Linear Models

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 24

CAS CS 132

Practice Problem

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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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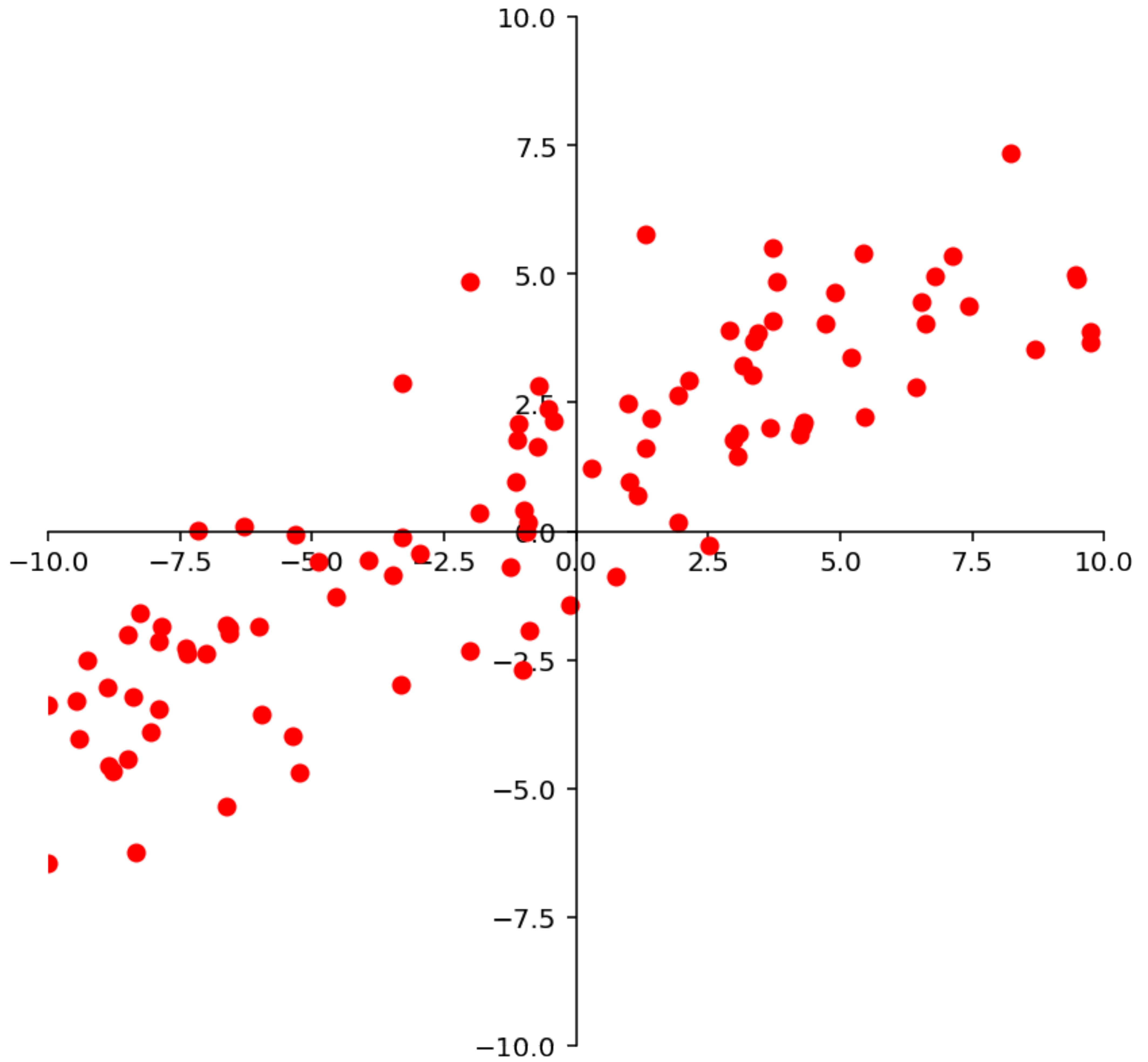

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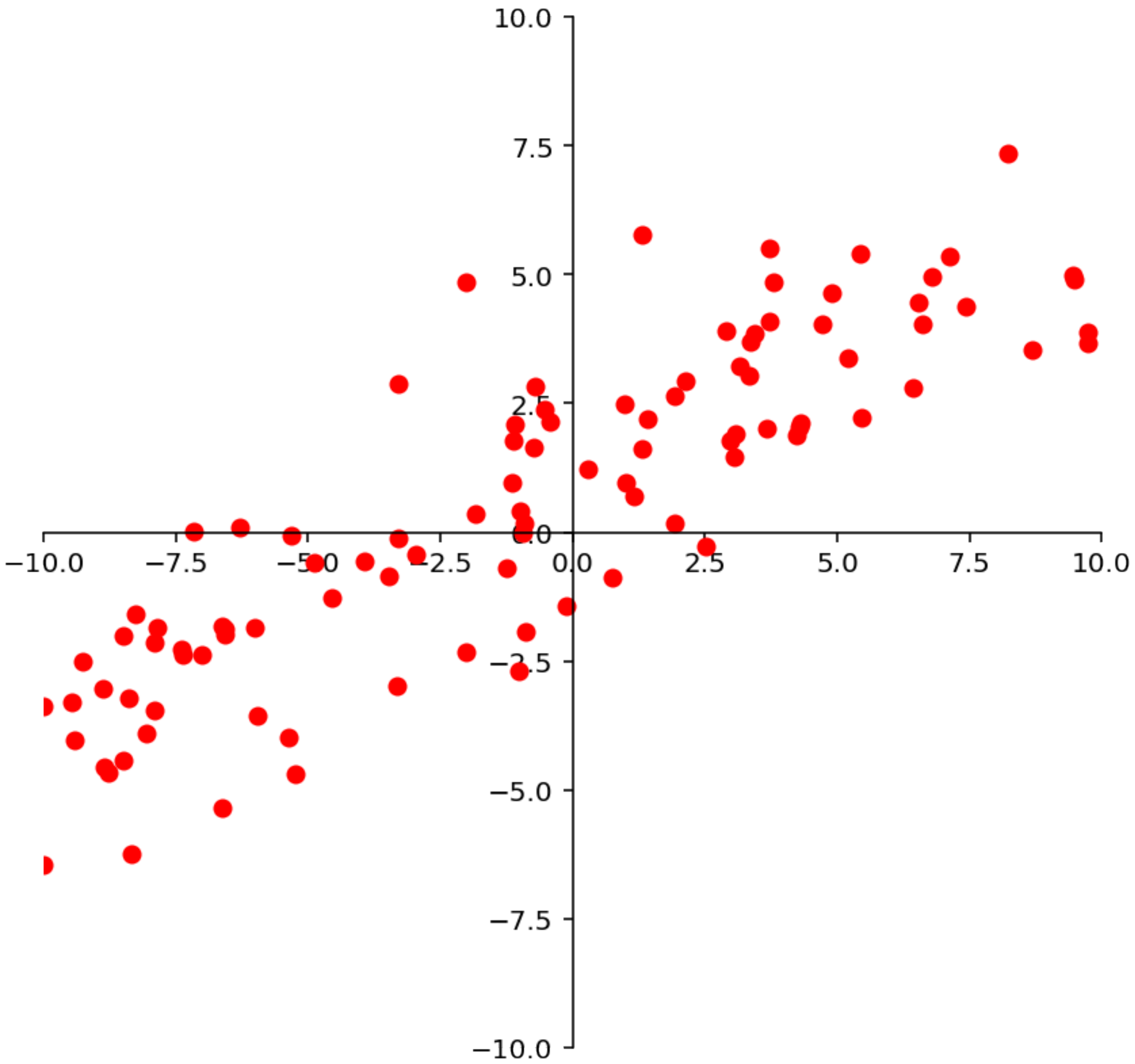

