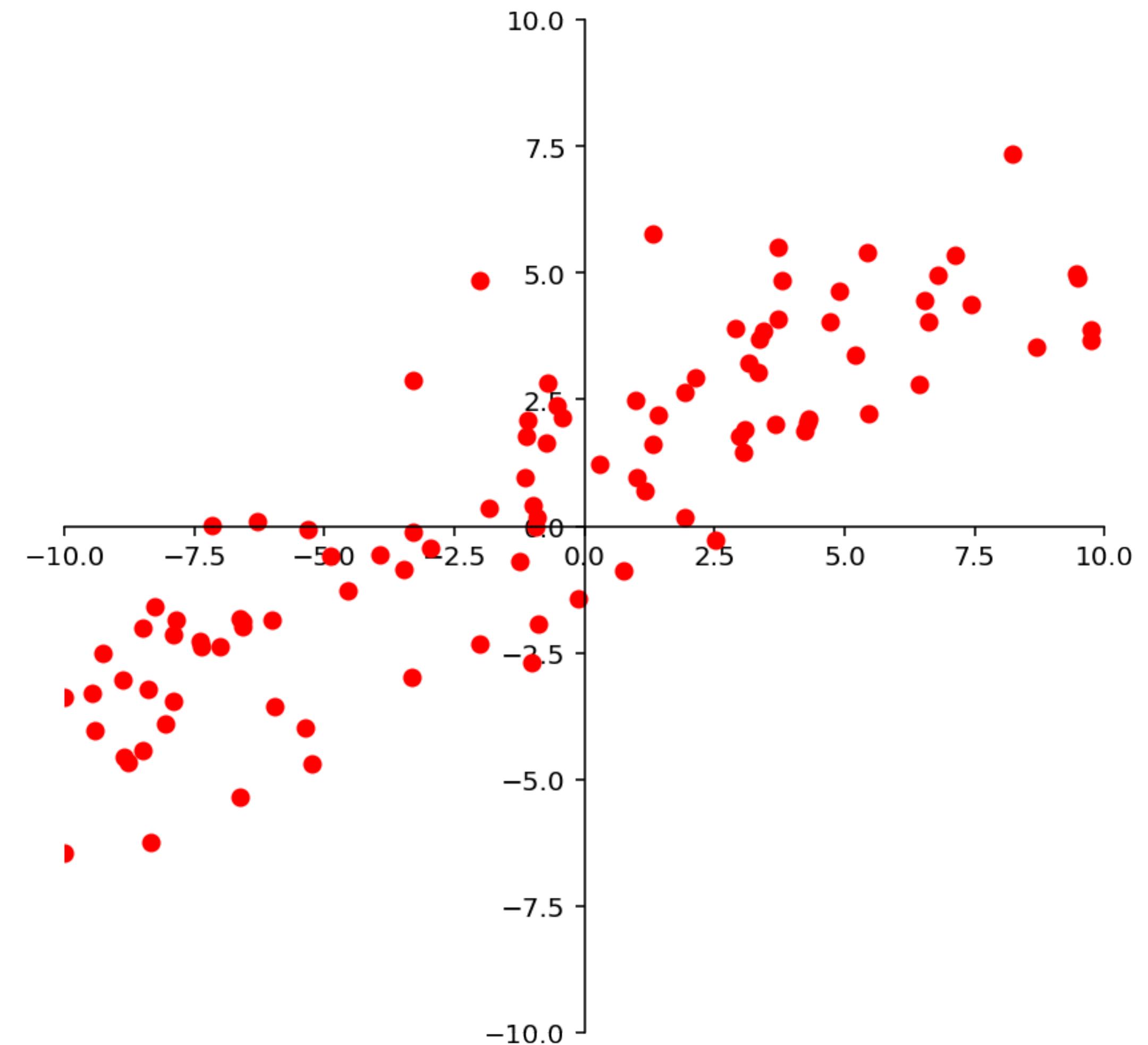


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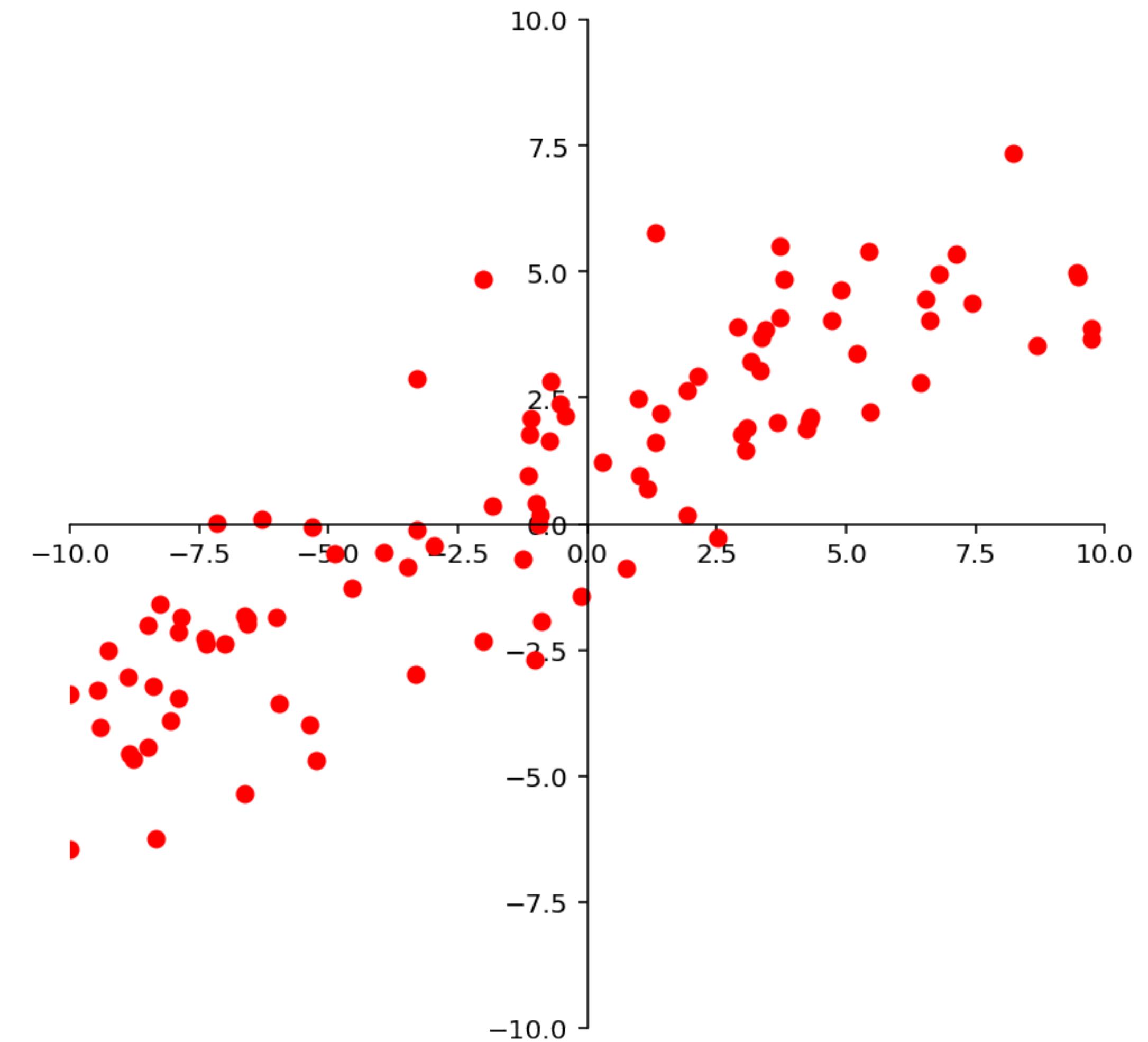
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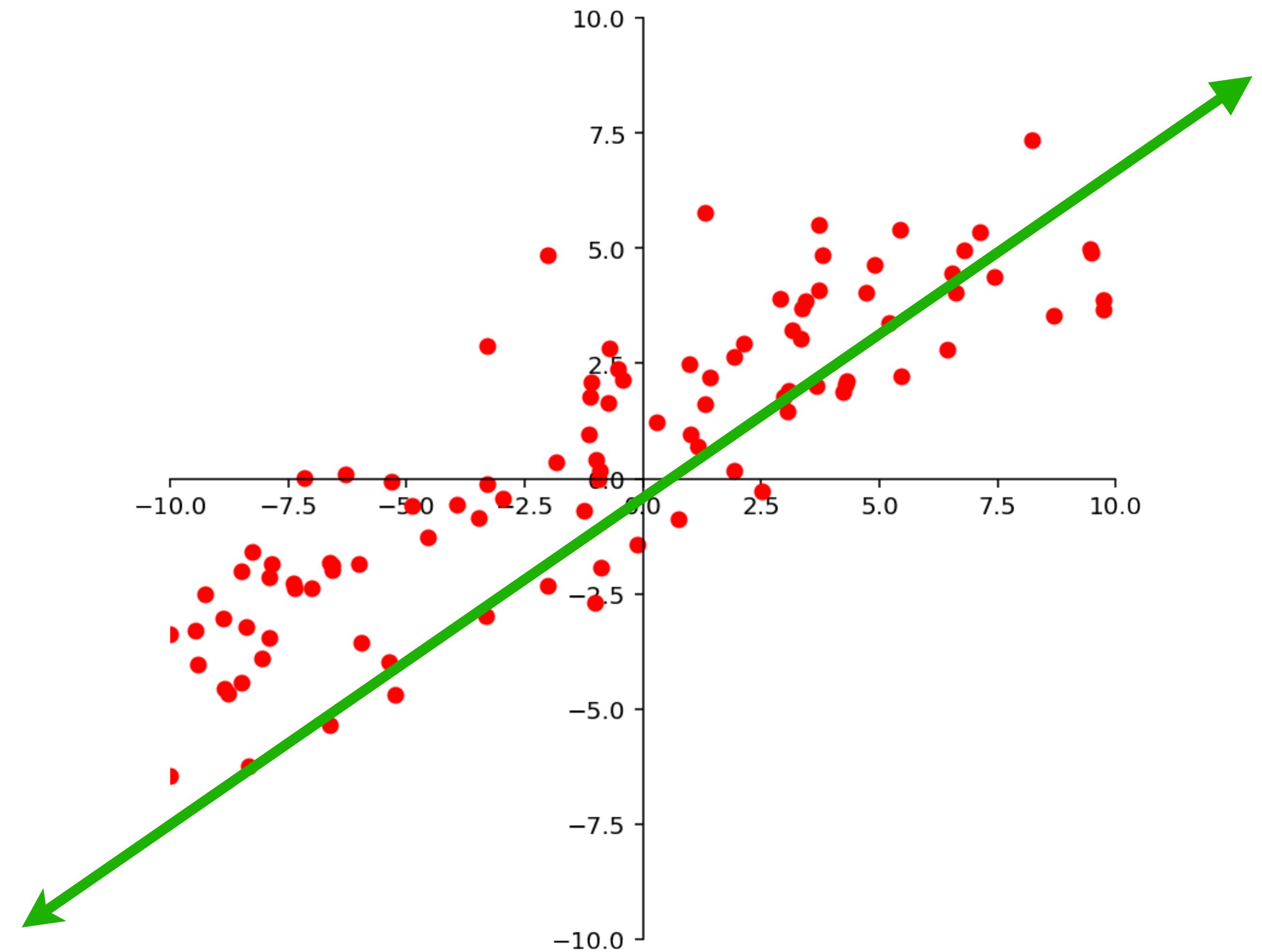
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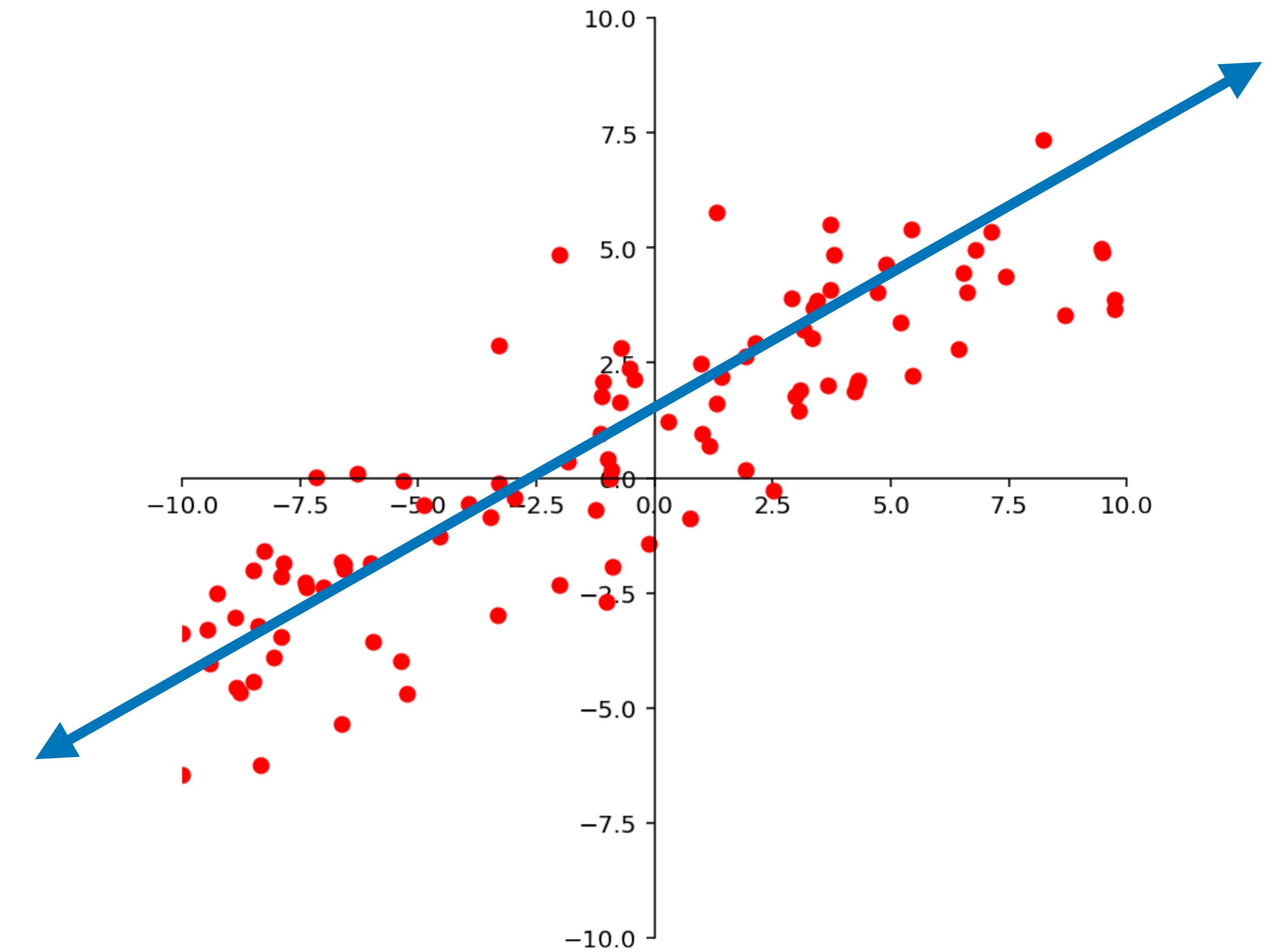
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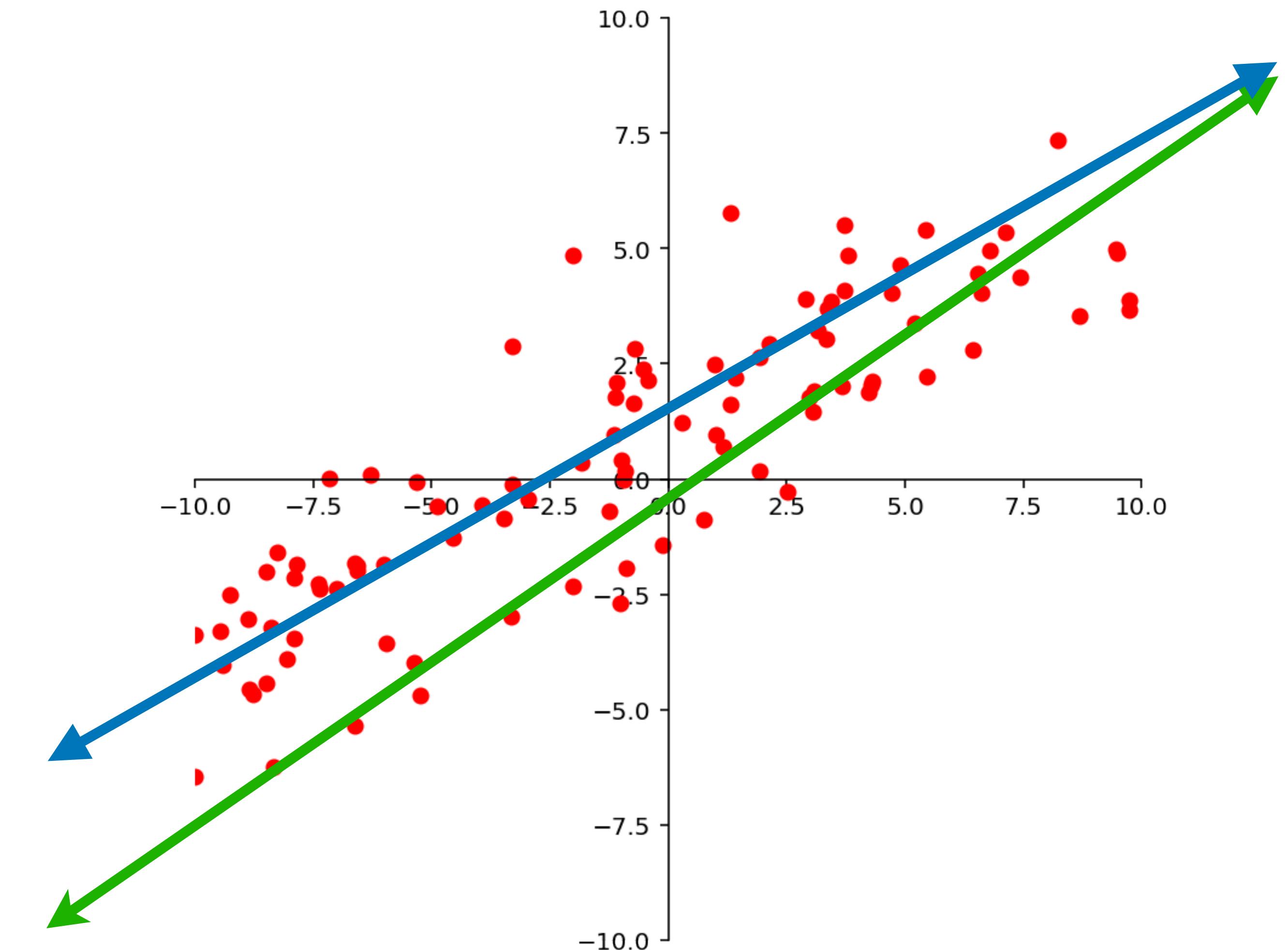
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**Question.** Which line "best" describes the trend of the dataset?

Which one *best models* the dataset?



