

Linear Models

Geometric Algorithms

Lecture 24

Practice Problem

$$A = \begin{matrix} & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} & & & \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Hint. $a_3 = a_2 - a_1$

Answer

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

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

$$A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$$

↑
LS solution

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

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

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = B (B^T B)^{-1} B^T \vec{\mathbf{b}}$$

$$B^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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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

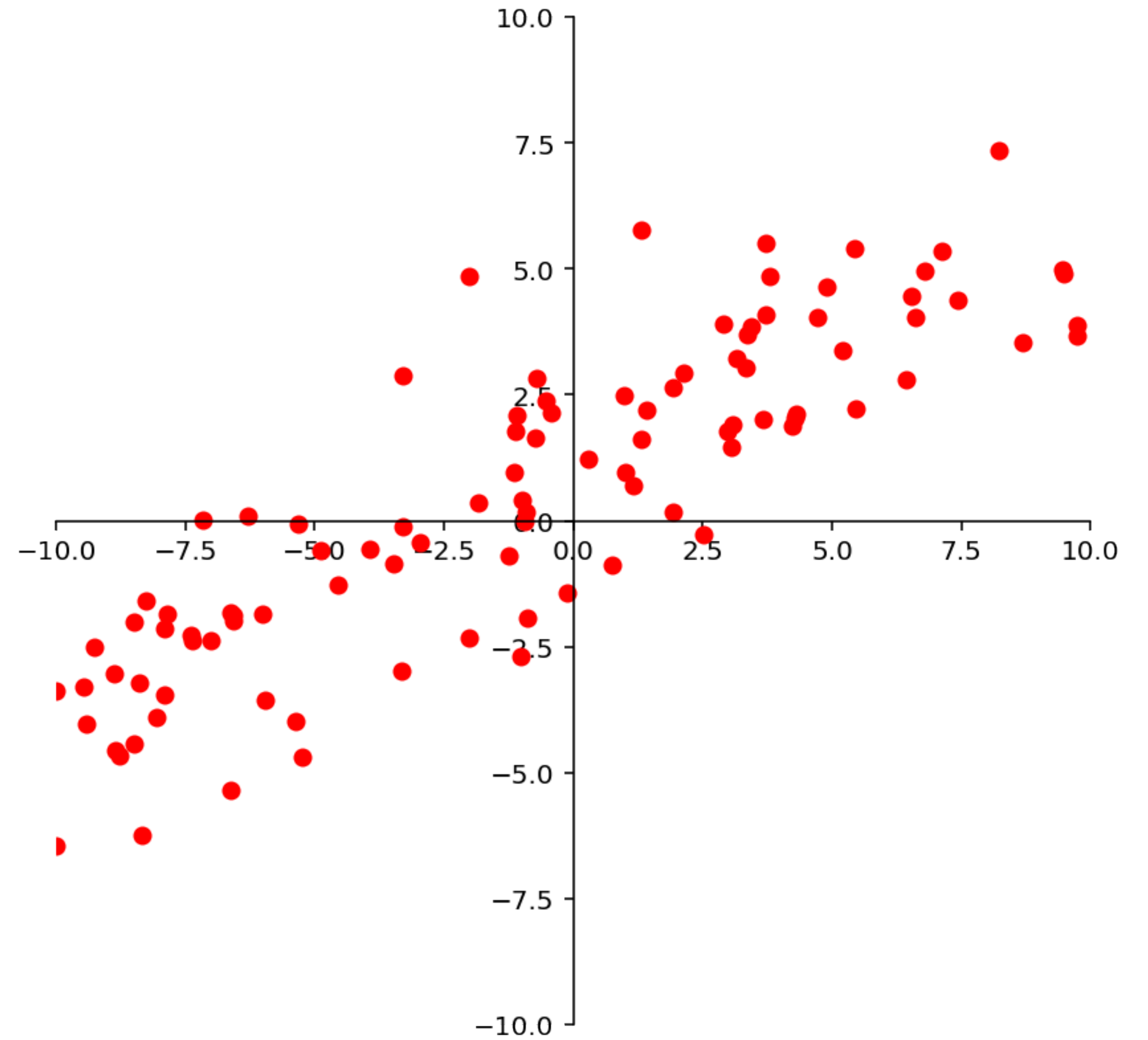
model fitting

model parameters

design matrices

Warm-up: Line of Best Fit

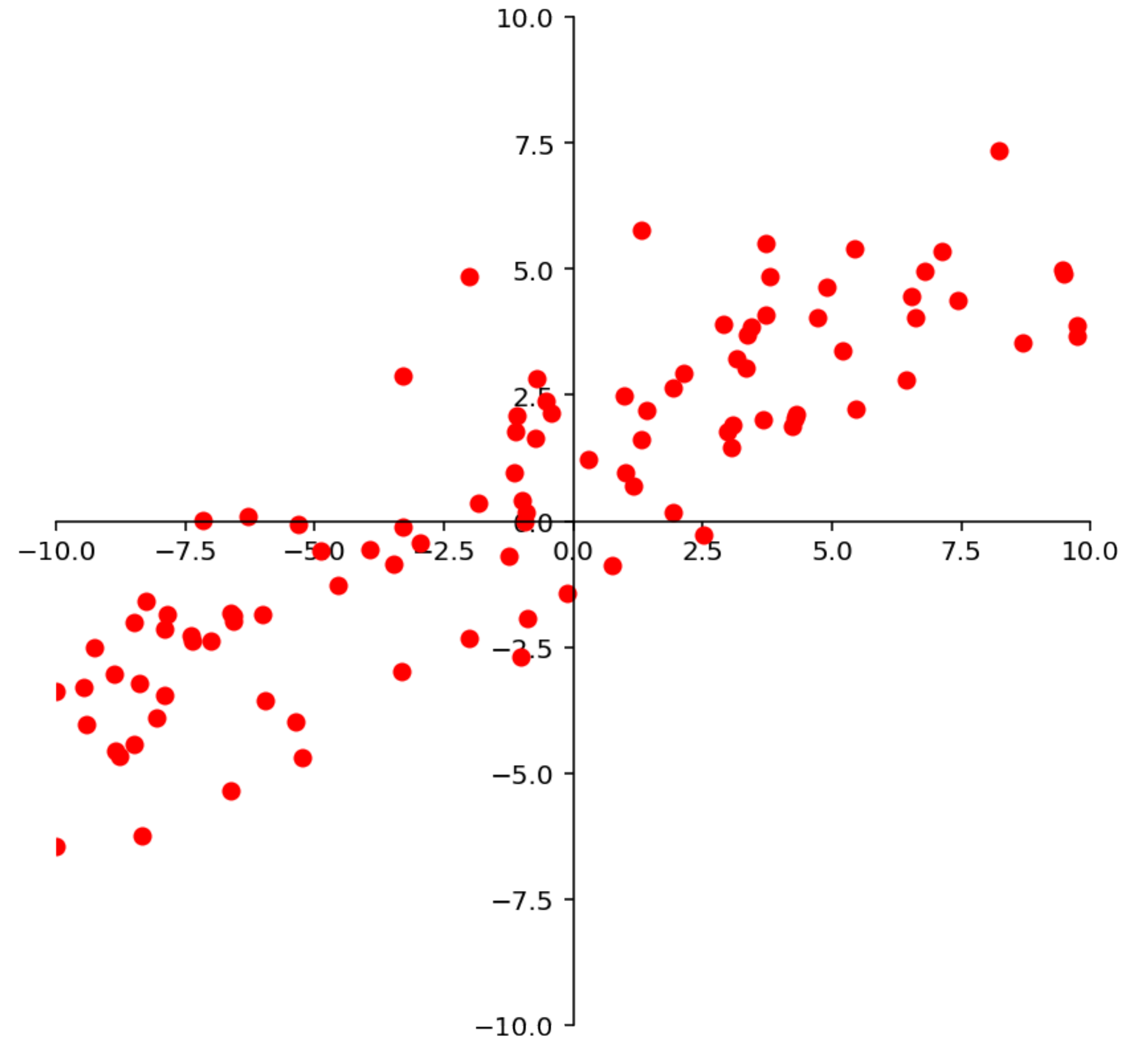
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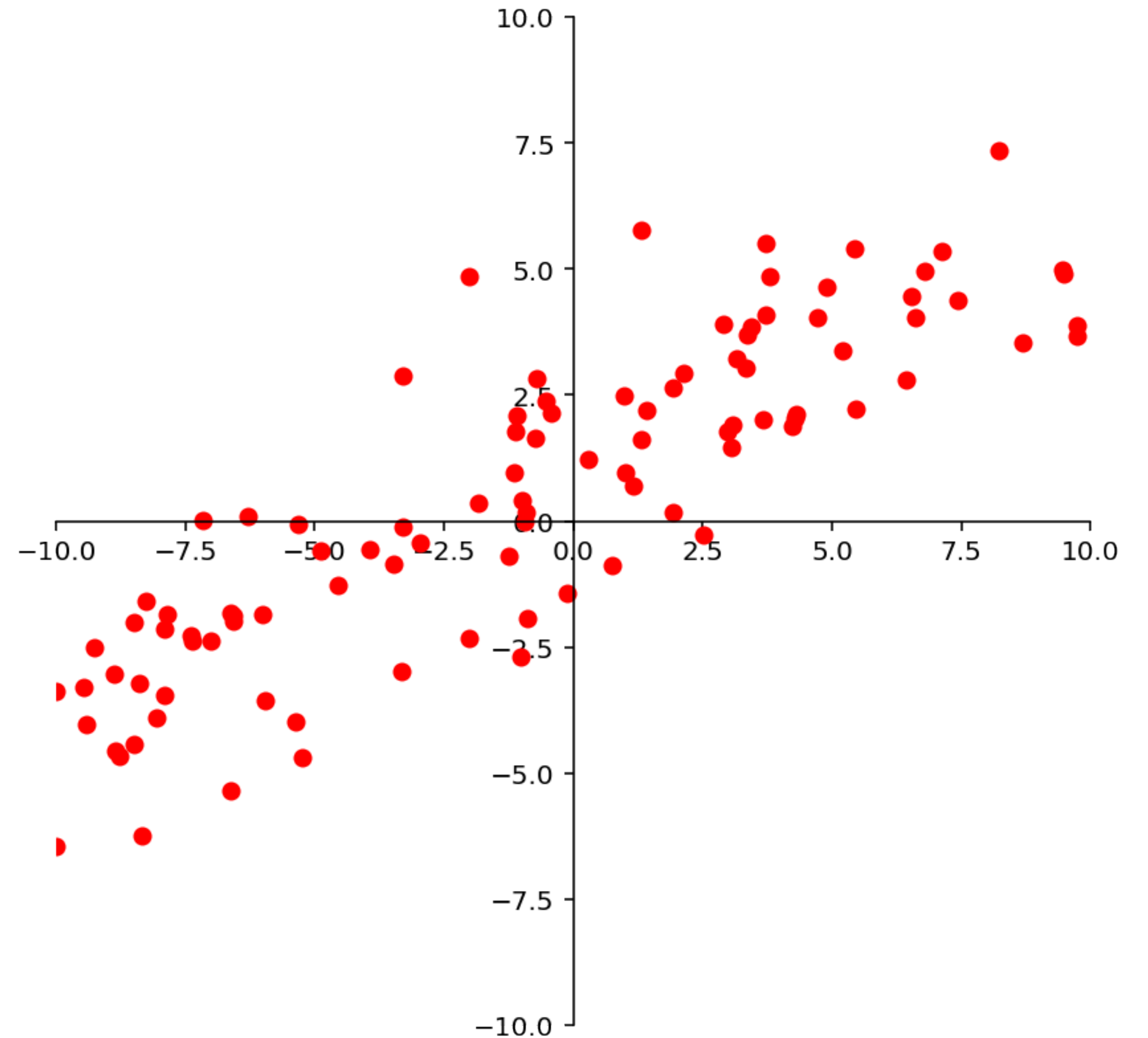


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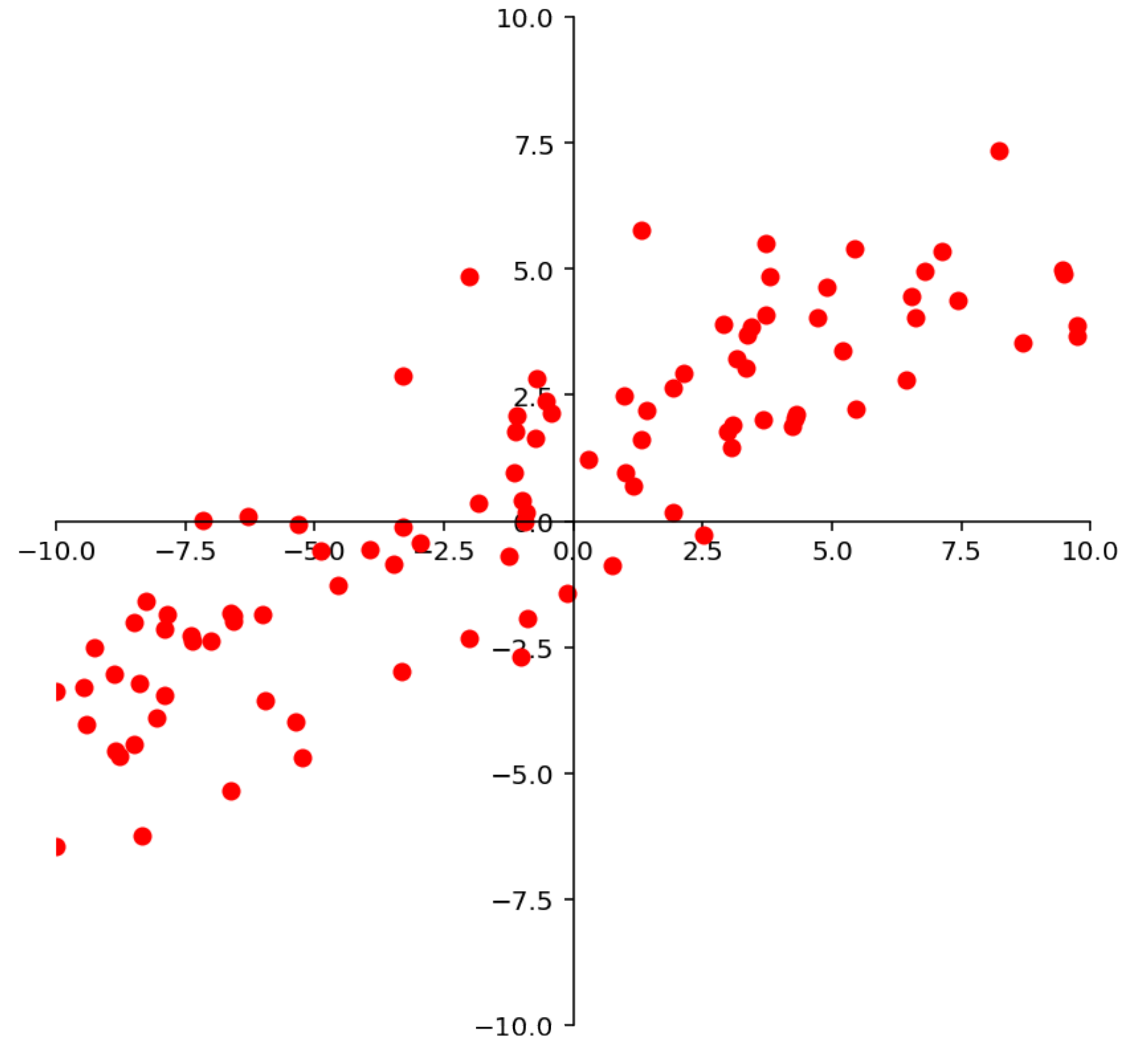
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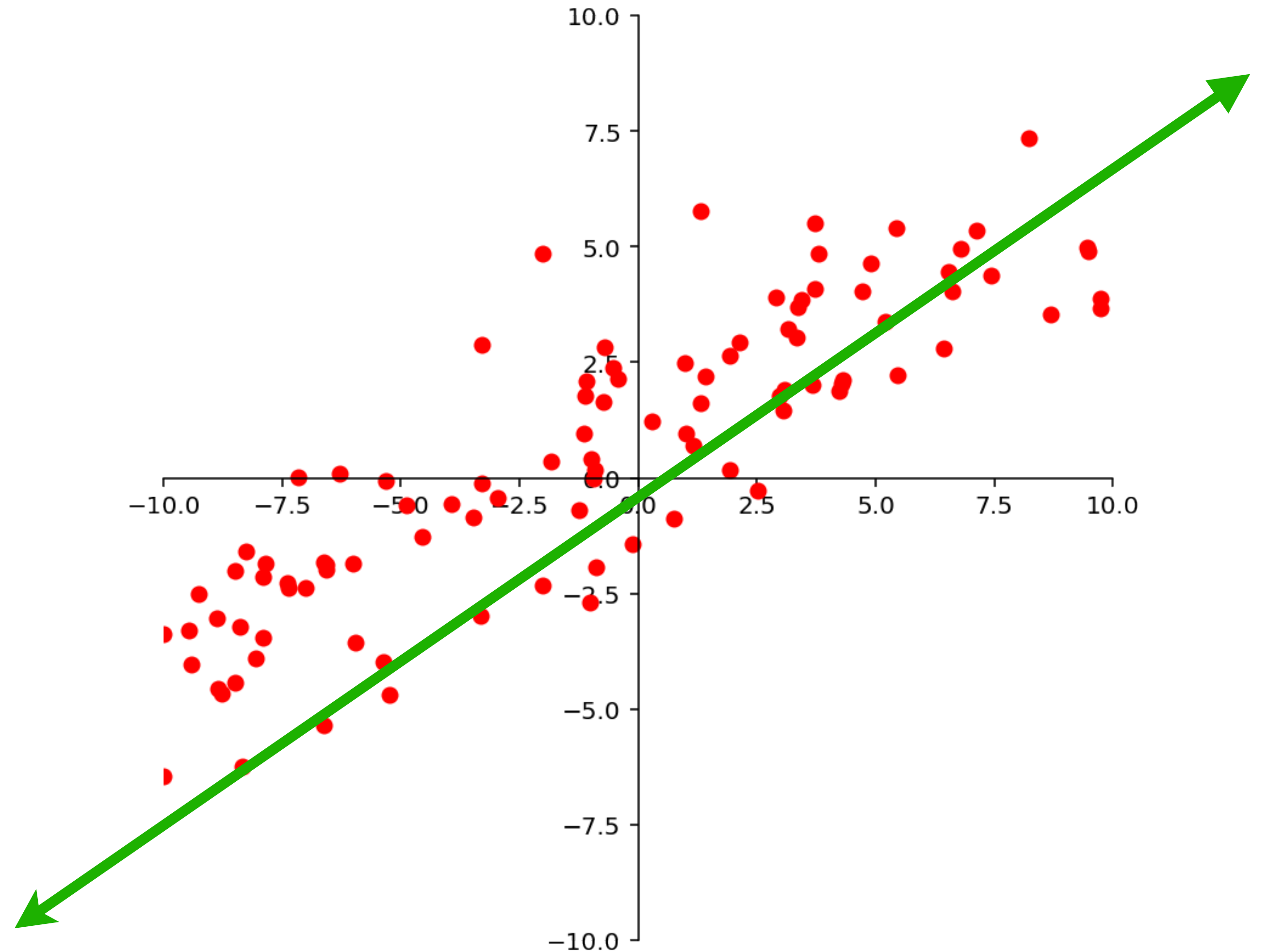
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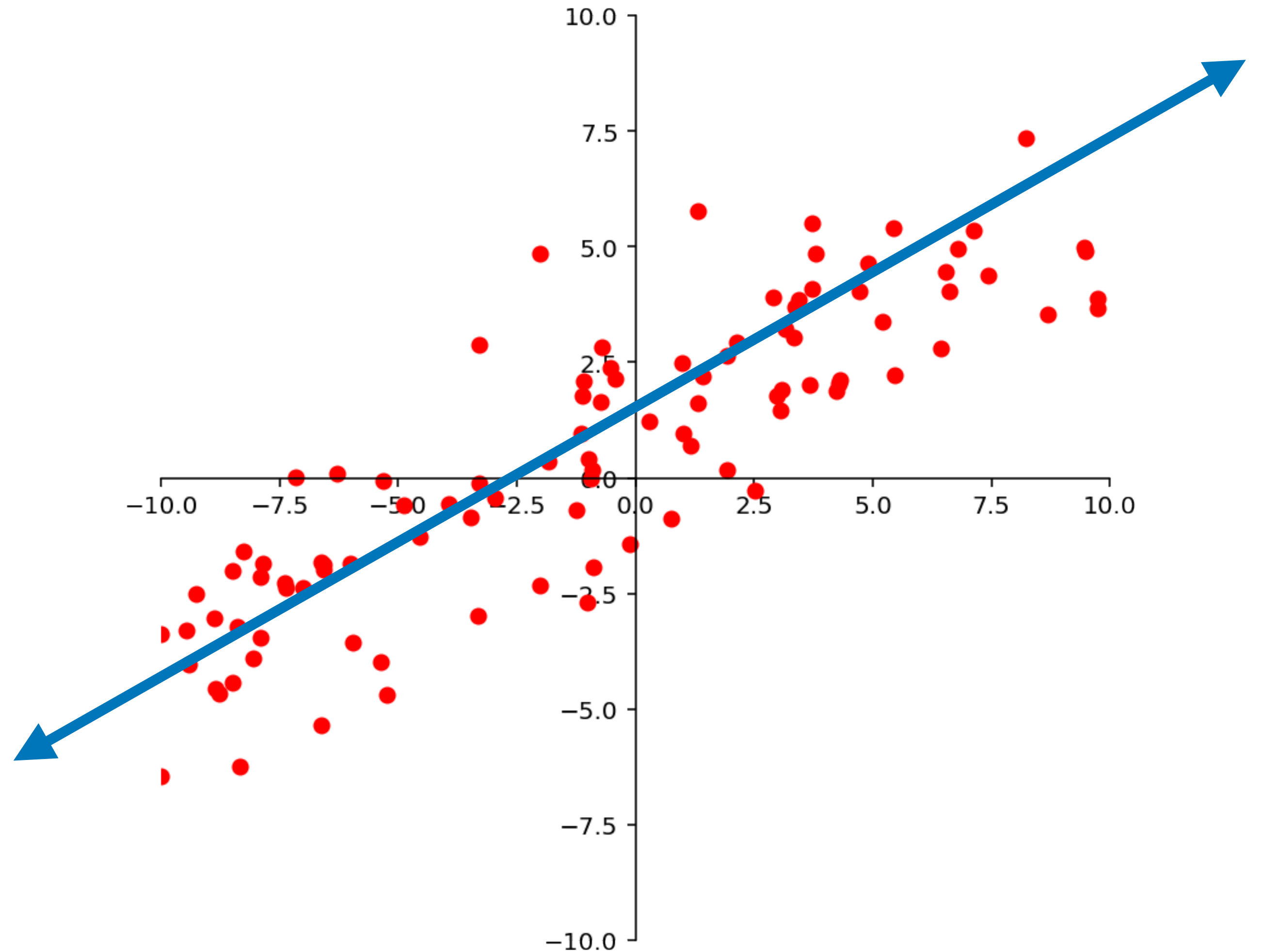
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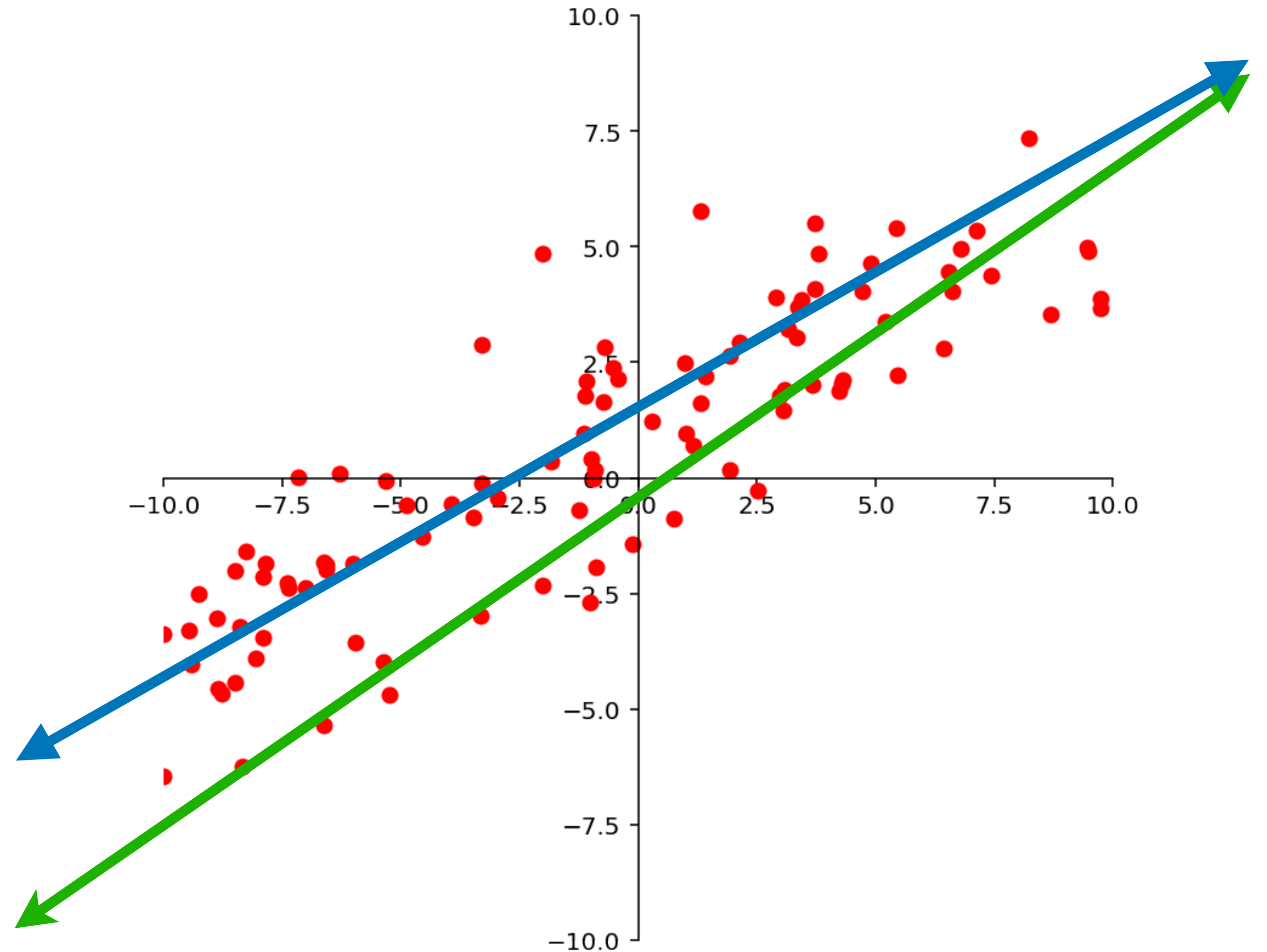
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Question. Which line "best" describes the trend of the dataset?

