

# Generalized linear models, linear regression, parameter inference, the $F$ test, credit assignment

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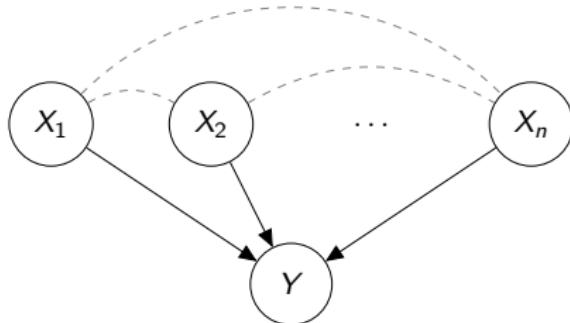
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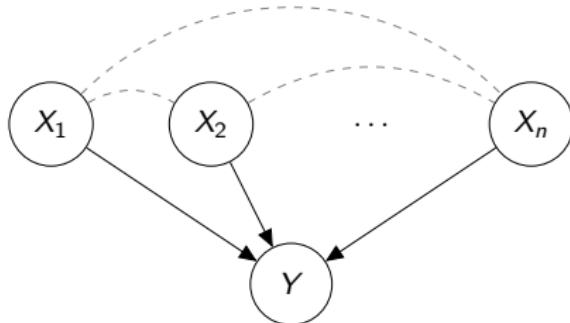
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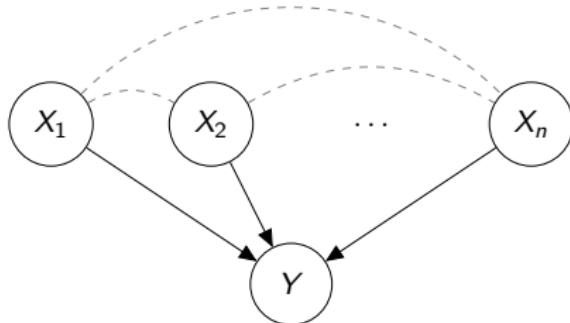
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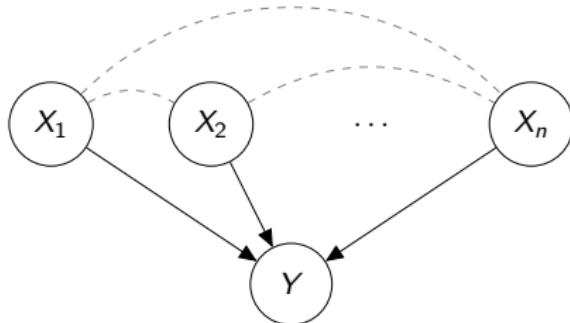
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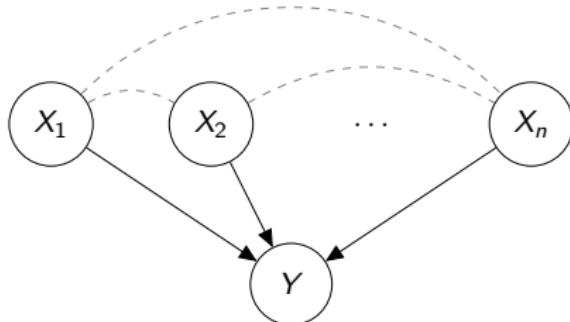
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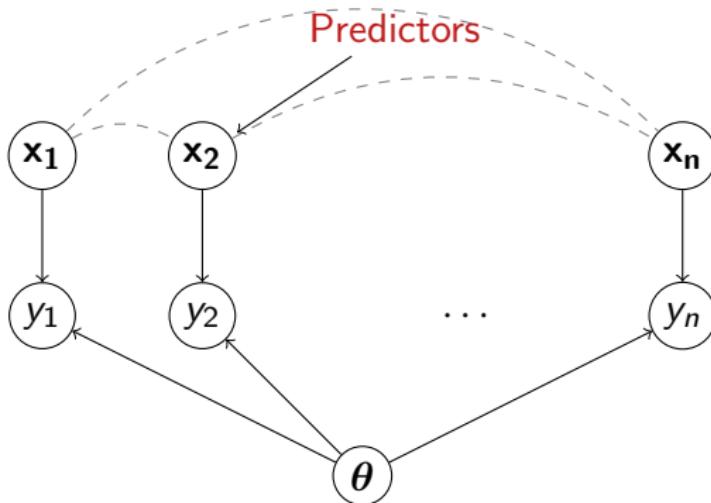
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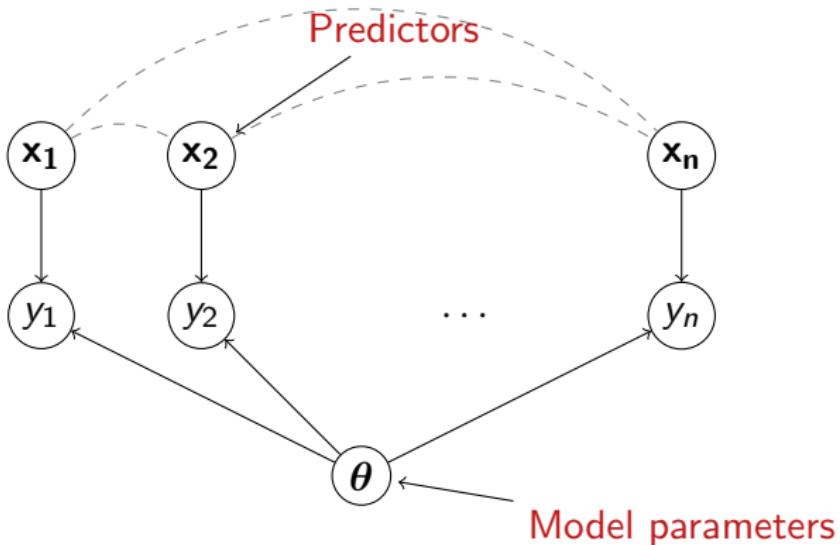