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**This is a make-or-break question.**

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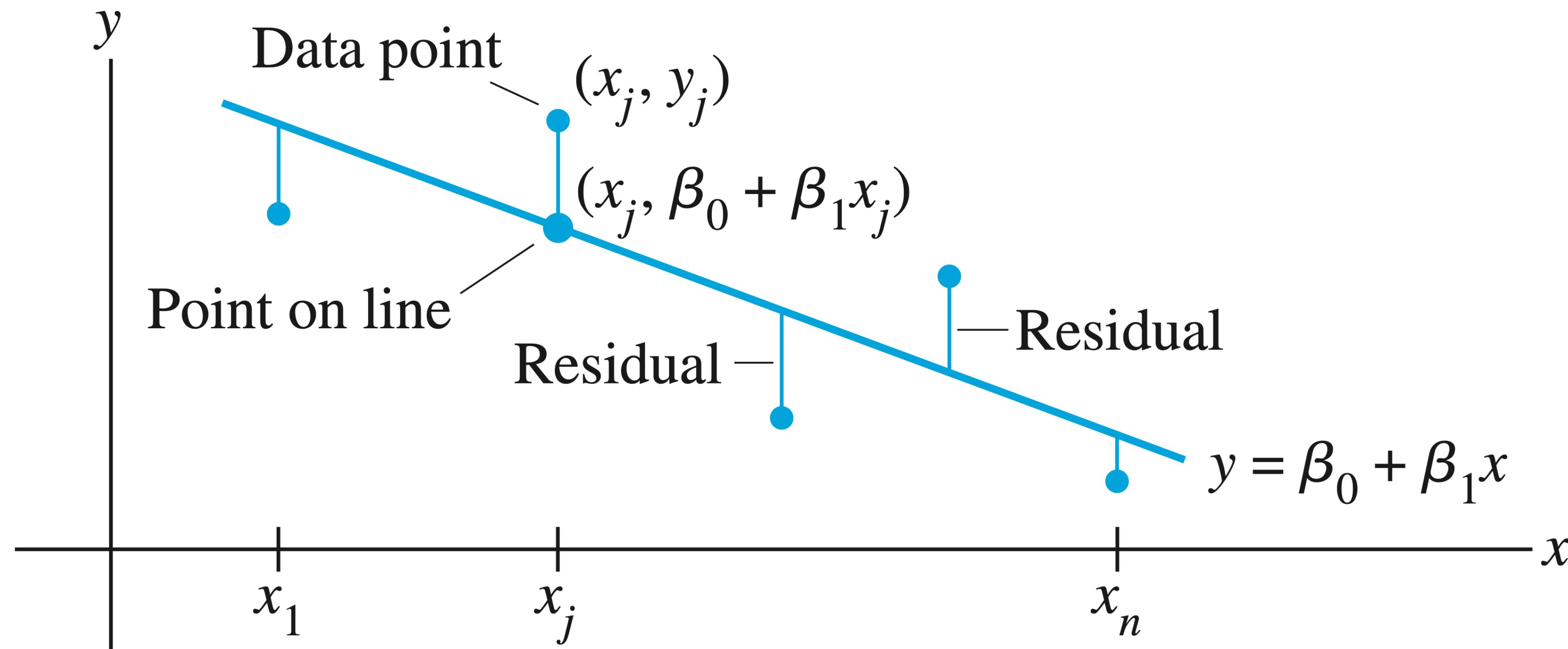
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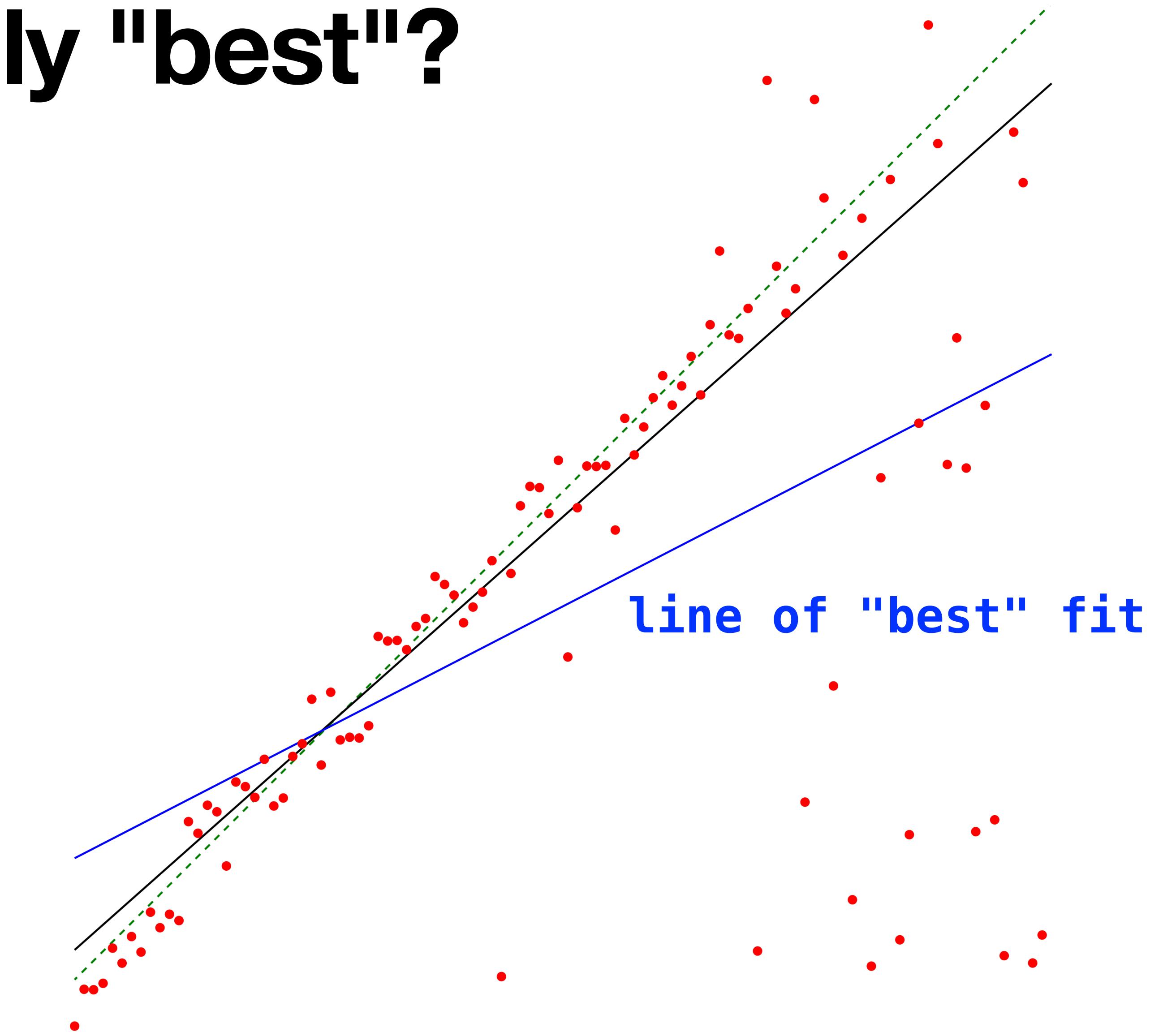
The "best" line minimizes  
the *sum of squares of  
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# The Picture



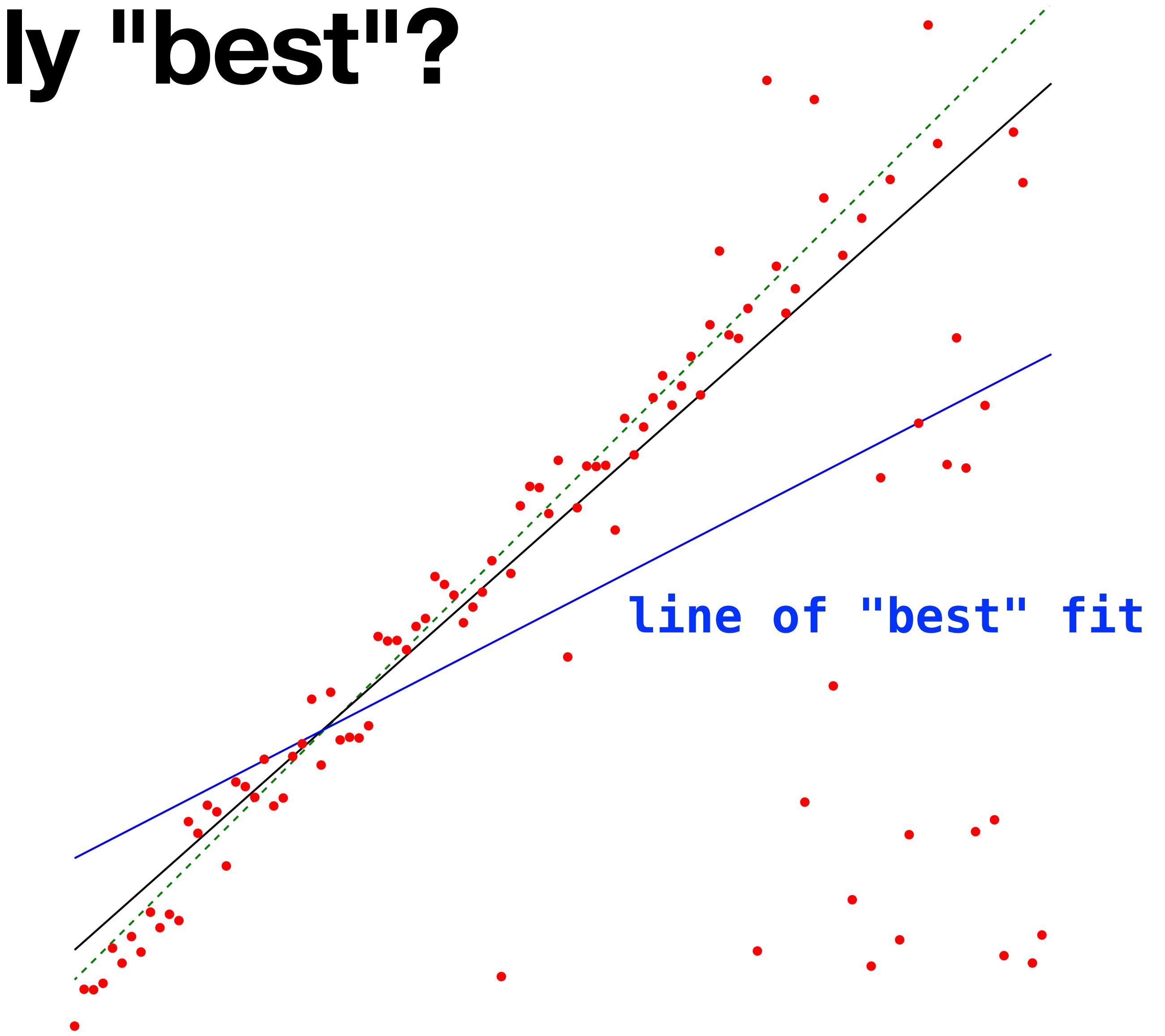
We want to find the line which makes the sum of these differences as *small* as possible.

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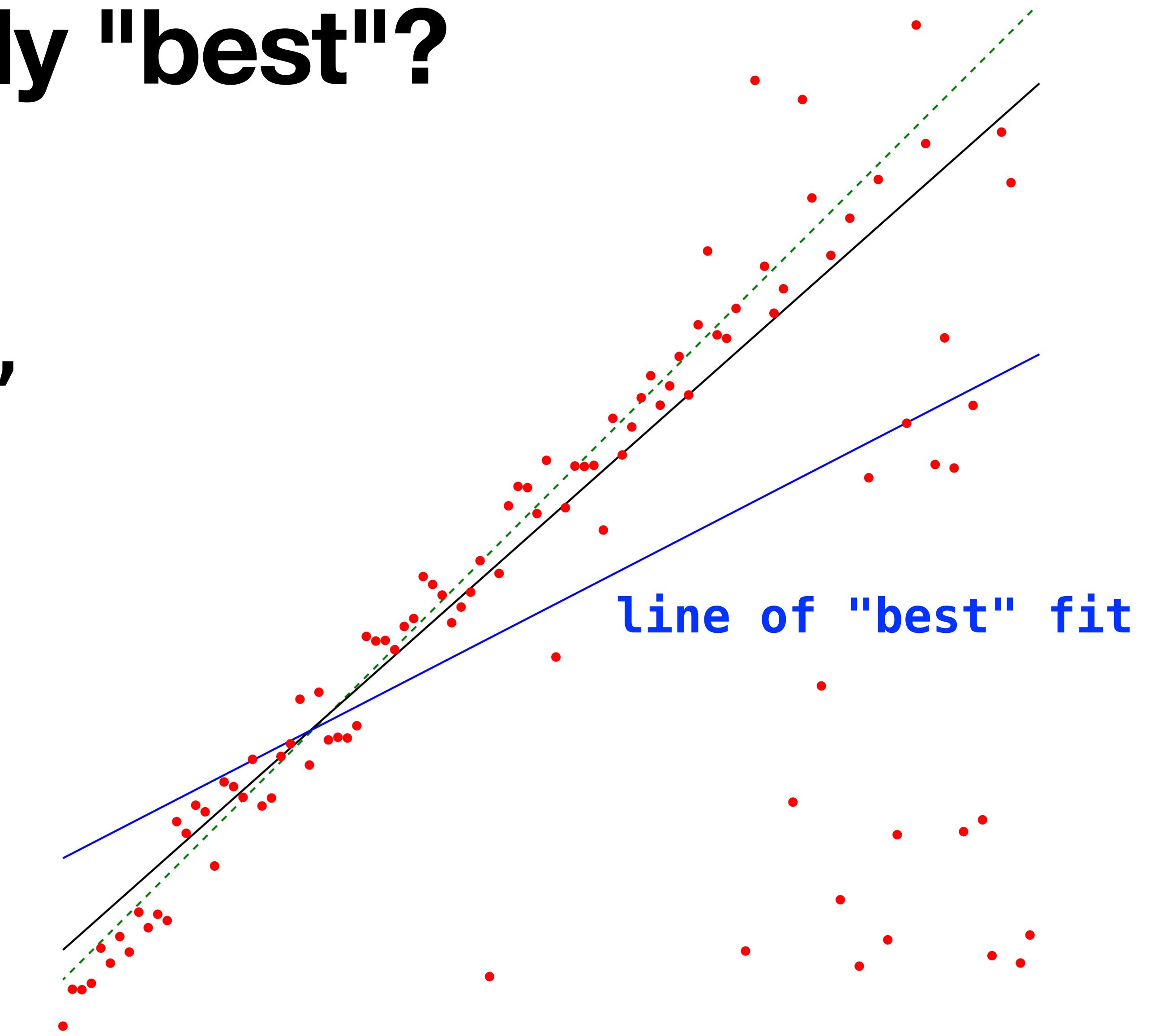
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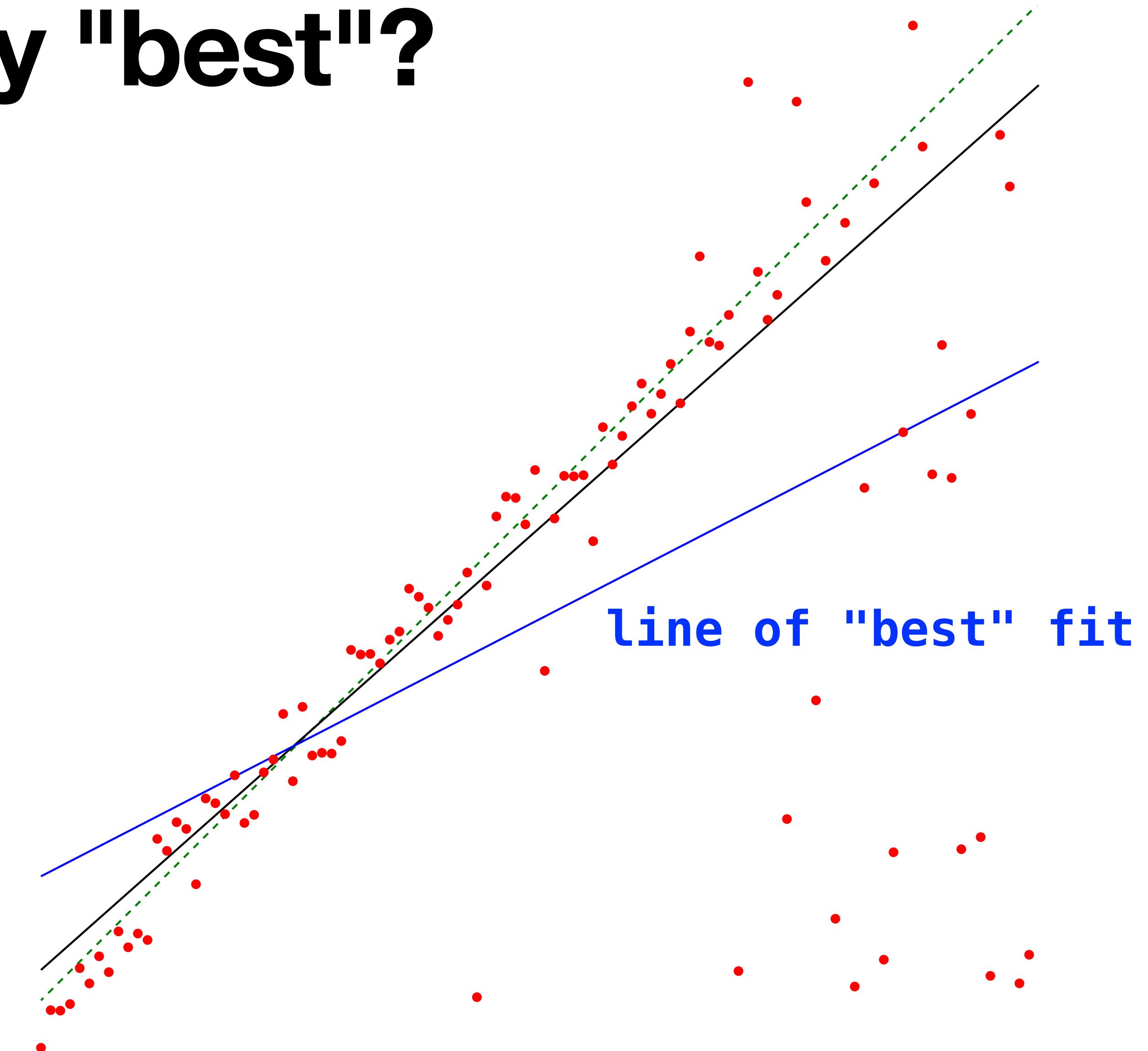