Which one *best models* the dataset?



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This is a make-or-break question.

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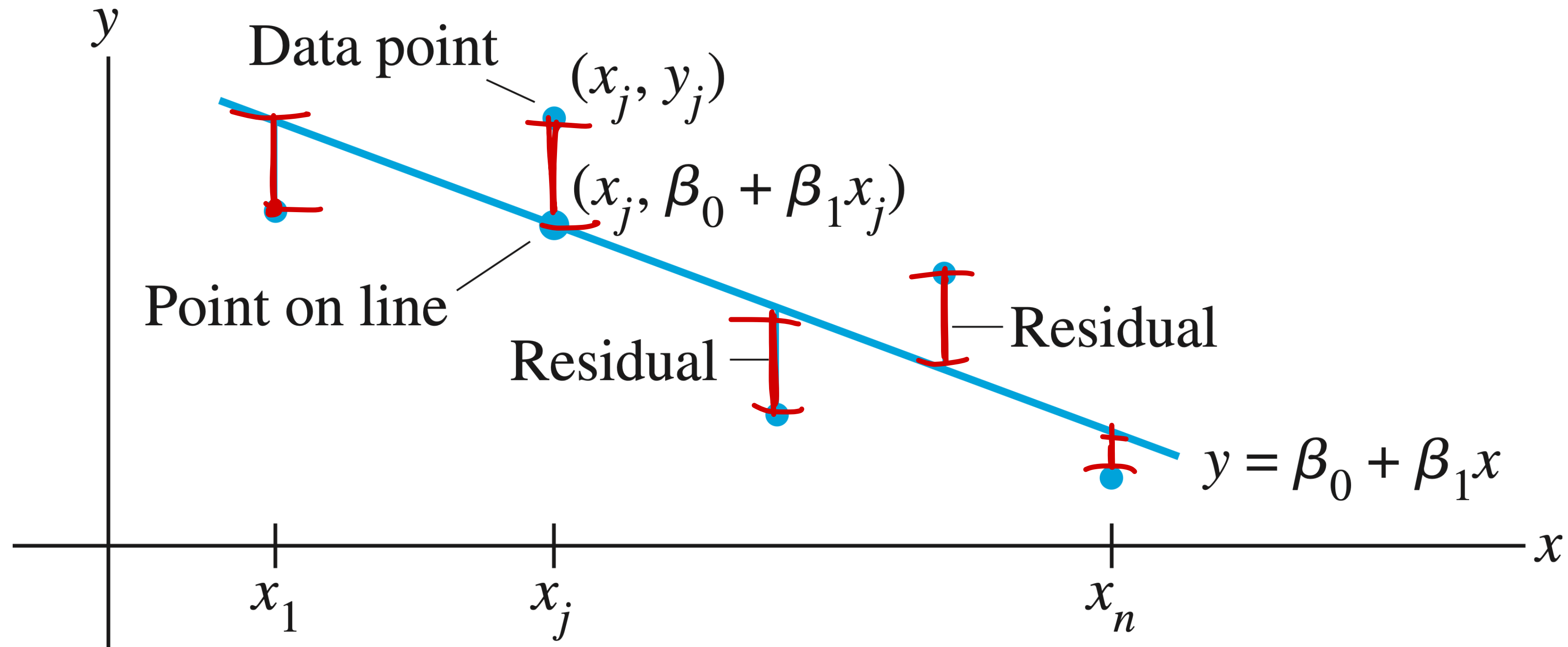
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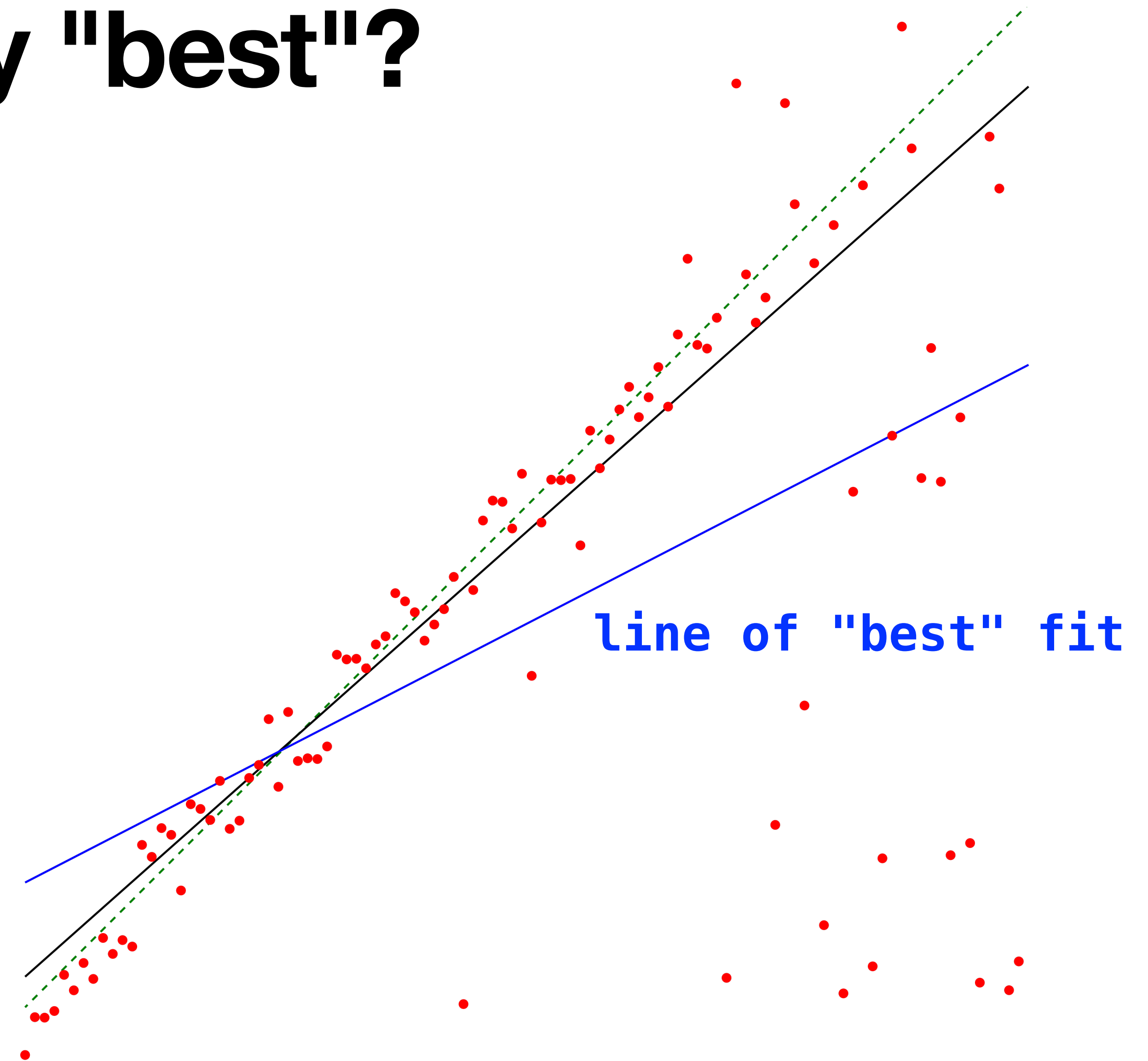
**The "best" line minimizes
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The Picture



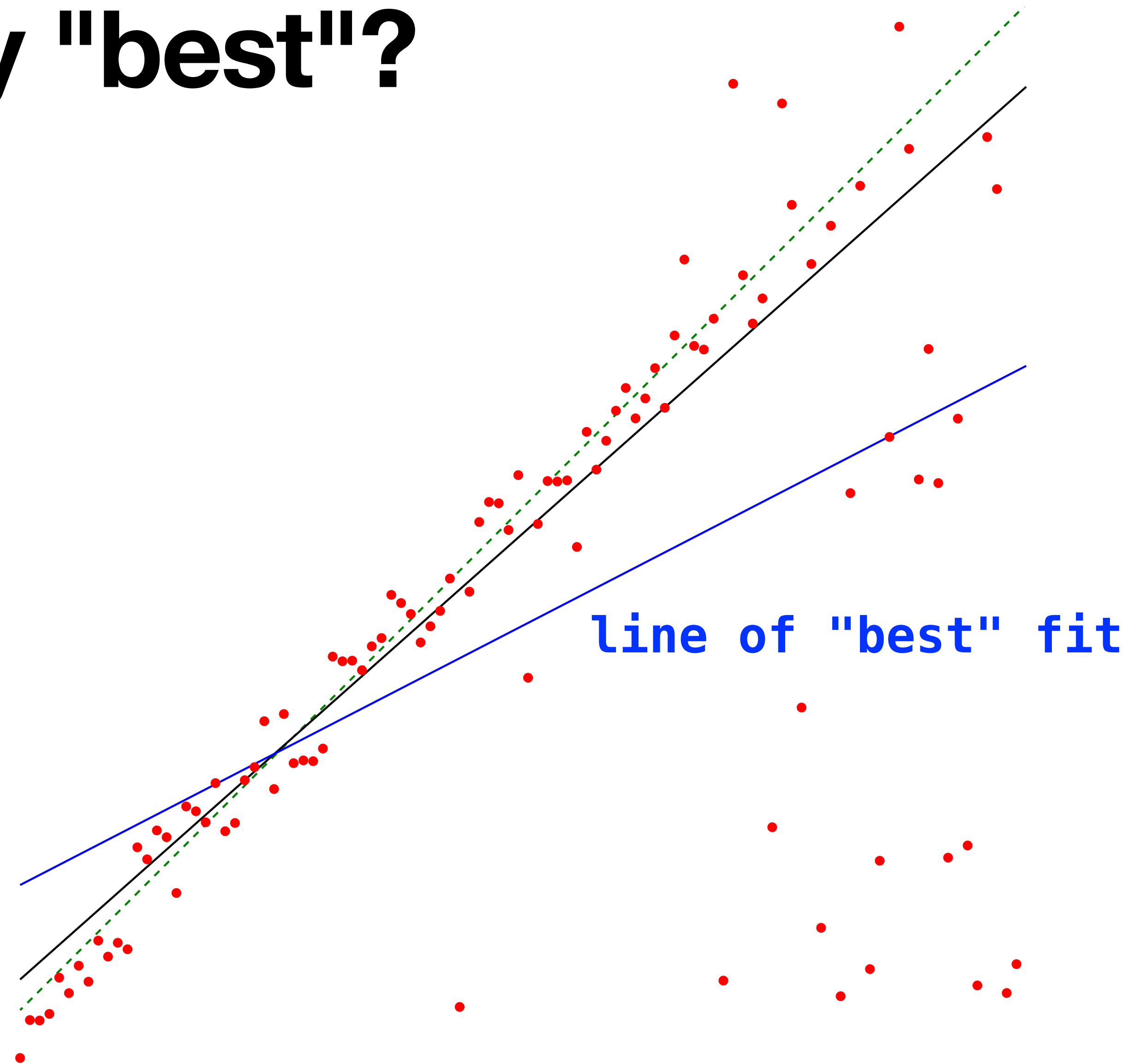
We want to find the line which makes the sum of these differences *as small as possible*.