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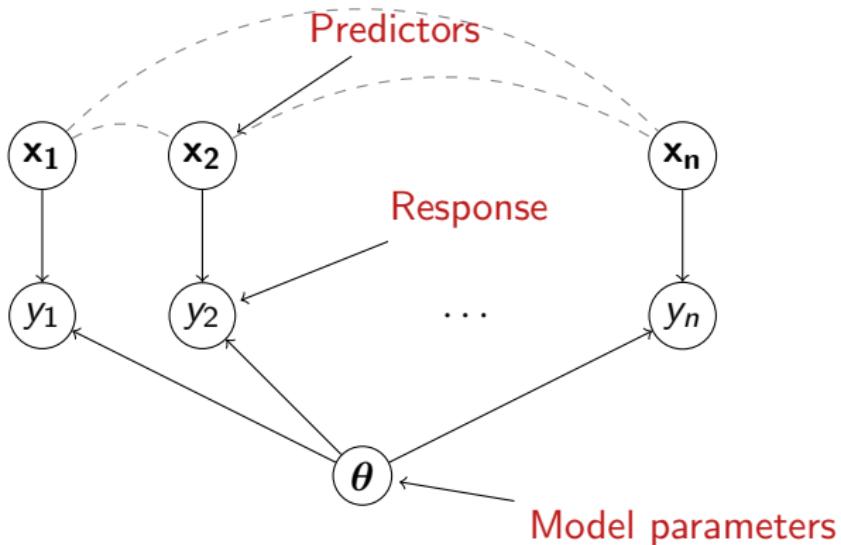
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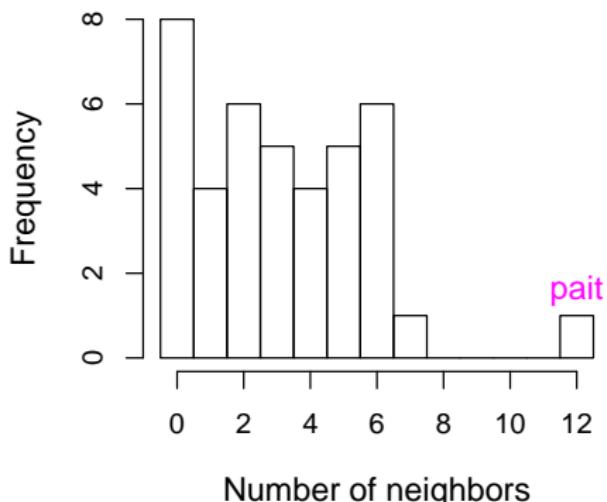
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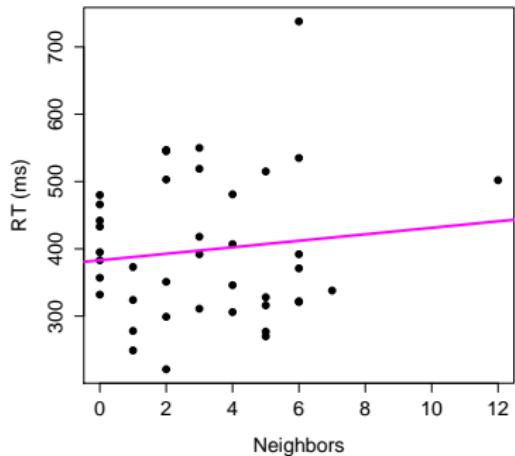
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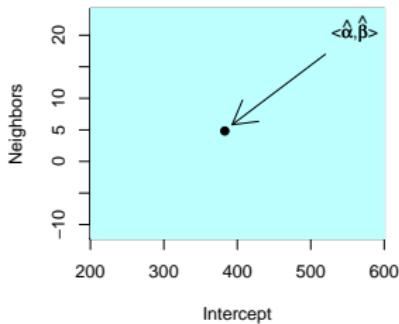
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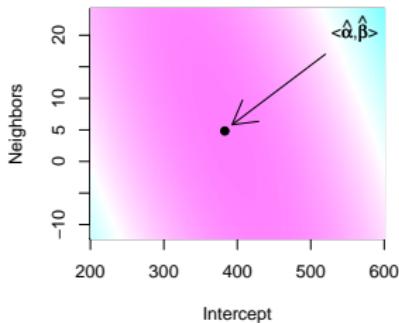
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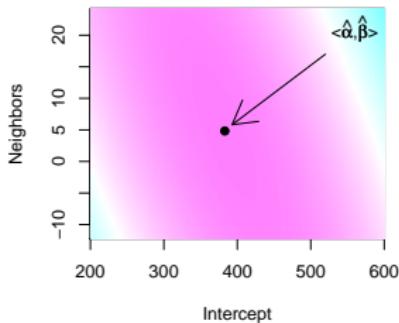
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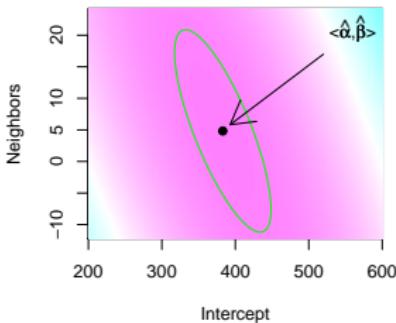
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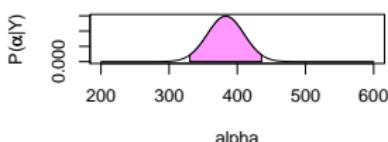
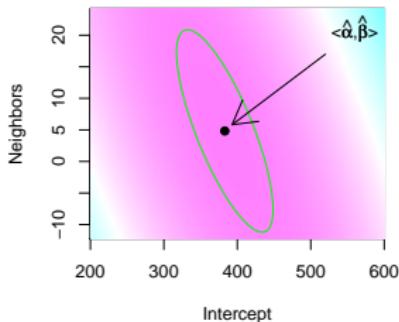