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The point. We fix our  
notion of "best" first,  
and then we do  
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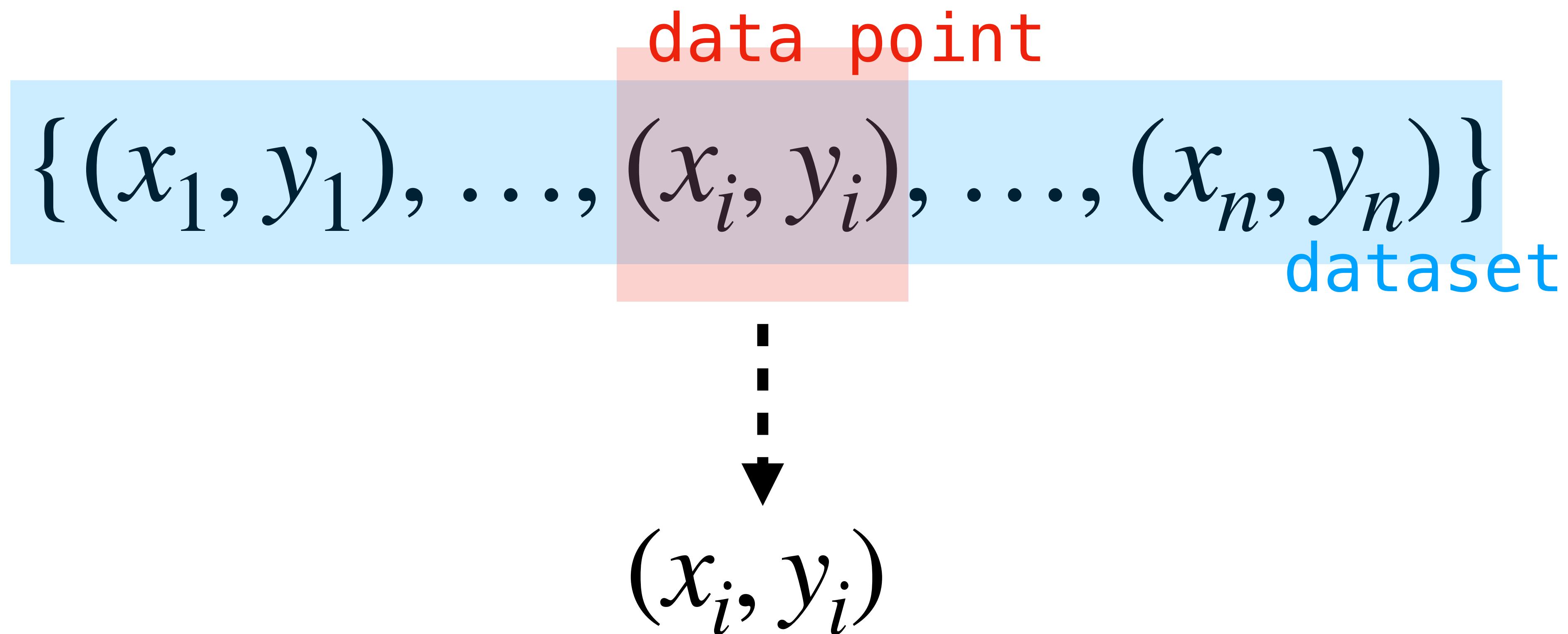
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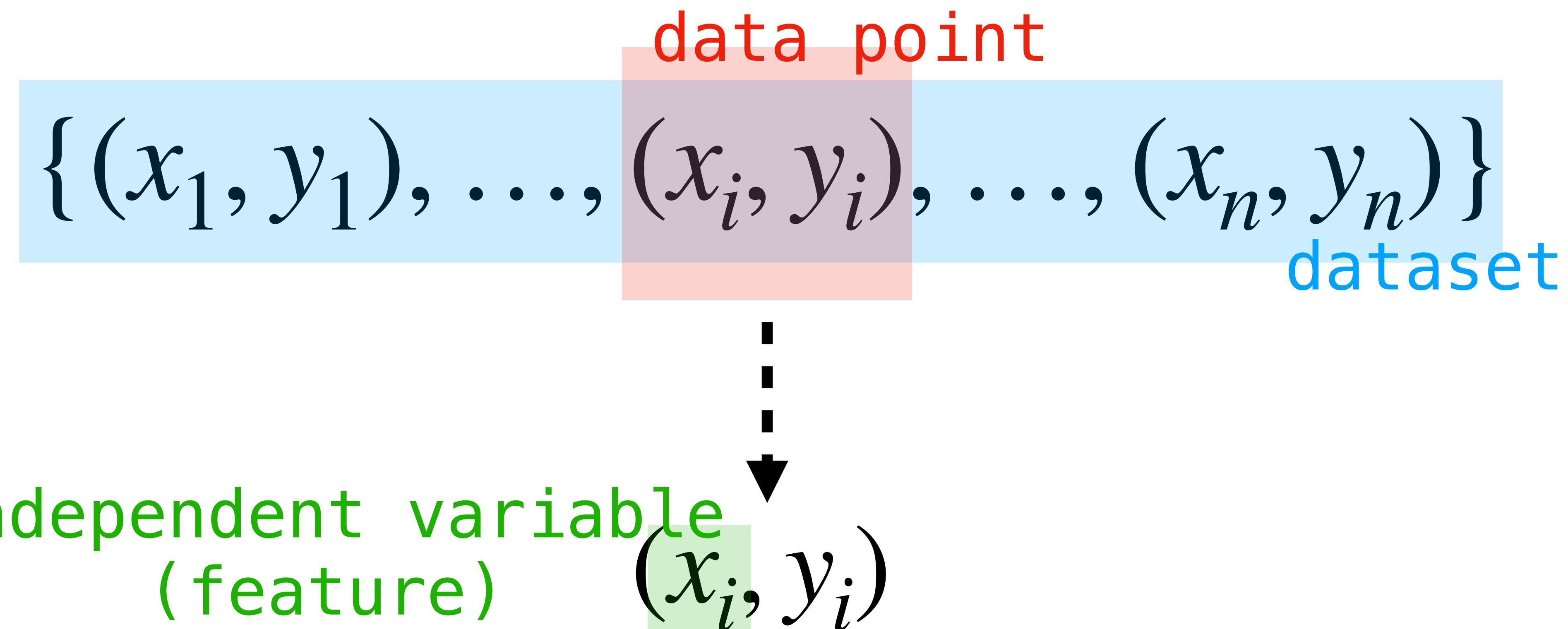
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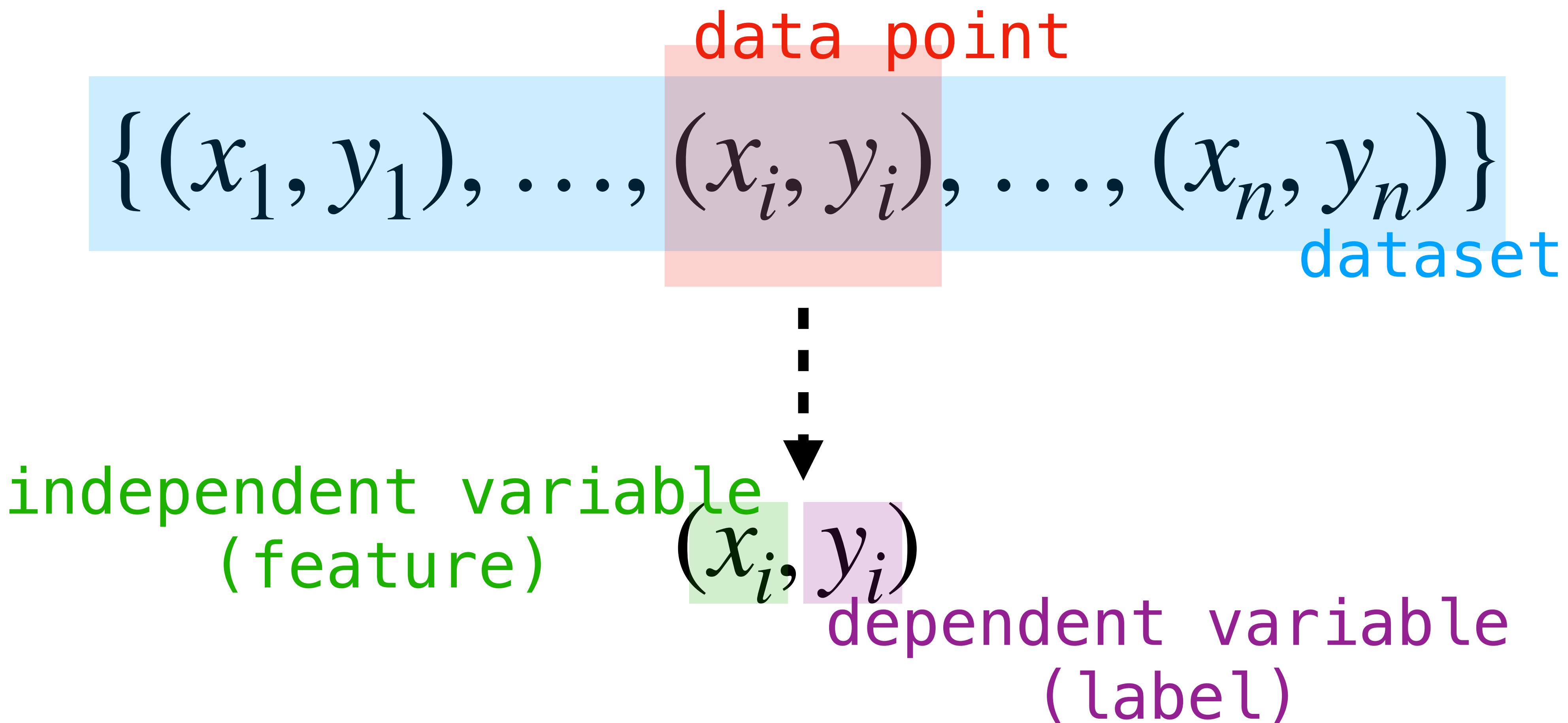
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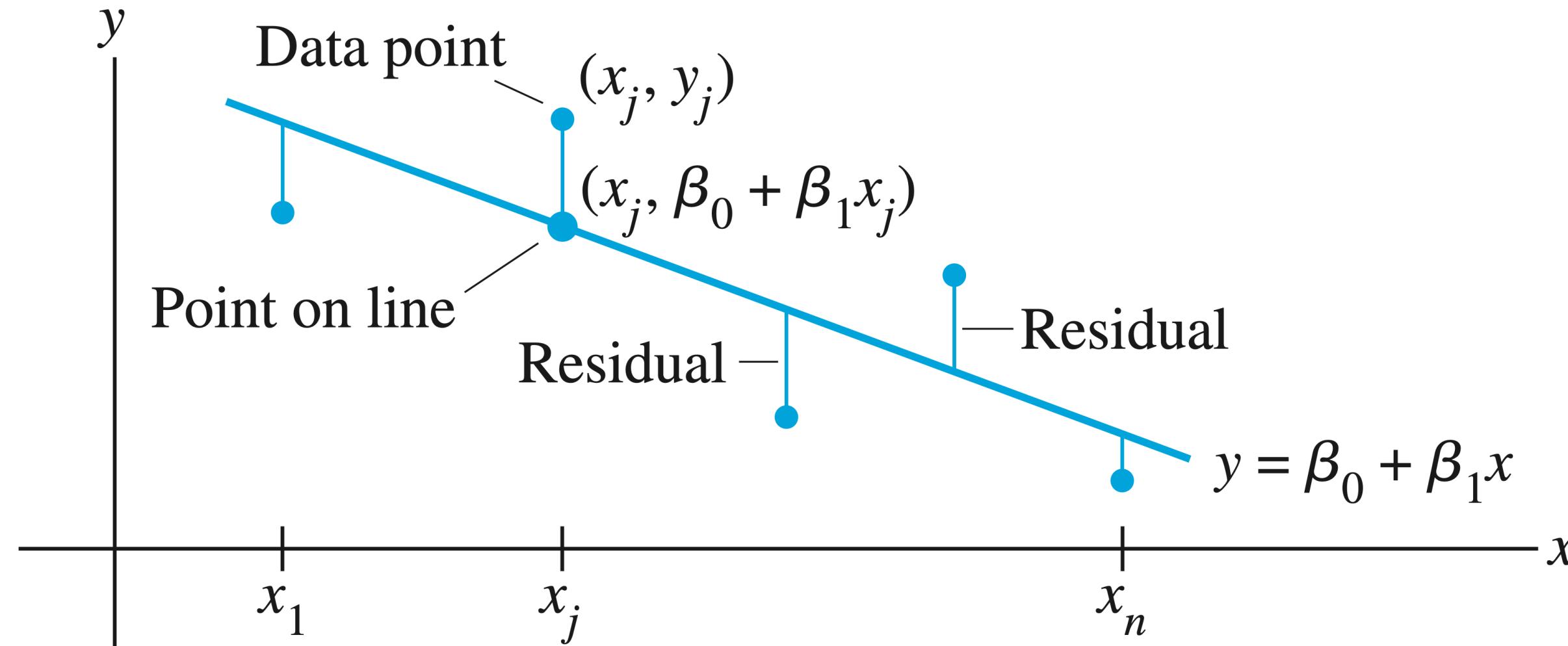
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{observation} - \text{prediction}^2$$

The equation shows the sum of squared residuals for a least-squares fit. The term  $y_i$  is labeled "observation". The term  $f(x_i)$  is labeled "prediction". The difference between them is labeled "residual".

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dependent variable  
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$$\beta_1 = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2}$$
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$$\min_{\vec{\hat{x}}} \|\vec{A}\vec{\hat{x}} - \vec{b}\|^2$$

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Can we design a matrix where finding a least squares solution gives us a least squares line?

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# Recall: Unique Least Squares Solutions

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

If  $A$  has linearly independent columns, then its unique least squares solution is defined as above.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Just for Fun

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \vec{\mathbf{b}}$$
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Let's derive it:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \\ x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n & x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{1}{n(\sum_i x_i^2) - (\sum_i x_i)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i x_i^2 & -\sum_i x_i \\ -\sum_i x_i & n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \vec{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})} \left[ (-\sum_i x_i)(\sum_i y_i) + n(\sum_i x_i y_i) \right]$$

(something for  $\beta_0$ )

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# Question

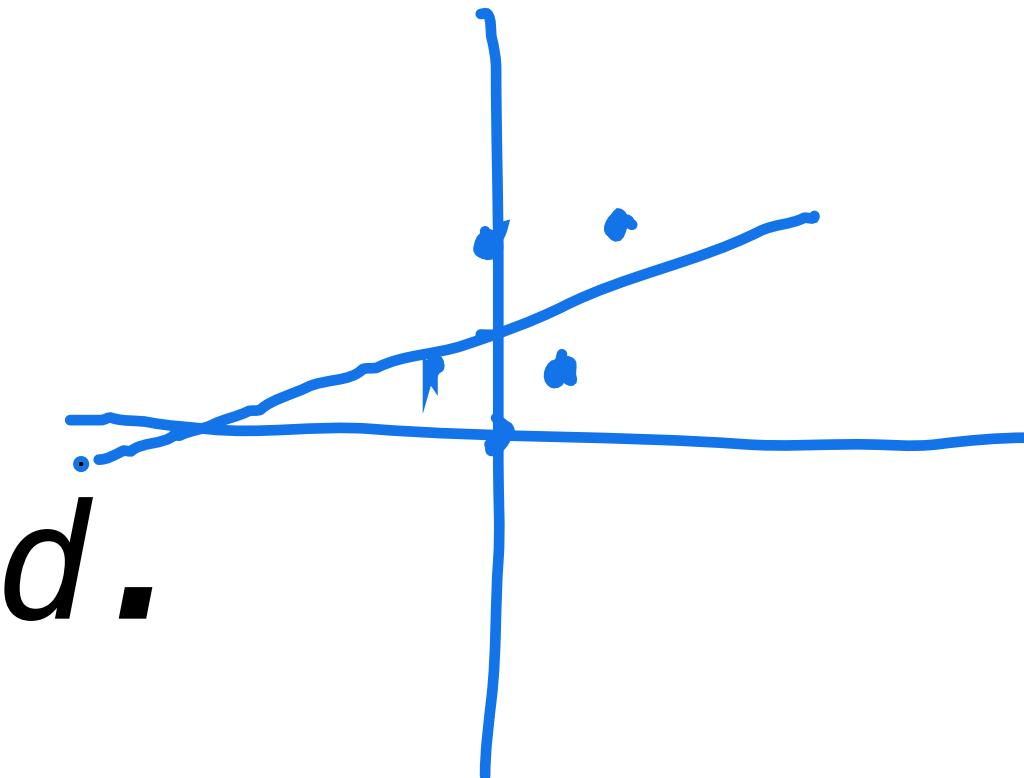
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_0 \\ B_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Find the line of best fit for the dataset*

$$\{(0,3), (1,1), (-1,1), (2,3)\}$$

*by using the least-squares method.*

*If you have time, graph your result and use it to "predict" the corresponding value for the input 4.*



$$X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^T X \tilde{\beta} = X^T b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

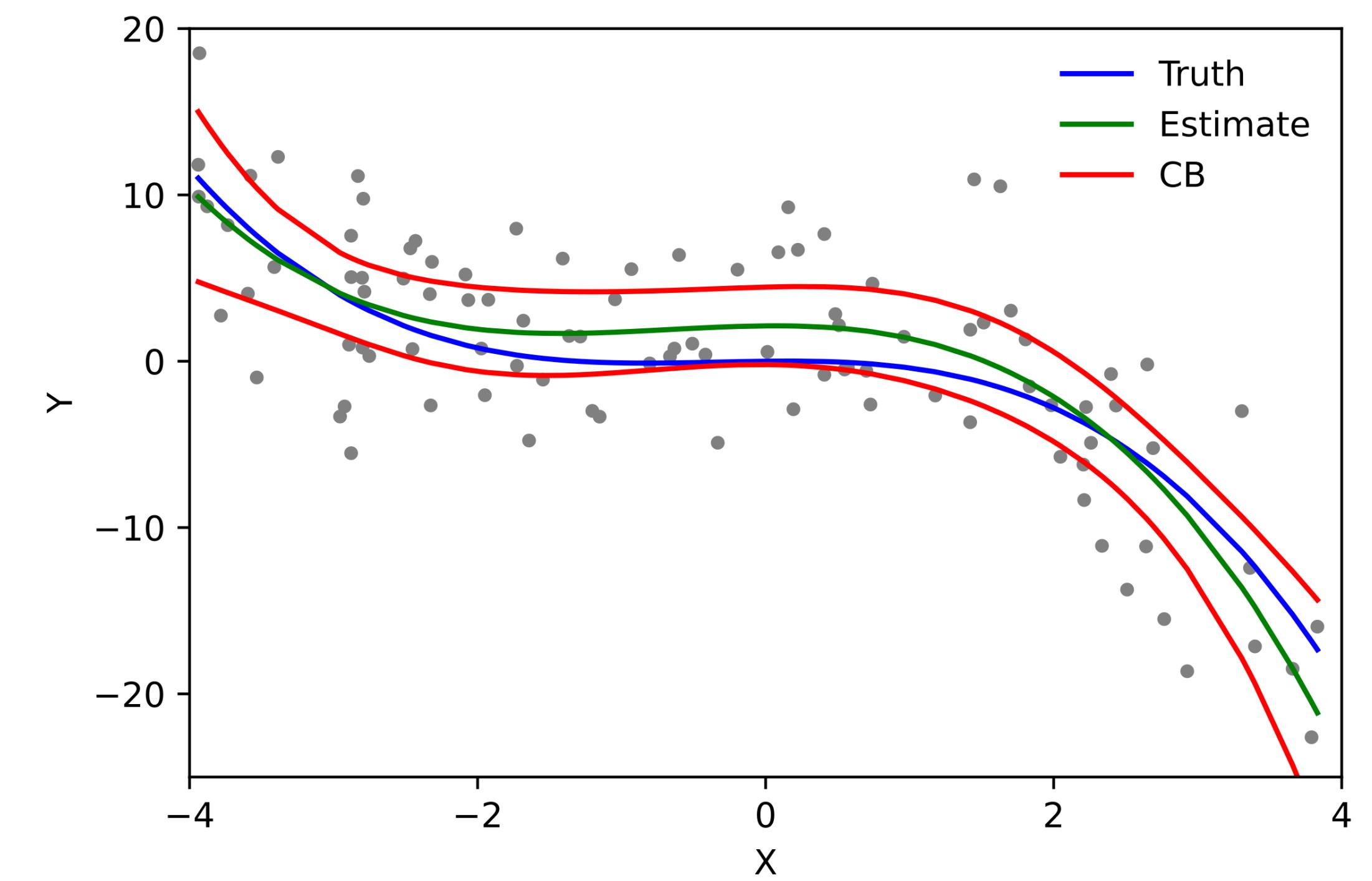
$$\Rightarrow -5\beta_1 = -2 \Rightarrow \beta_1 = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\beta_0 = 3 - 3\beta_1 = 3 - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{9}{5}$$

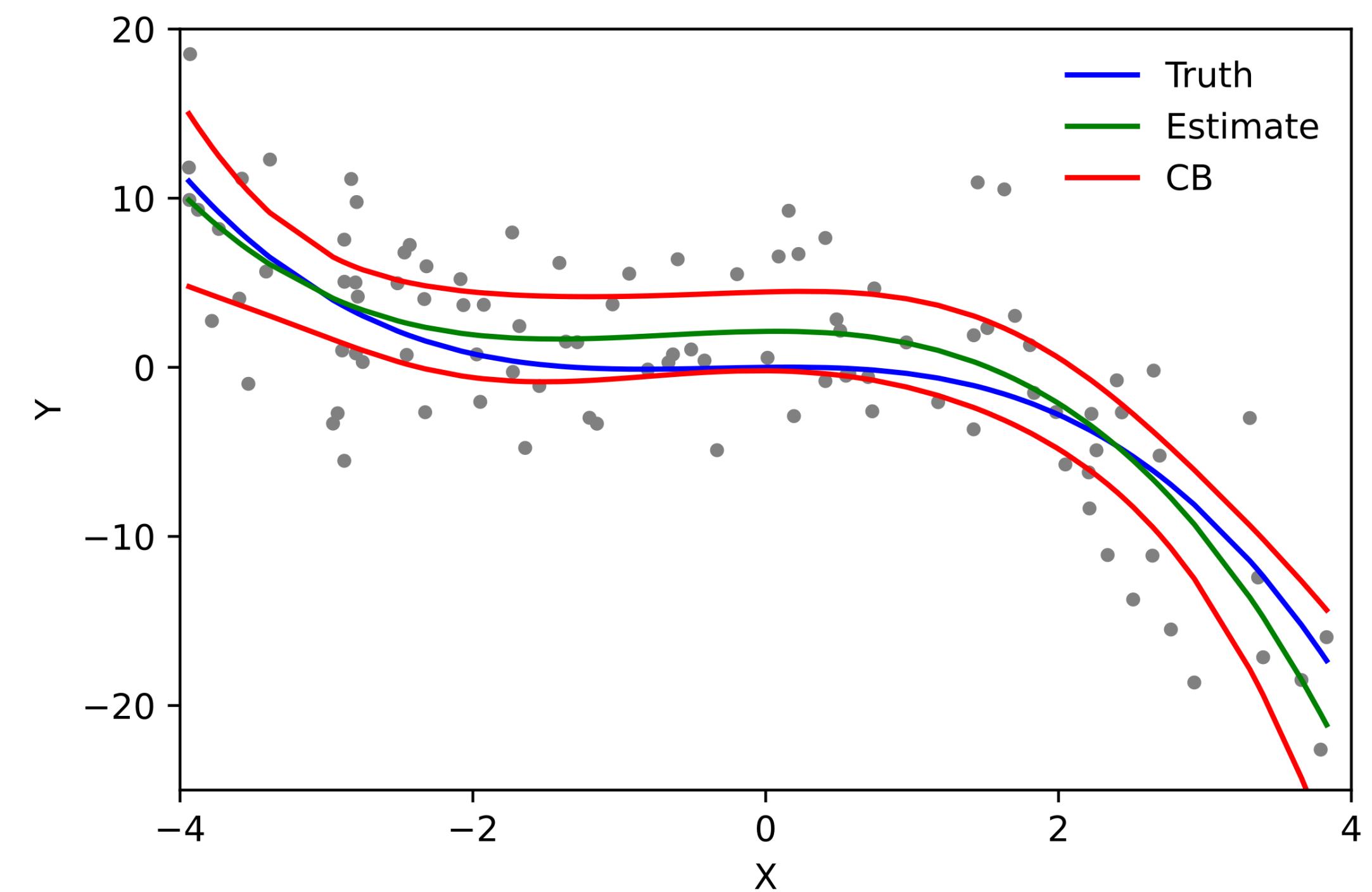
$$f(4) = \frac{8}{5} + \frac{9}{5} = \frac{17}{5}$$