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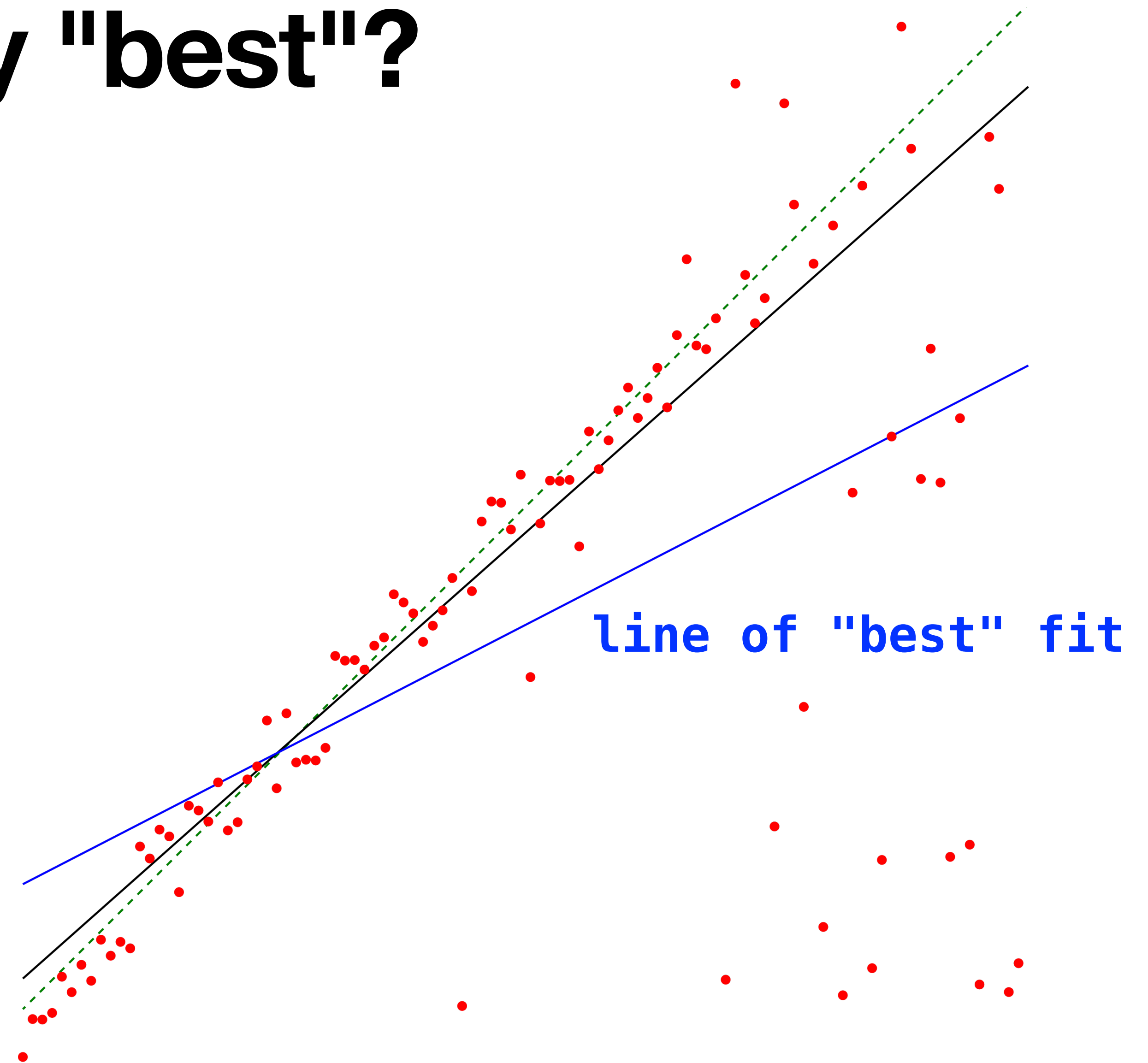
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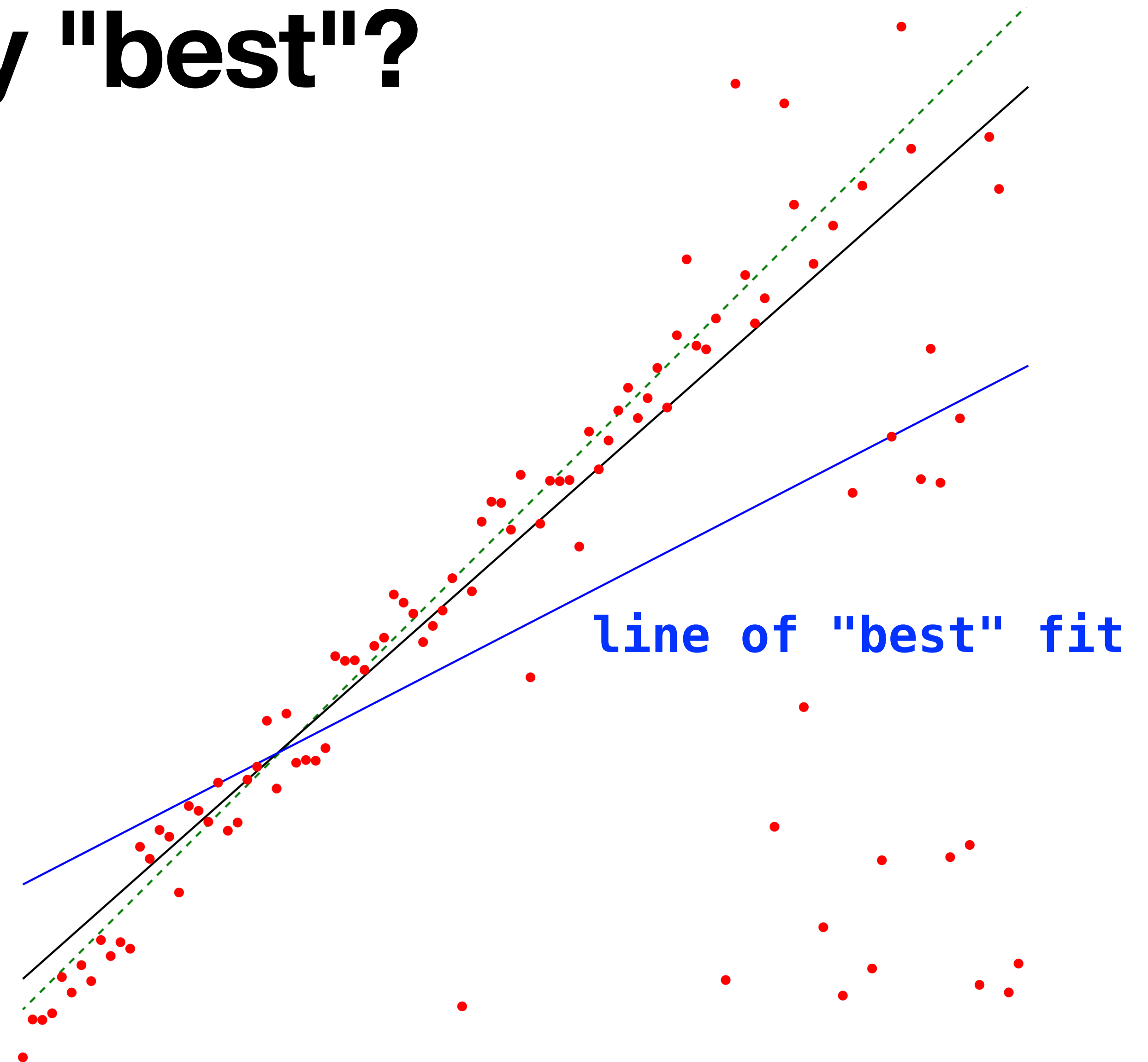


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The point. We fix our
notion of "best" first,
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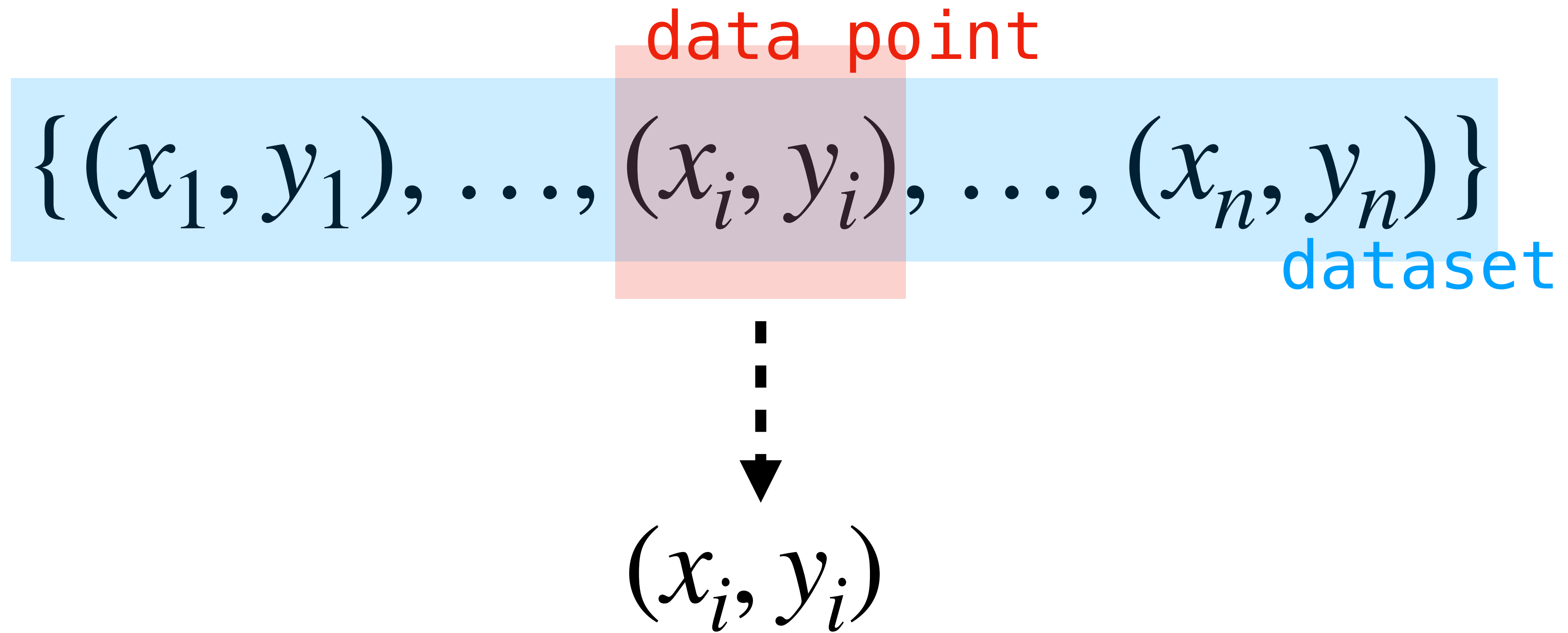
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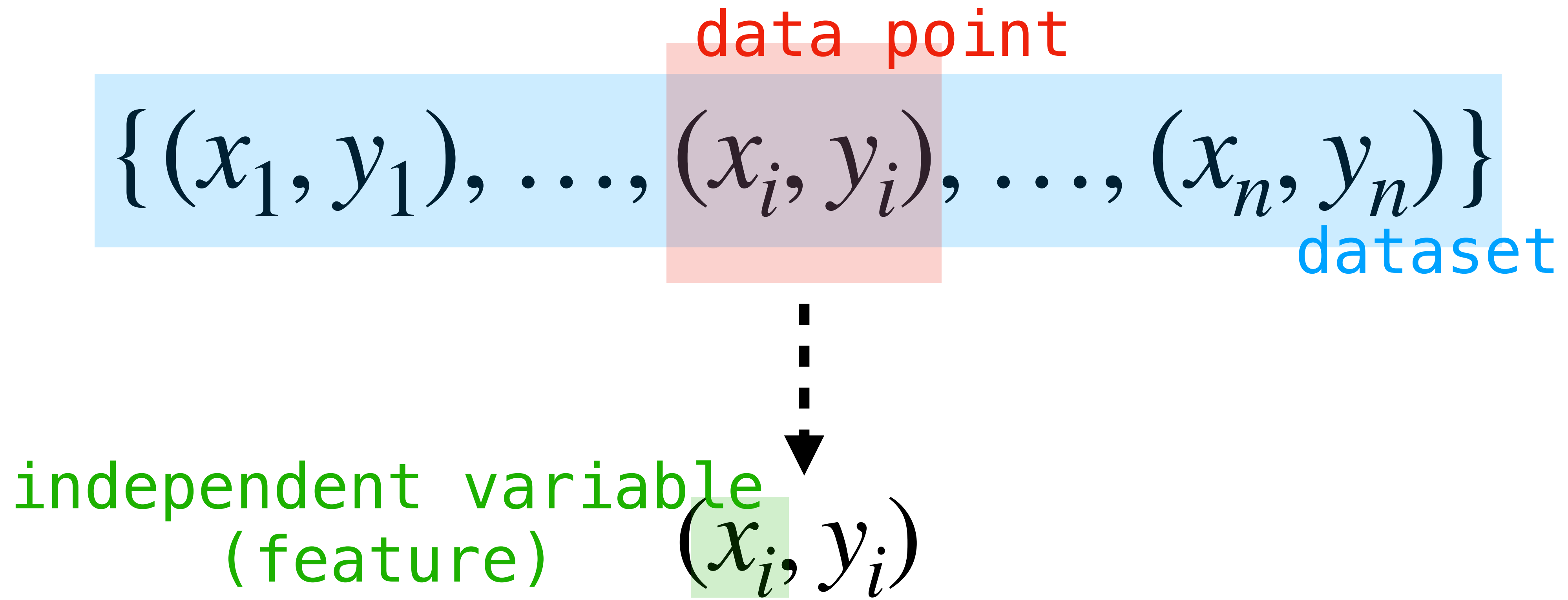
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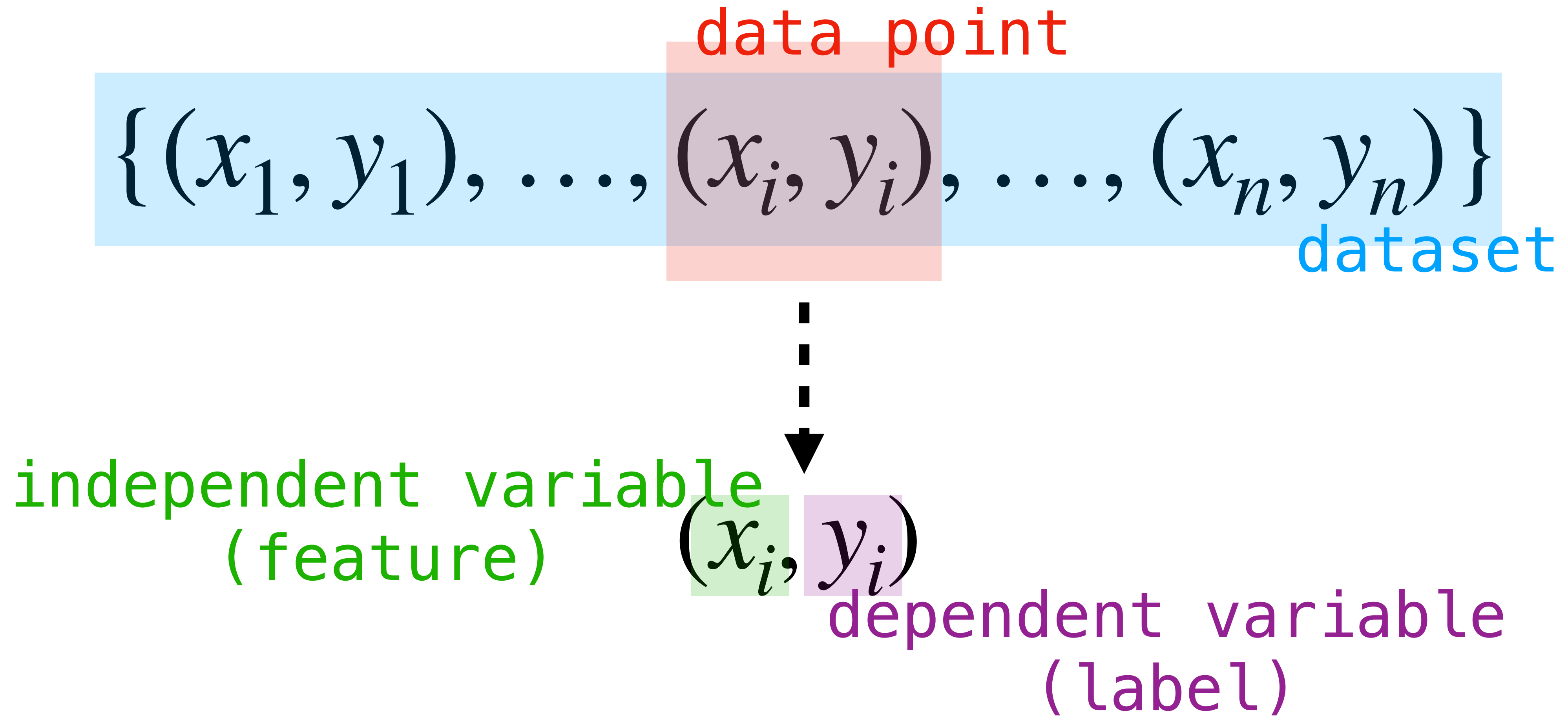
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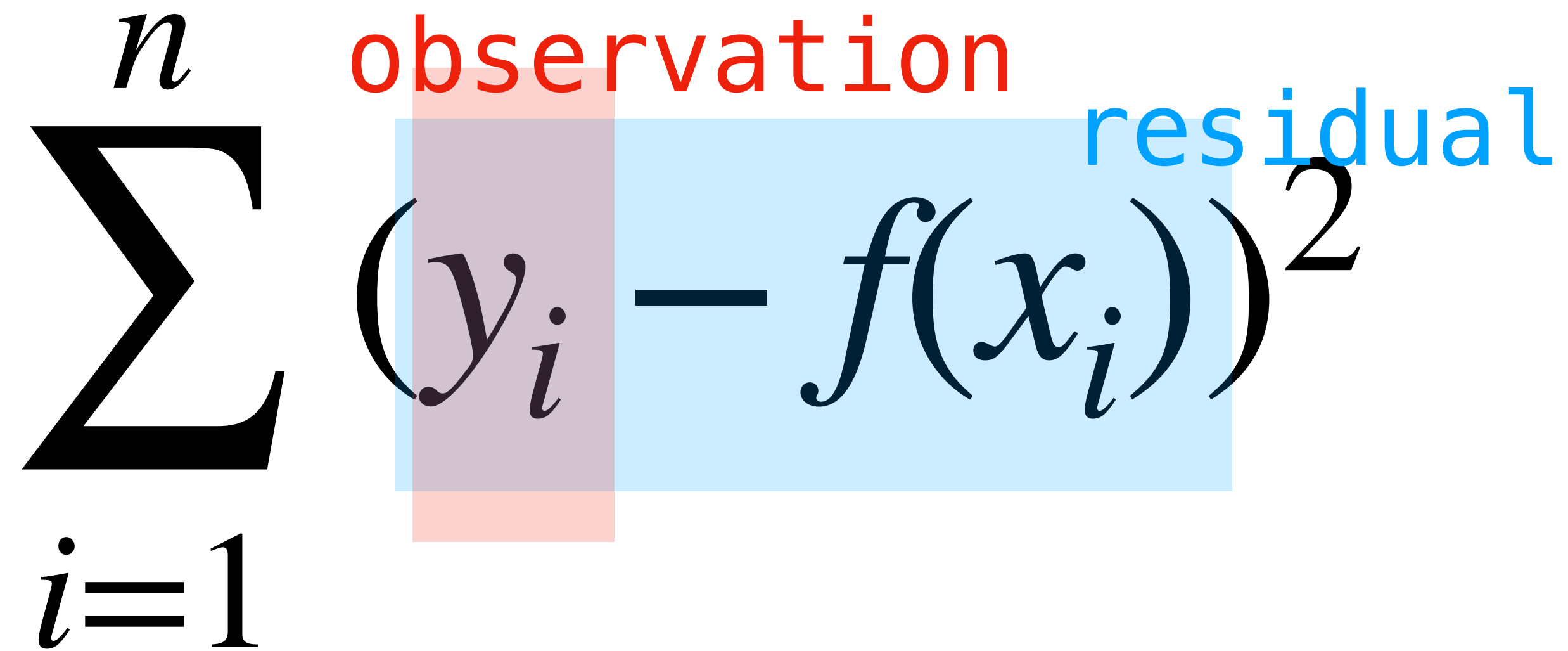
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observation residual

The diagram shows the least-squares error formula with two highlighted regions. A light red rectangular highlight is positioned behind the term y_i , and the word "observation" is written in red text above it. A light blue rectangular highlight is positioned behind the term $f(x_i)$, and the word "residual" is written in blue text above it. The entire expression is enclosed in large parentheses with a superscript 2.