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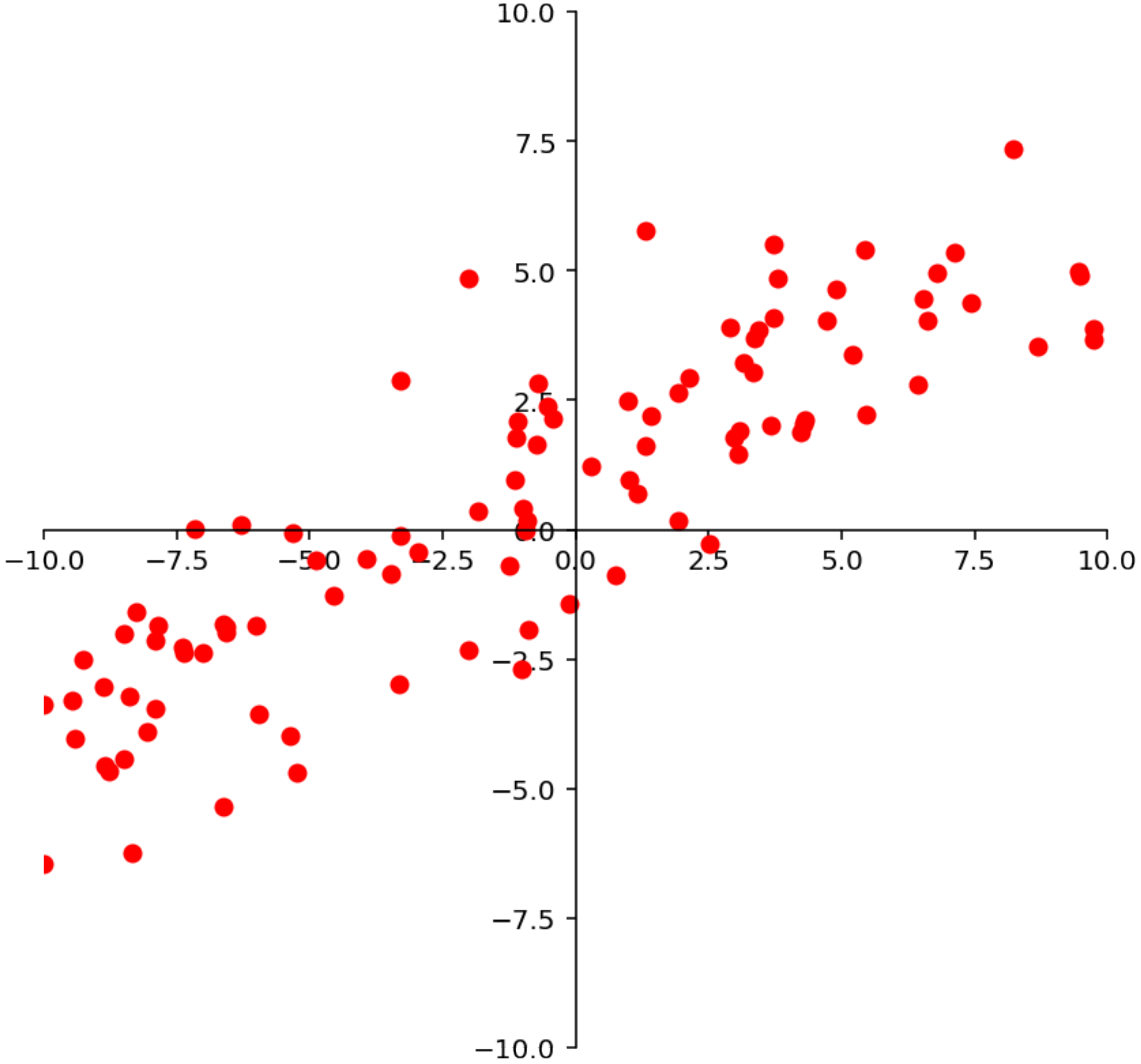

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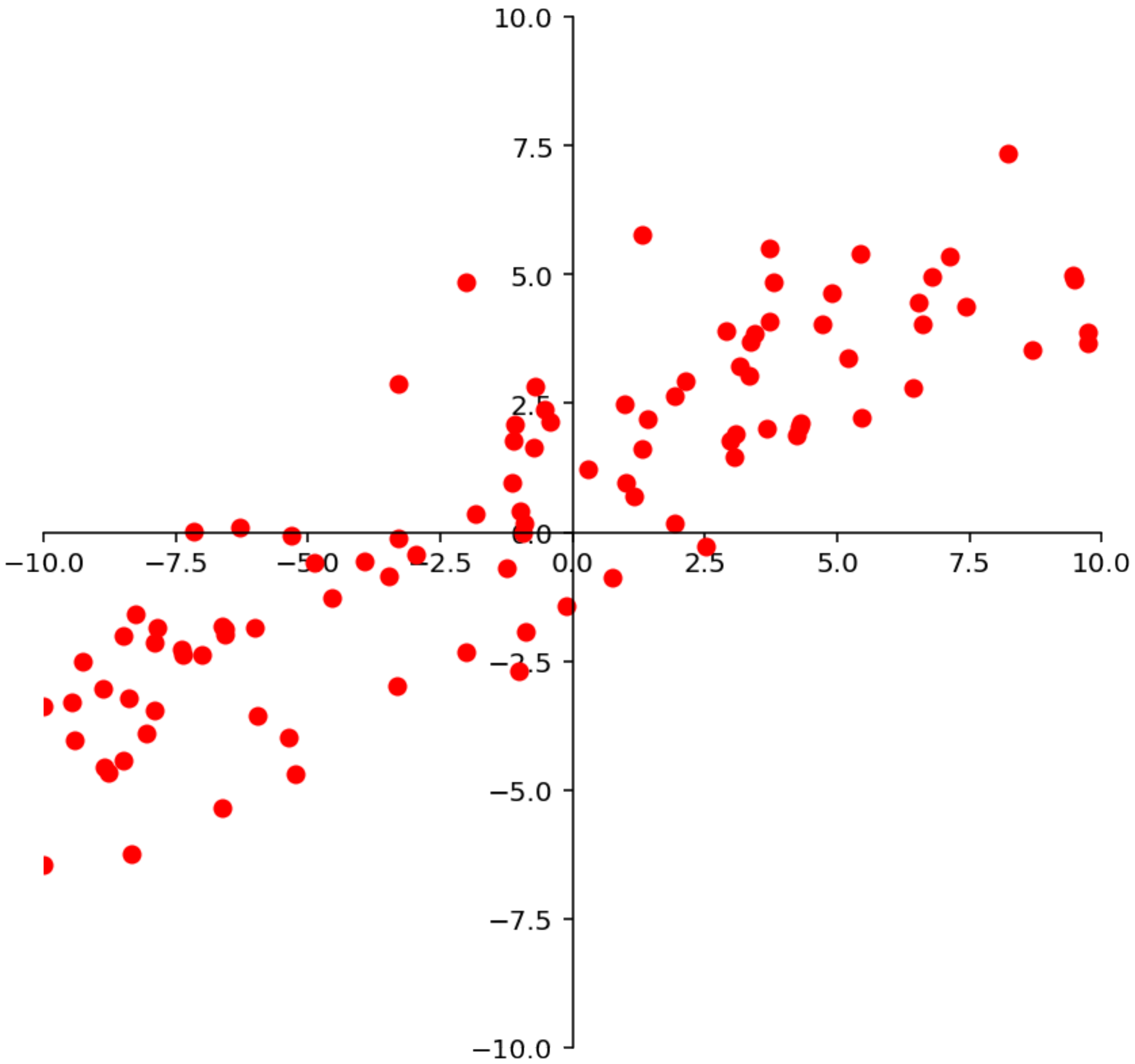