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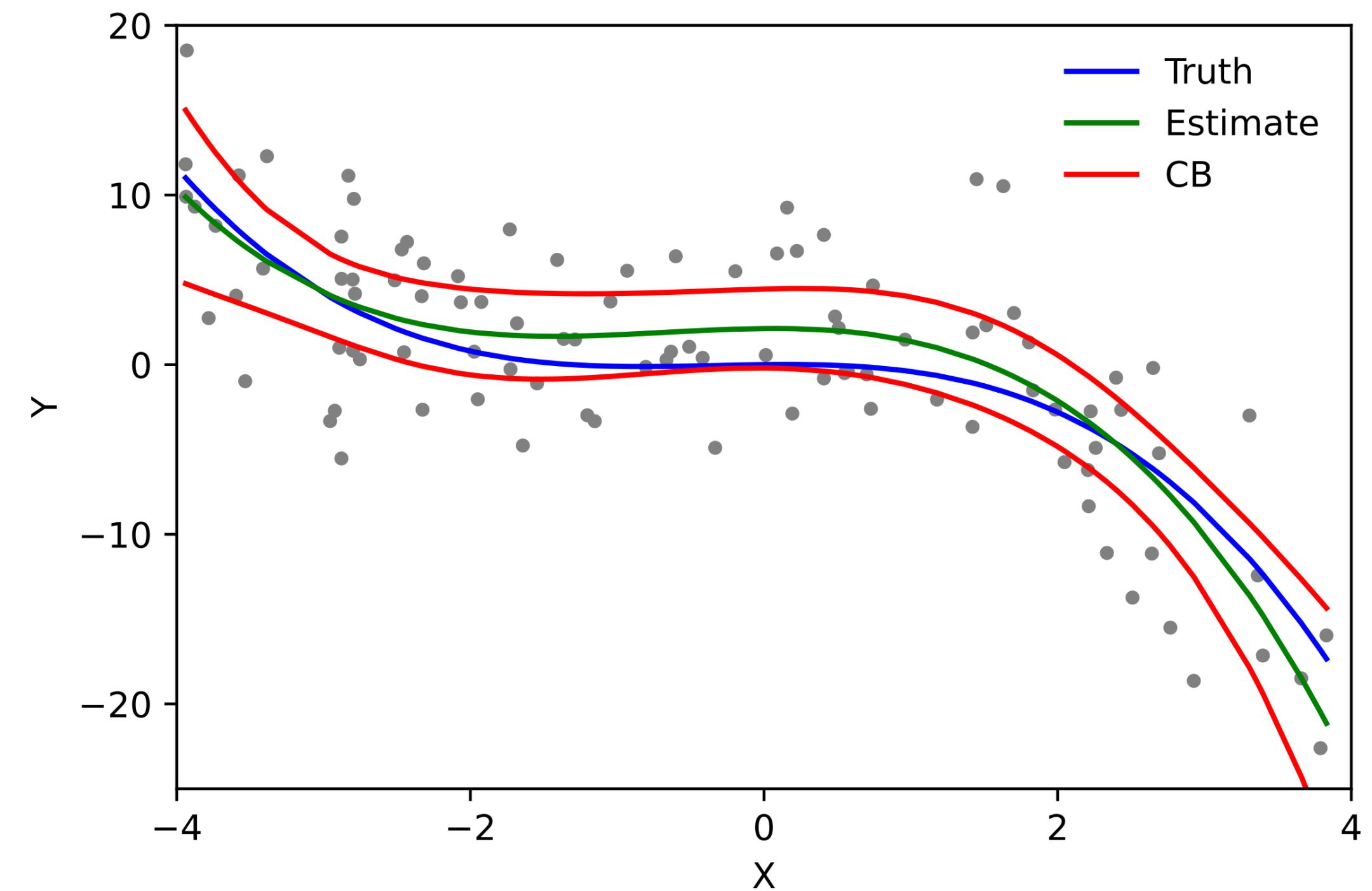
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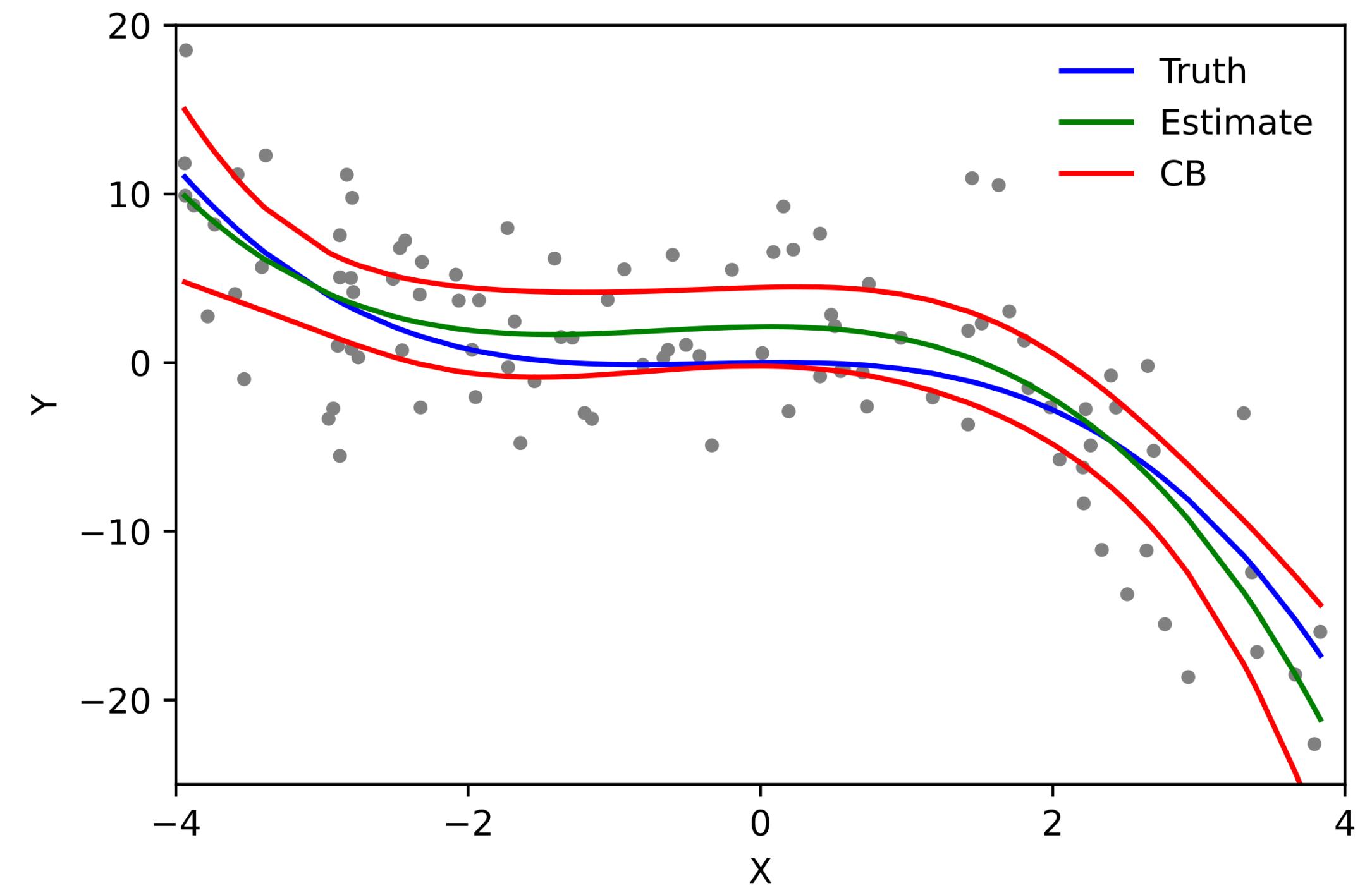


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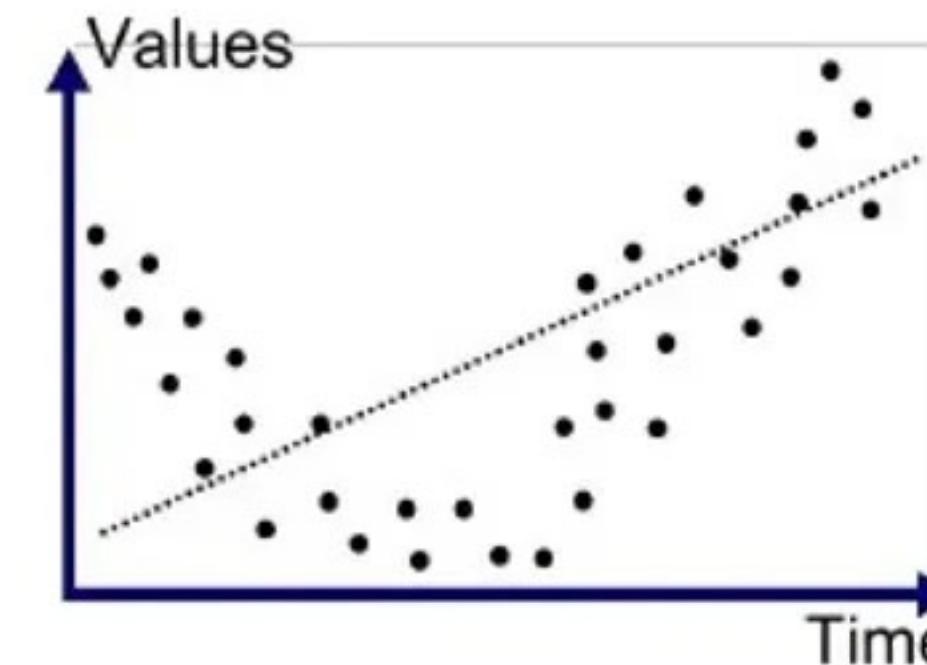
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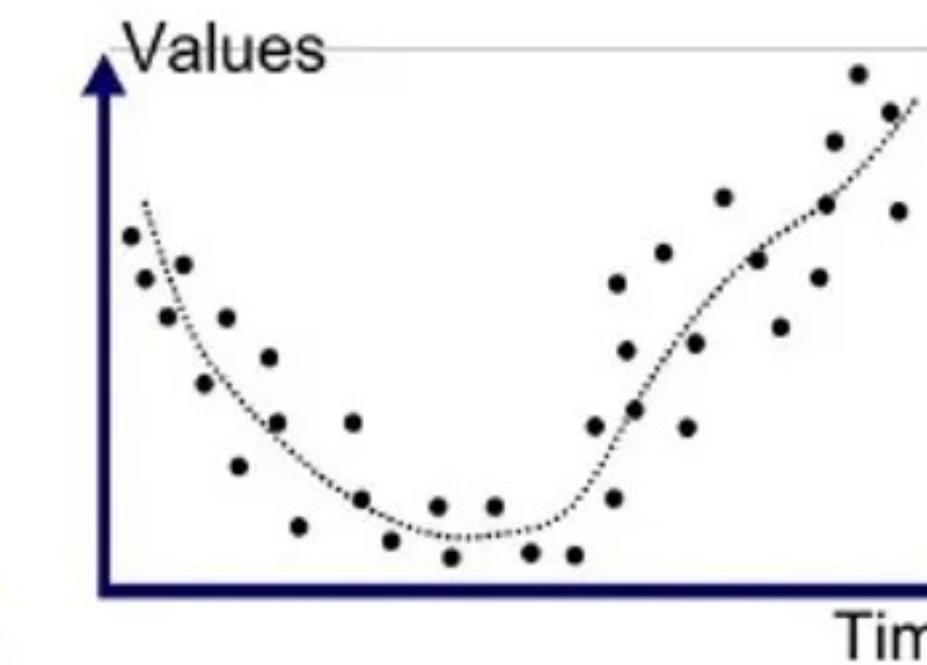
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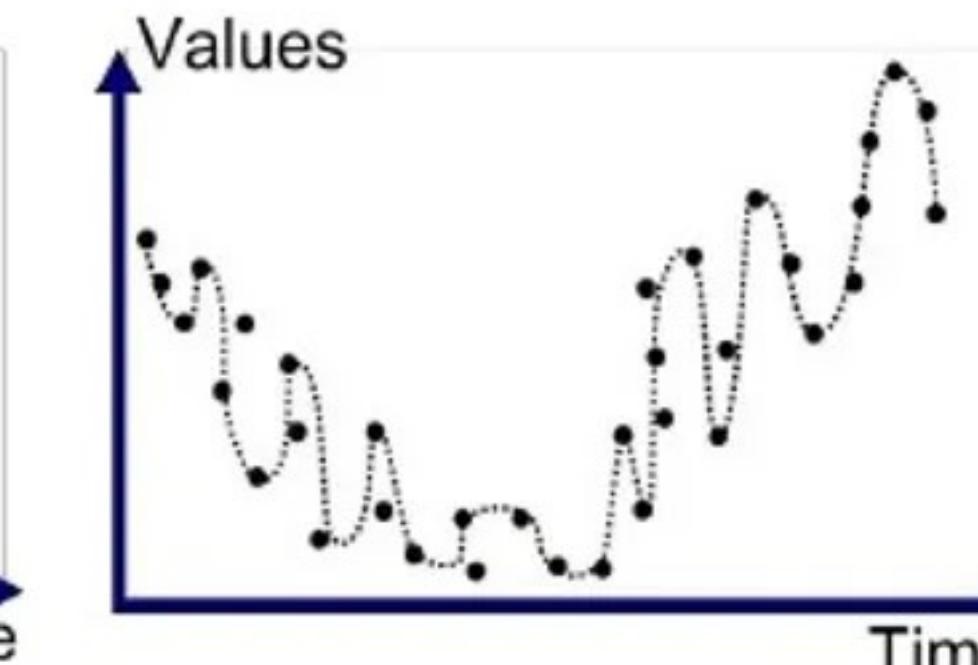
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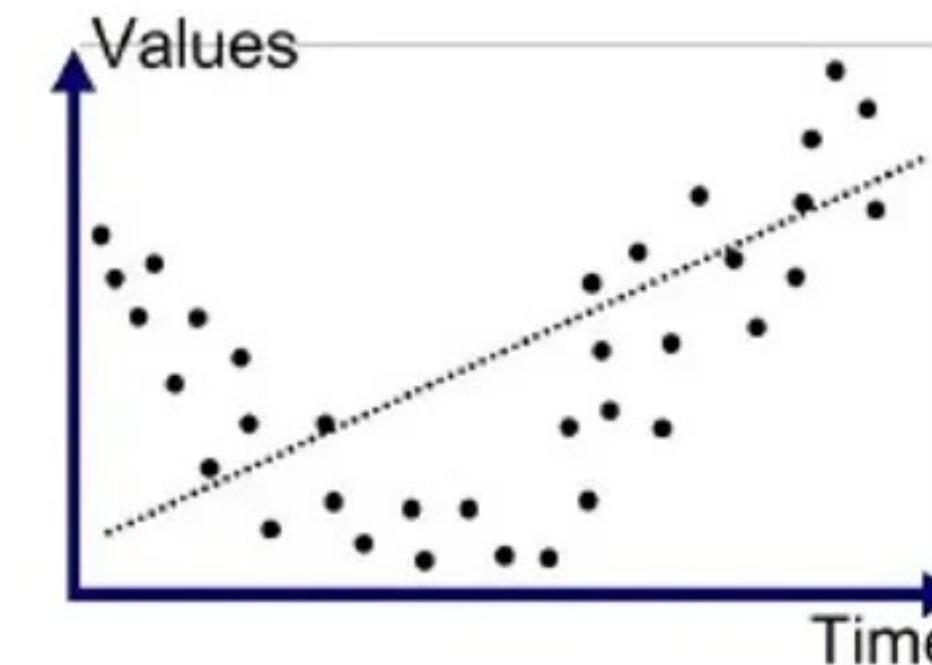


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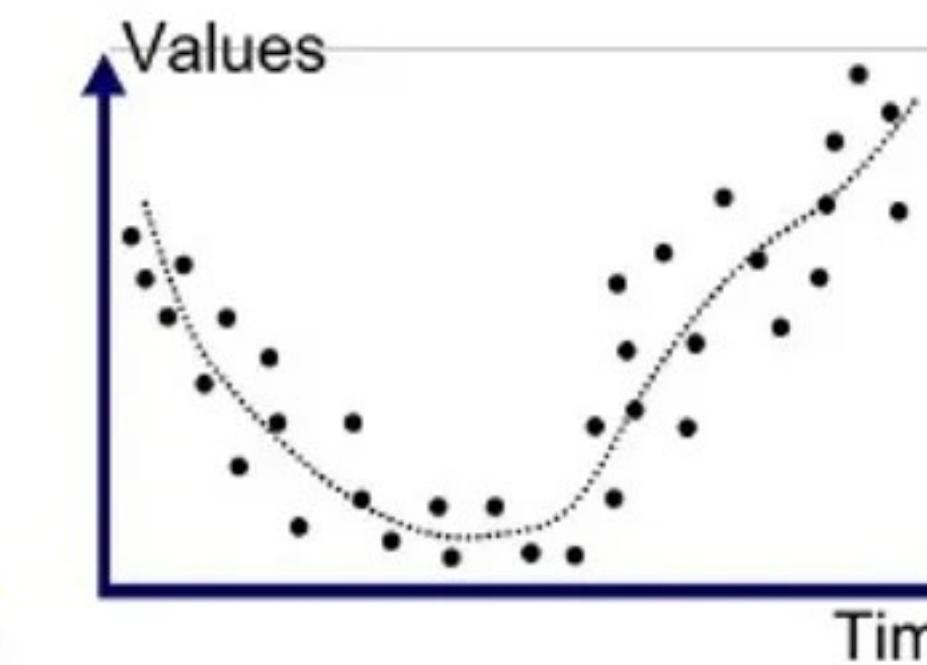