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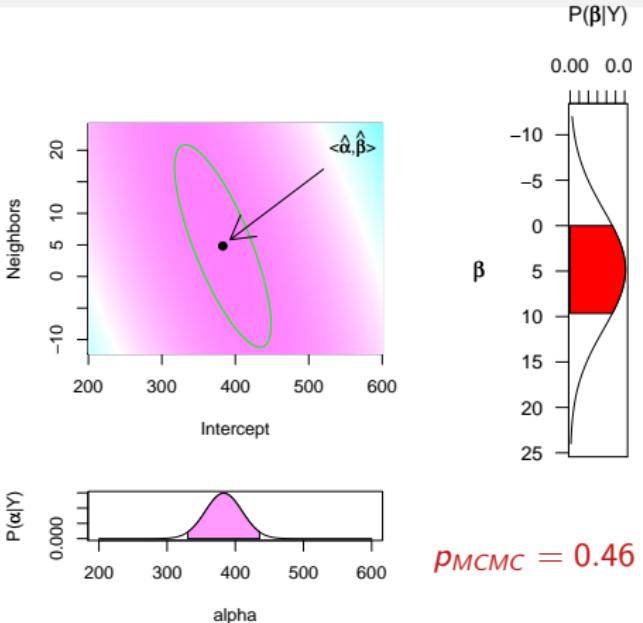
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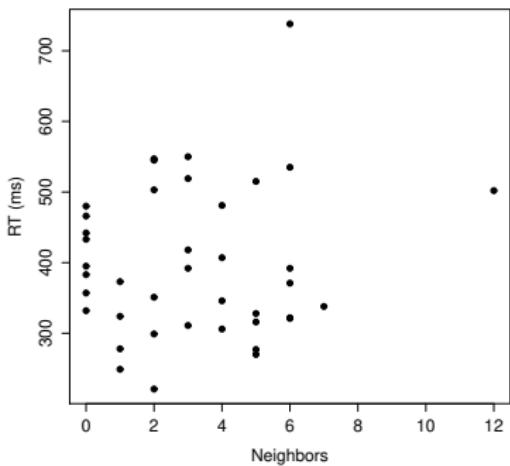
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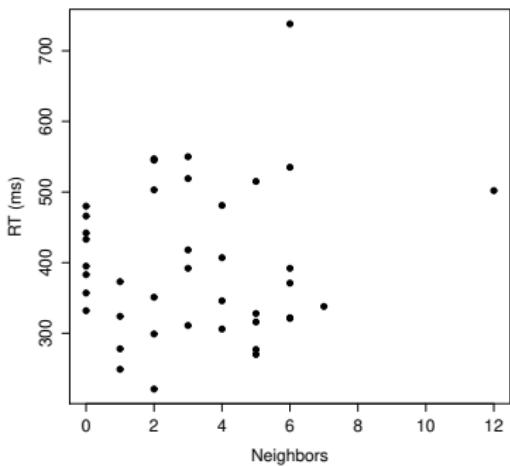
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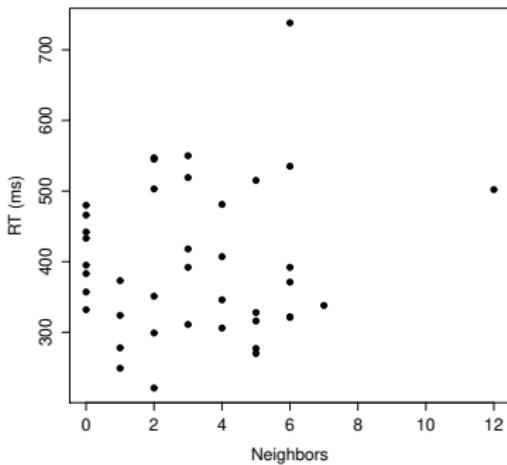
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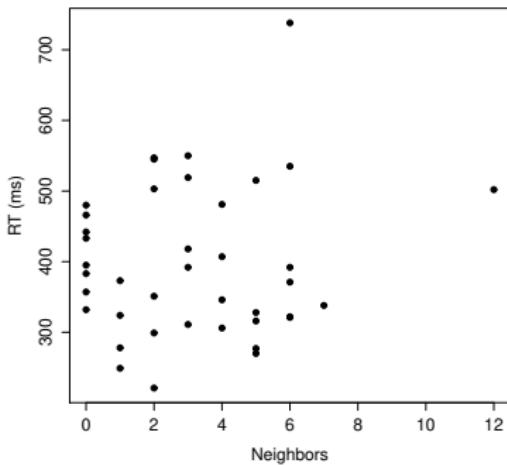
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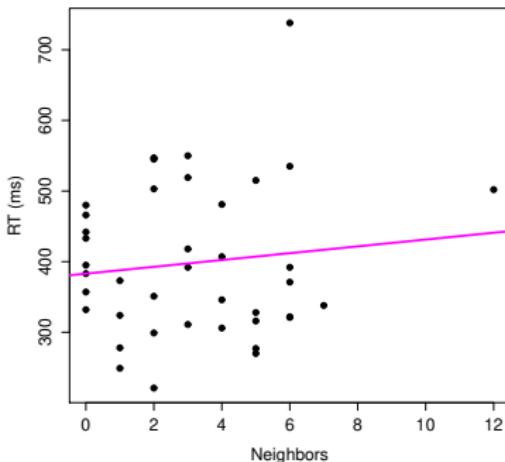
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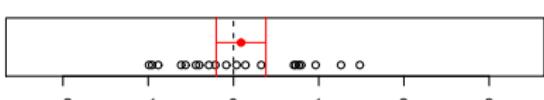
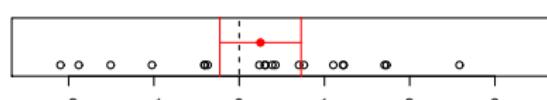
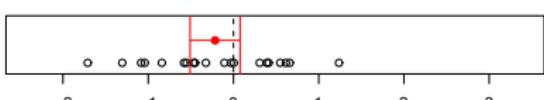
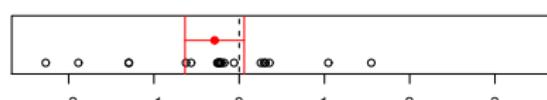