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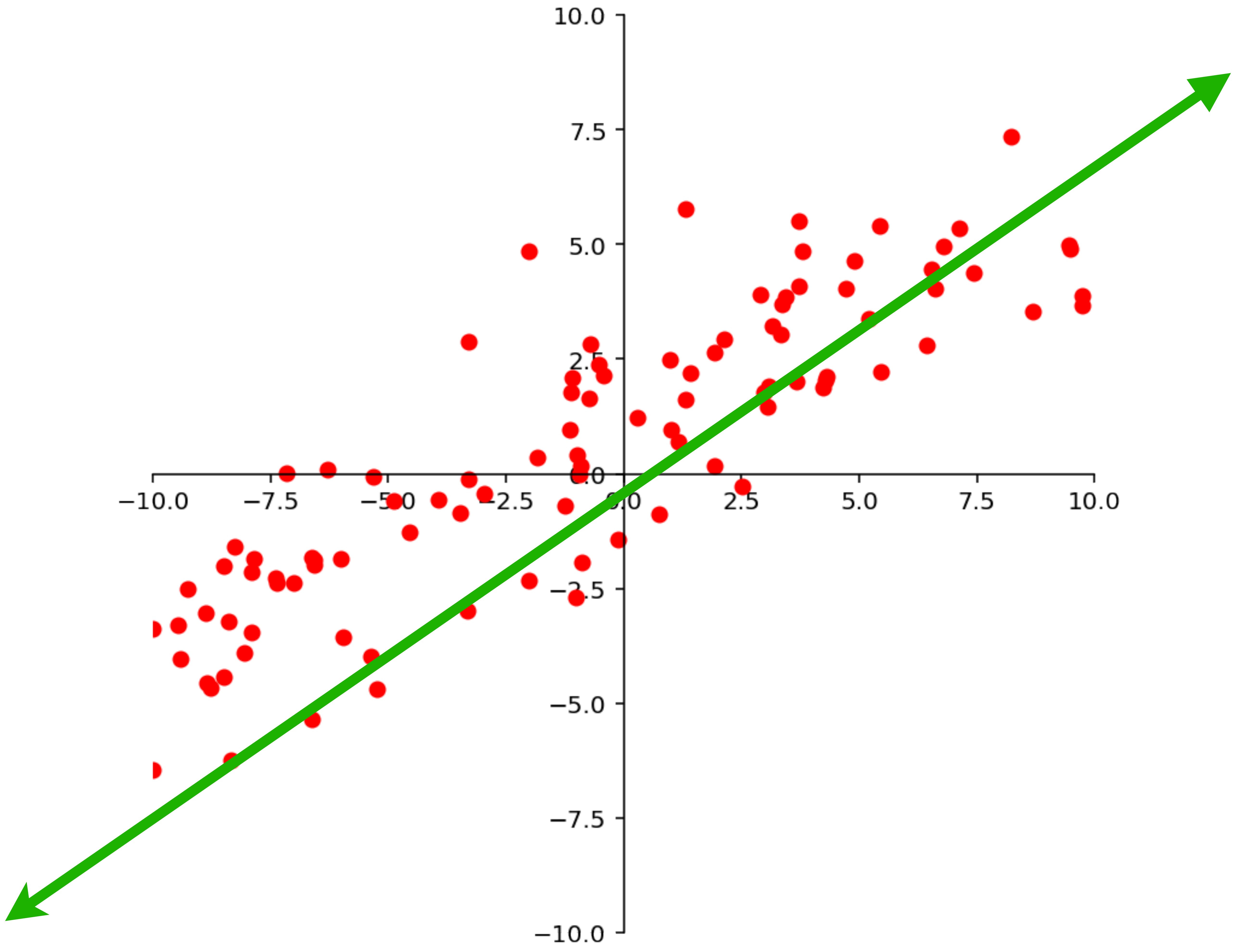

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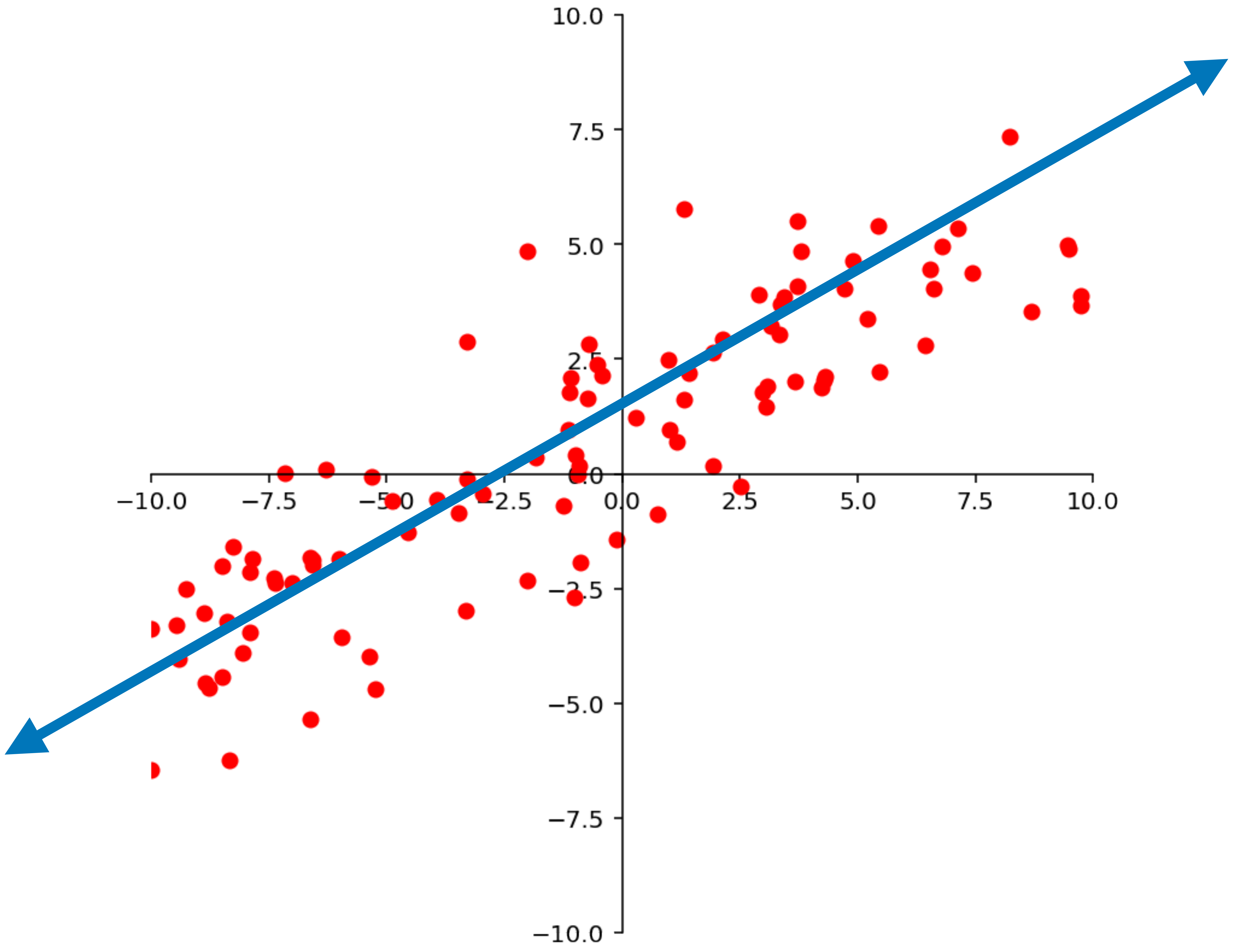

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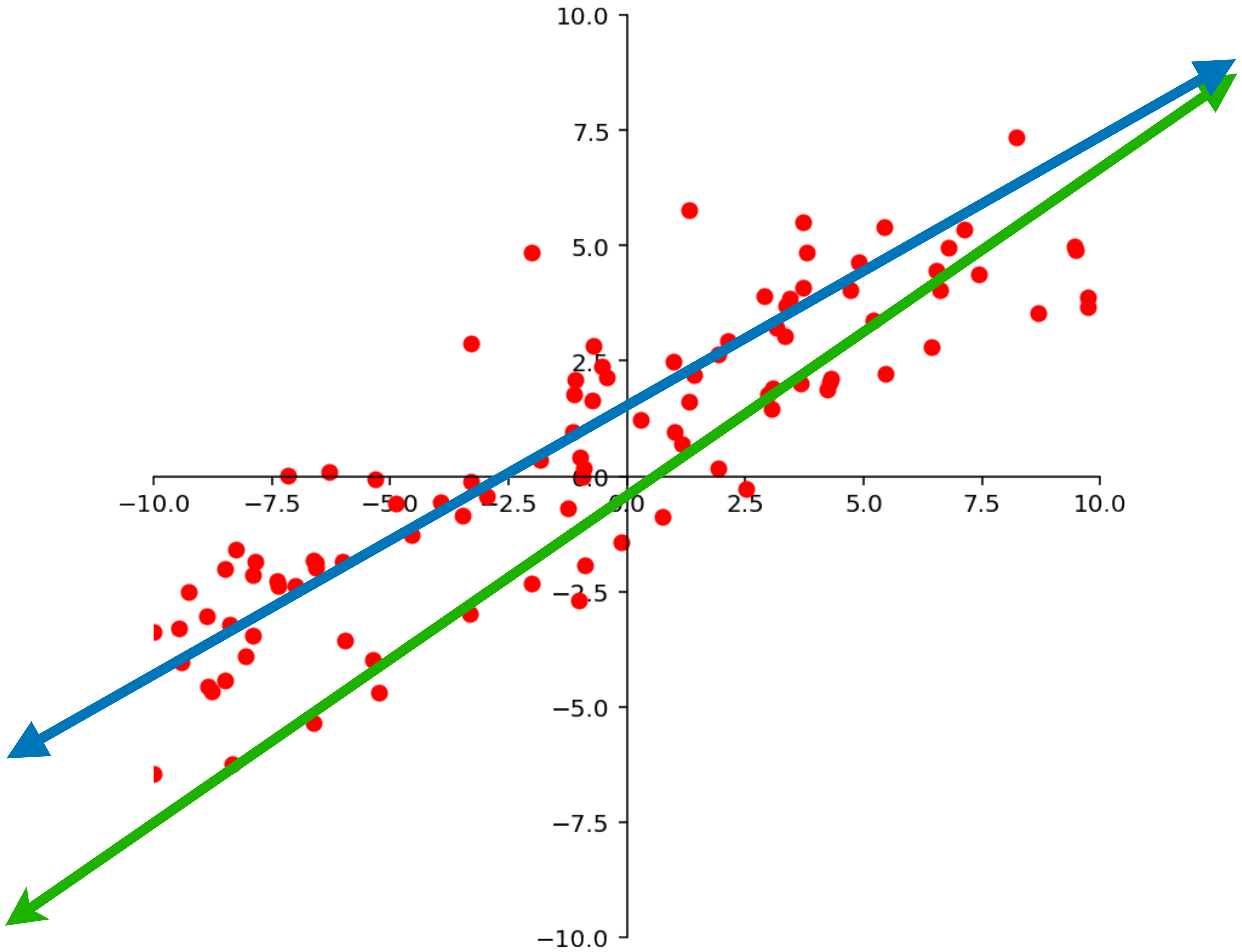
Question. Which line "best" describes the trend of the dataset?