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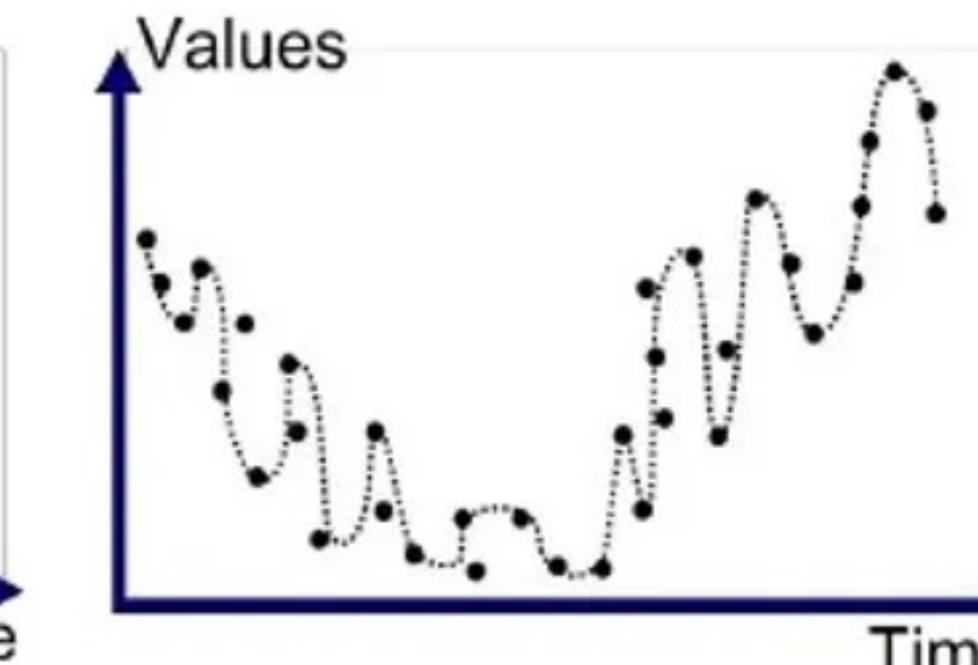
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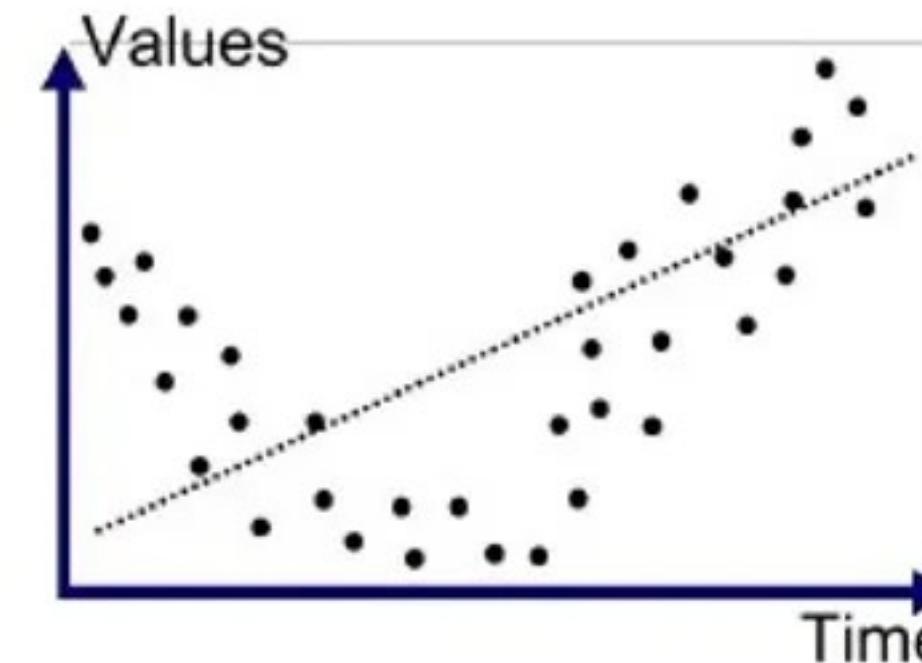
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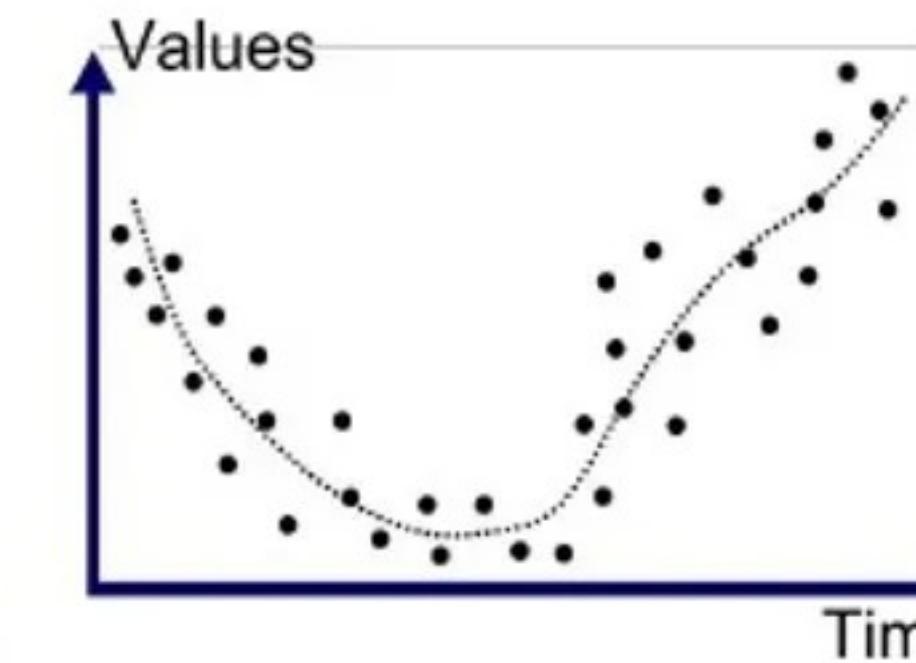
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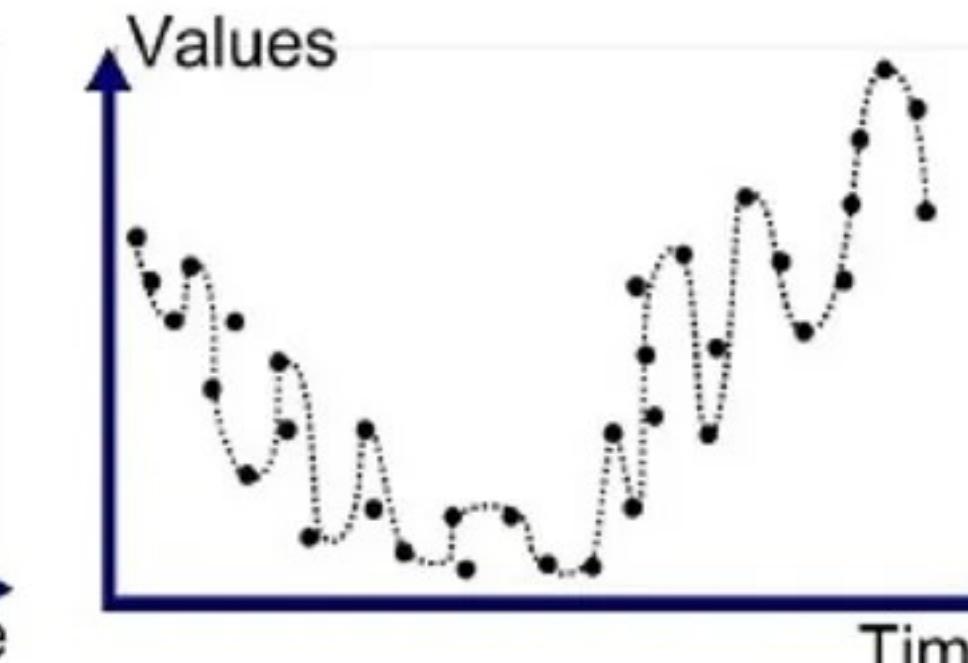
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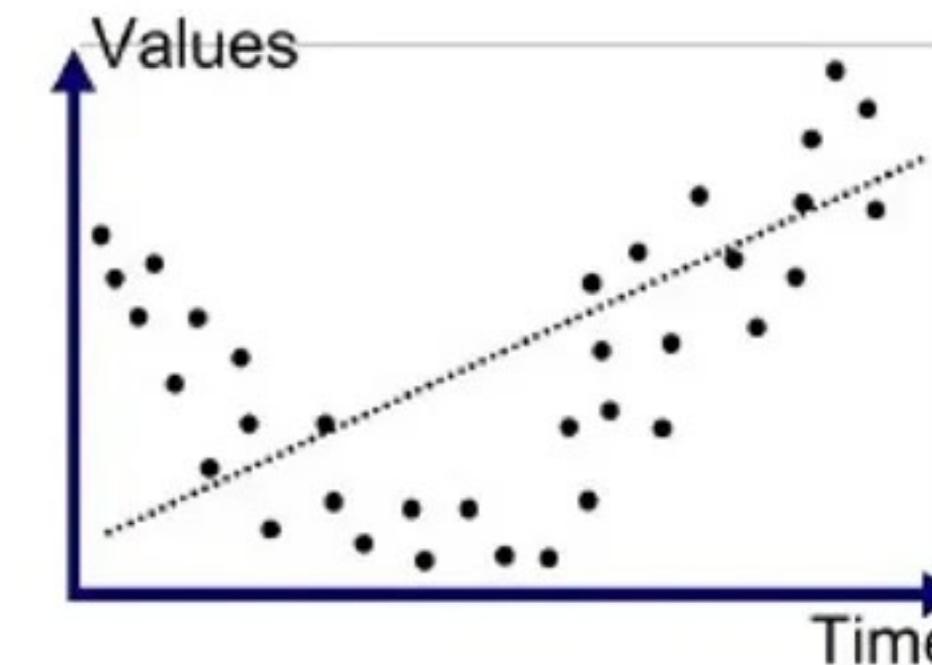
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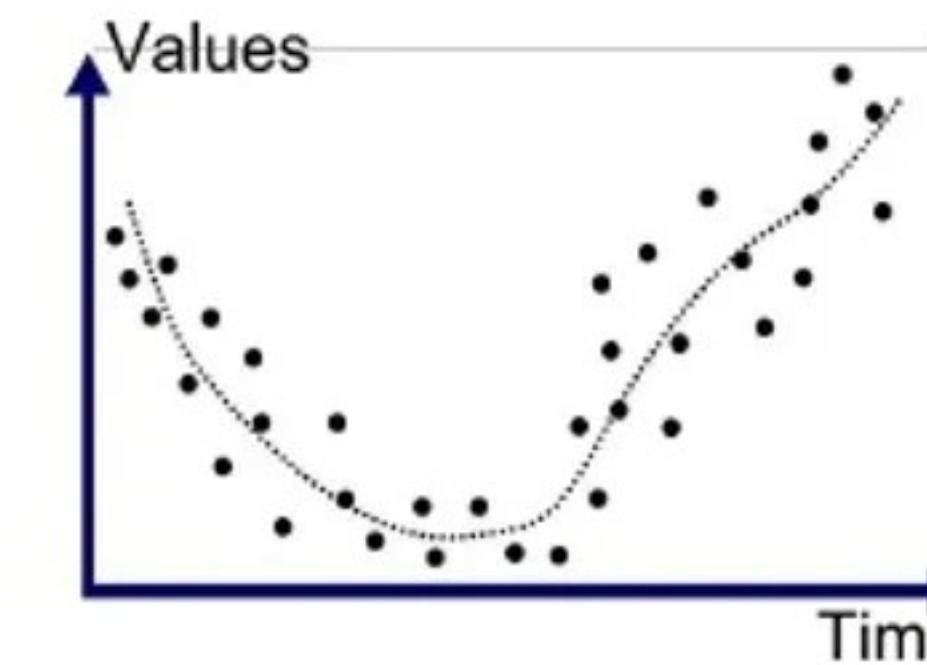
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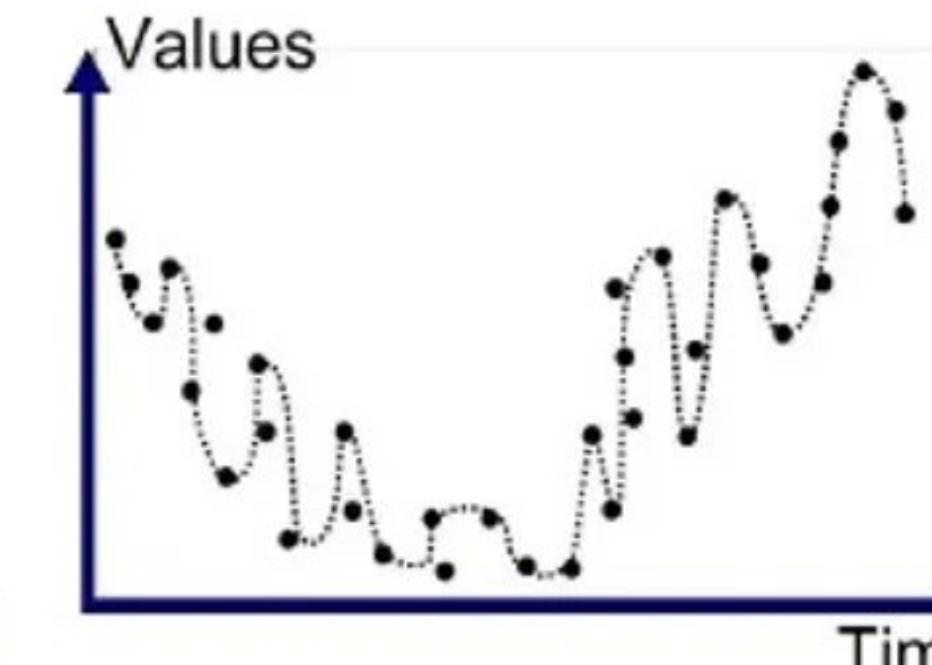
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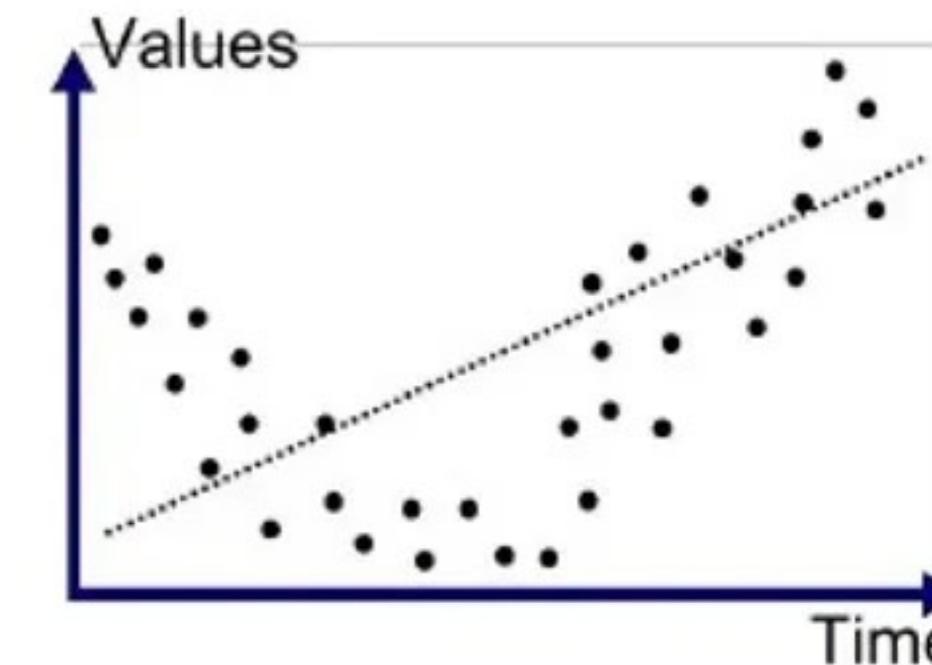
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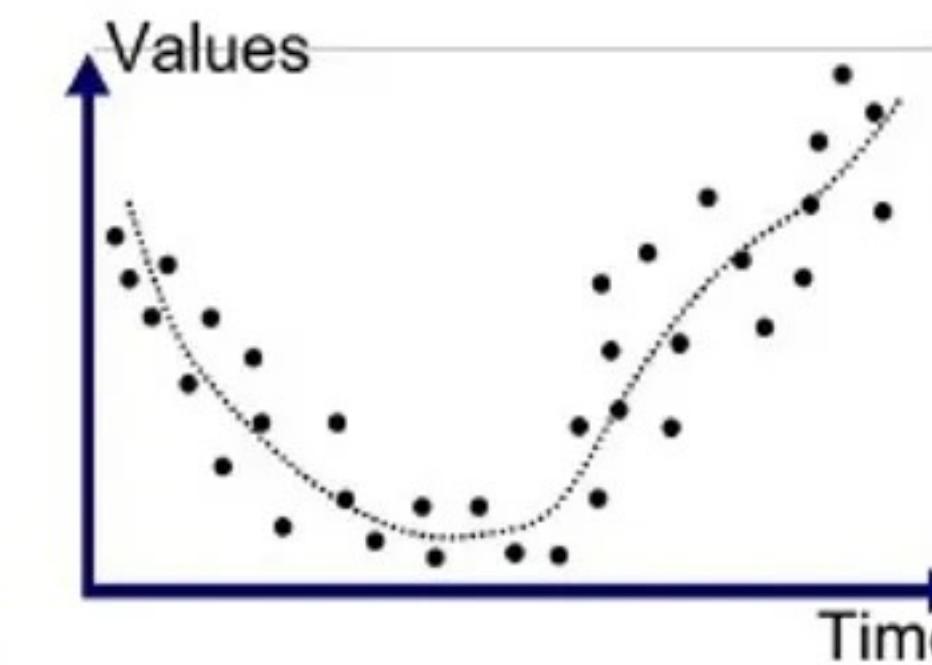
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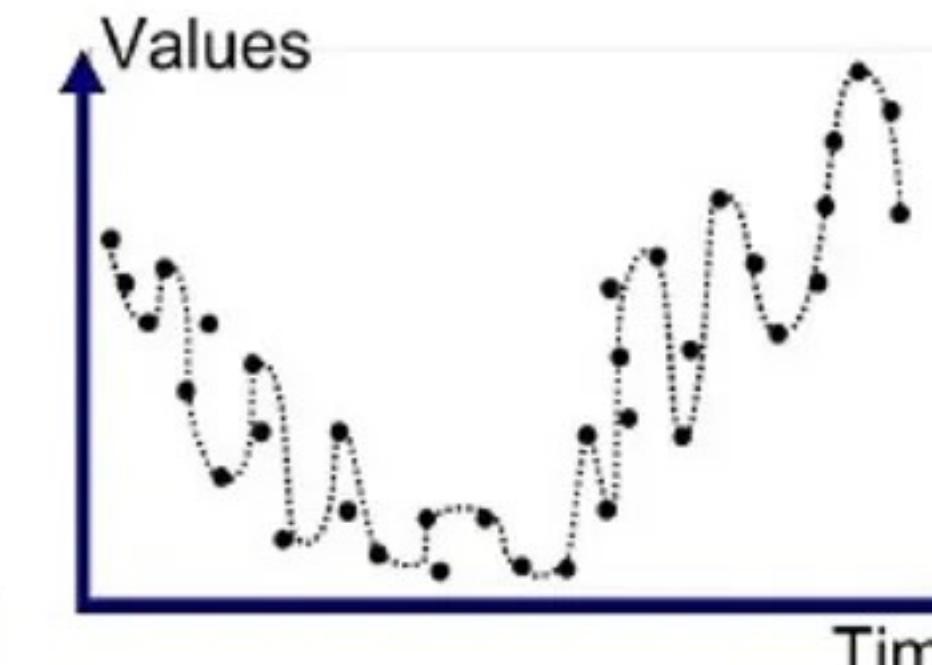
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(Advanced) We pick models from weaker classes of functions so that they are more robust when we ***predict*** values using the model.