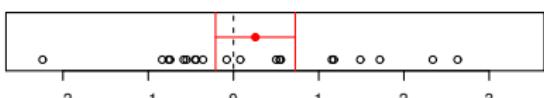
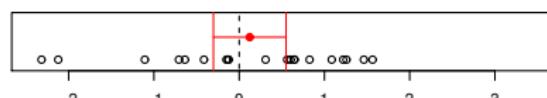
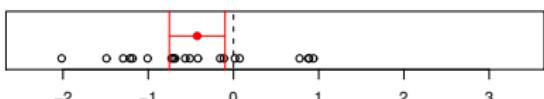
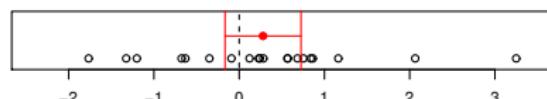
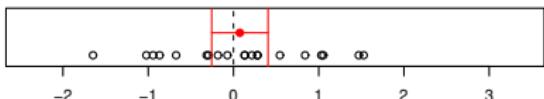
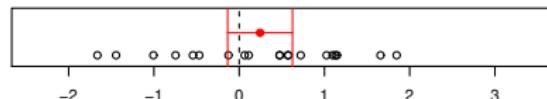
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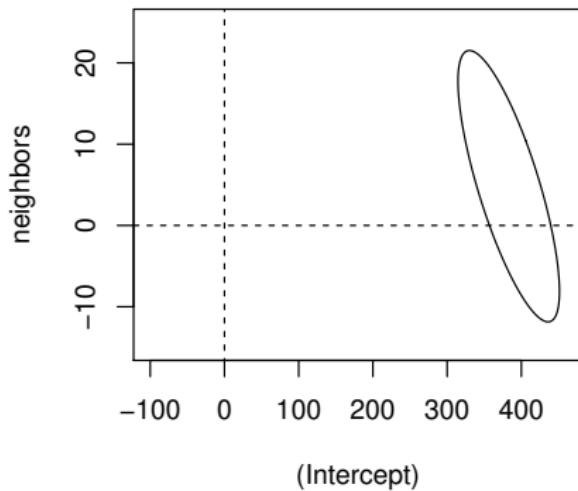
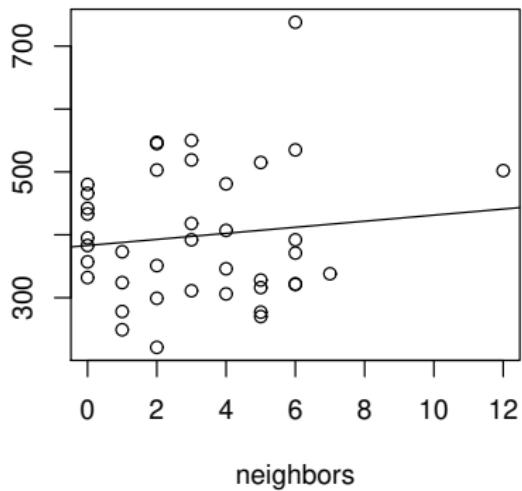
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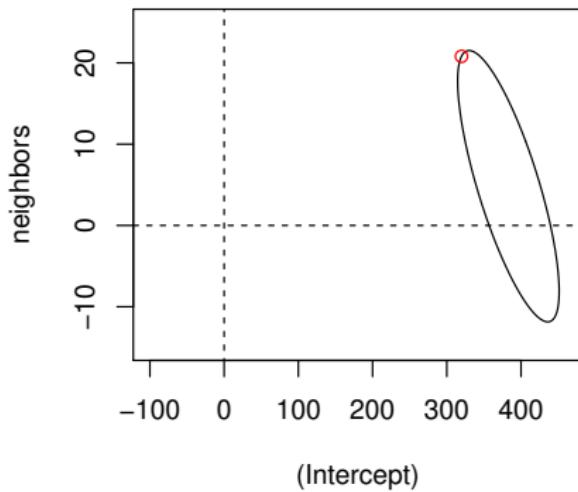
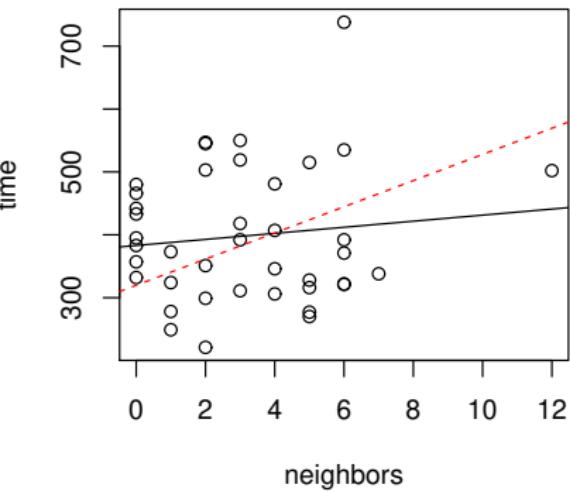
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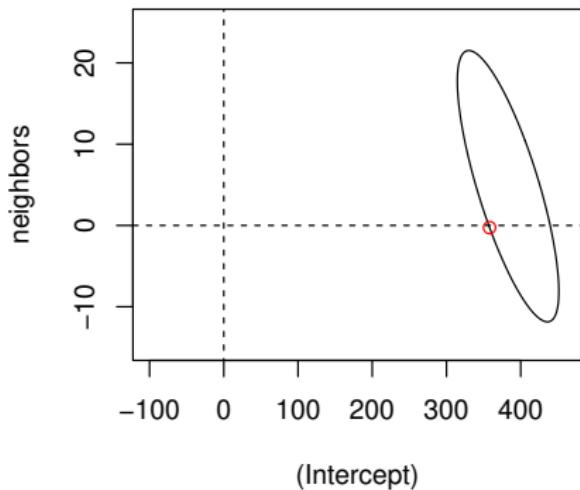
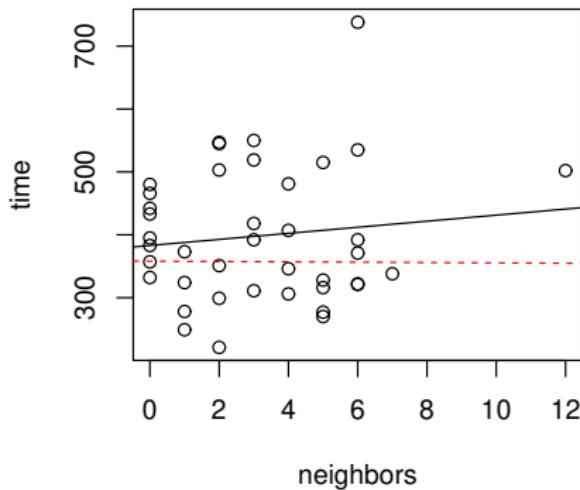
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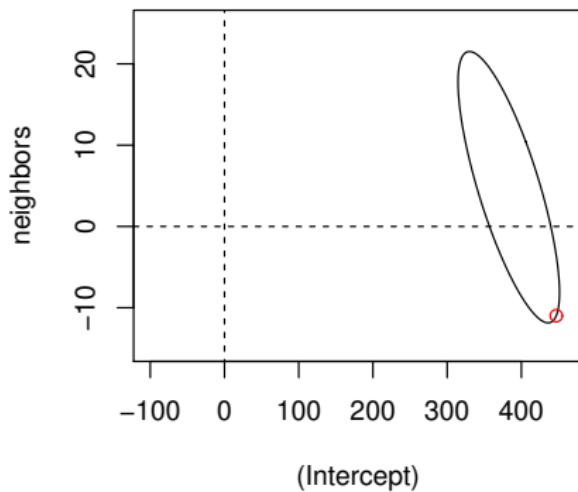