Which one *best models* the dataset?



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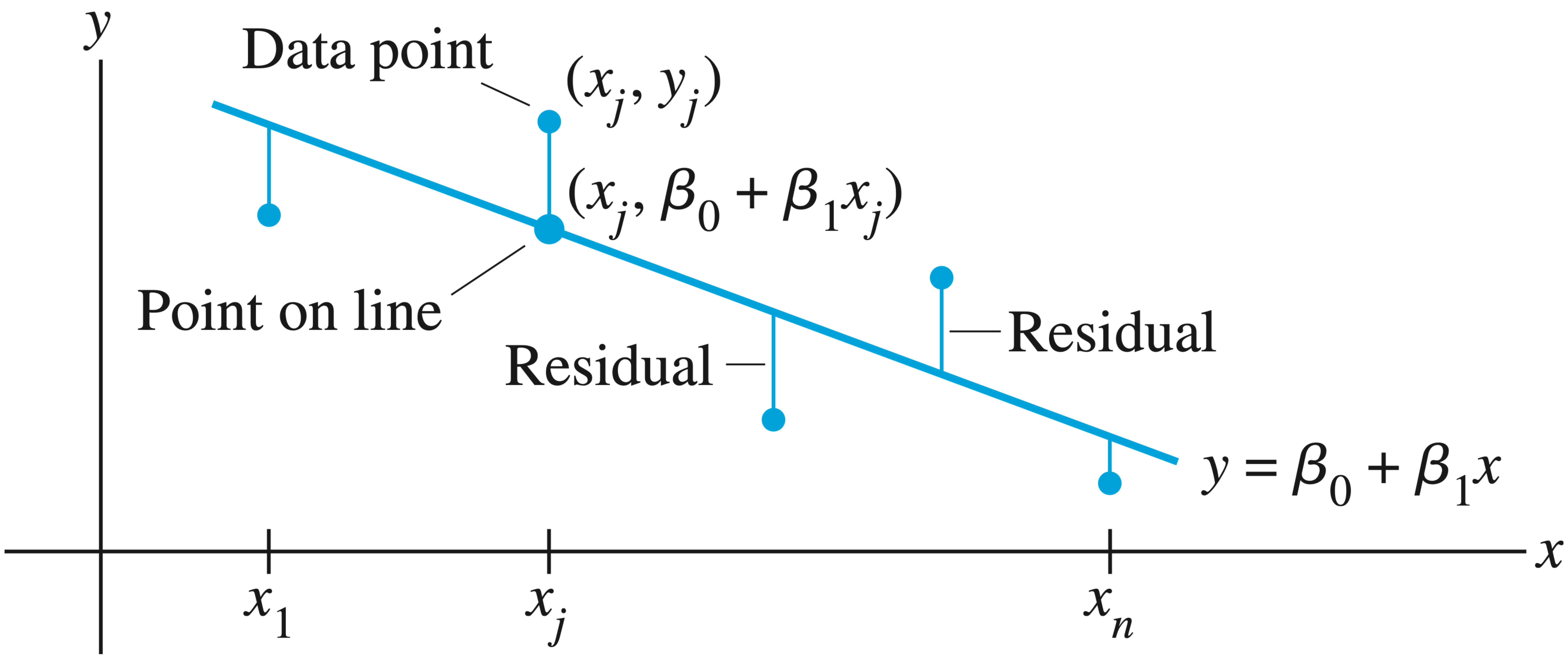

We want to find the line which makes the sum of these differences *as small as possible*.

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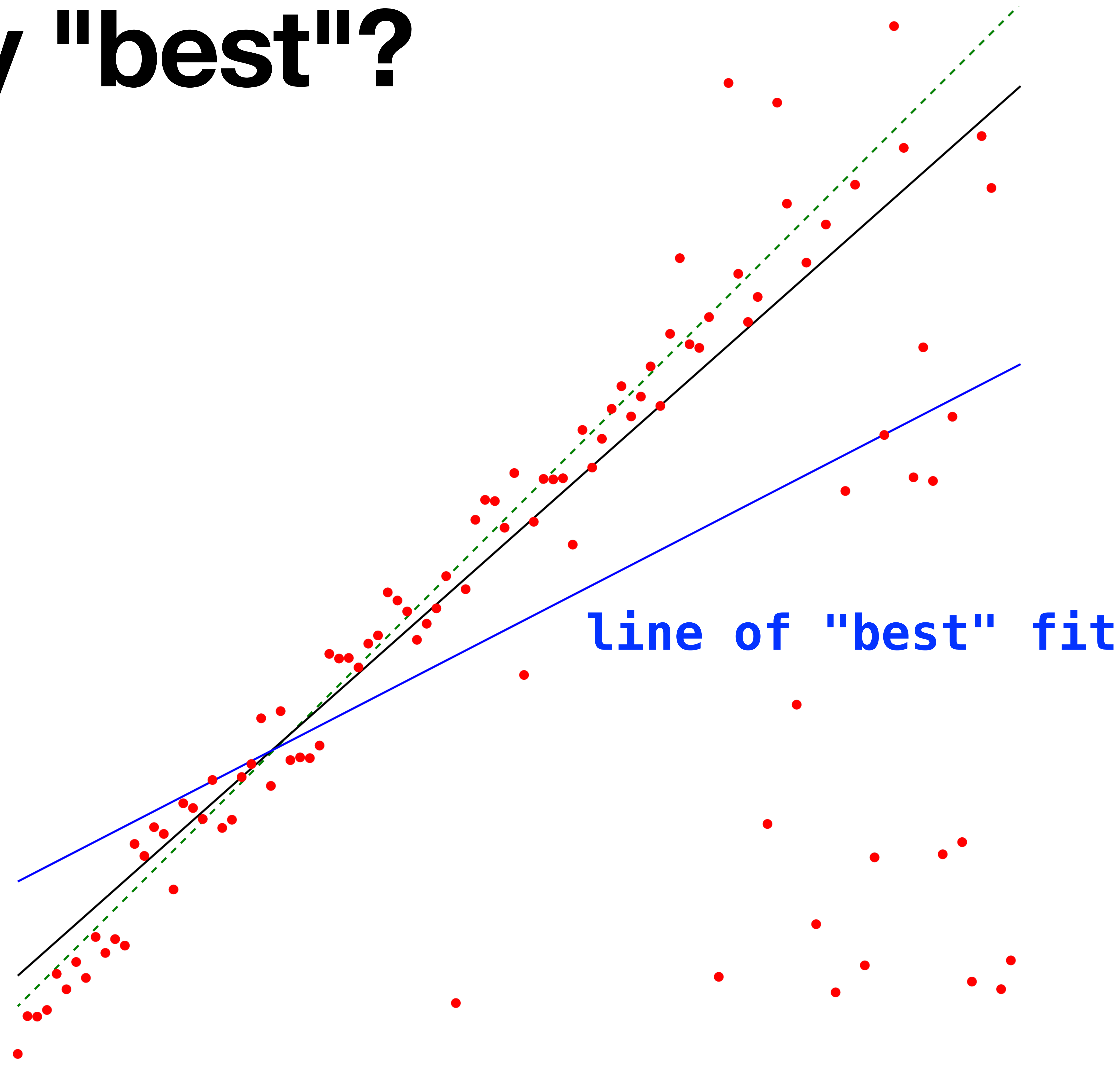