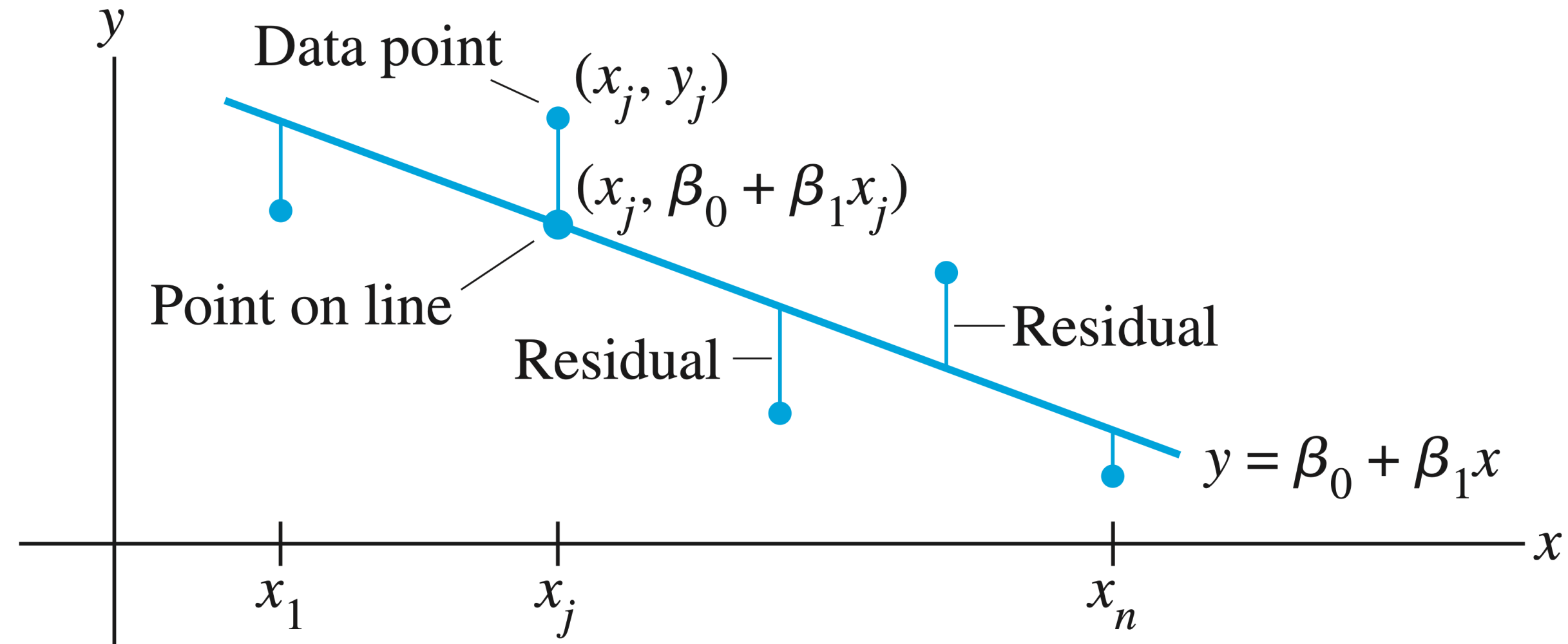
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The diagram illustrates the least-squares error formula $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2$ with color-coded components:

- observation**: The term y_i is highlighted in a light red box.
- prediction**: The term $f(x_i)$ is highlighted in a light green box.
- residual**: The difference $y_i - f(x_i)$ is highlighted in a light blue box.

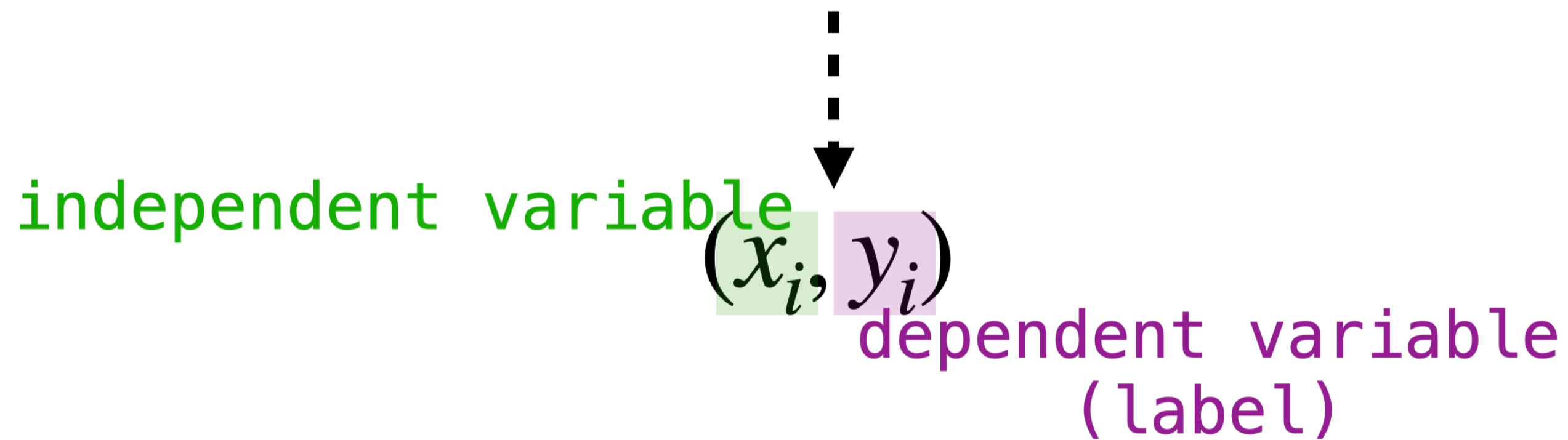
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residual

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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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This is a linear system in the variables β_0 and β_1

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$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 7.3 = -5.2$$

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Least squares solutions to this system give us parameters for least squares lines.

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(We just showed that if $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is a least squares solution then $A^T A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^T \mathbf{b}$)

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.

$$\vec{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$
$$X \vec{\beta} = \vec{y}$$
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Just for Fun

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Let's derive it:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^T x = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{1}^T \\ x^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{1} \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \vec{1}, \vec{1} \rangle & \langle \vec{1}, x \rangle \\ \langle \vec{1}, x \rangle & \langle x, x \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Solution. Find the least squares solution to the above equation.

Question

Find the line of best fit for the dataset

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

by using the the least-squares method.

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

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

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

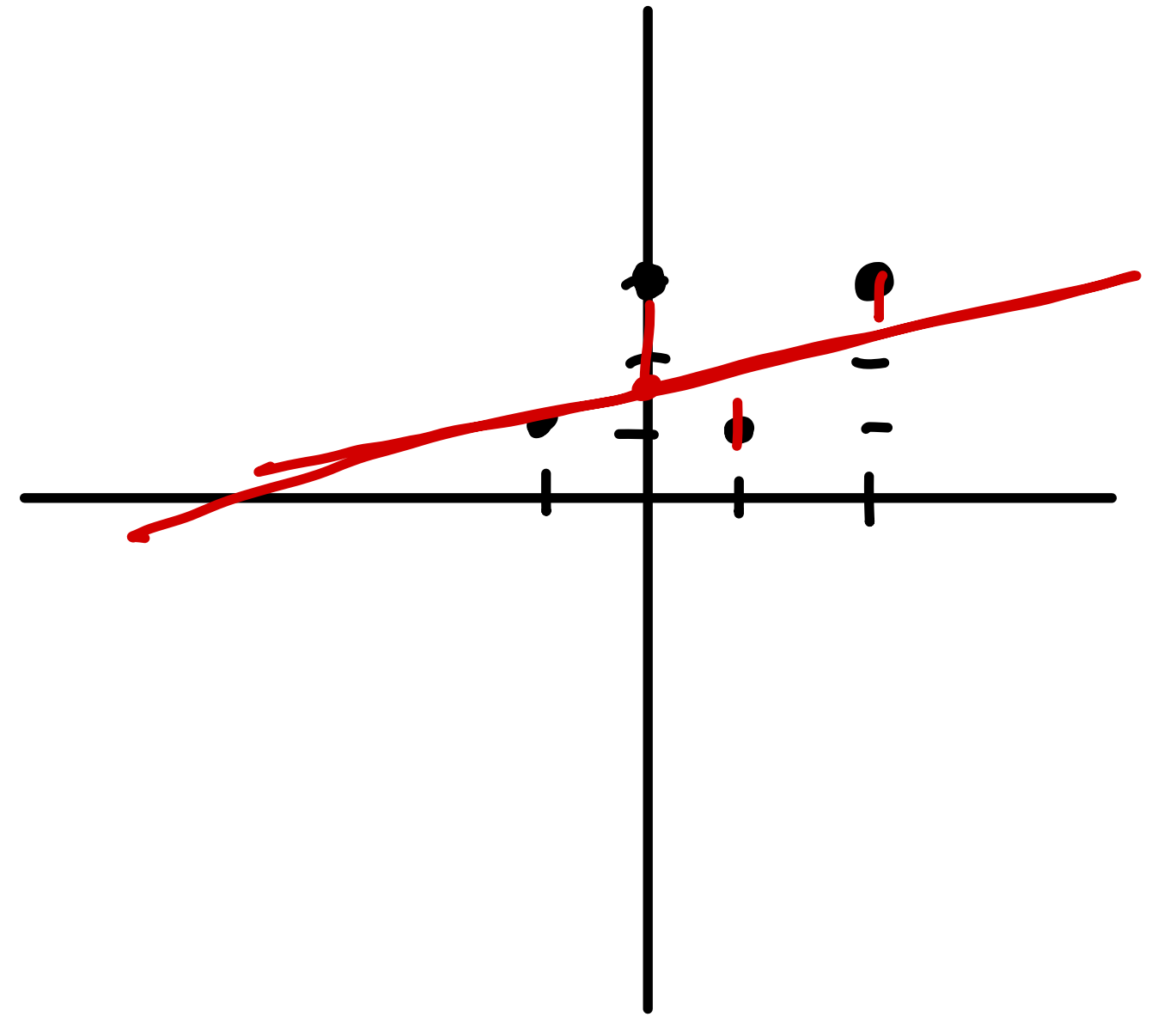
$$(X^T X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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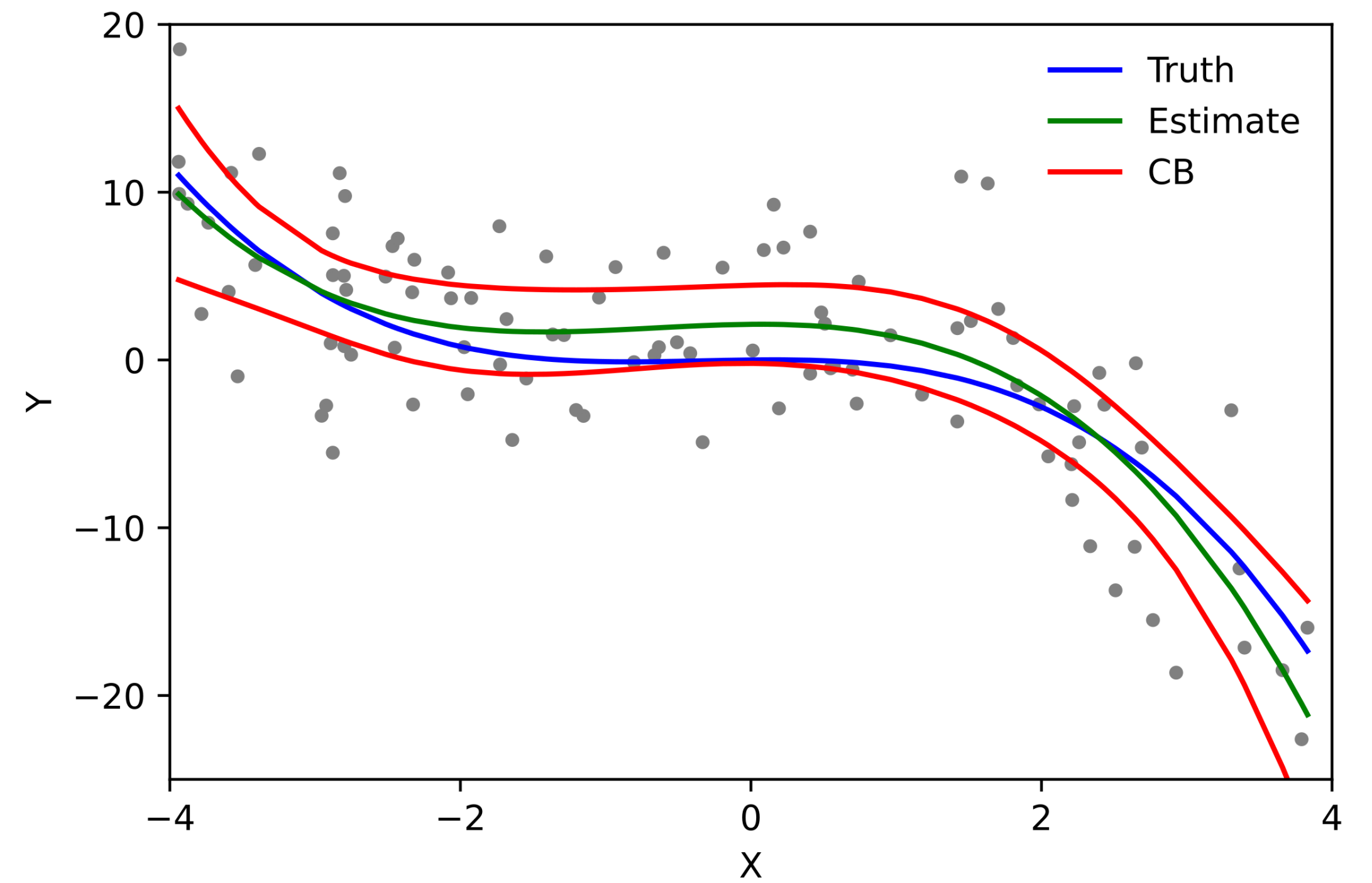
$$X^T Y = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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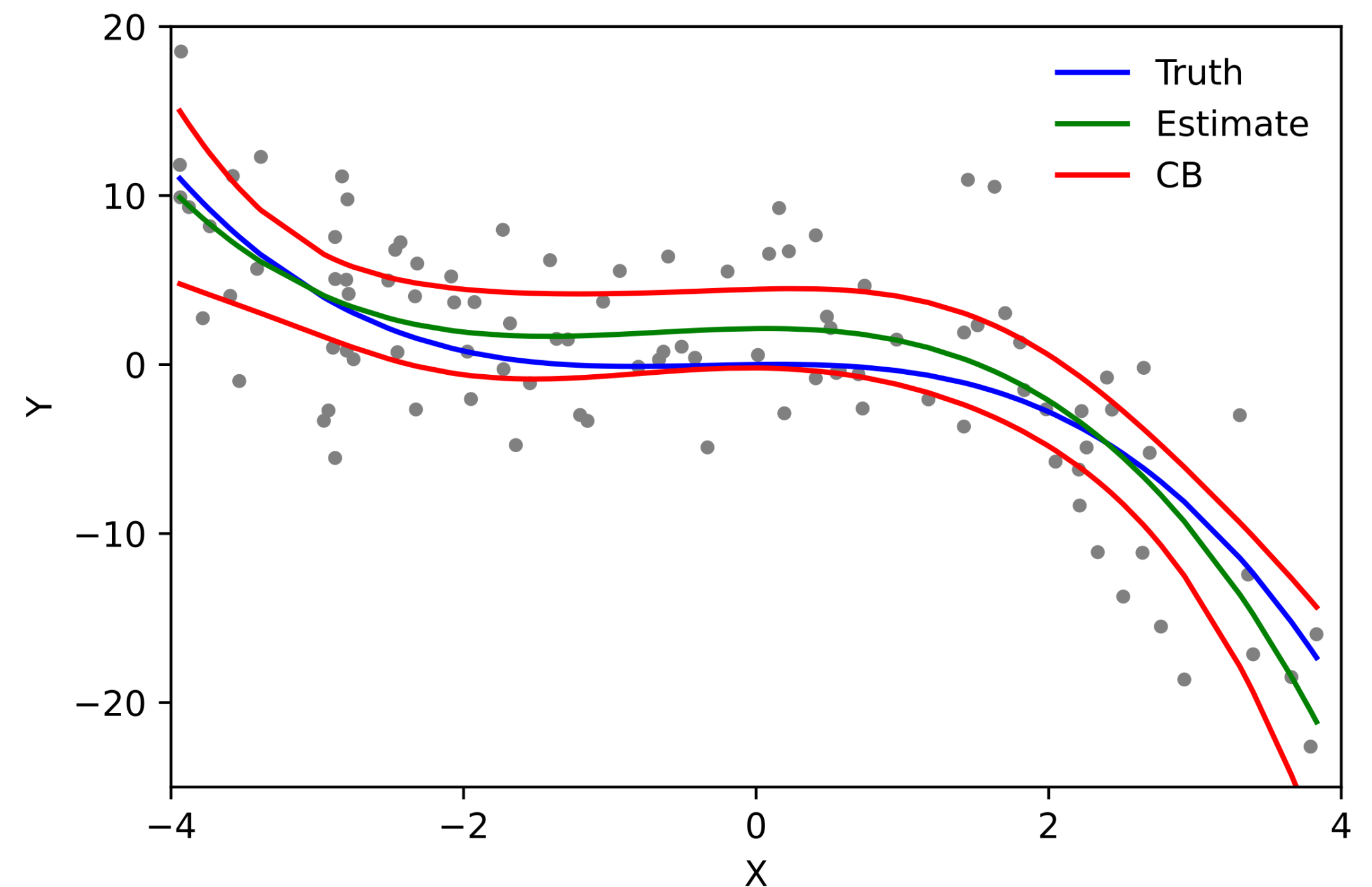
$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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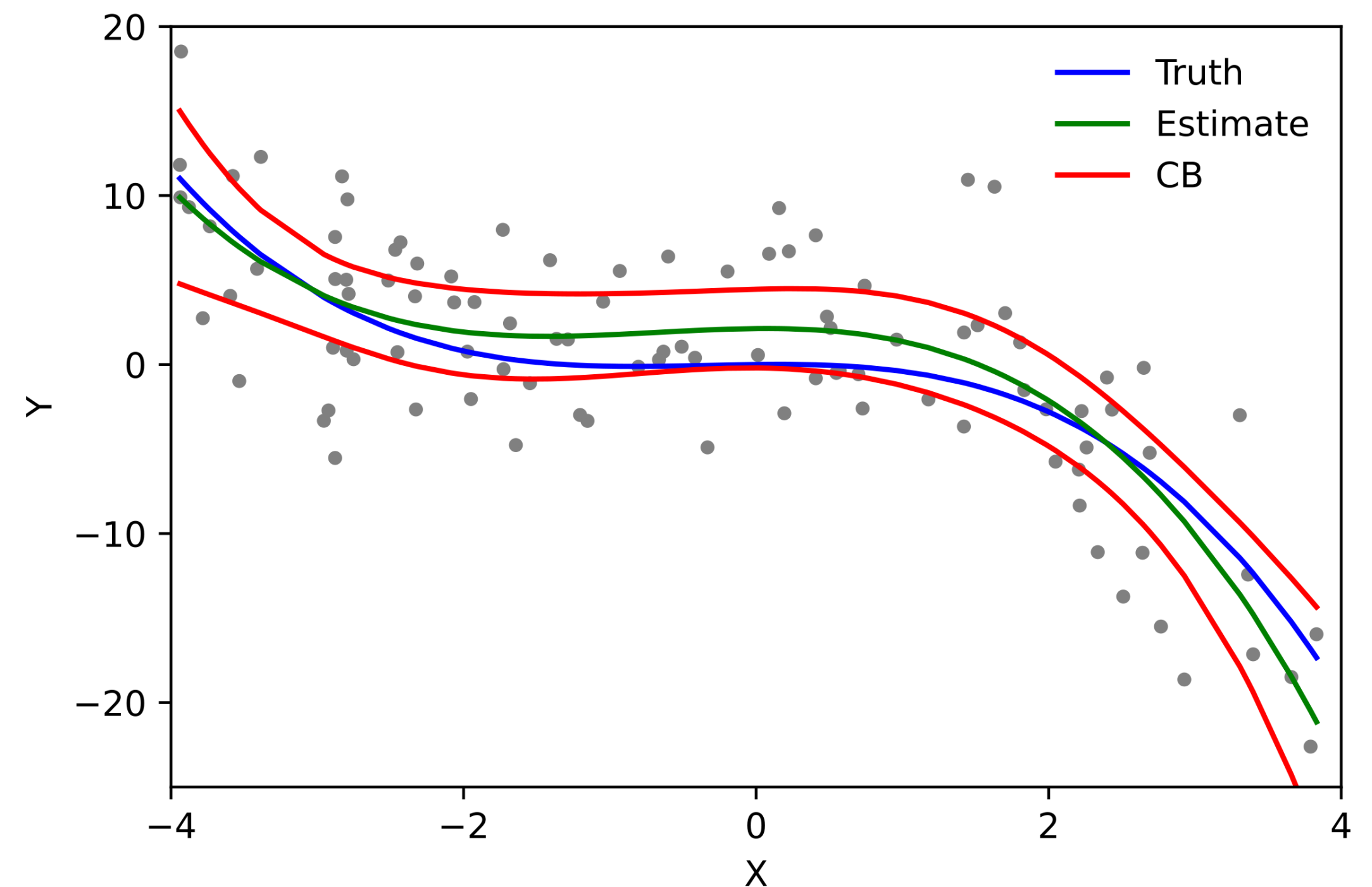
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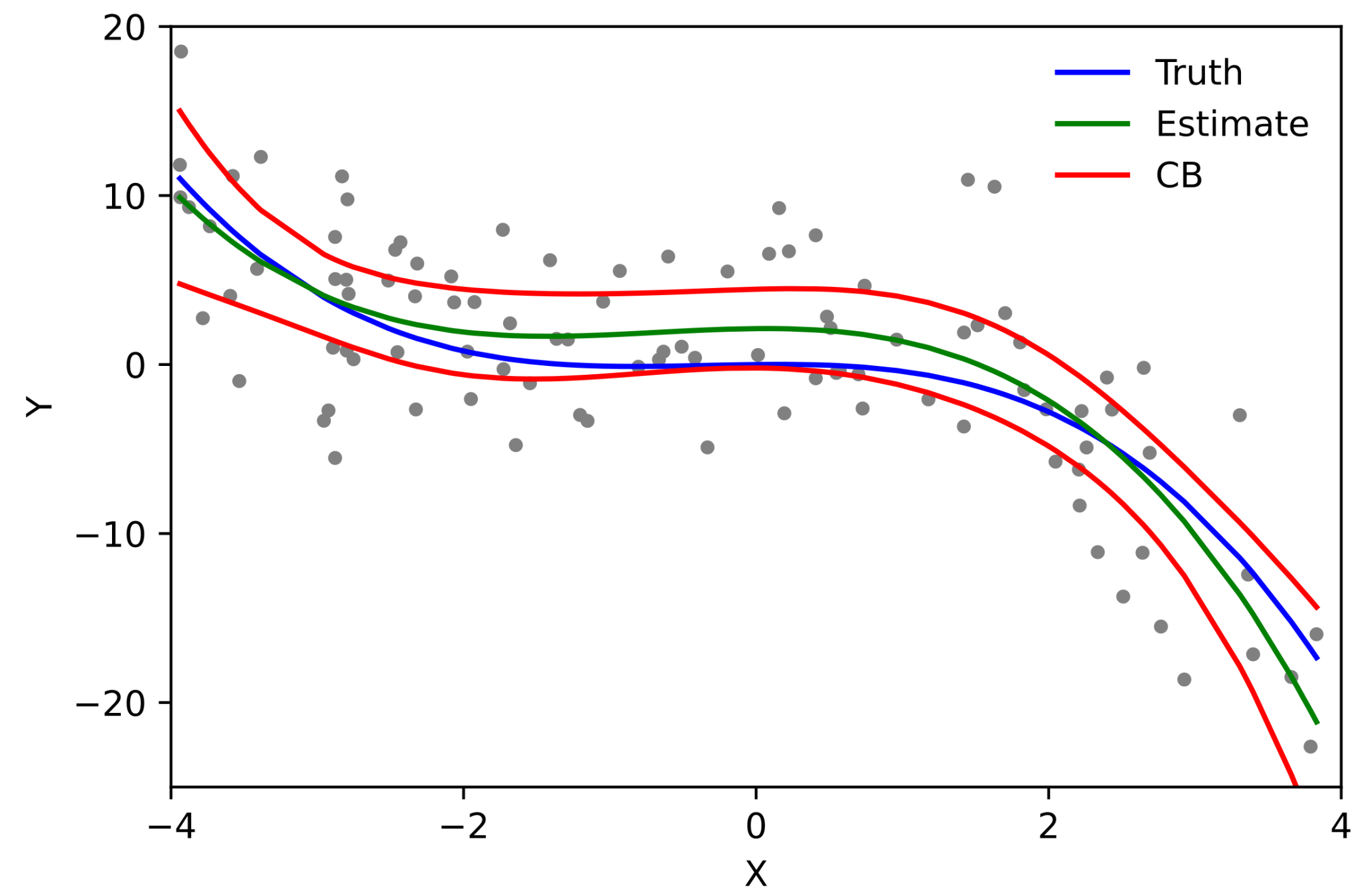