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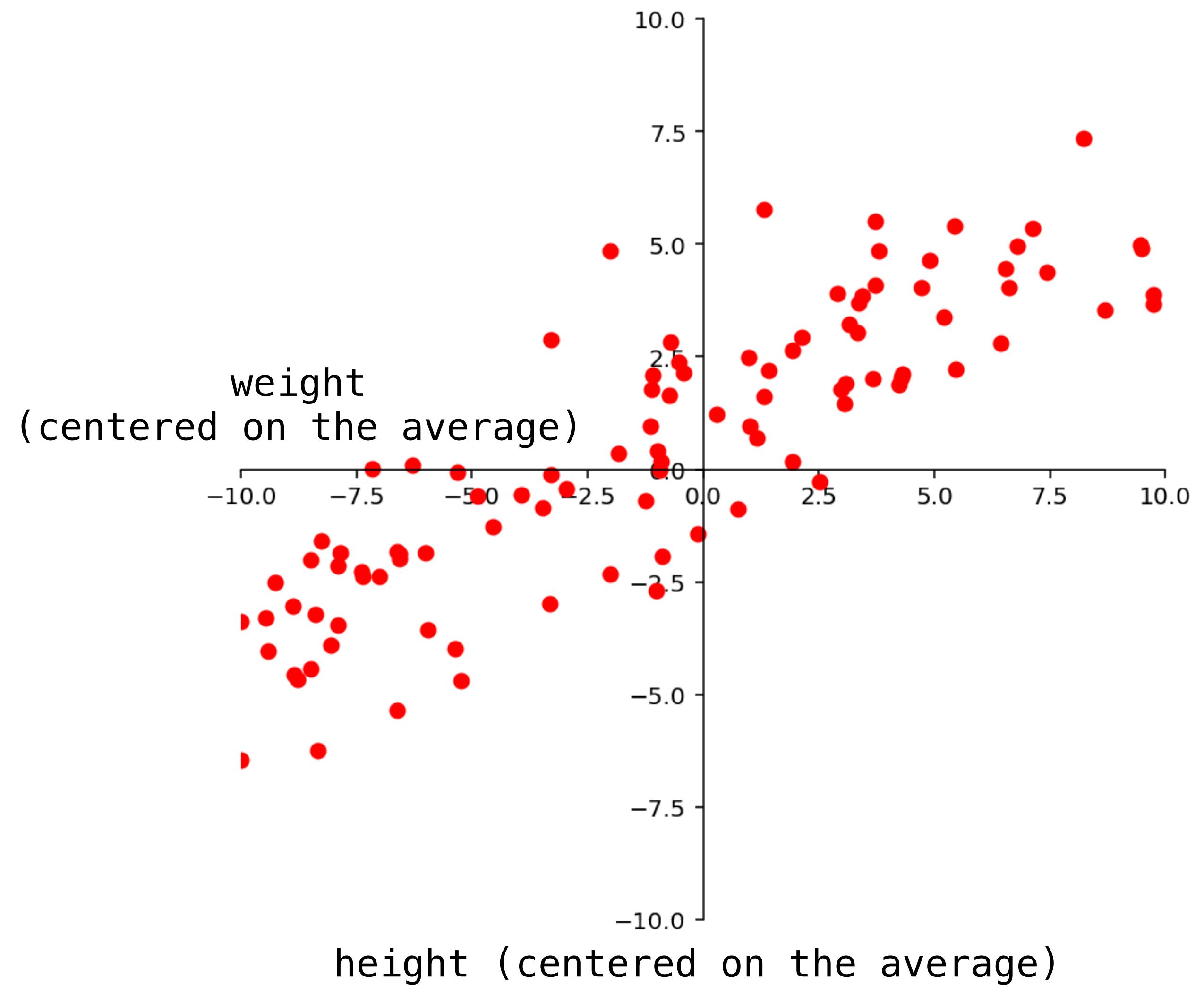
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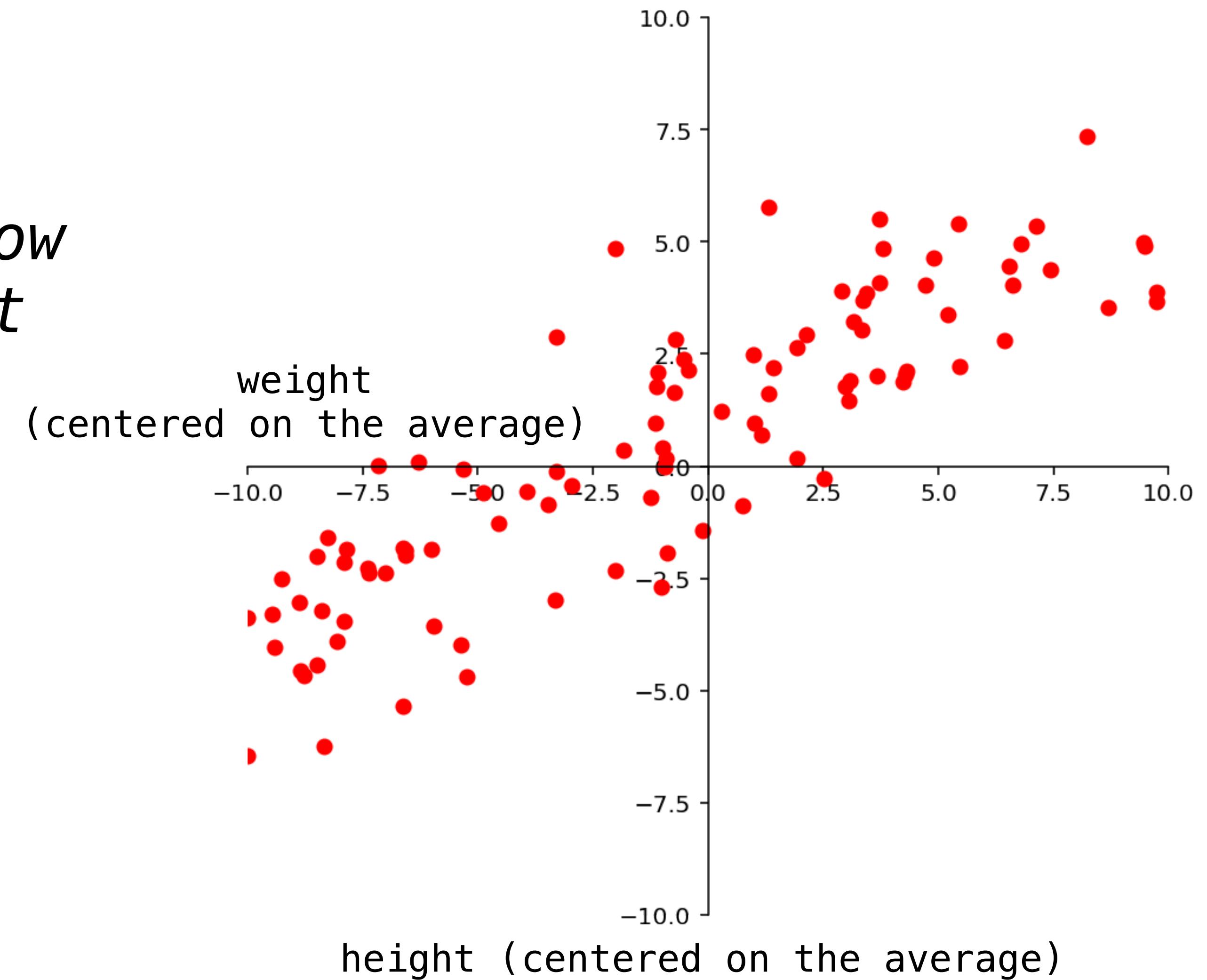
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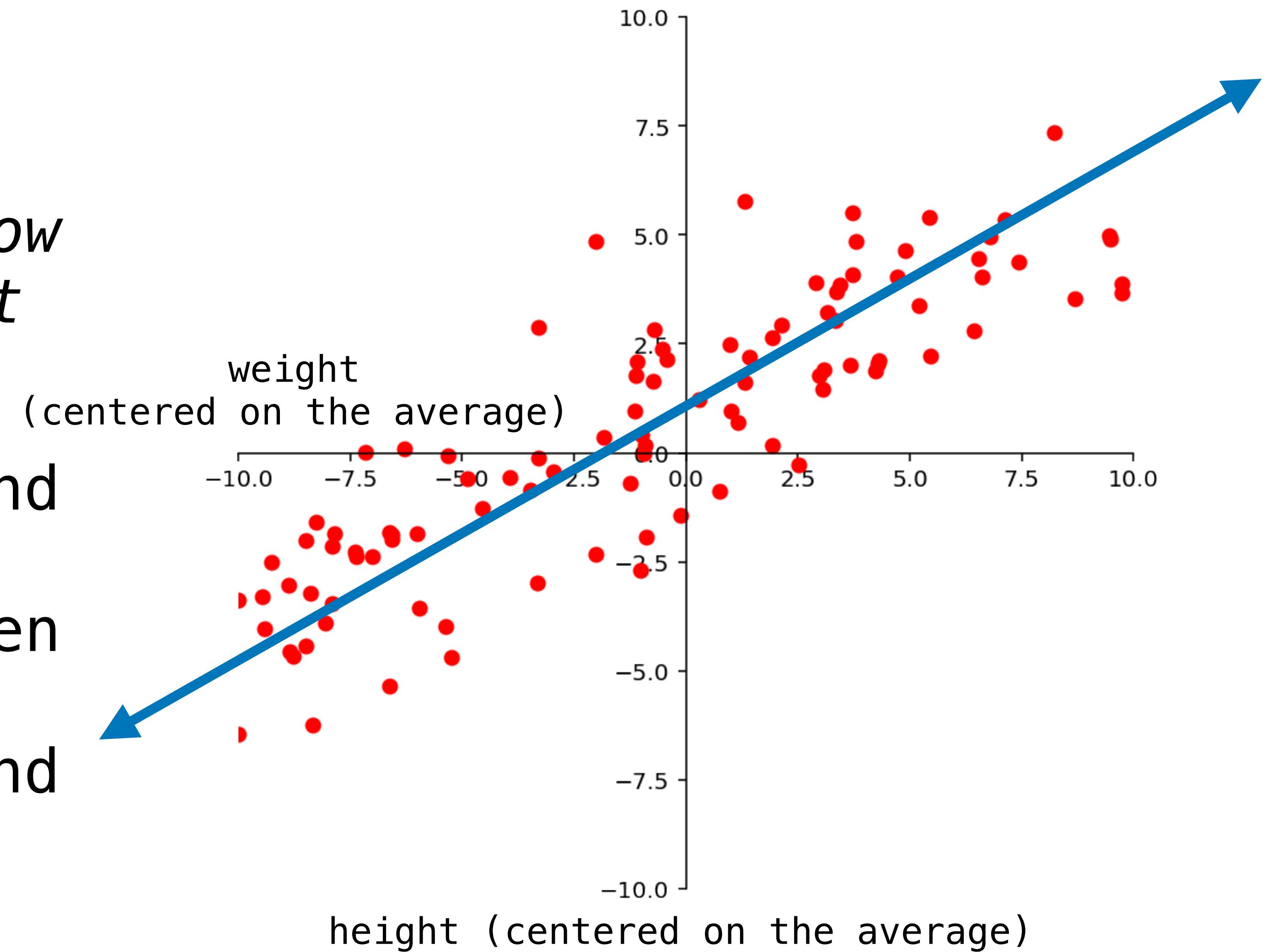
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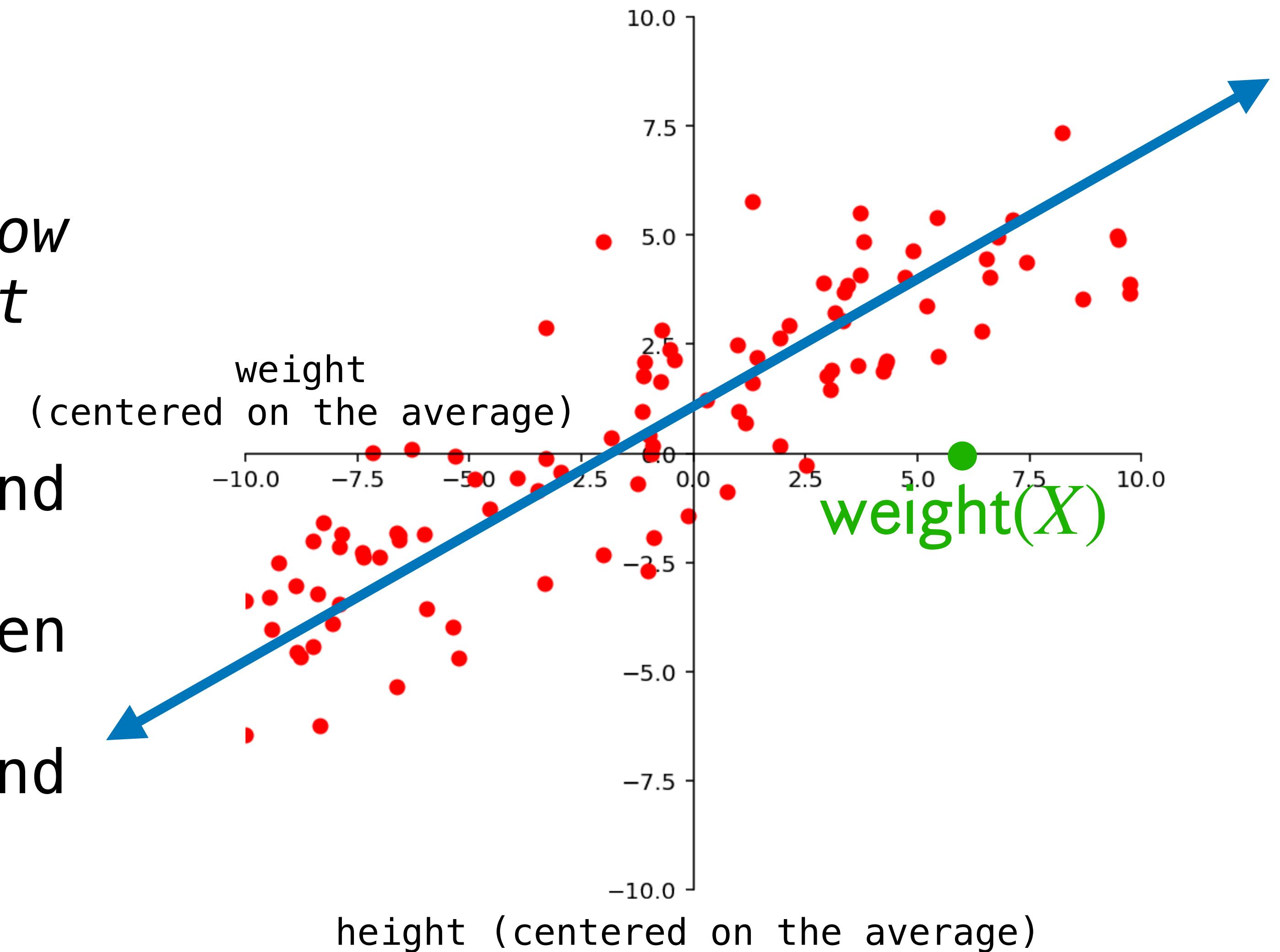
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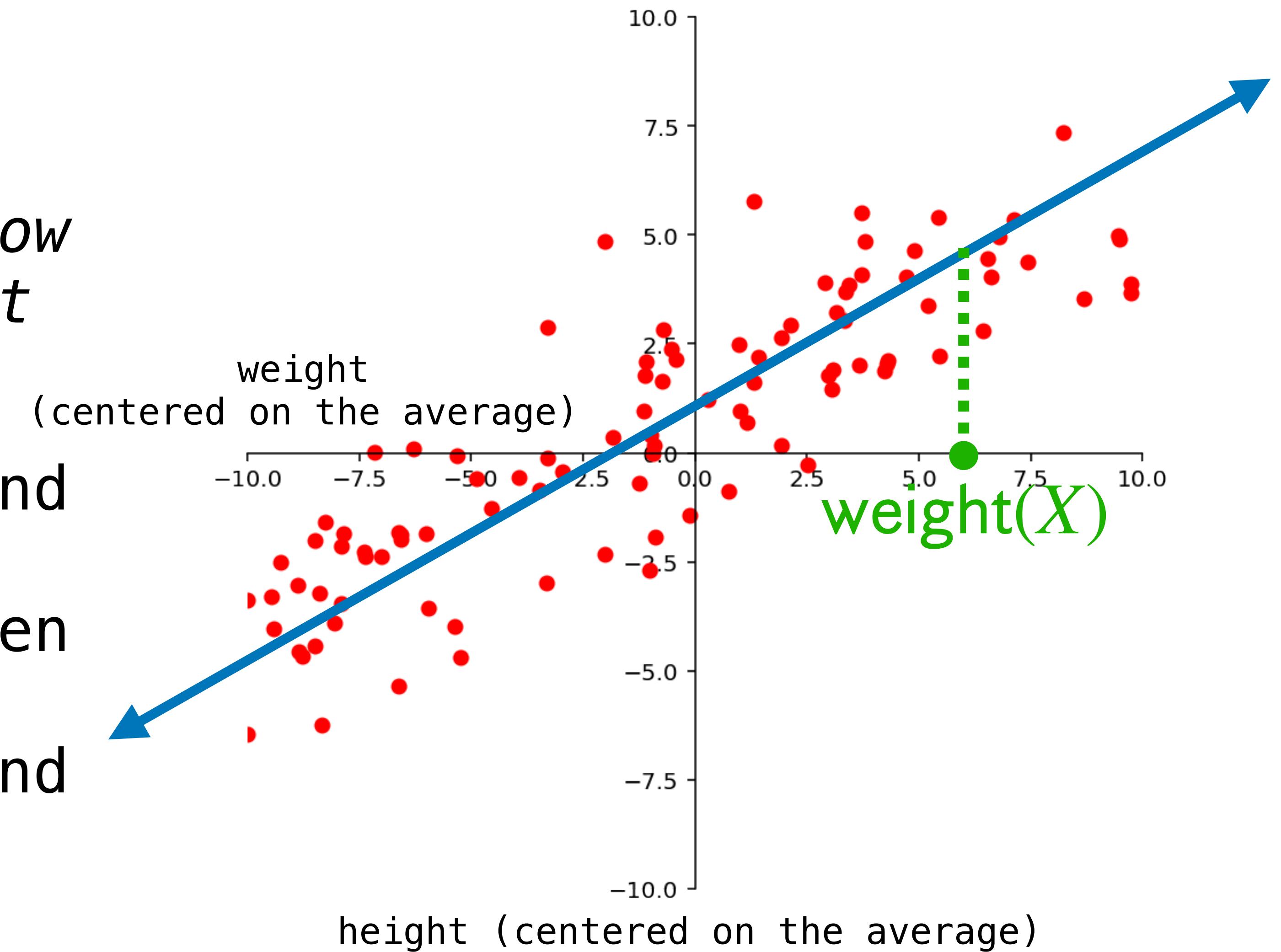
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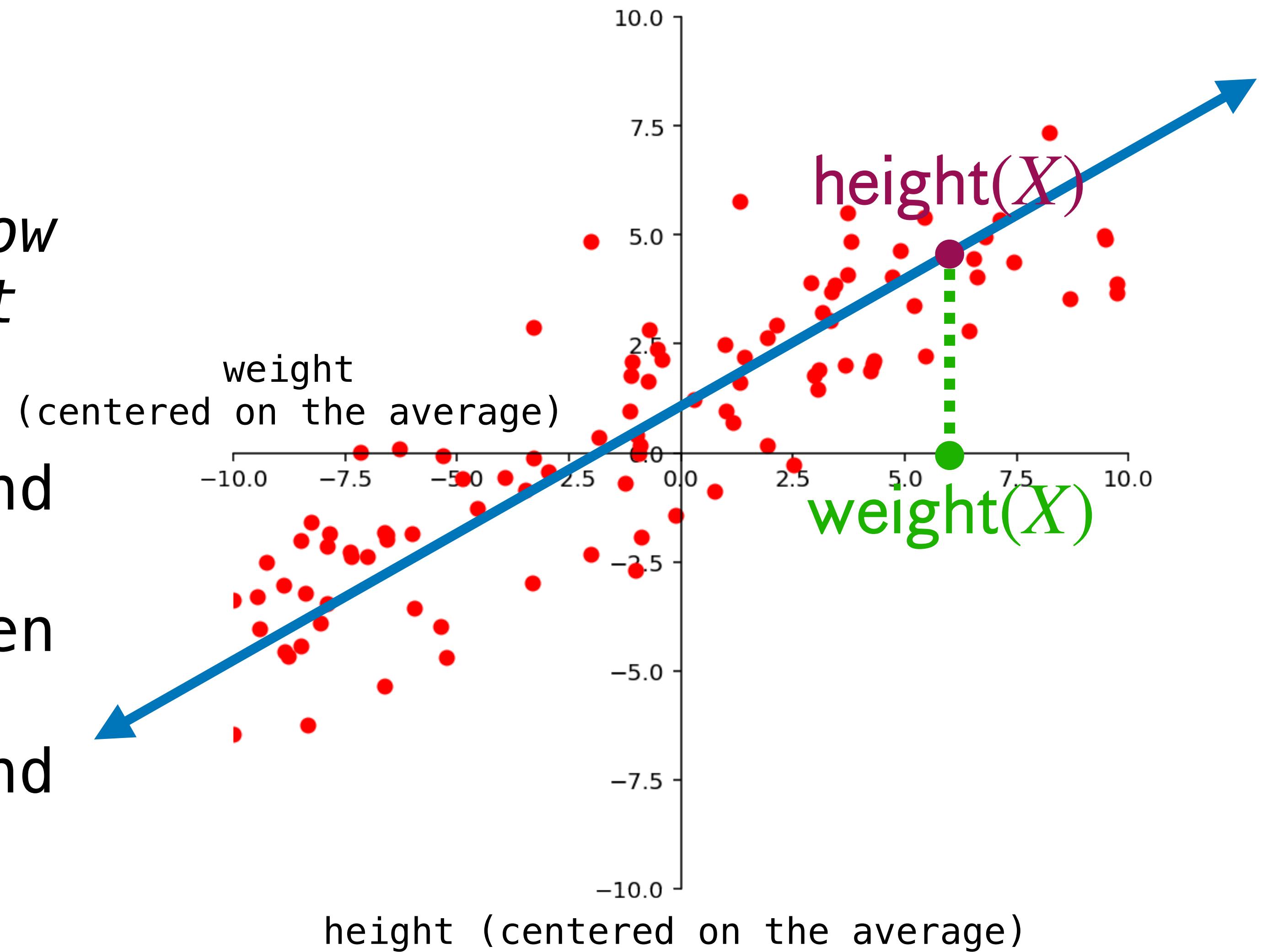
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# Question

*Find the line of best fit for the dataset*

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*If you have time, graph your result and use it to "predict" the corresponding value for the input 4.*

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# Linear Models and Least Squares Regression