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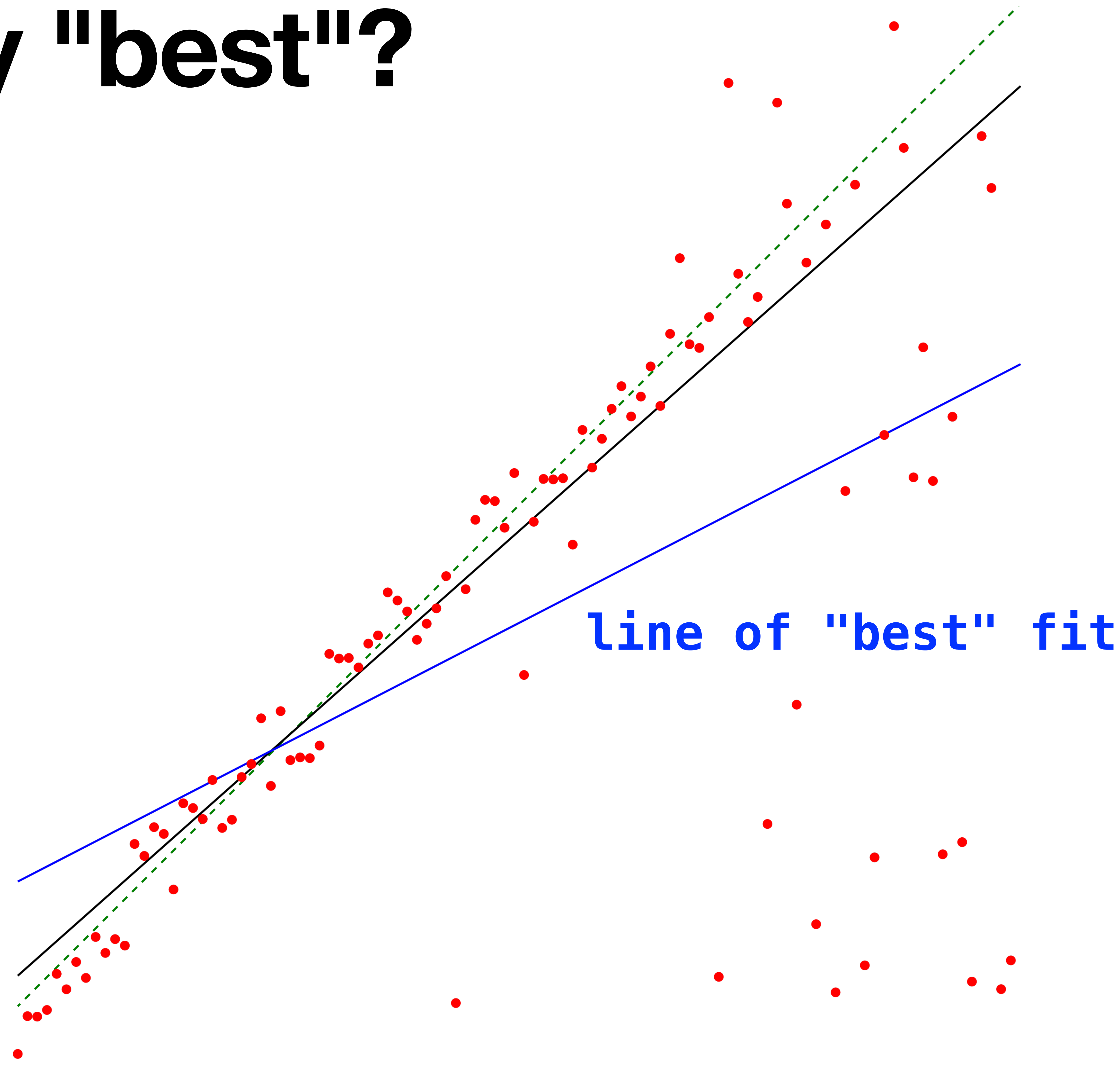

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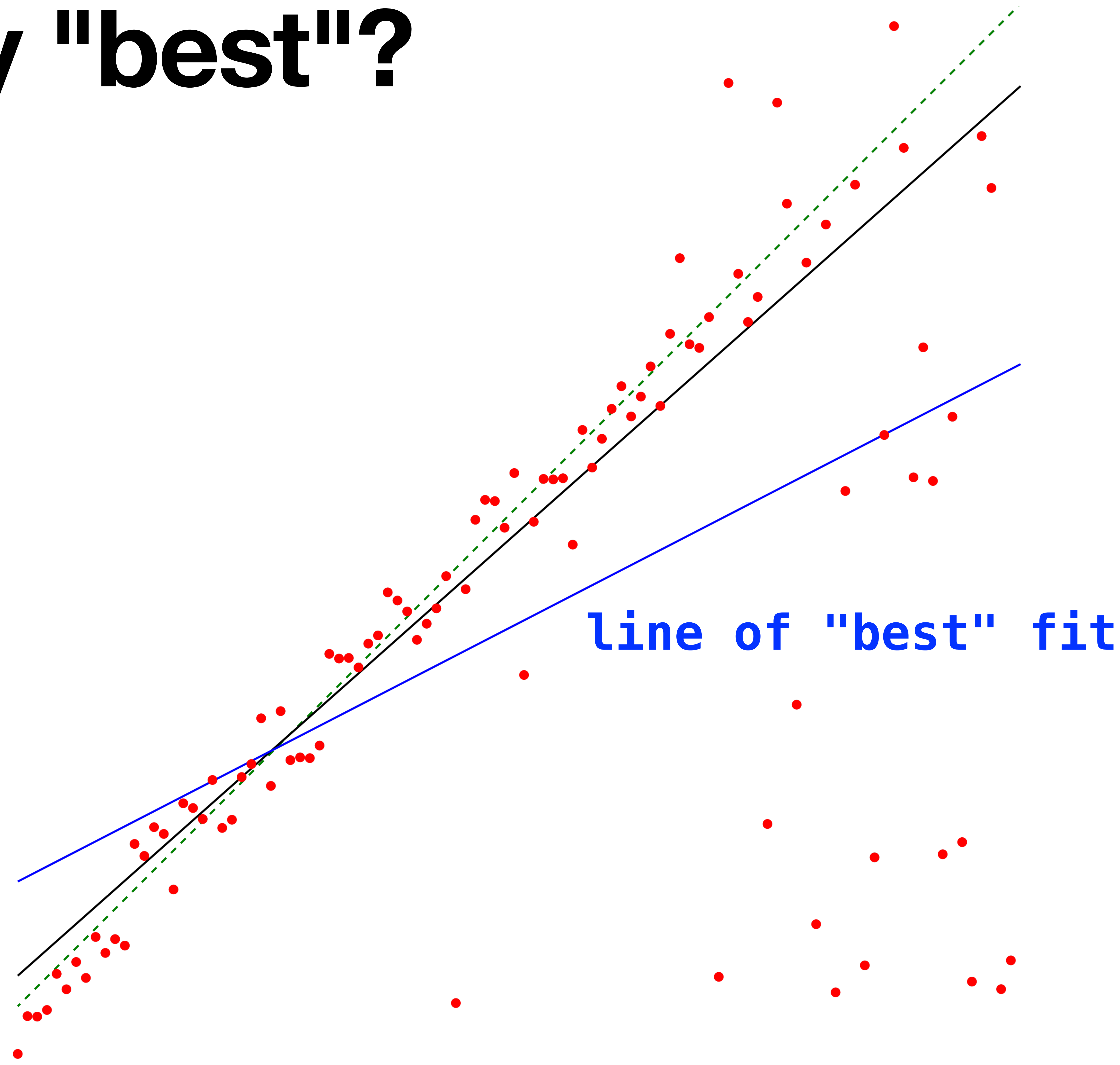