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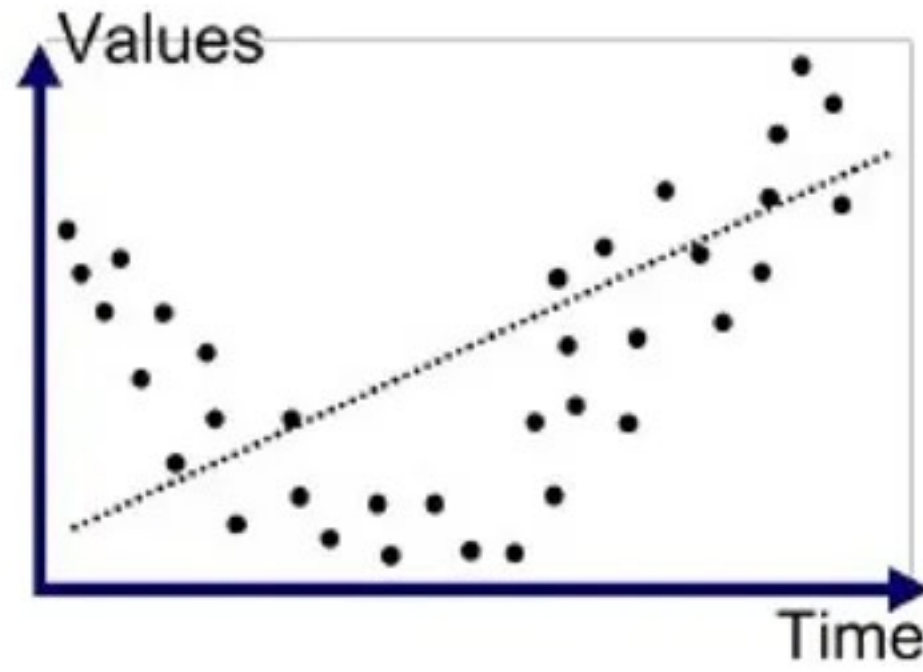
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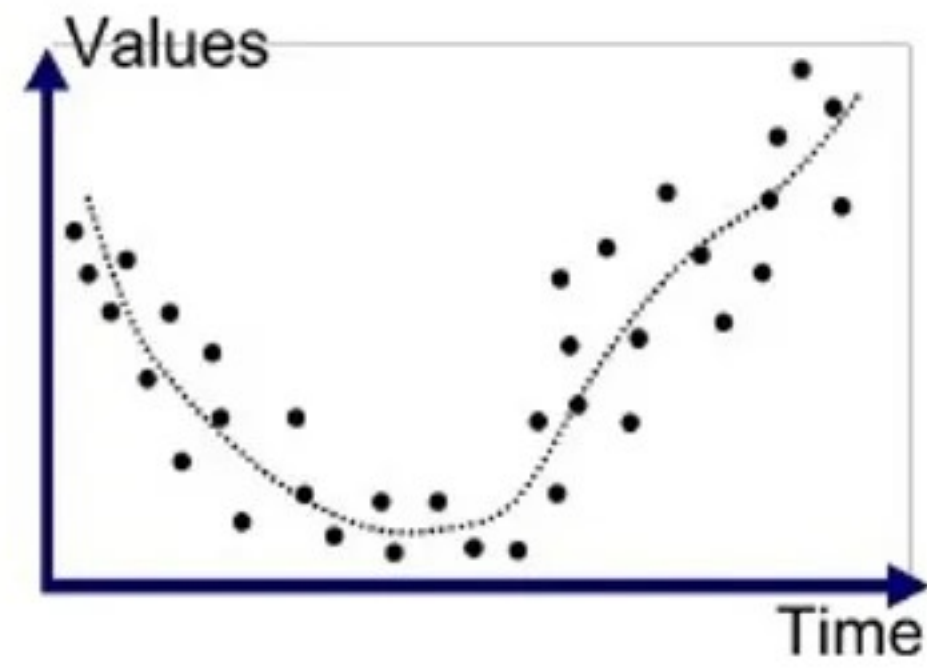
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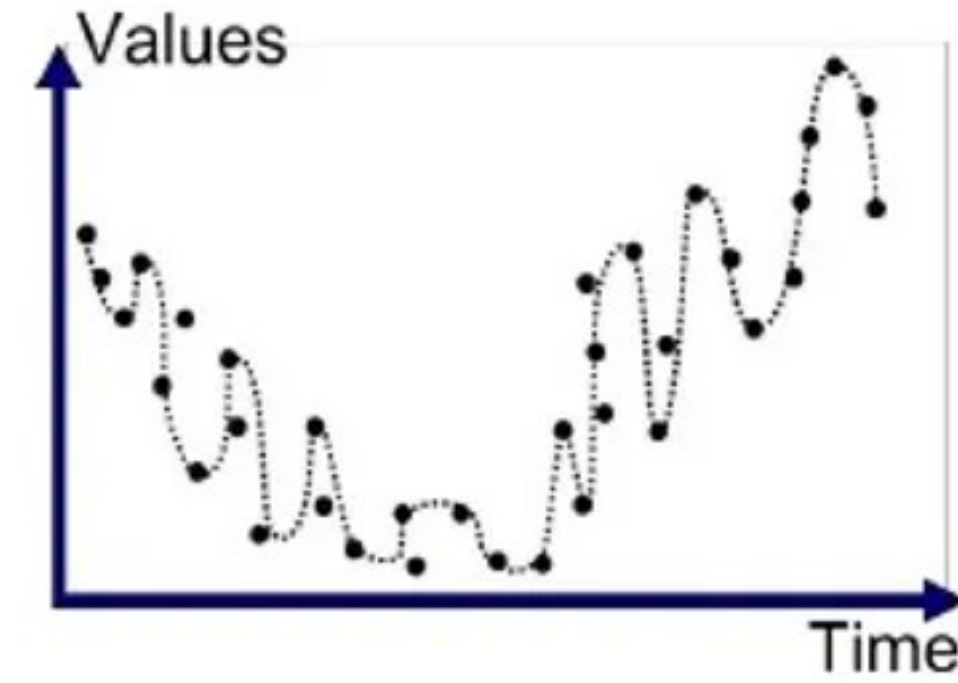
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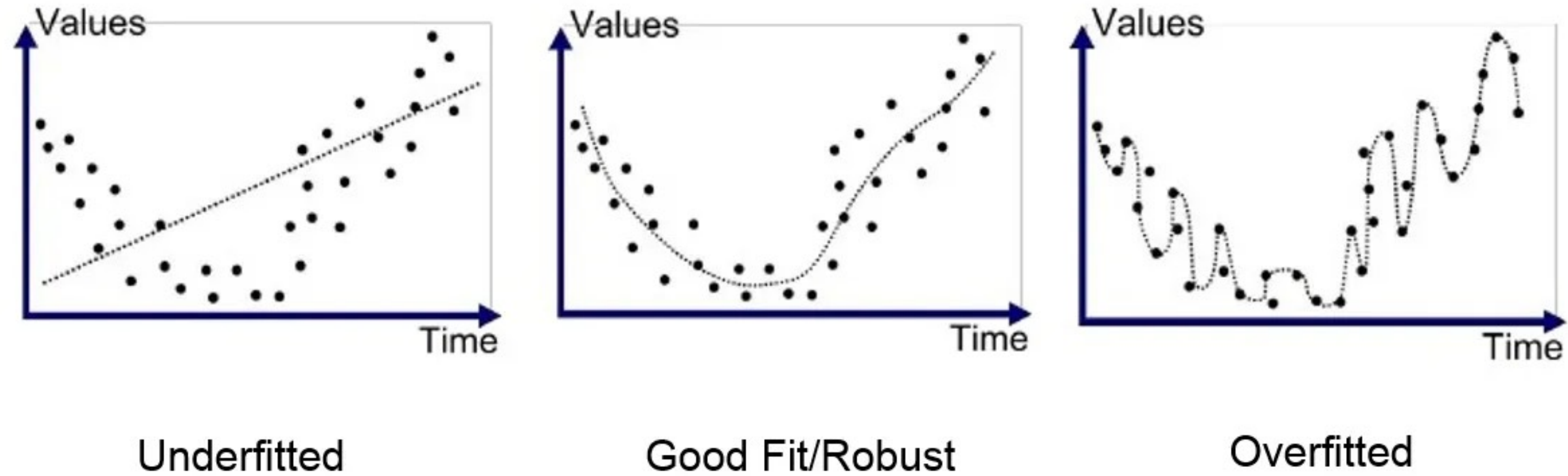


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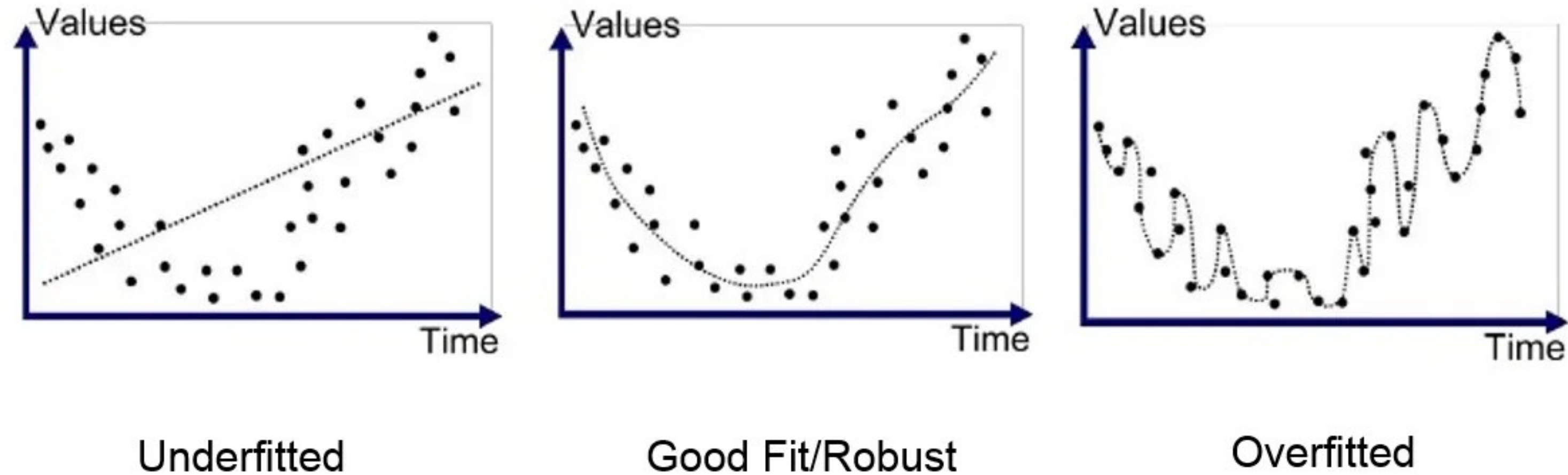
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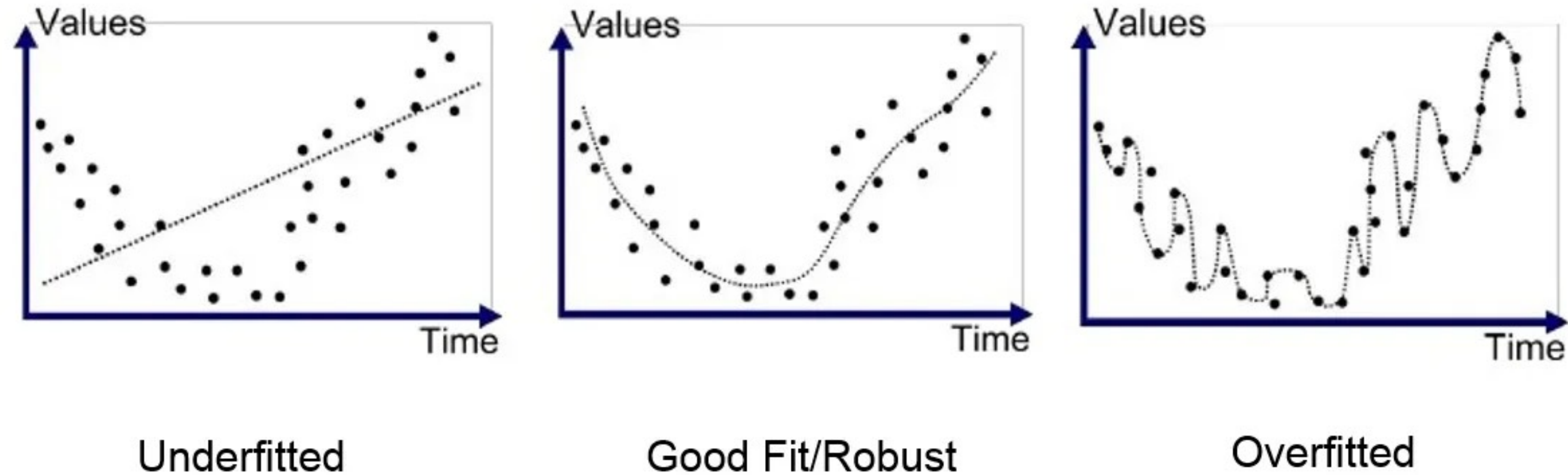
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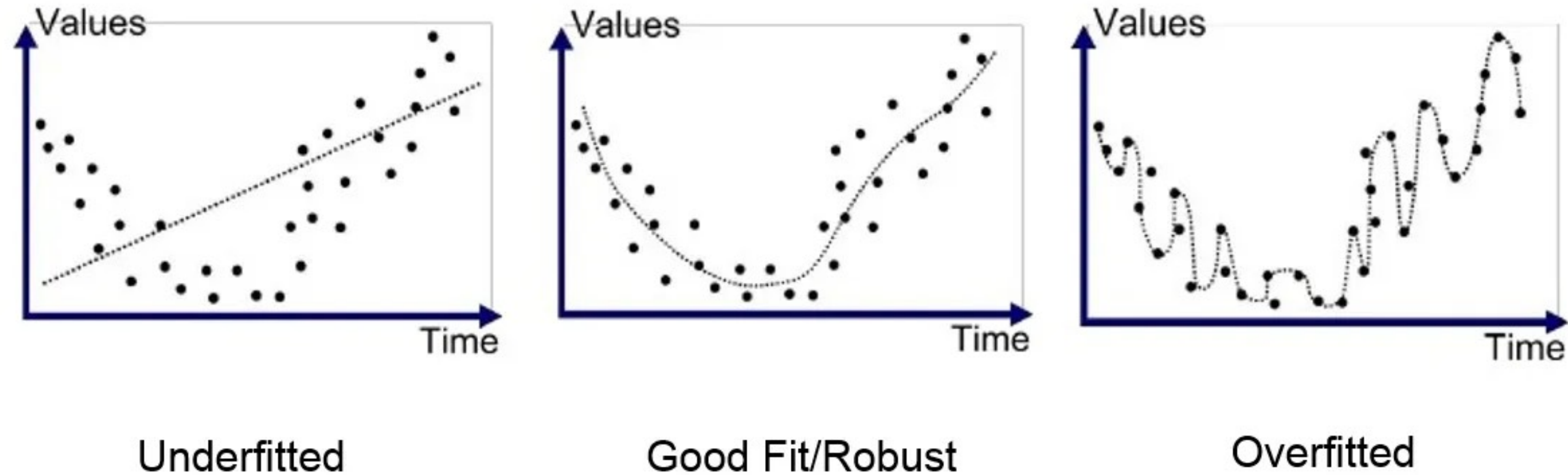


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*(Advanced) We pick models from weaker classes of functions so that they are more robust when we **predict** values using the model.*

