



# Local Polynomial Regression

## Statistical Machine Learning - Individual project

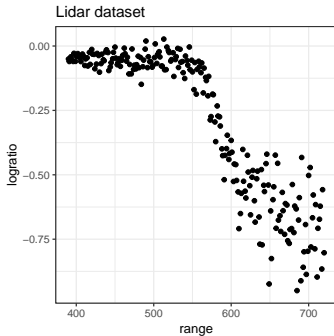
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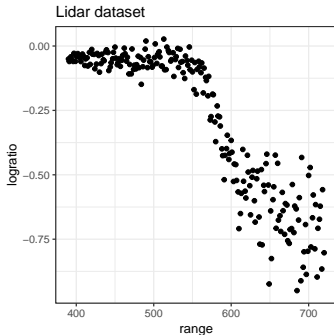
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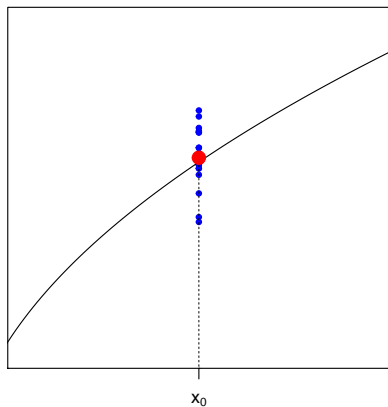
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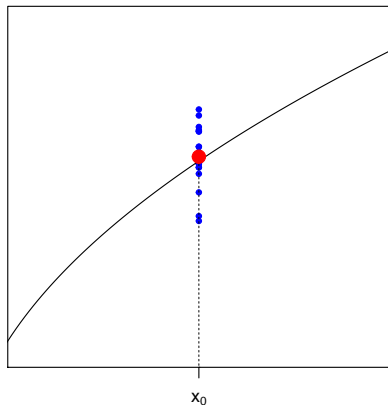
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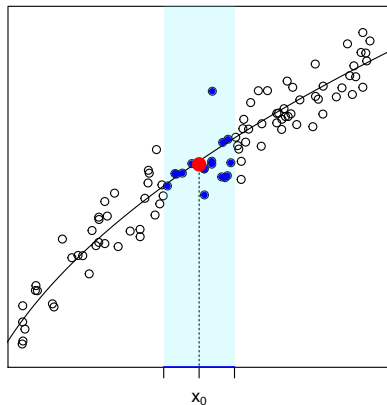


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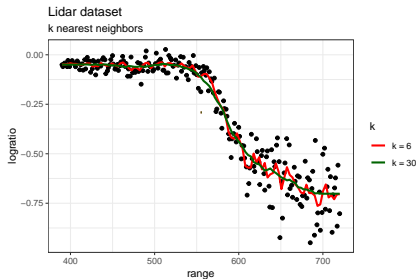


We can consider points "close" to  $x_0$

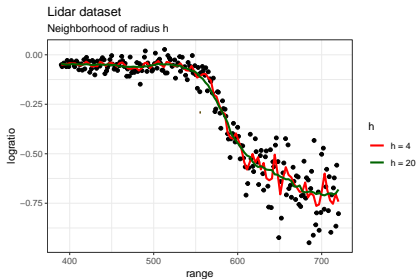


$k$  nearest neighbors

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i I_{N_k(x)}(x_i)$$

Neighborhood of radius  $h$ 

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i I_{[0,h]}(|x - x_i|)}{\sum_{i=1}^n I_{[0,h]}(|x - x_i|)}$$



$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i(x) y_i$$

with:

$$\ell_i(x) = \frac{K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)}{\sum_{j=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_j}{h}\right)}$$

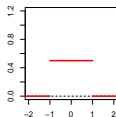
where  $K(\cdot)$  is a kernel function that satisfies:

- $K(x) \geq 0$
- $\int K(x) dx = 1$
- $\int x K(x) dx = 0$
- $\int x^2 K(x) dx > 0$

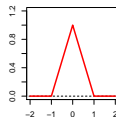


# Some proposed kernels

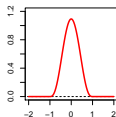
Uniform  
 $\frac{1}{2}I_{[-1,1]}(u)$



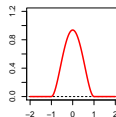
Triangle  
 $(1 - |u|)I_{[-1,1]}(u)$



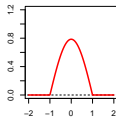
Triweight  
 $\frac{35}{32}(1 - u^2)^3I_{[-1,1]}(u)$



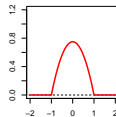
Quartic  
 $\frac{15}{16}(1 - u^2)^2I_{[-1,1]}(u)$



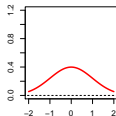
Cosine  
 $\frac{\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}u\right)I_{[-1,1]}(u)$



Epanechnikov  
 $\frac{3}{4}(1 - u^2)I_{[-1,1]}(u)$

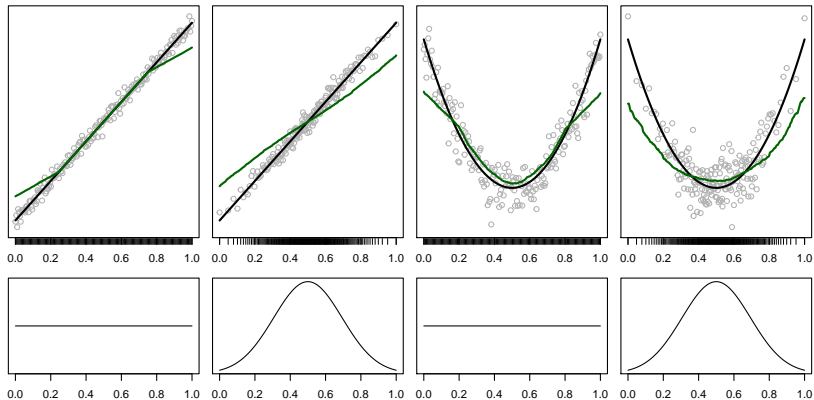


Gaussian  
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-u^2/2}$

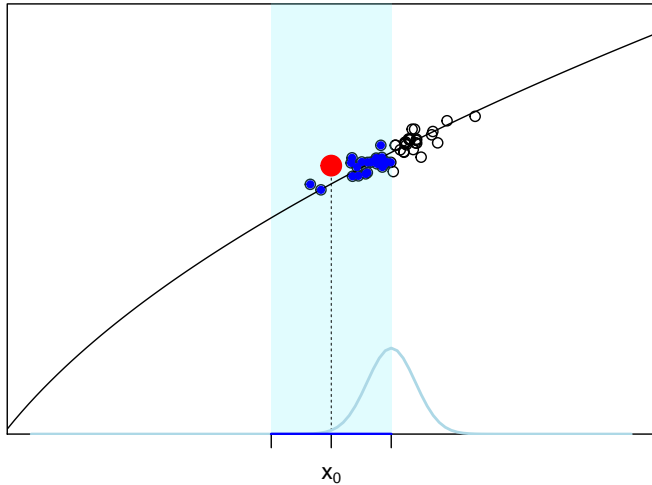




# Design bias, boundary bias and concavity bias



# Design bias: what's happening?



# Local polynomial regression