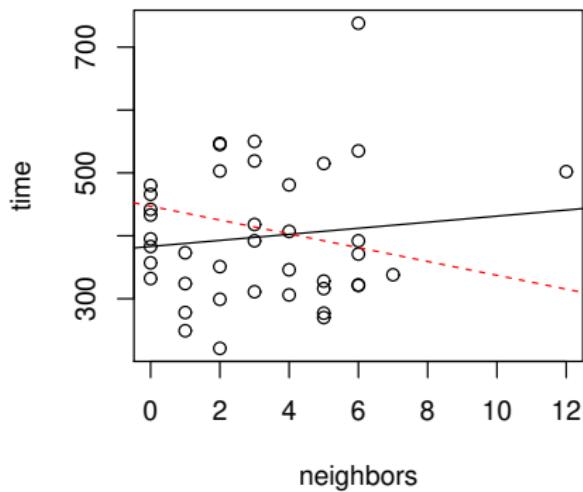
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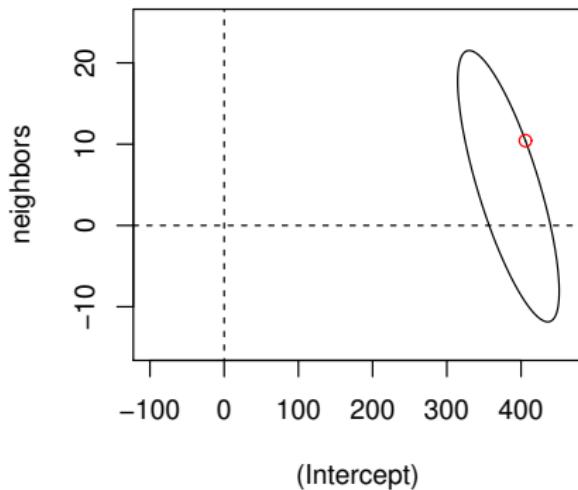
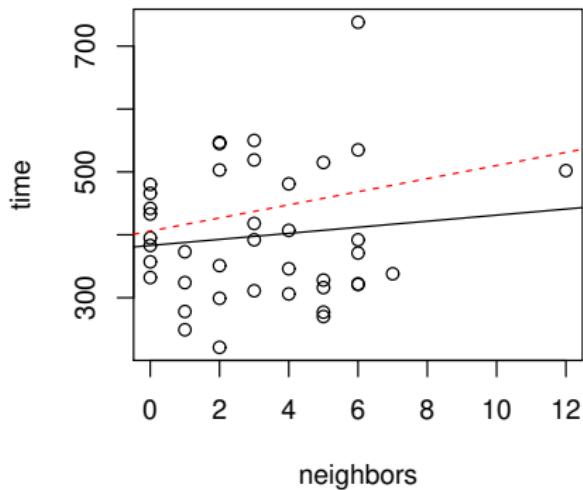
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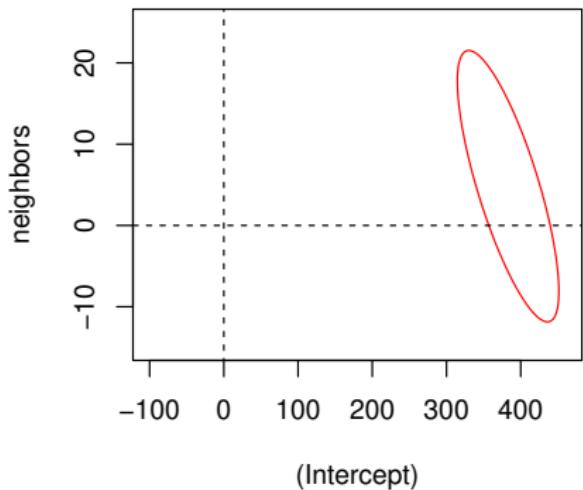
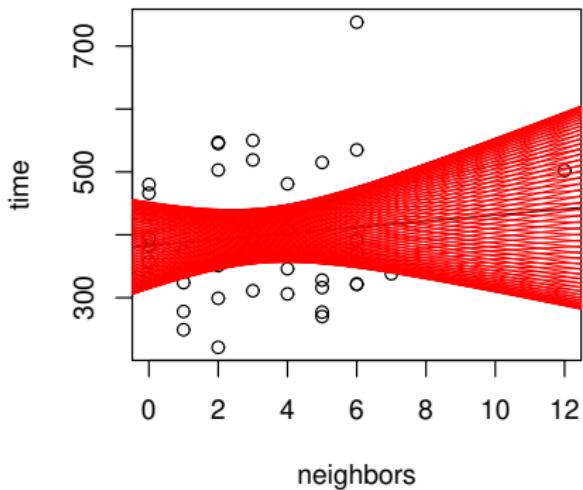
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##
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##       Min     1Q   Median     3Q    Max 
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## 
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) 469.1812   9.0089  52.080 < 2e-16 ***
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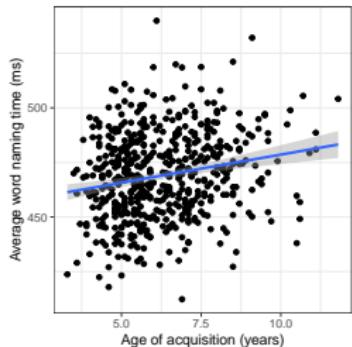
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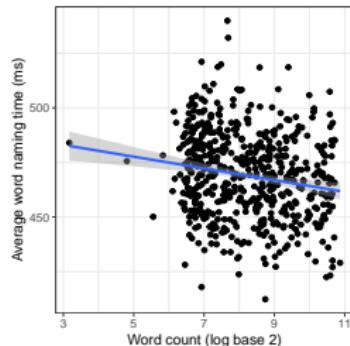