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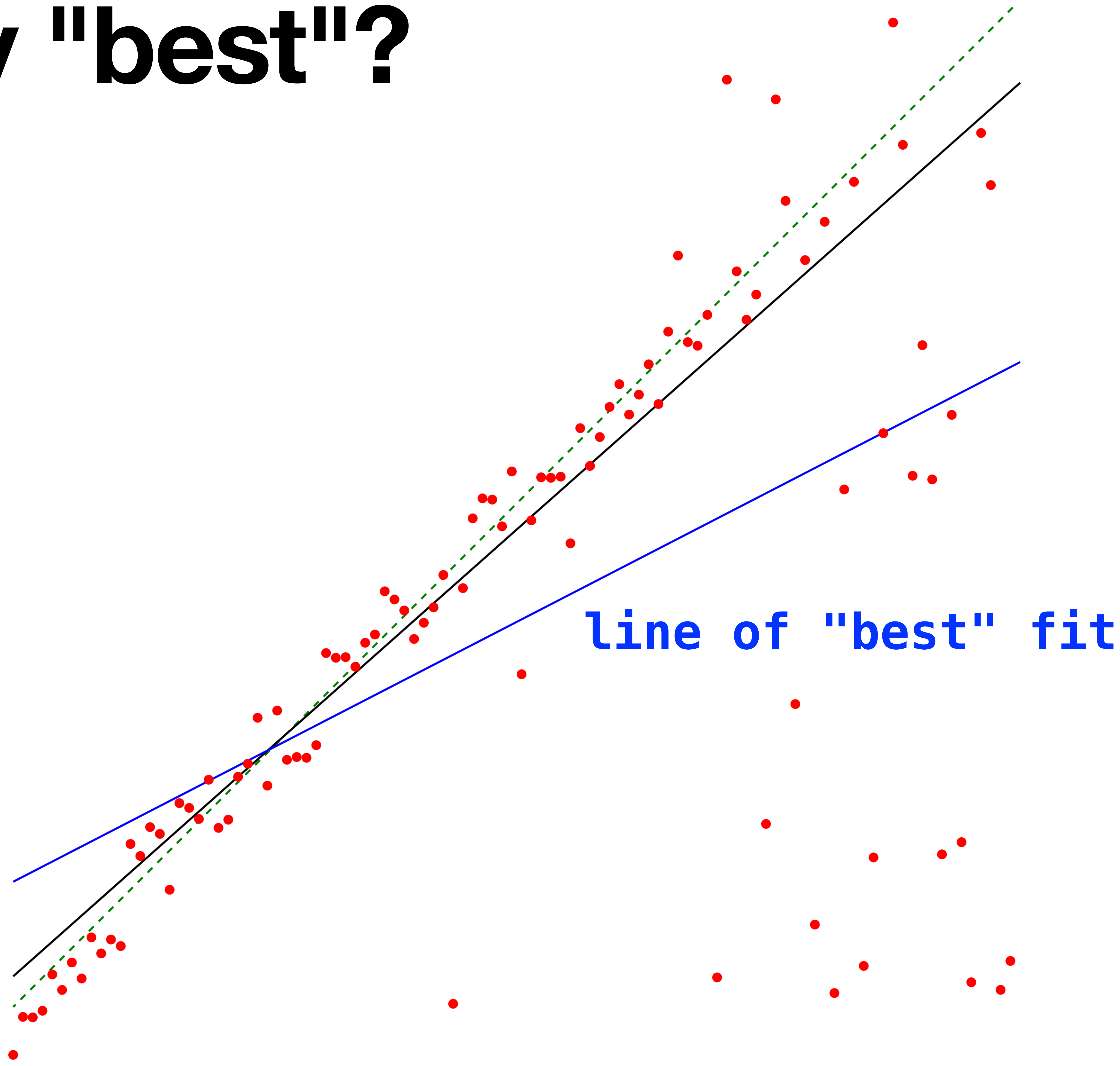
The point. We fix our notion of "best" first, and then we do calculations and derivations from there.



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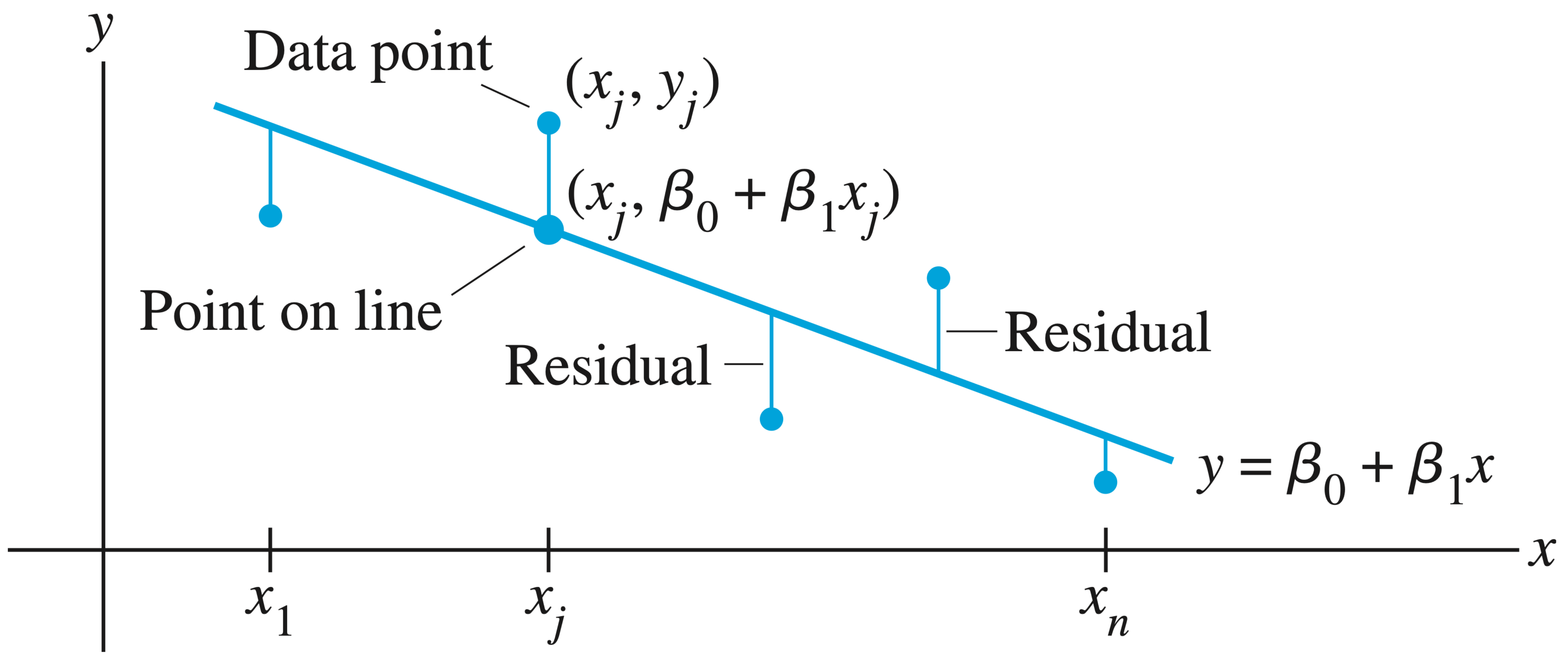

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Recall: Unique Least Squares Solutions

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

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

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Just for Fun

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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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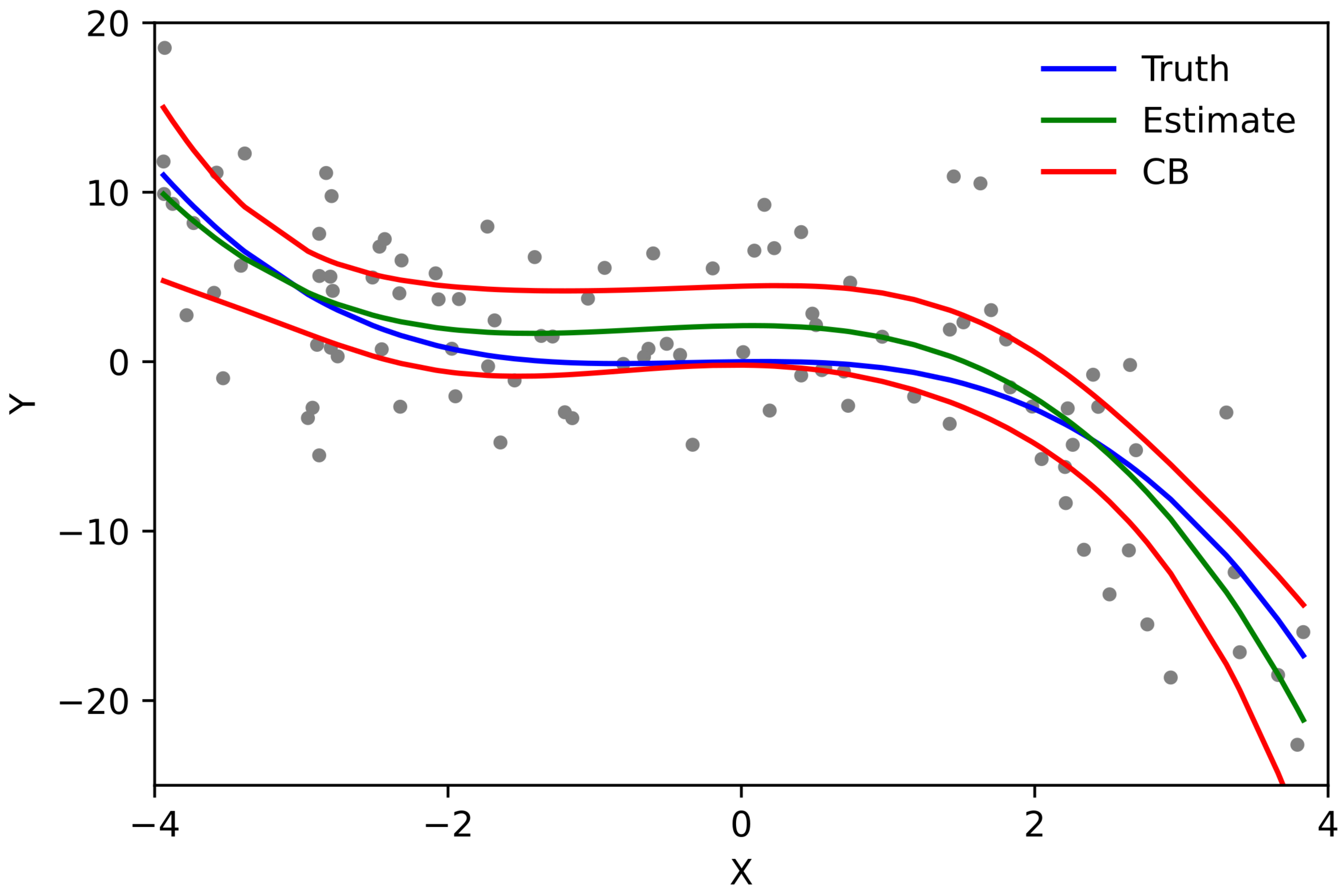