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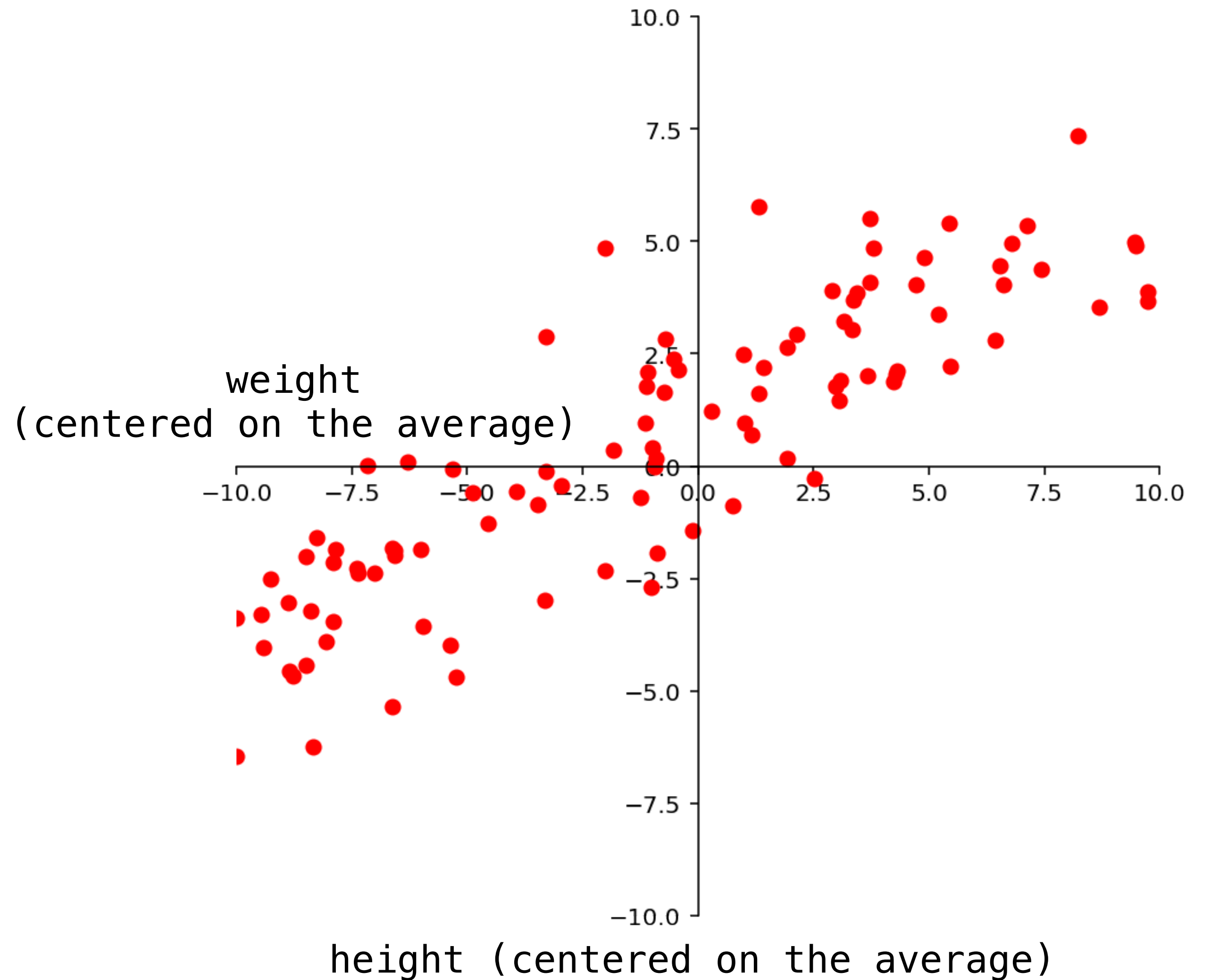
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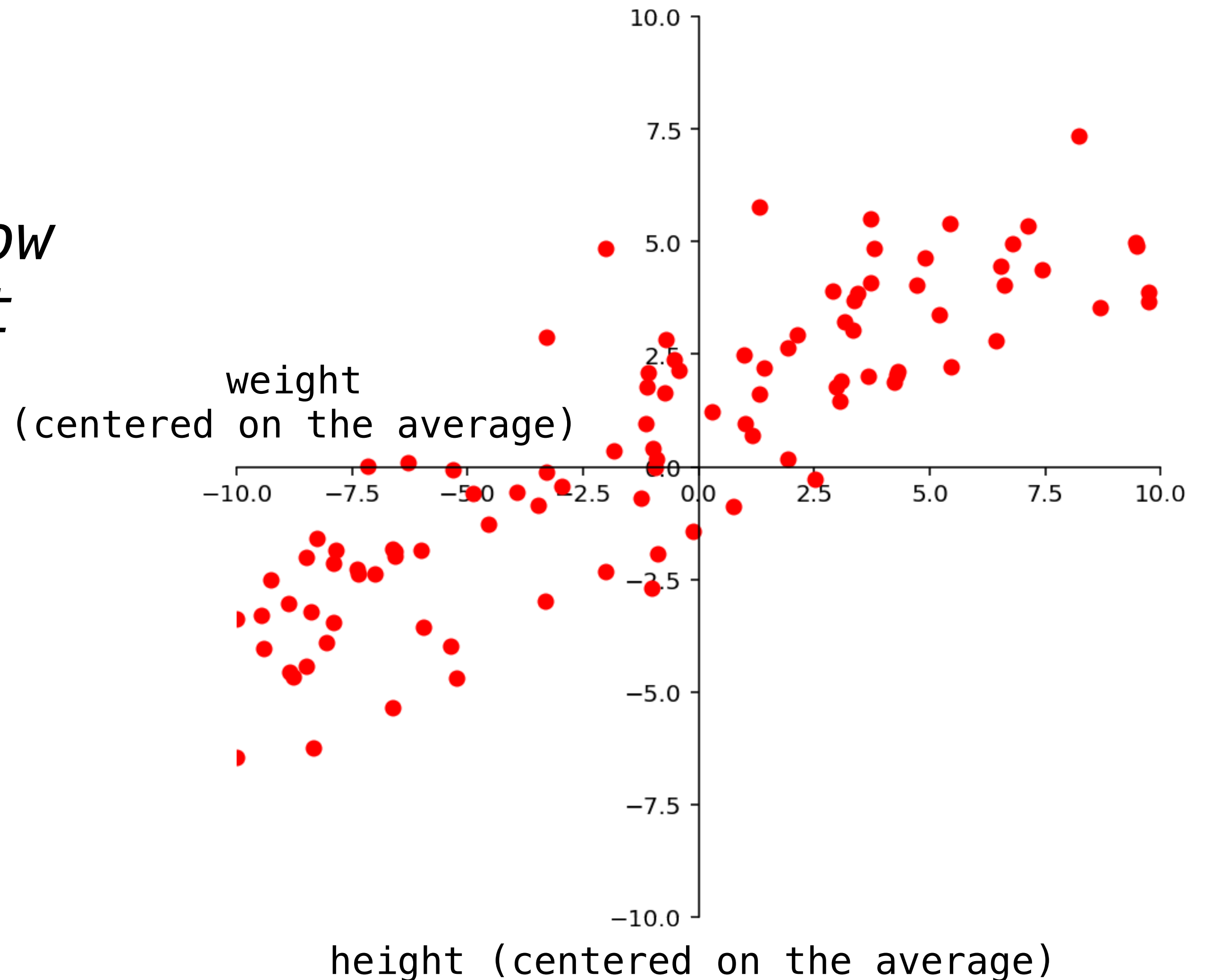
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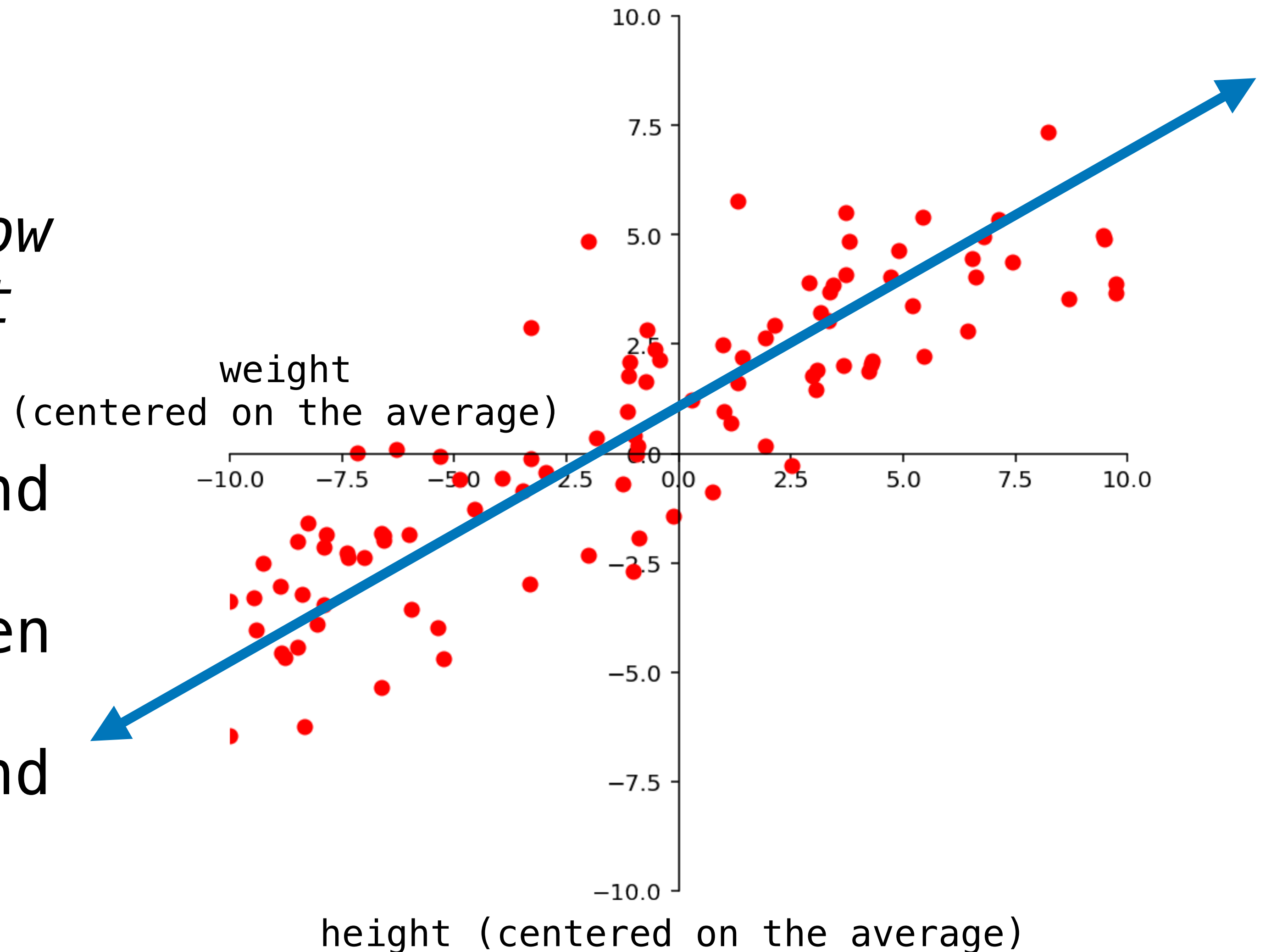
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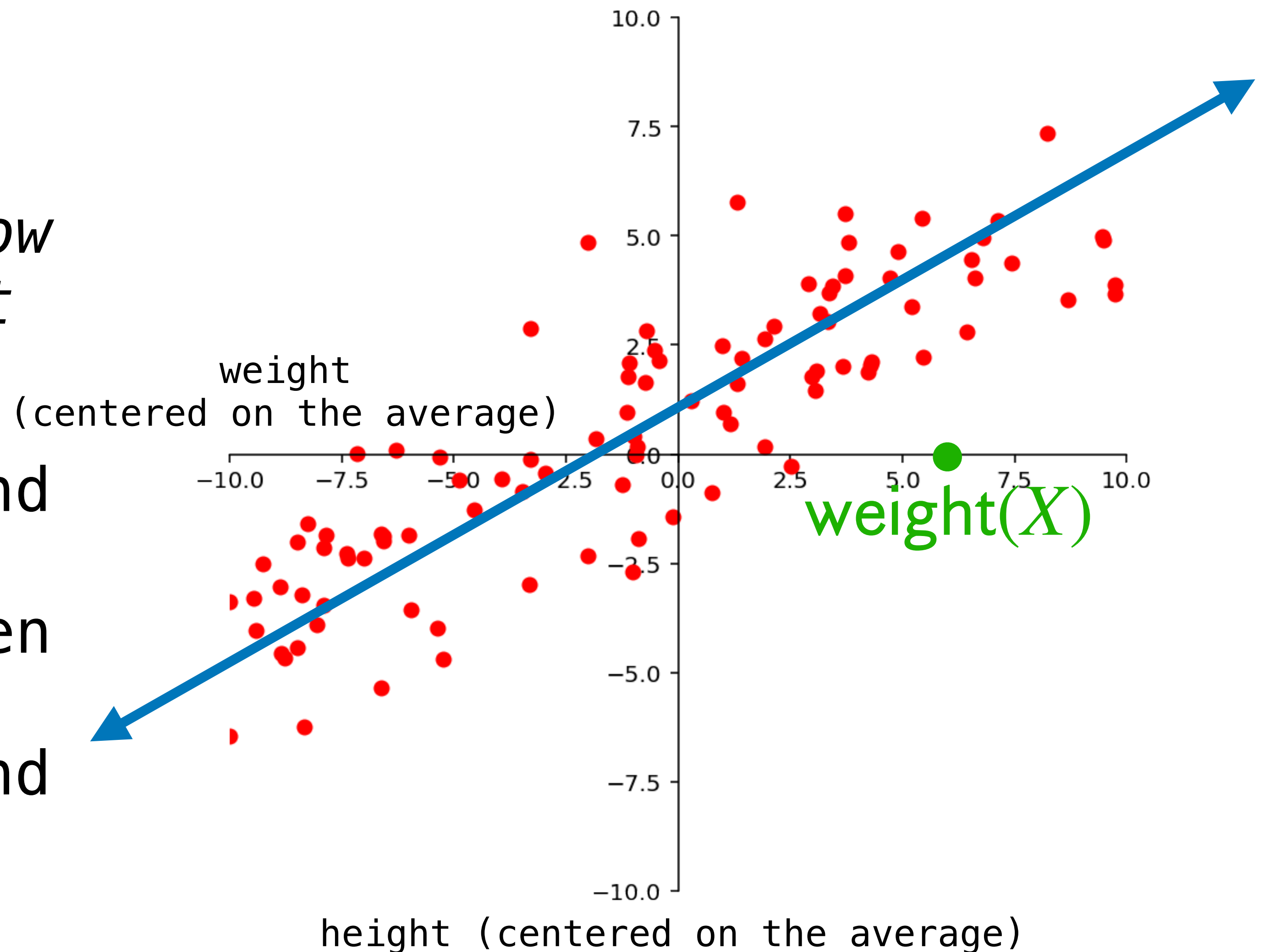
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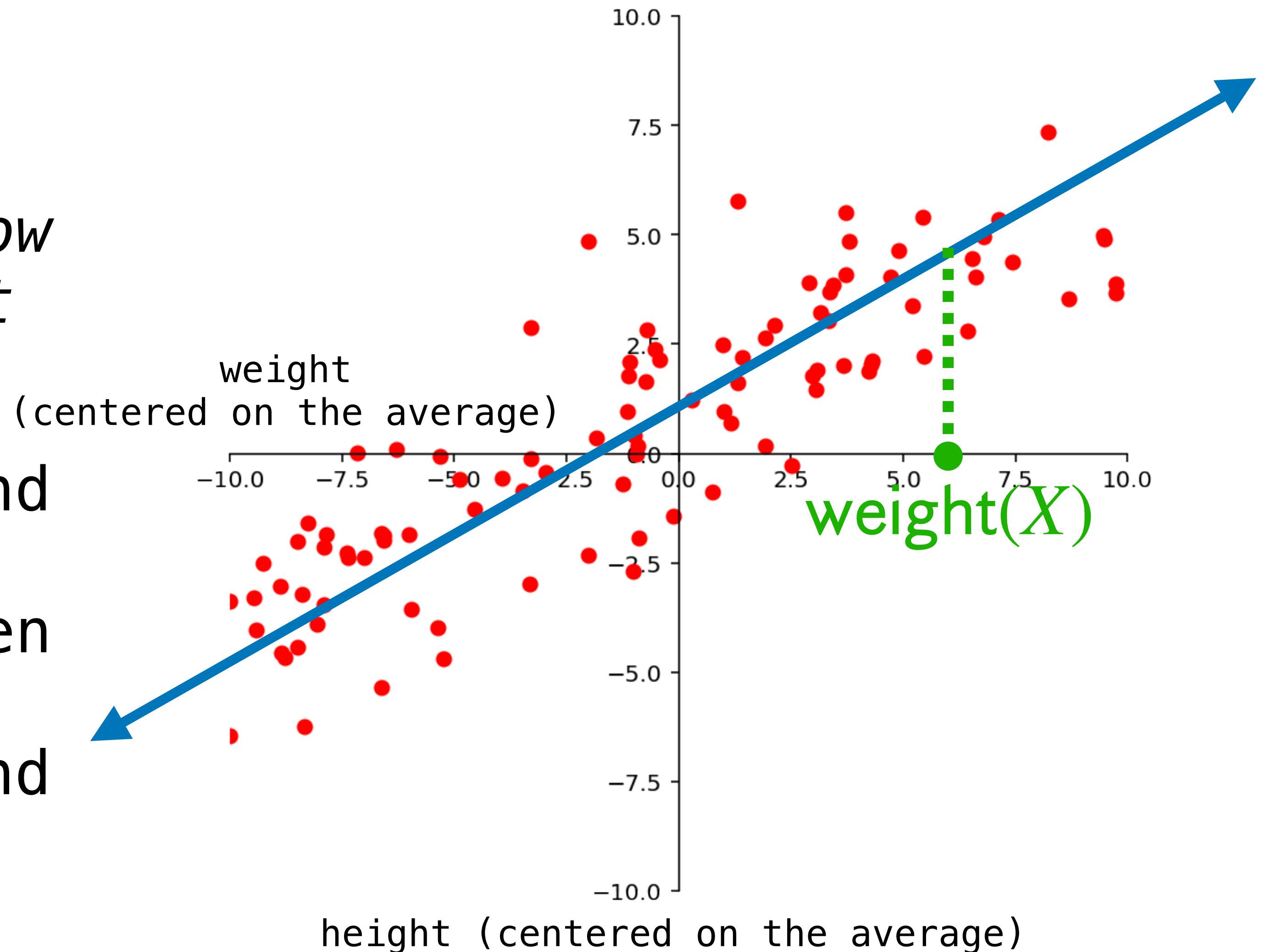
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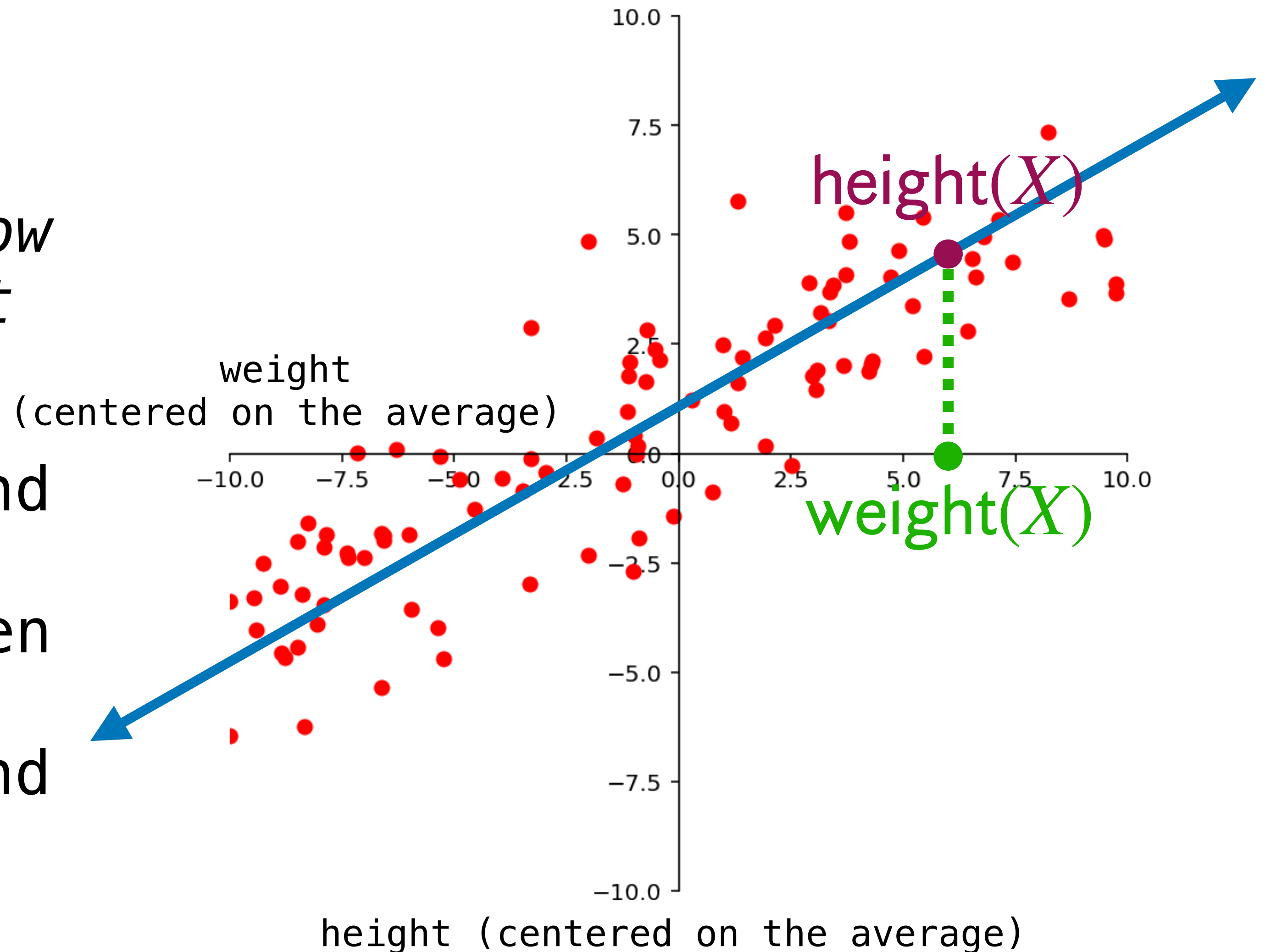
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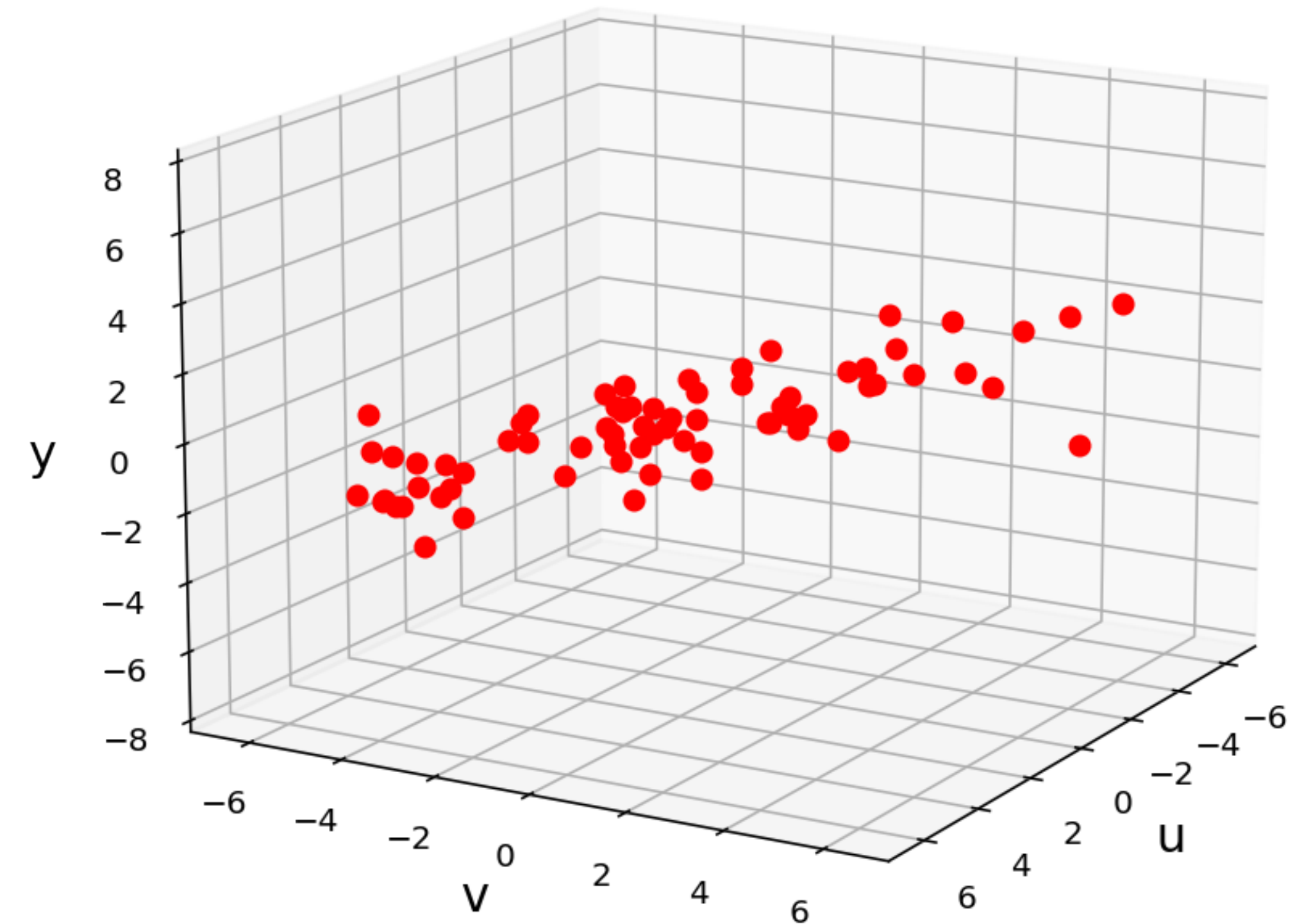
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Figure 23.1