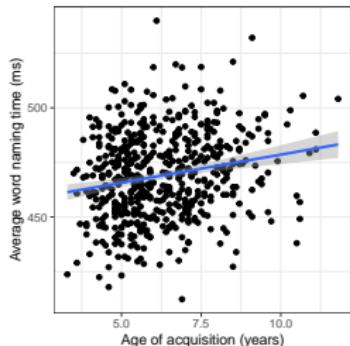
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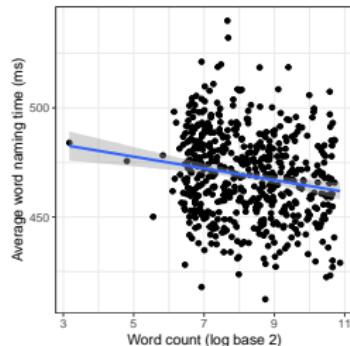
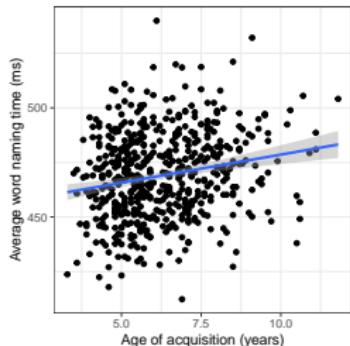
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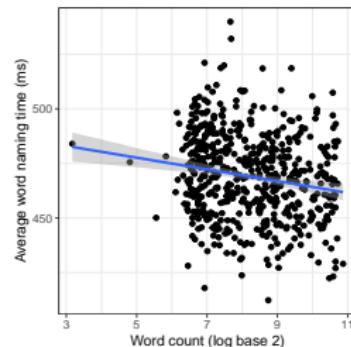
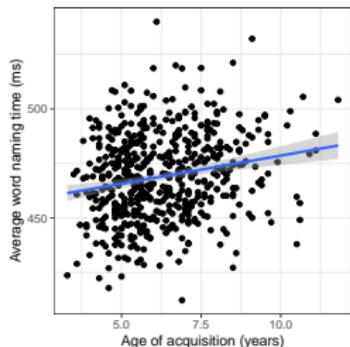
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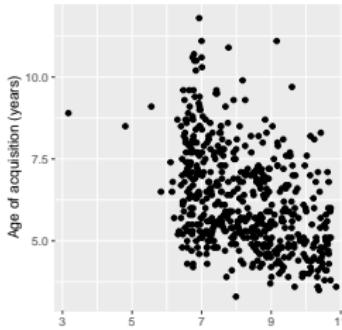
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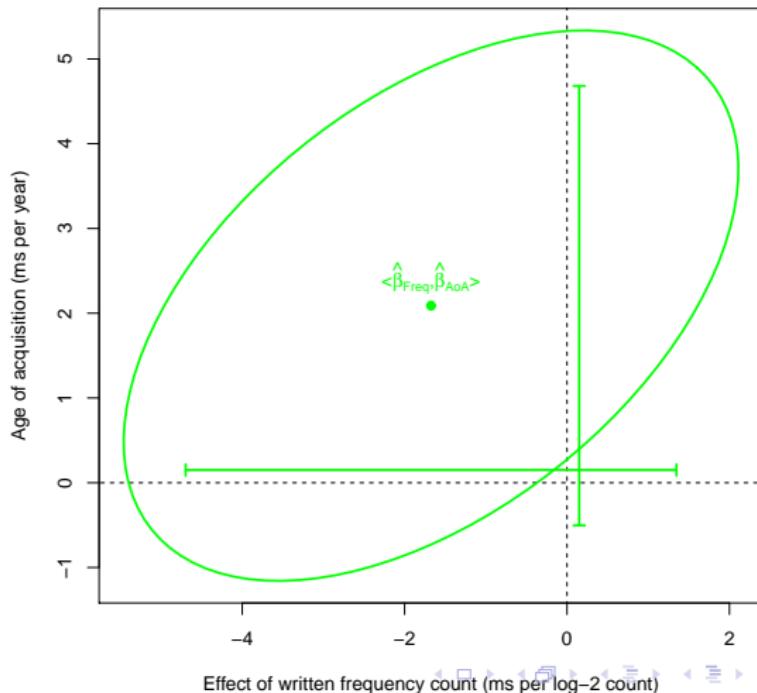
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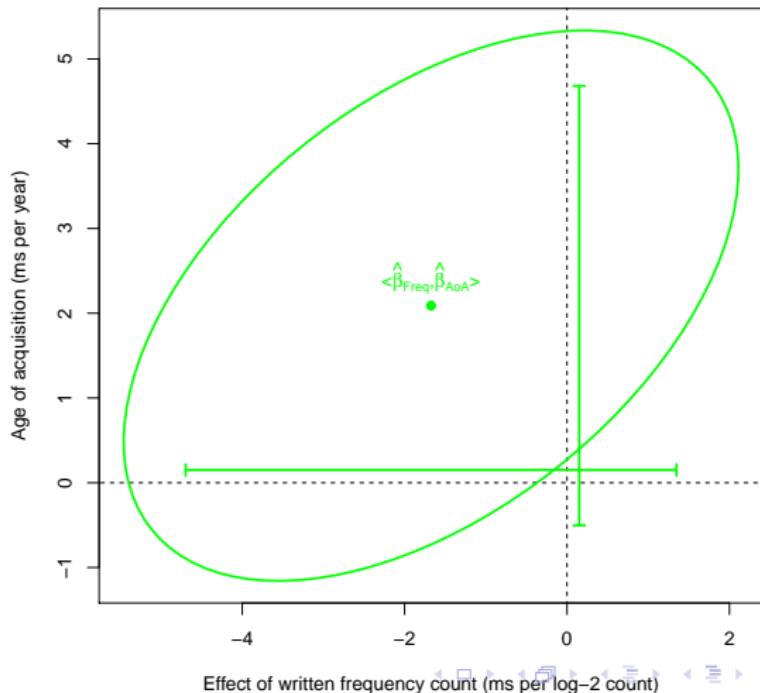
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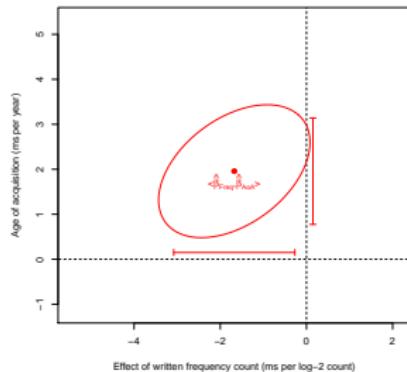
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##