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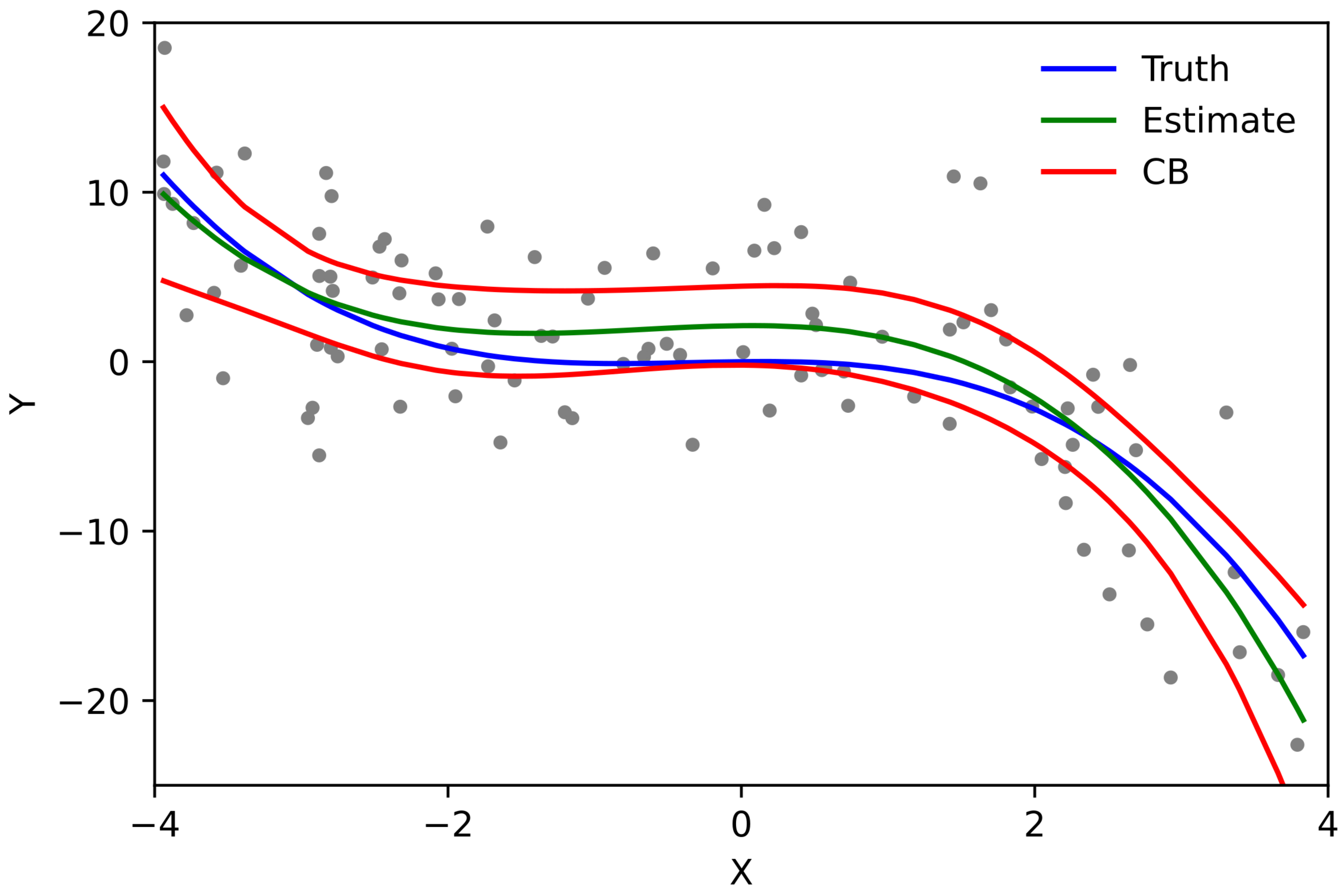

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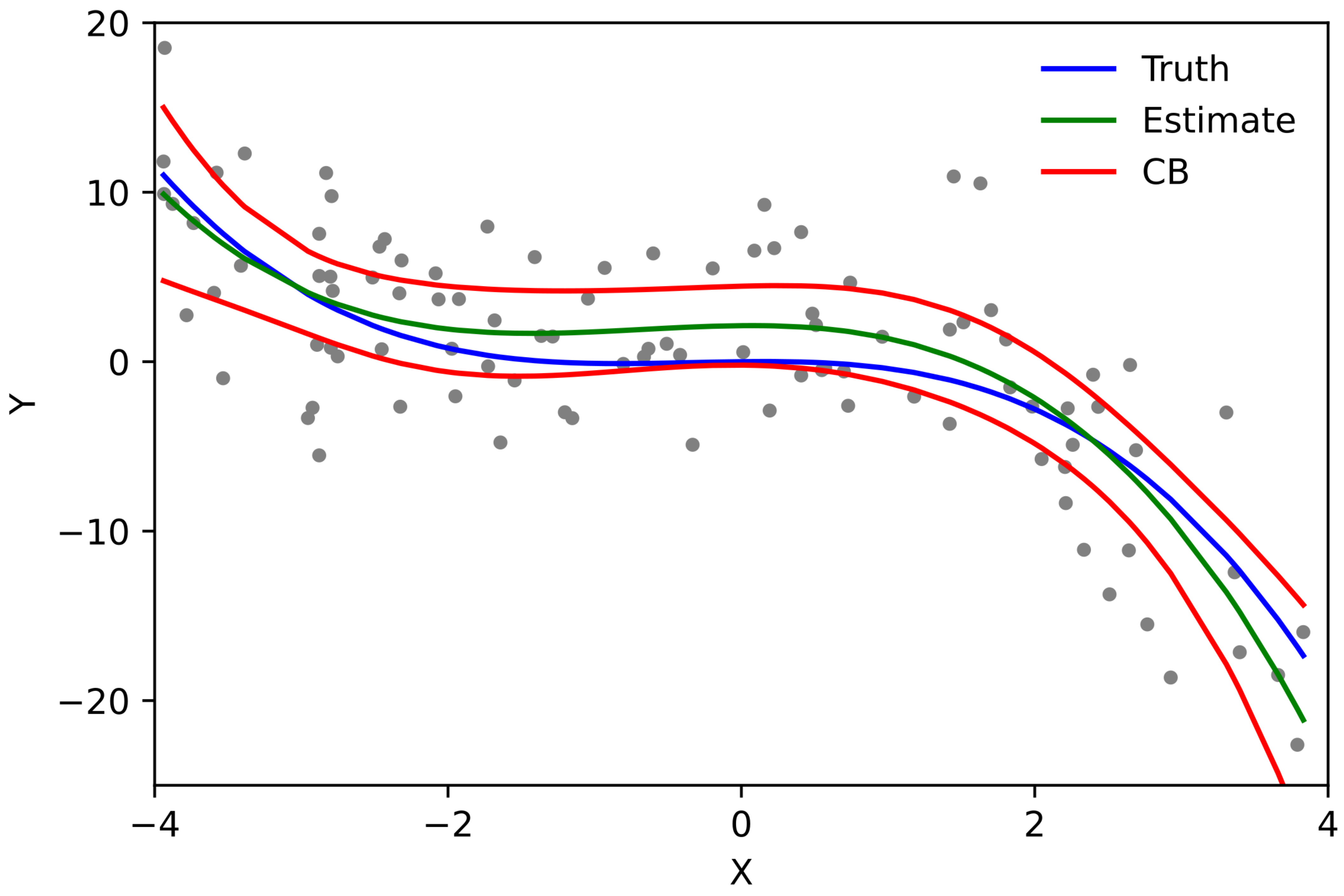