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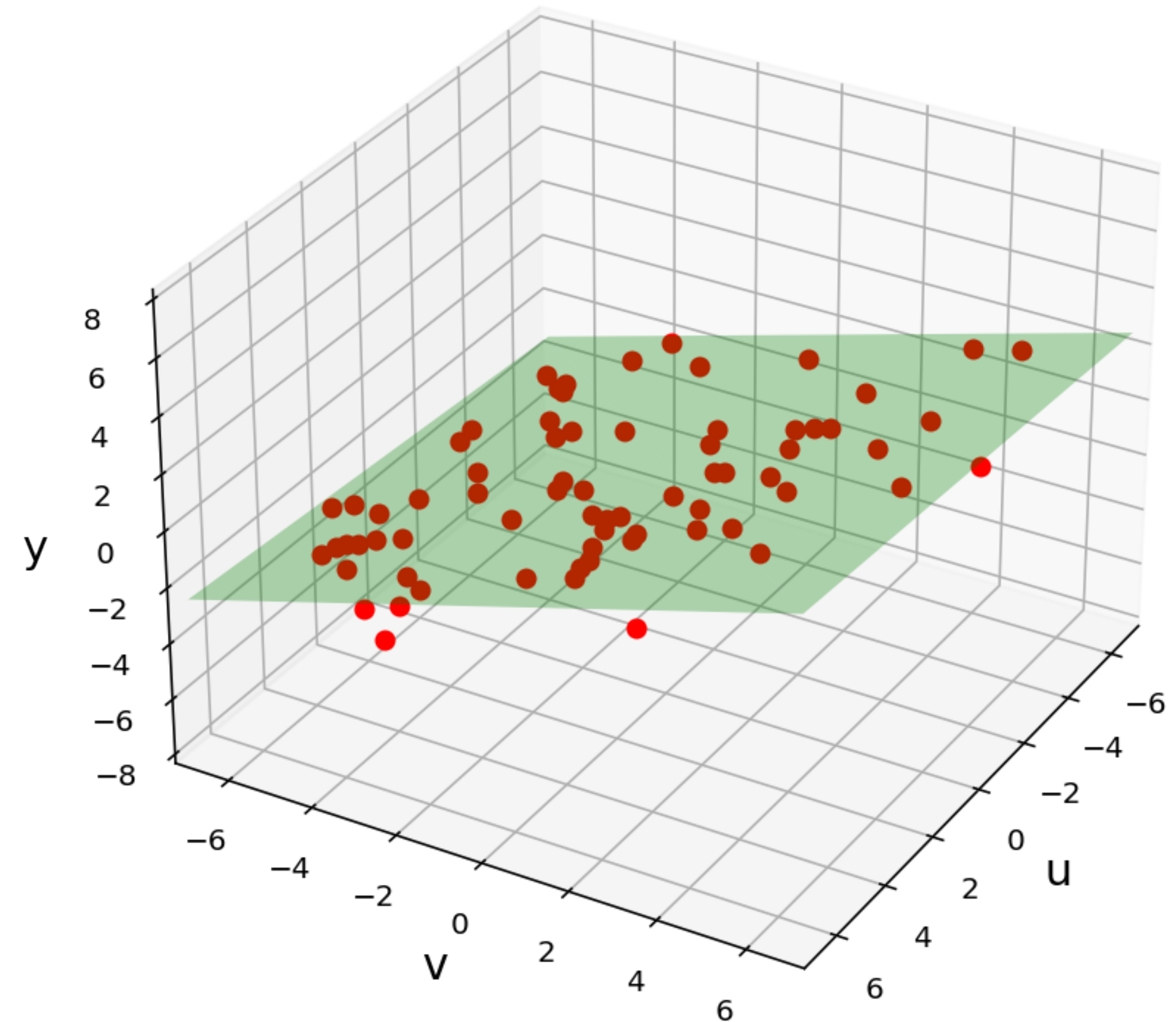
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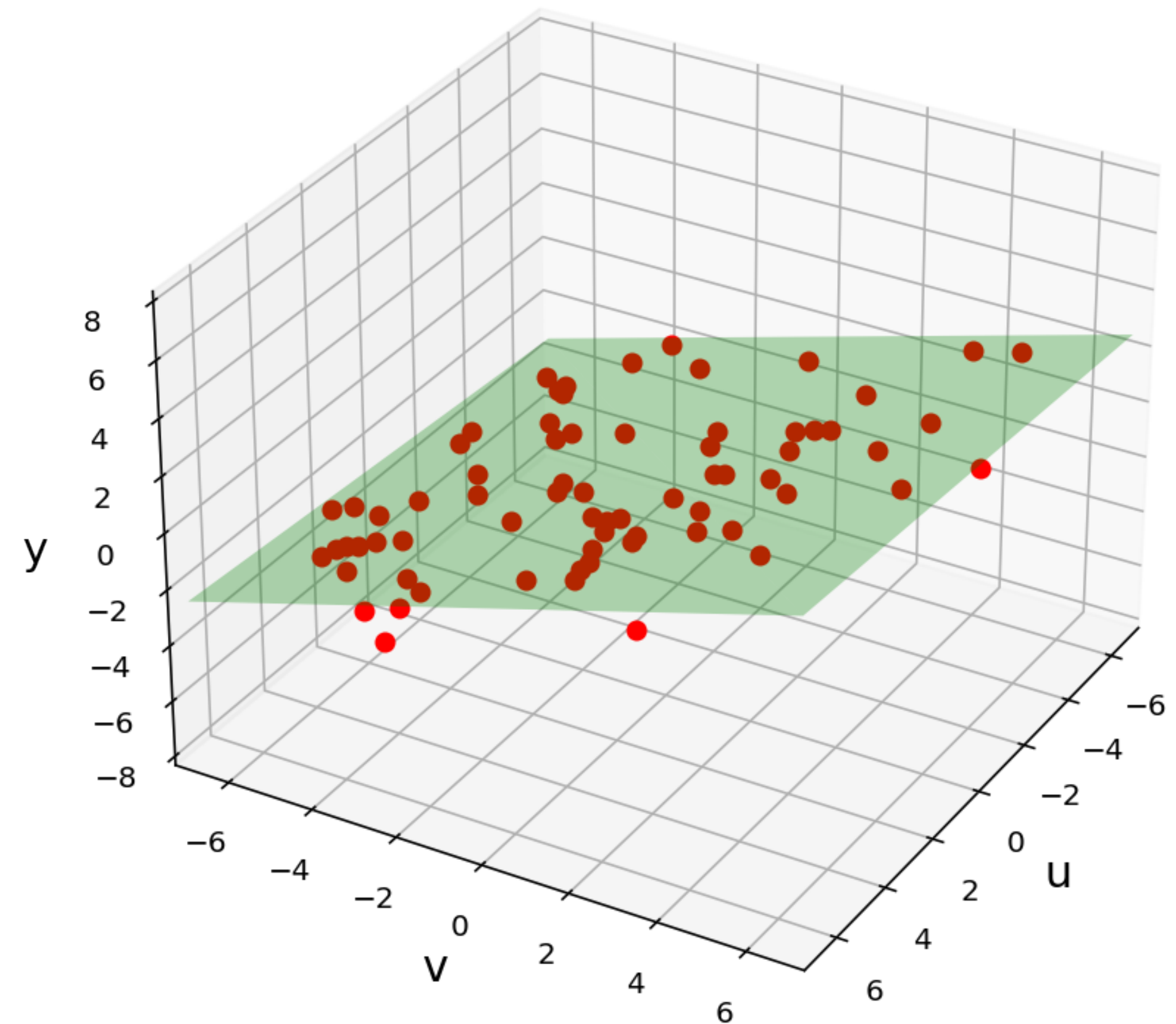
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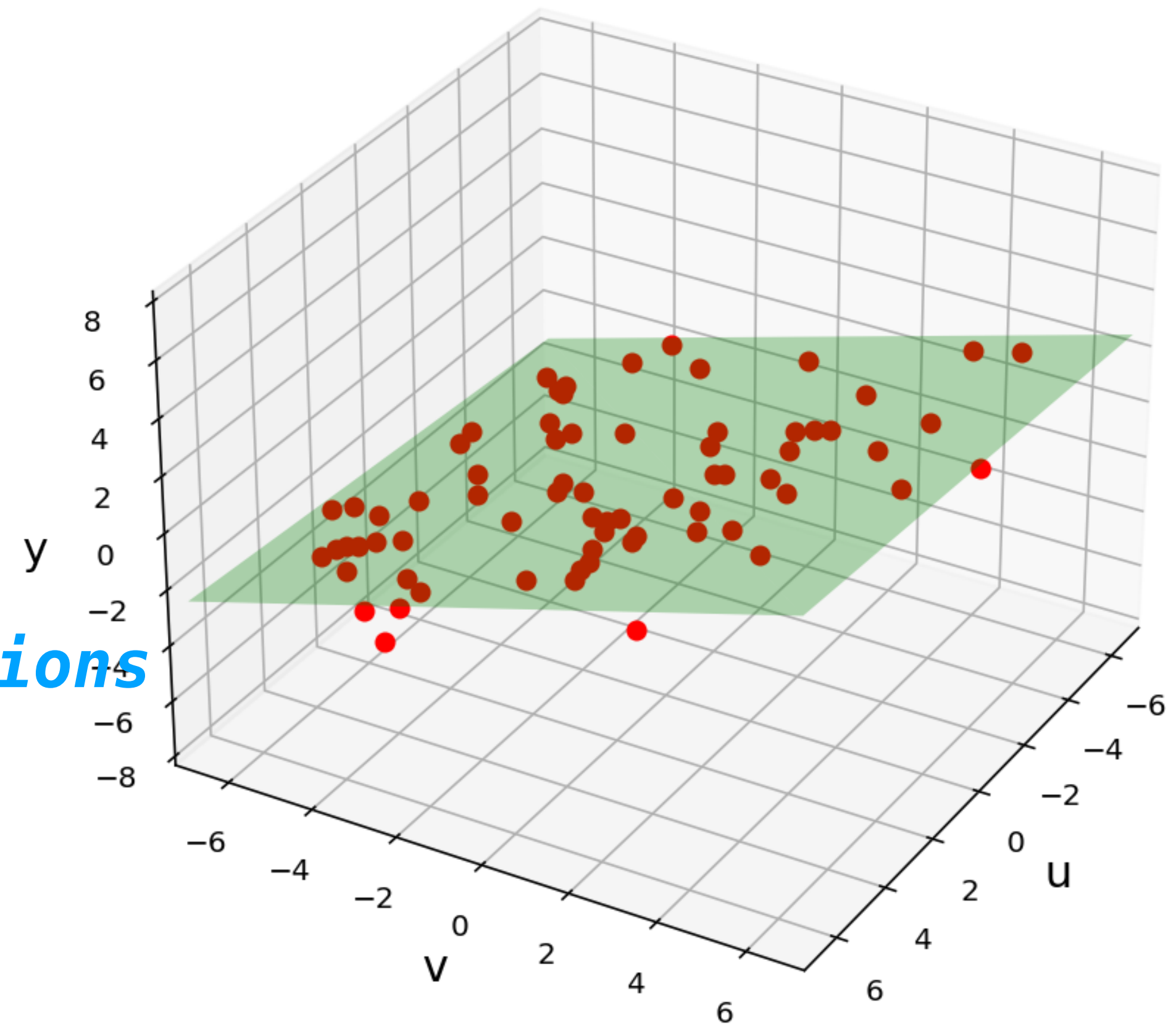
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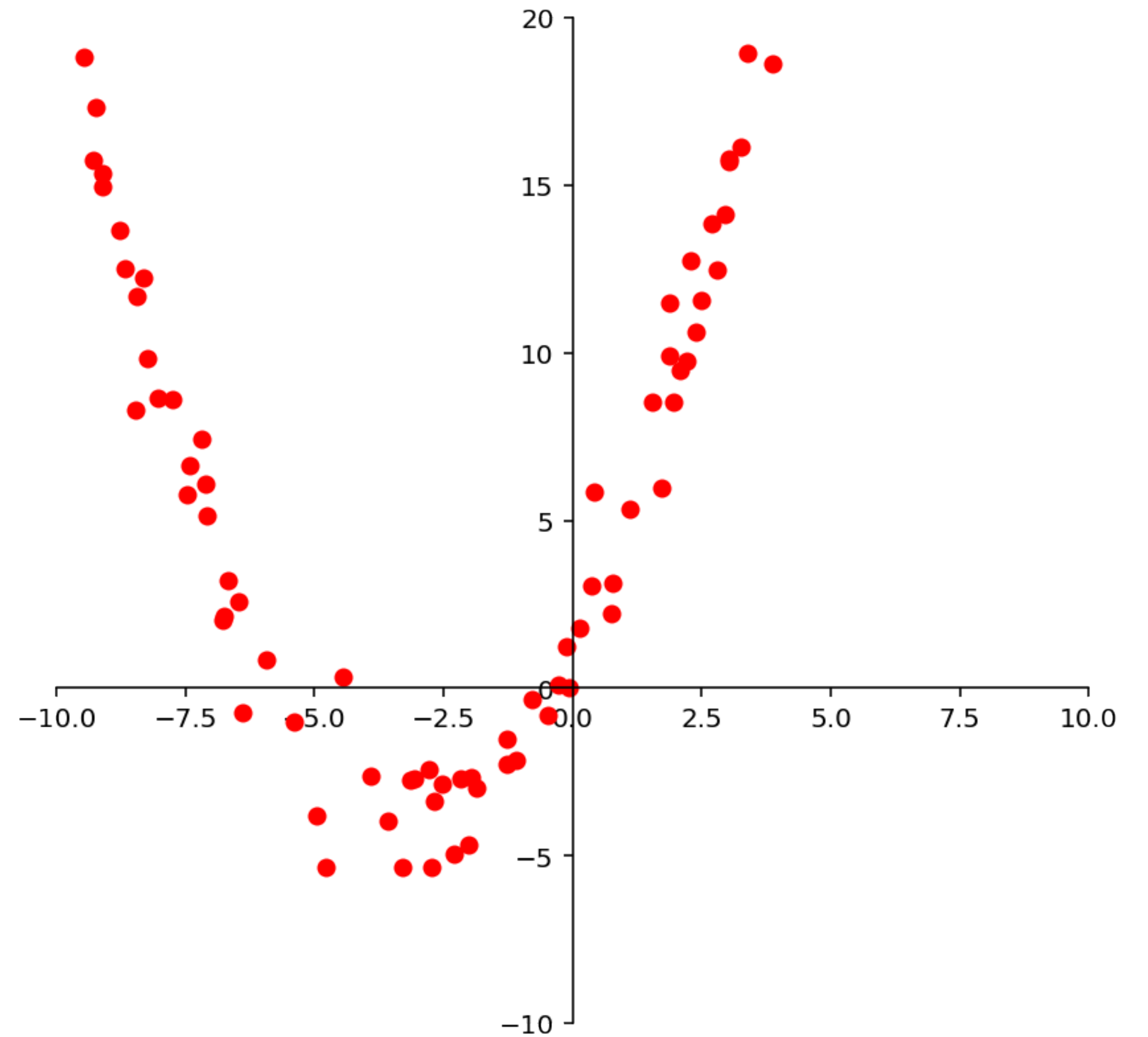
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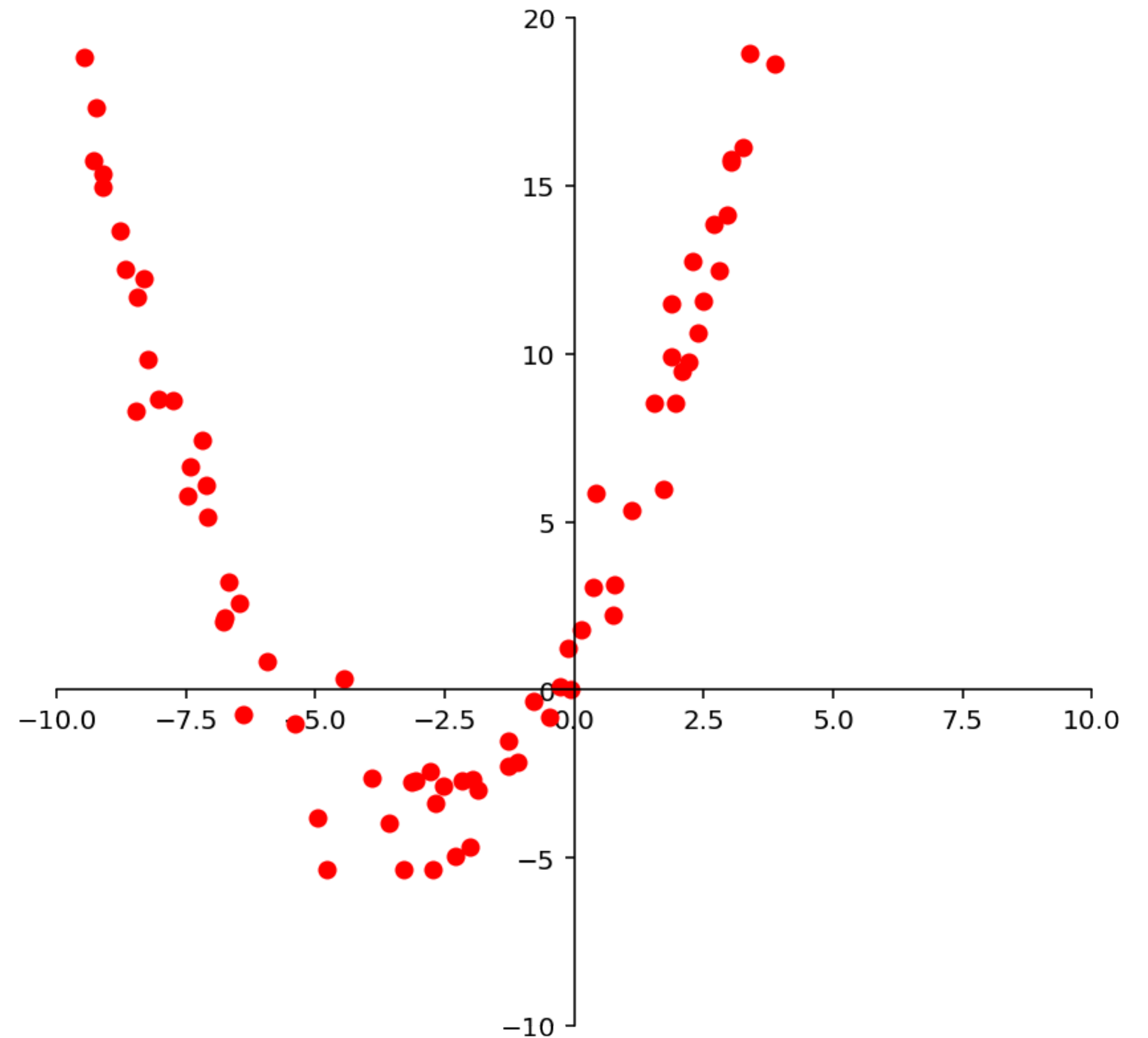
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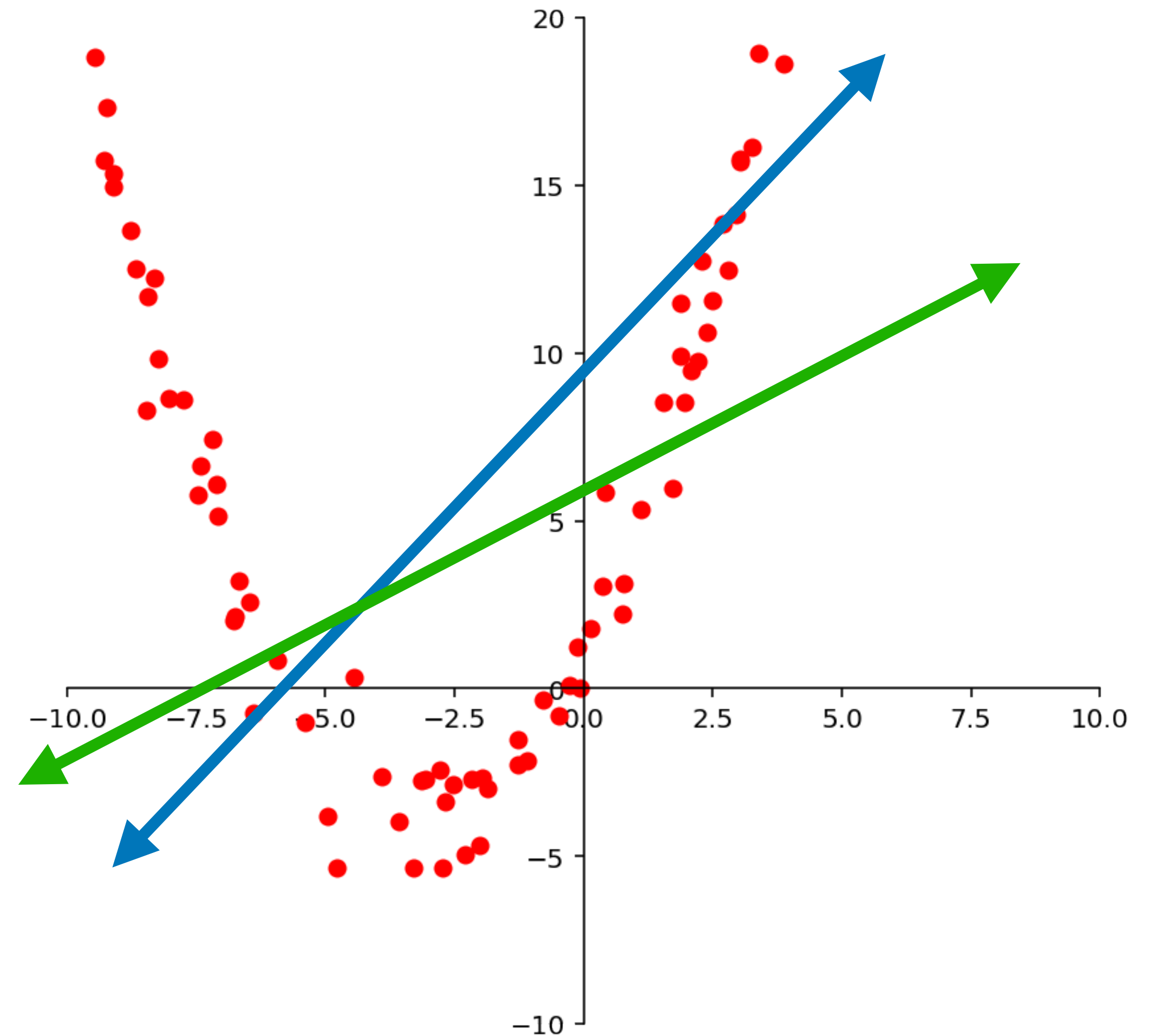
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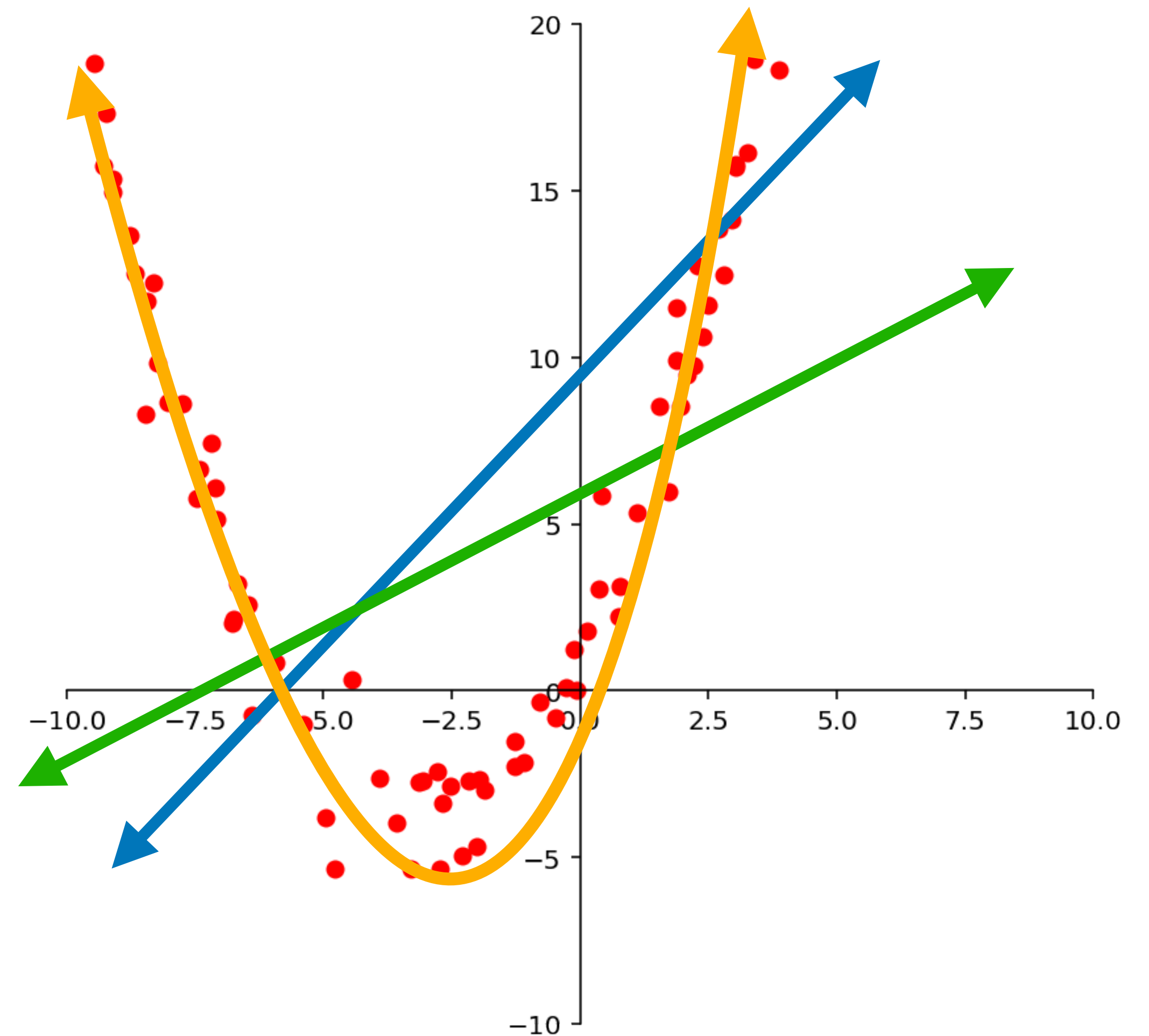