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## (Intercept) 471.958    17.893   26.376 <2e-16 ***
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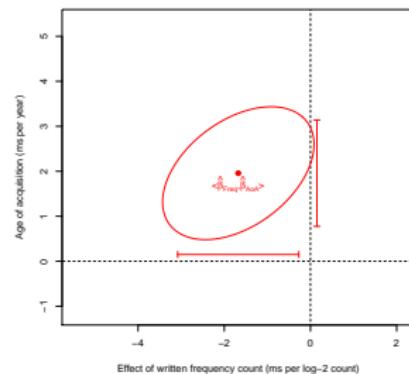
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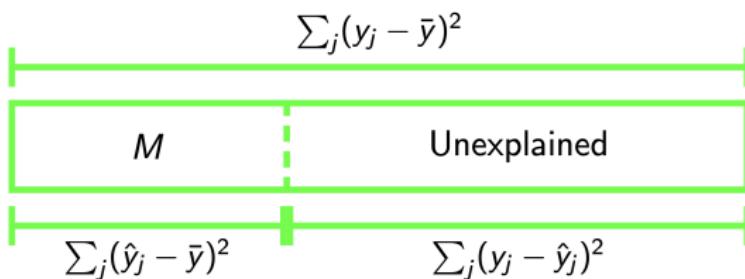
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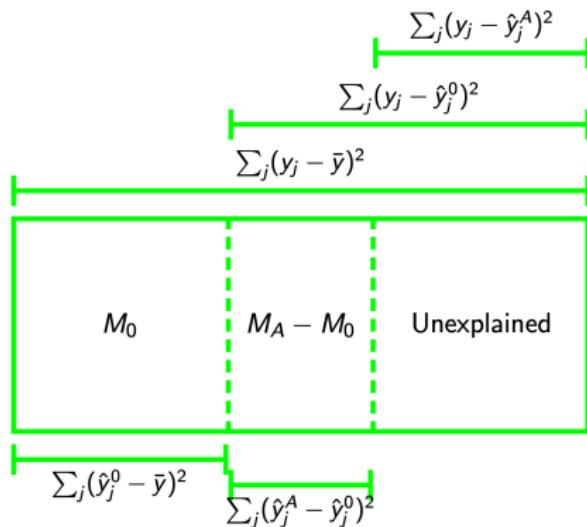
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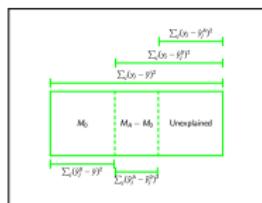
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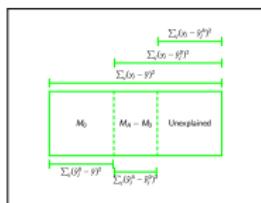
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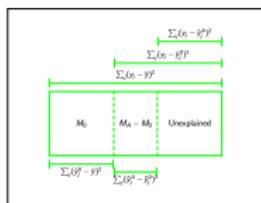
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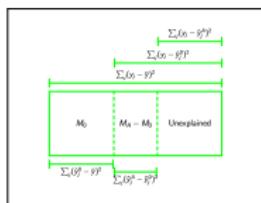