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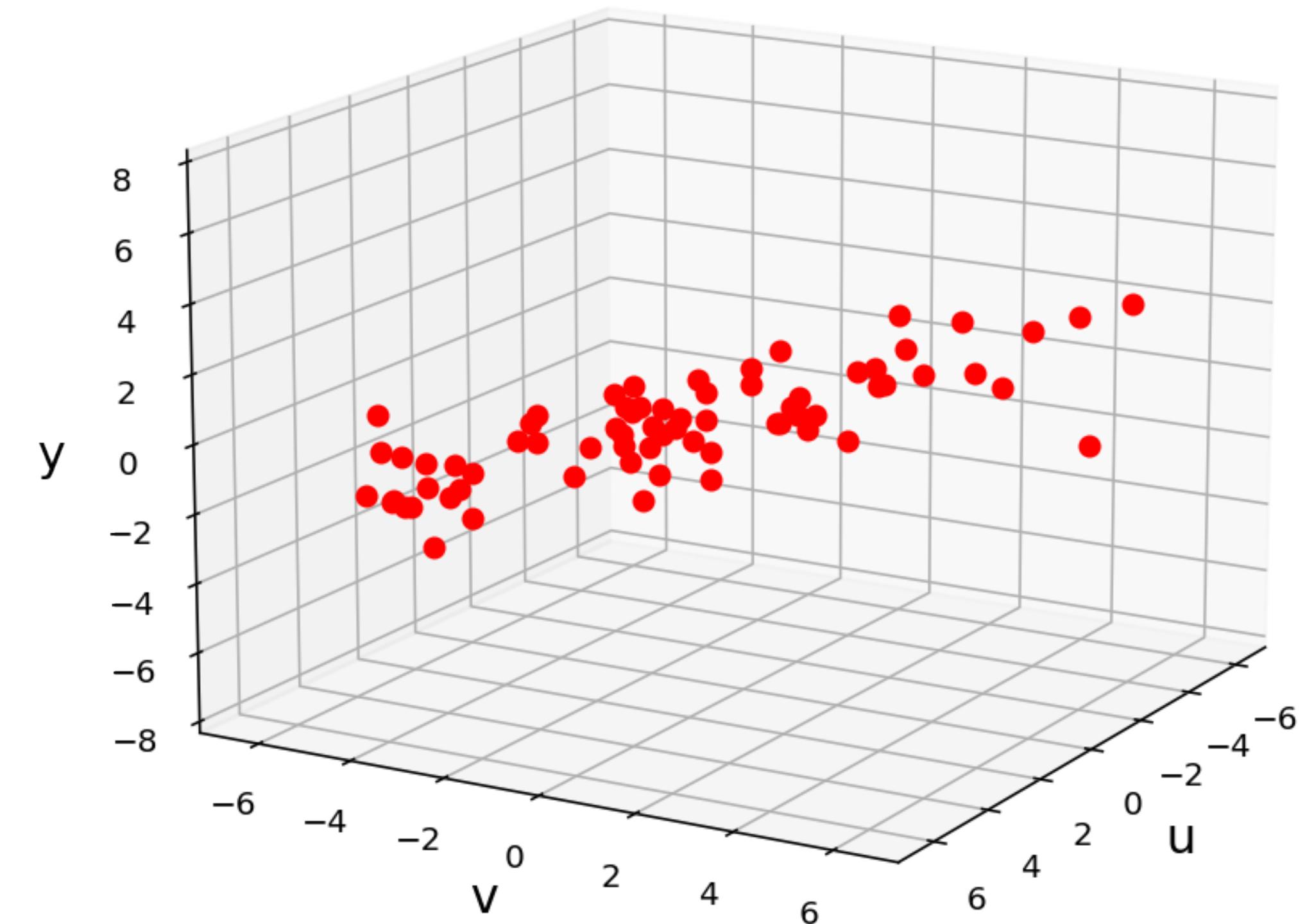
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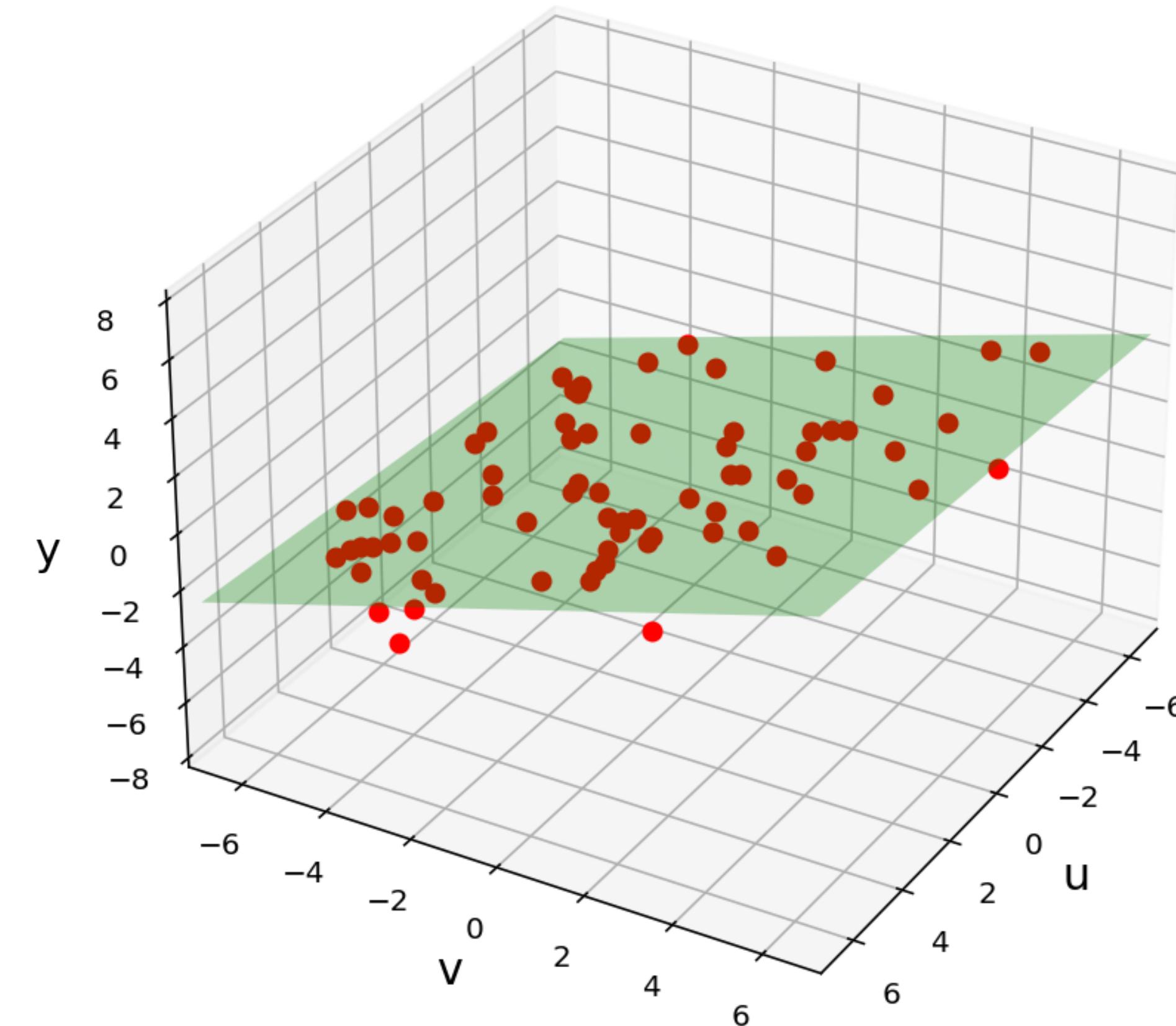
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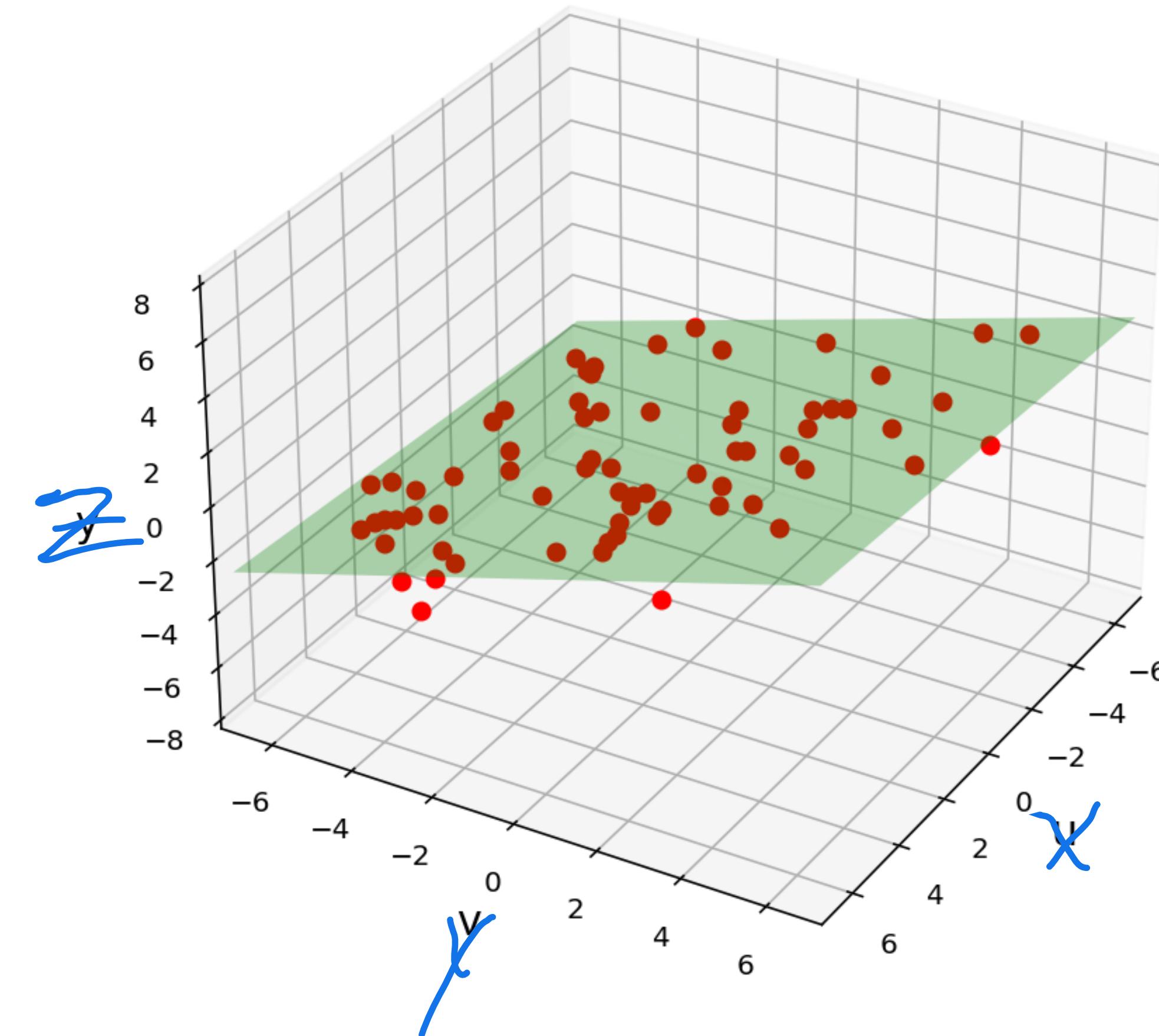
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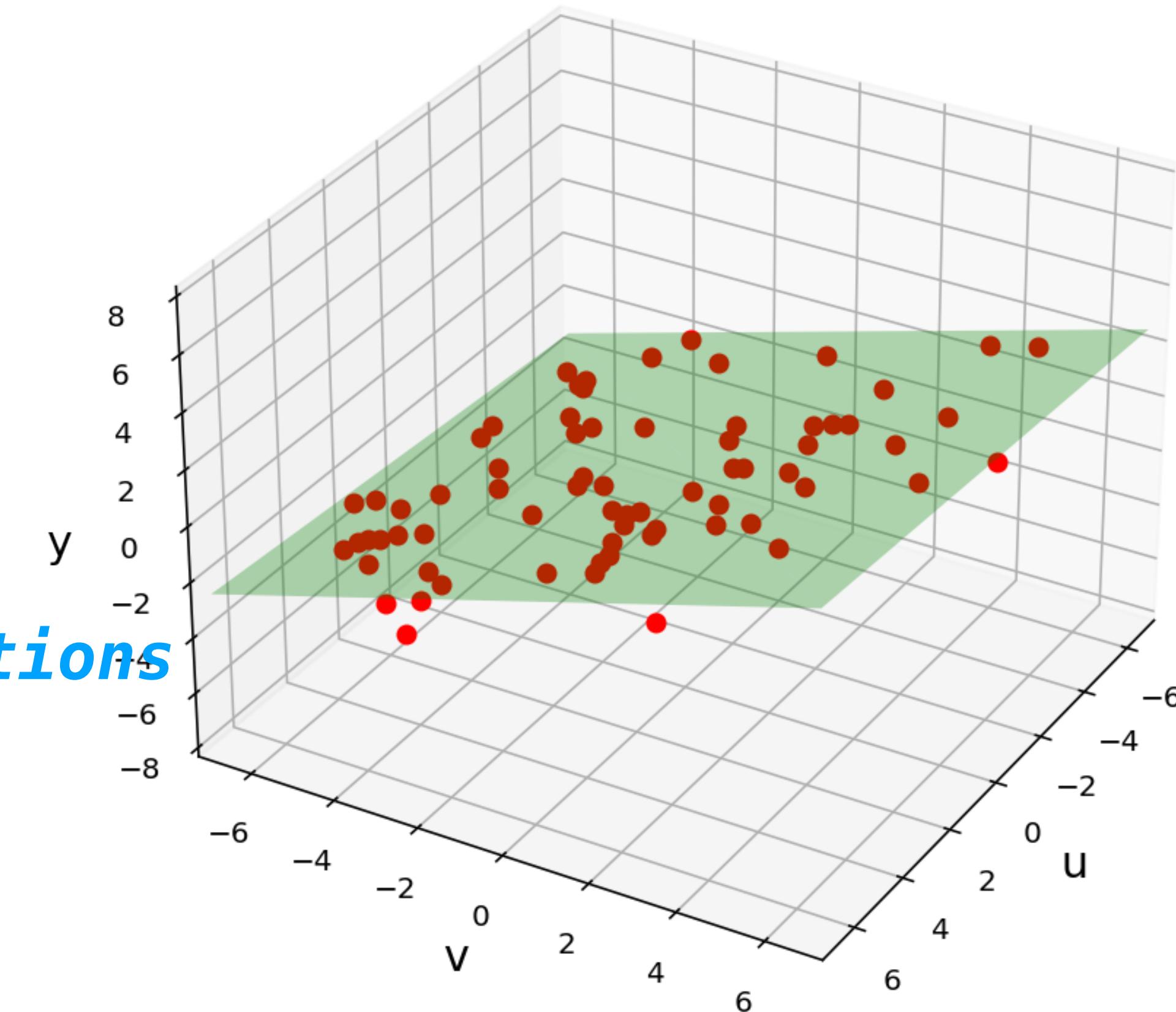
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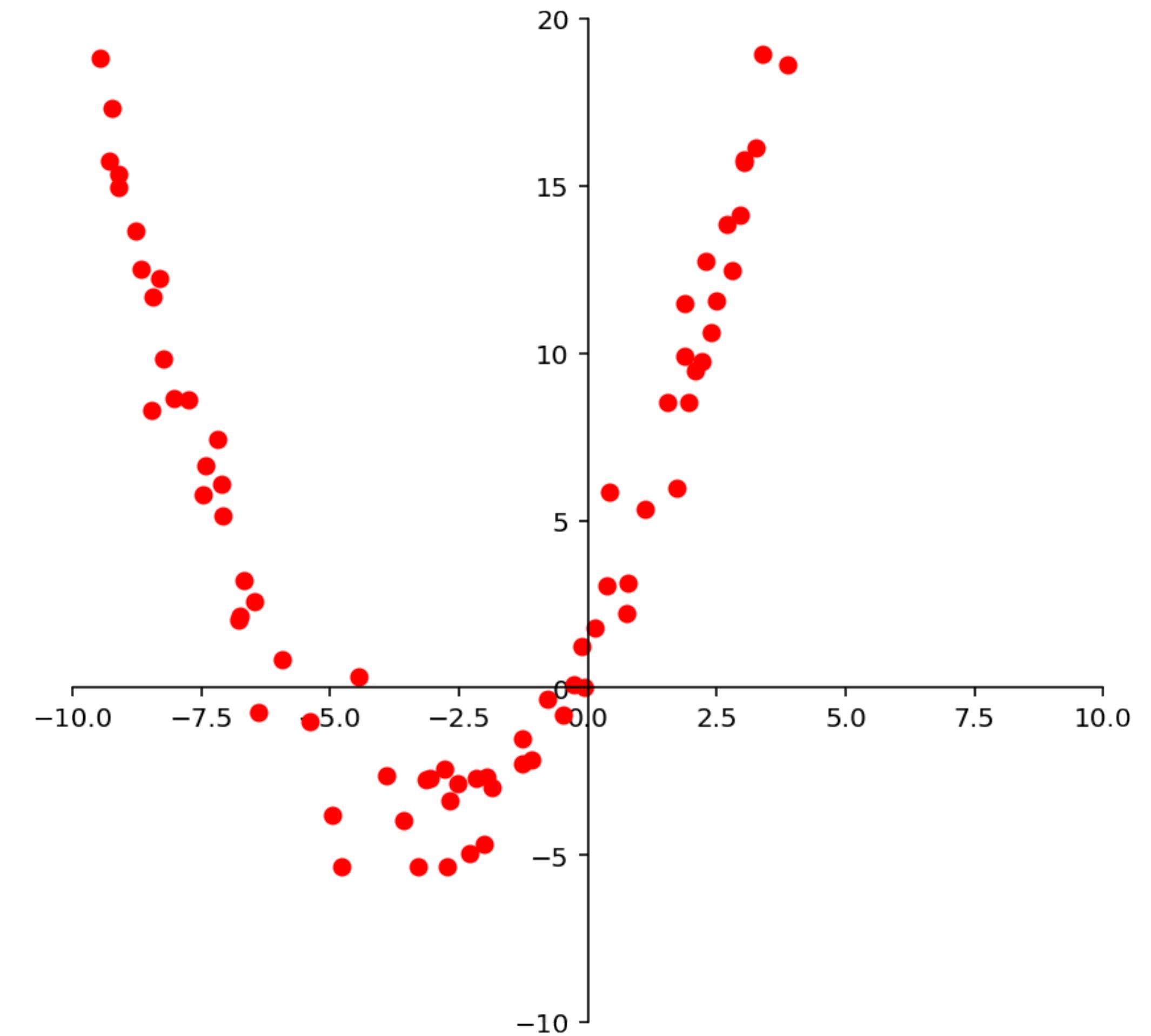
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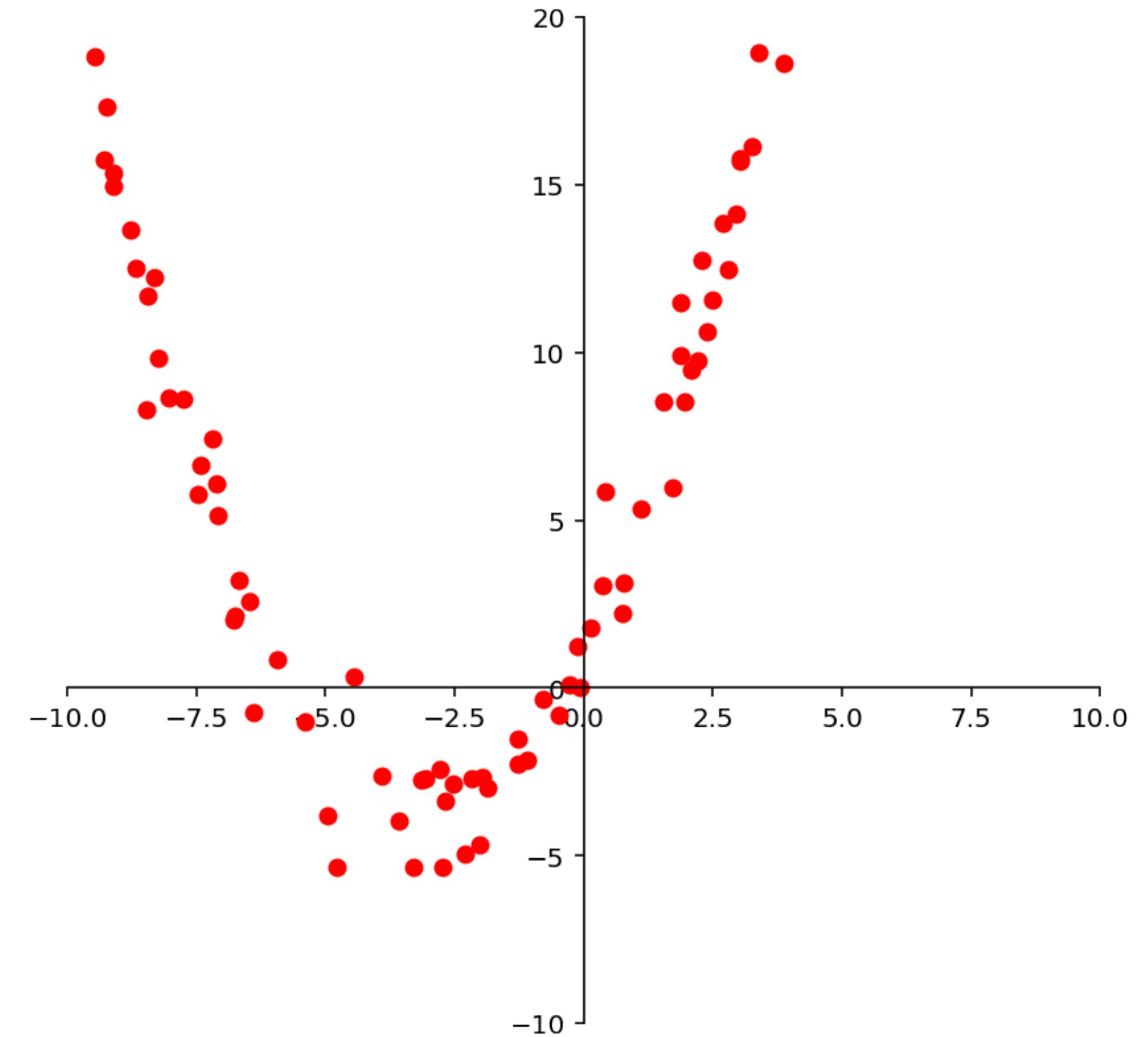
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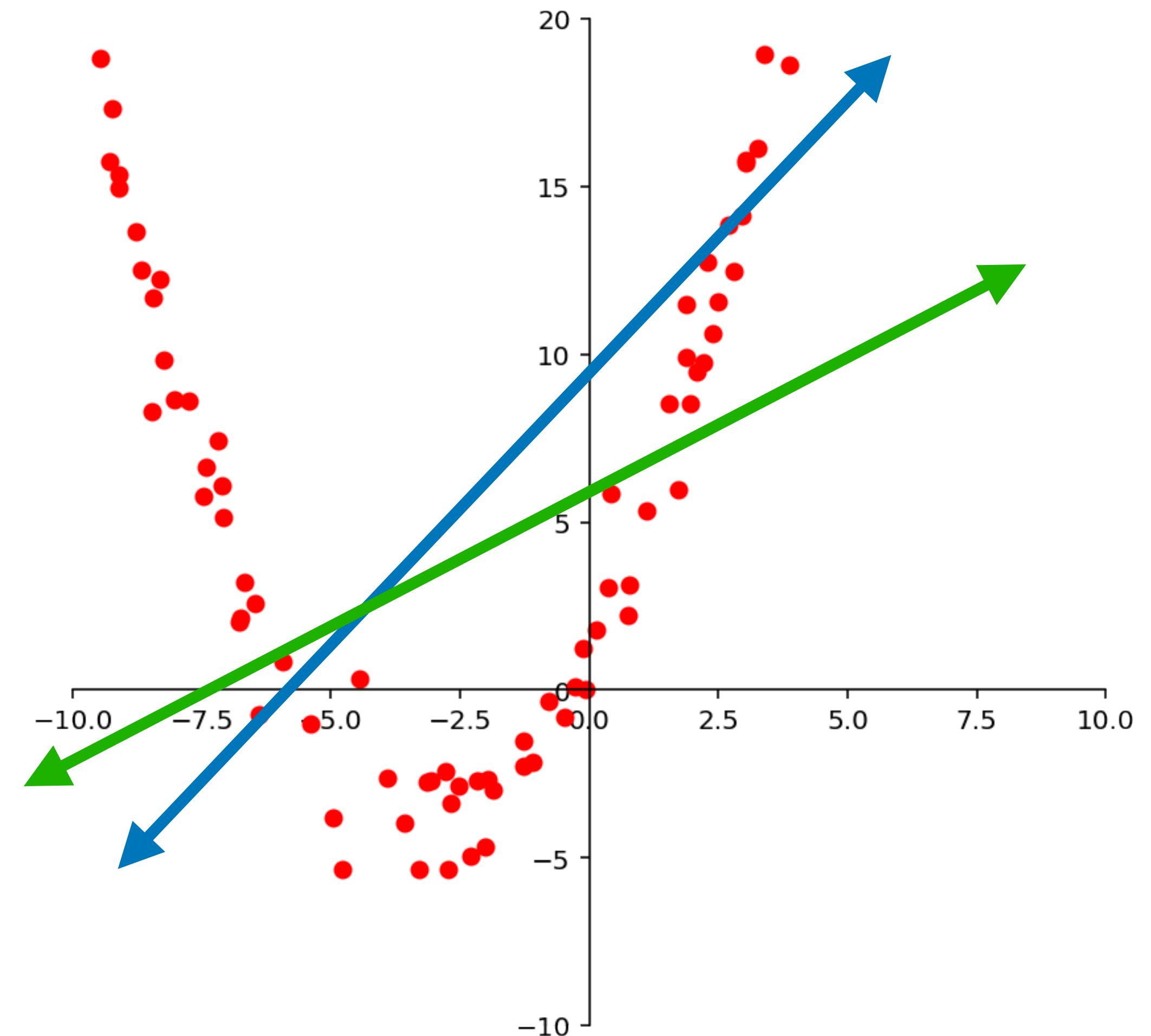
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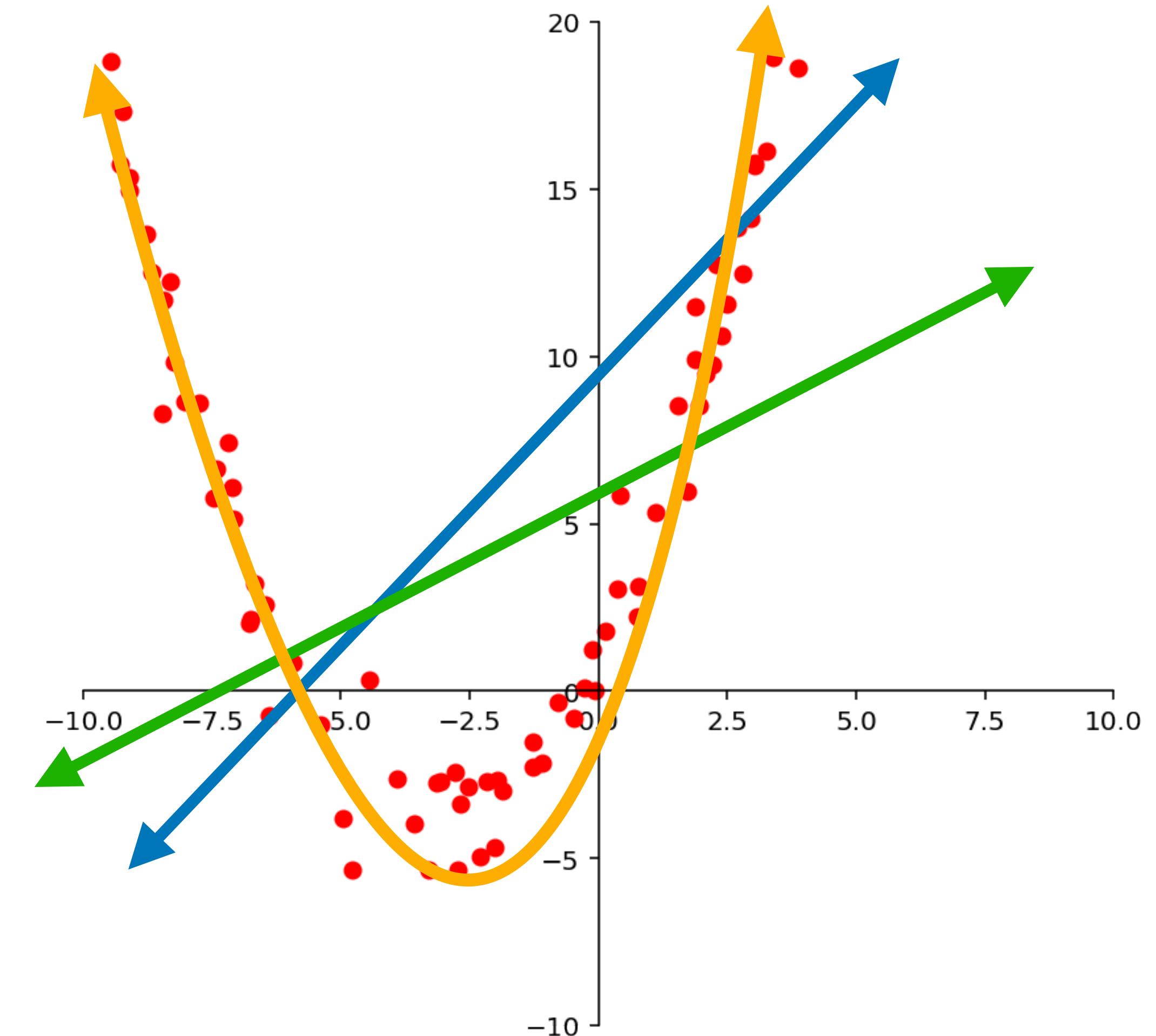