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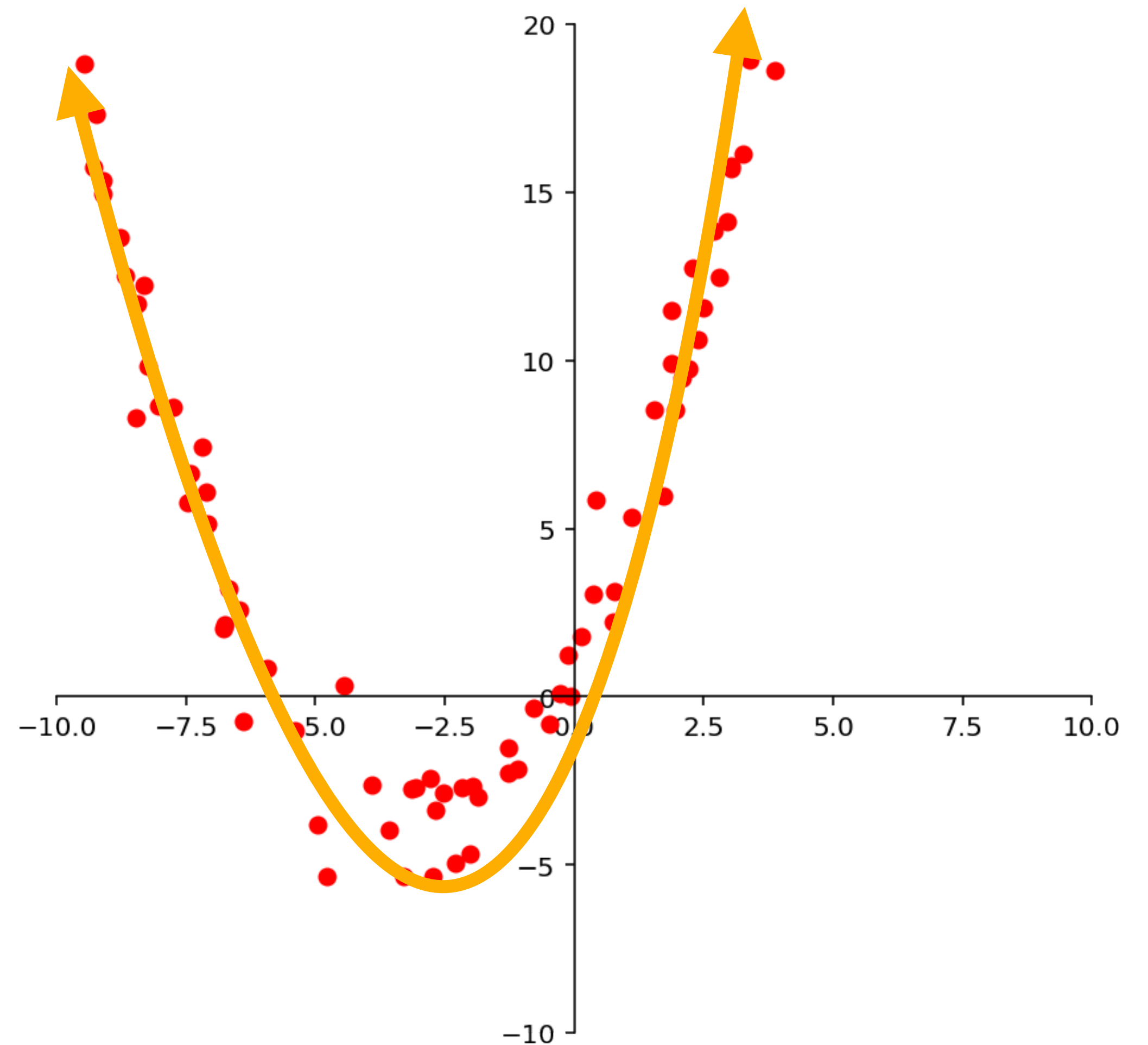
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The Takeaway

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

Example: $f(x, y, z) = \beta_0 (x^2 + y^2) + \beta_1 \cos(xy)^z + \beta_2 \frac{x}{y}$ ✓

$$f(x) = \beta_0^2 x \quad \times \quad f(x, y) = \frac{x+y}{\beta_0} \times + \beta_3$$

We can build design matrices for function which are linear in their parameters.

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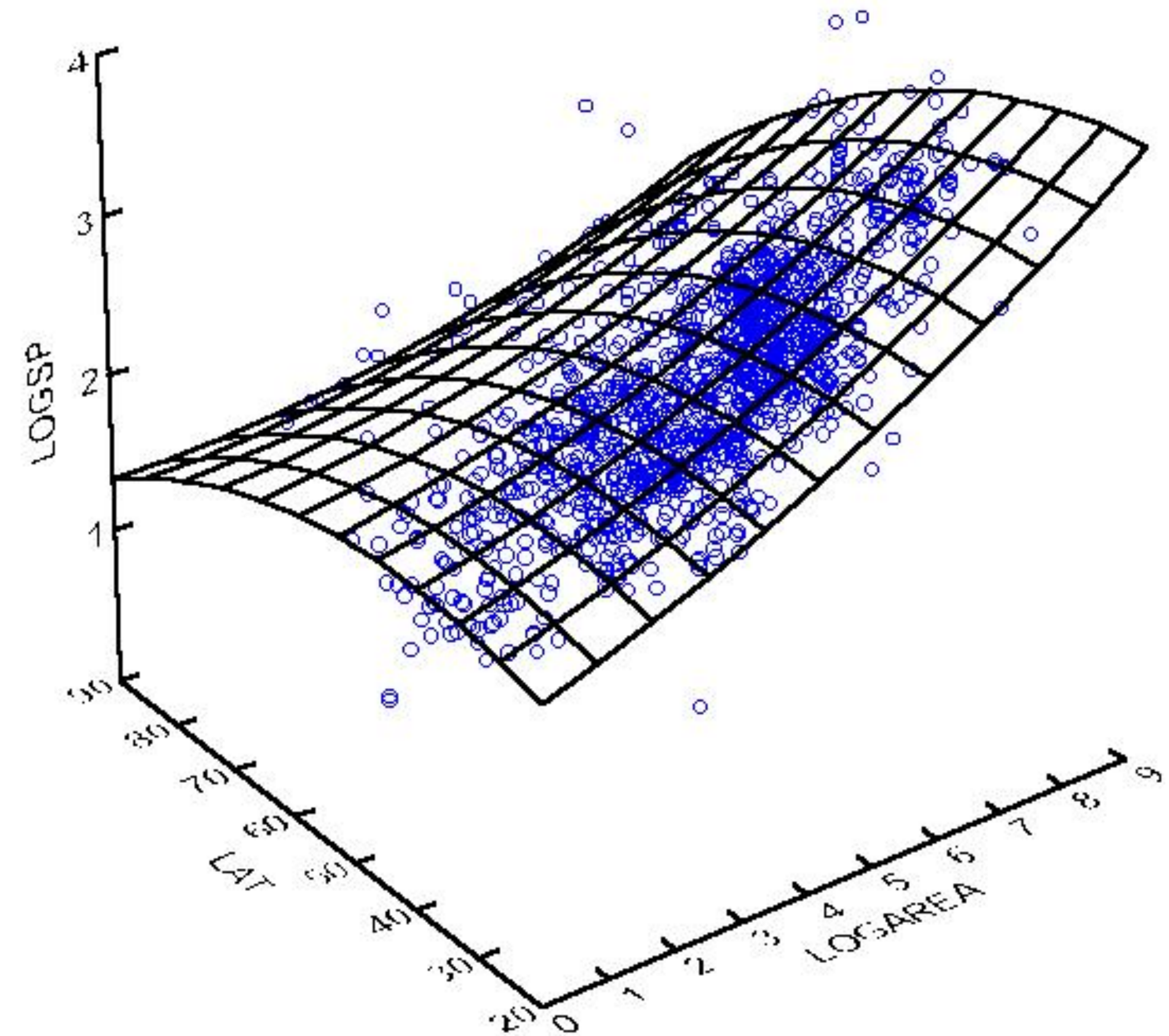
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$$f_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

which is *linear in the parameters* β_1, \dots, β_k , find values for β_1, \dots, β_k which minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (f_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k}(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2$$

$$\hat{\vec{\beta}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{y}$$

Step 3: Find the least squares solution of this system and use as the parameters of your model.

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Solution. First write $f(\mathbf{x})$ as $\beta_1\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) + \dots + \beta_k\phi_k(\mathbf{x})$ where ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_k are potentially non-linear functions. Then build the matrix:

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Question

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 0 - 0 & e^{-0(0)} & 1 \\ \cos \pi - 1 & e^{-3\pi} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & e^{-3\pi} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mapsto \beta_1 \cos(x_1) + \beta_2 e^{-x_1 x_2} - \beta_1 x_3 + \beta_3$$

$$= \beta_1 (\cos x_1 - x_3) + \beta_2 e^{-x_1 x_2} + \beta_3 \cdot 1$$

for the dataset

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (0, 0, 0) \quad y_1 = 5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = (\pi, 3, 1) \quad y_2 = 3$$

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