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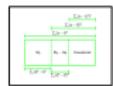
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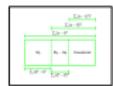
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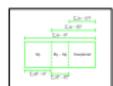
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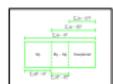
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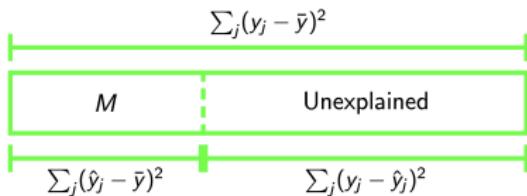
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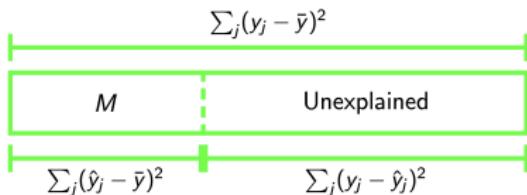
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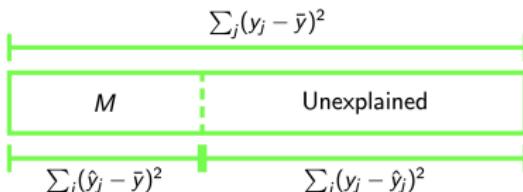
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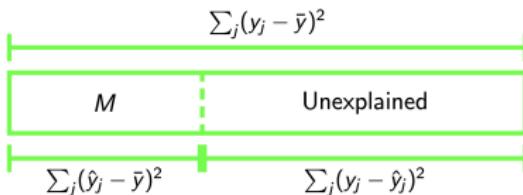
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