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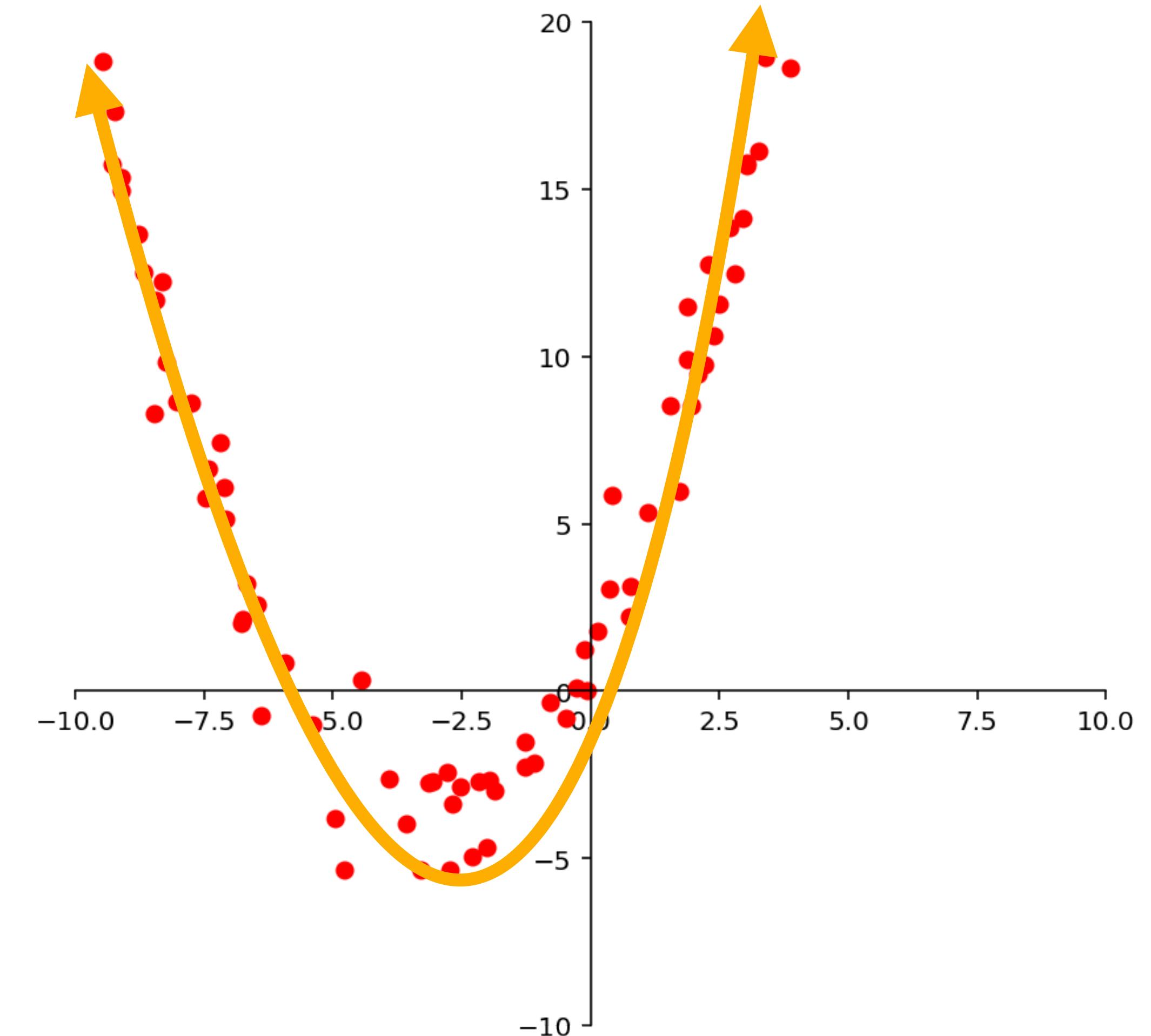
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# The Takeaway

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$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \beta_1 \phi_1(\mathbf{x}) + \beta_2 \phi_2(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + \beta_k \phi_k(\mathbf{x})$$

for functions  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

**Example:**

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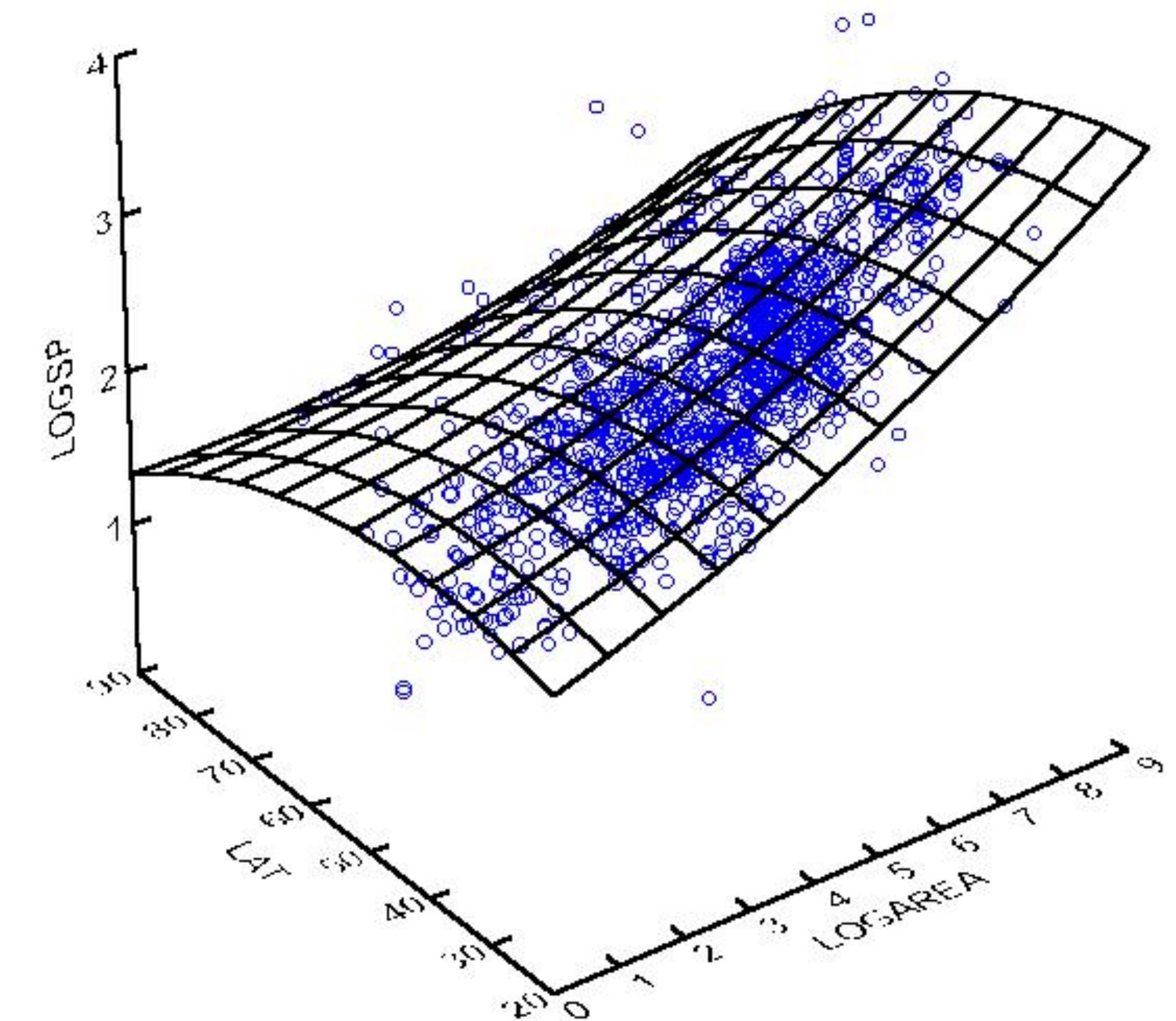
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**Problem.** Given a function

$$f_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

which is *linear in the parameters*  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$ , find values for  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$  which minimize

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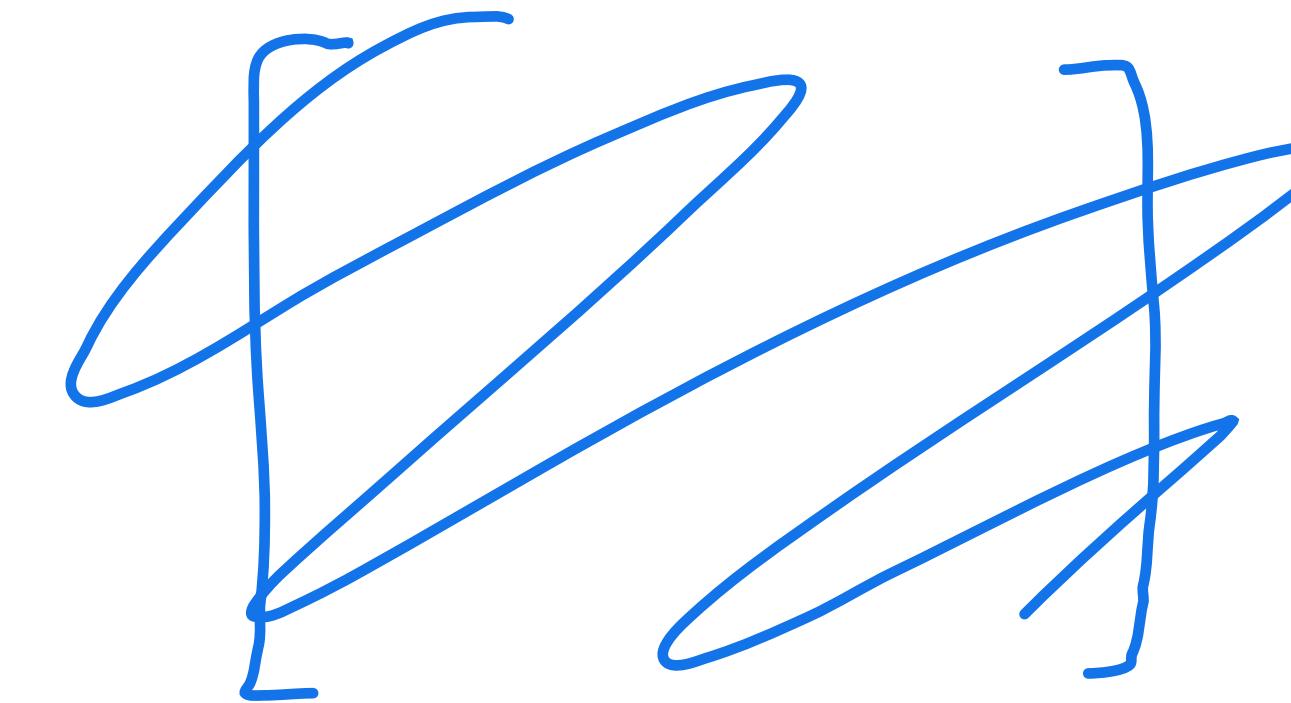
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# Question

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$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for the dataset

2 data pts  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 &= (0, 0, 0) & y_1 &= 5 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= (\pi, 3, 1) & y_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer:**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & e^{-3\pi} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\beta_1(\cos(0)-0) + \beta_2(e^{-f(0)x_0}) + \beta_3 = 5$$

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