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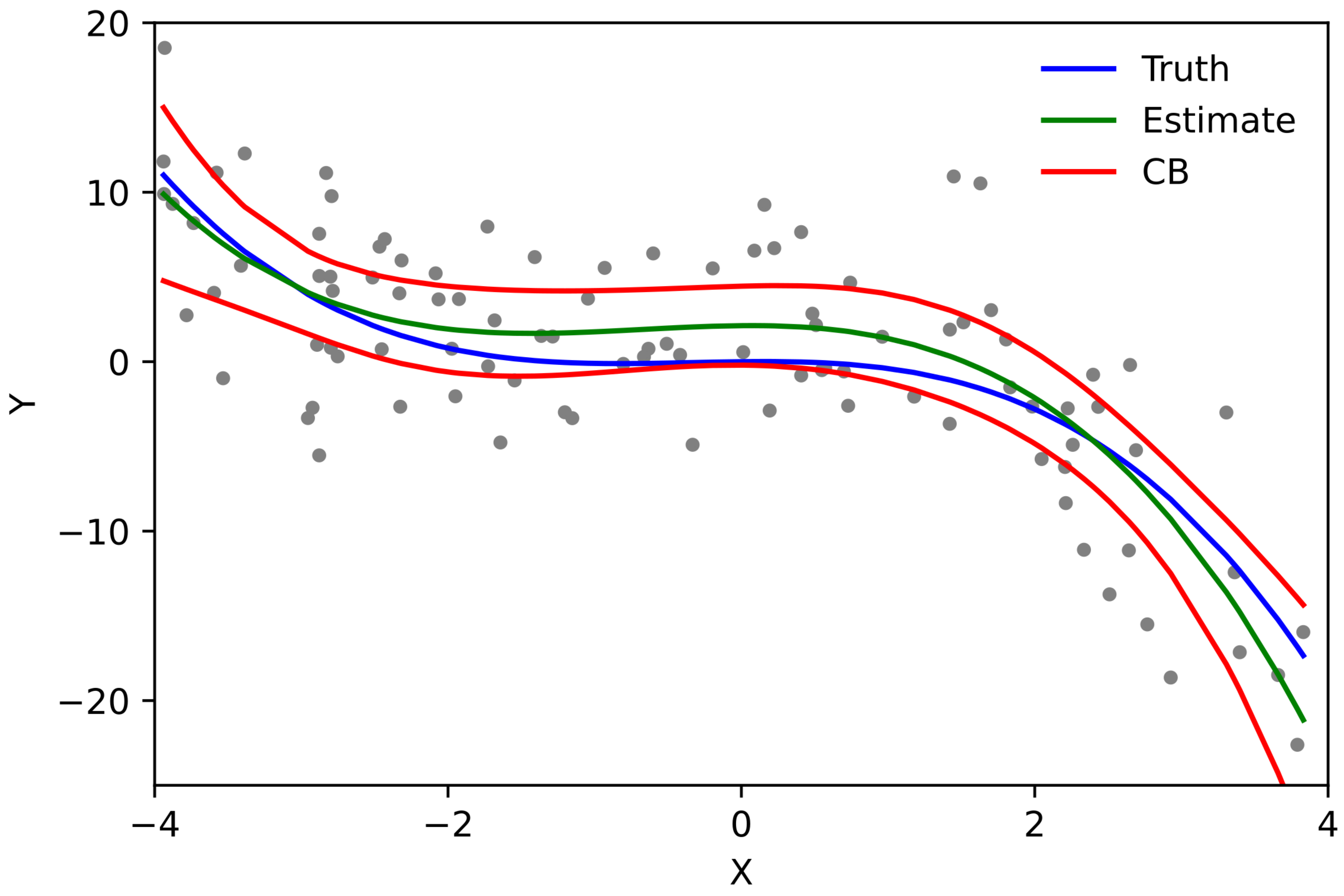

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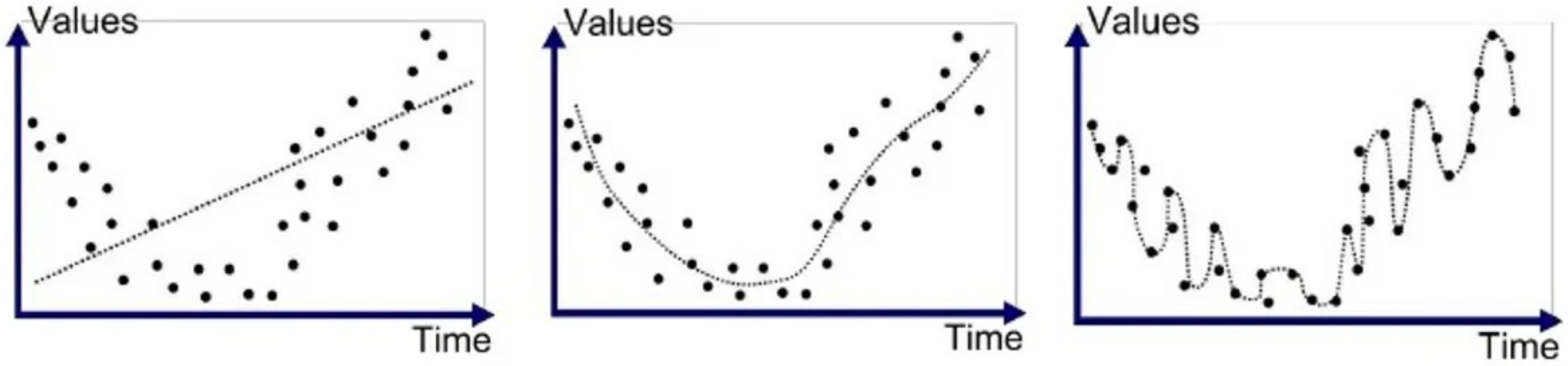

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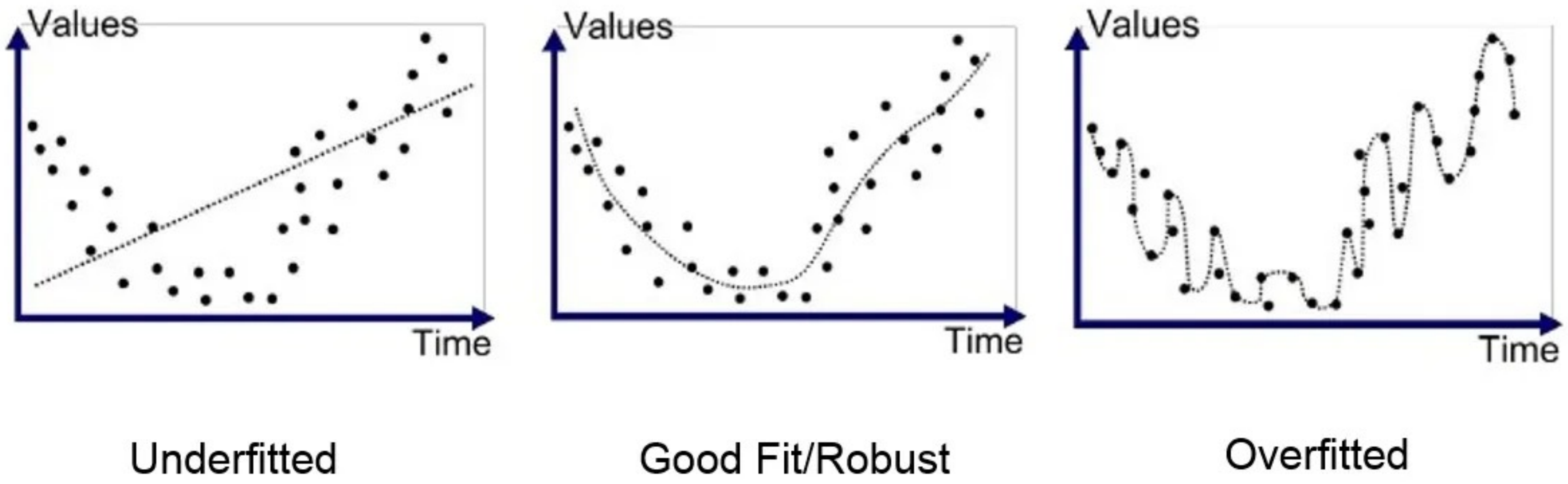

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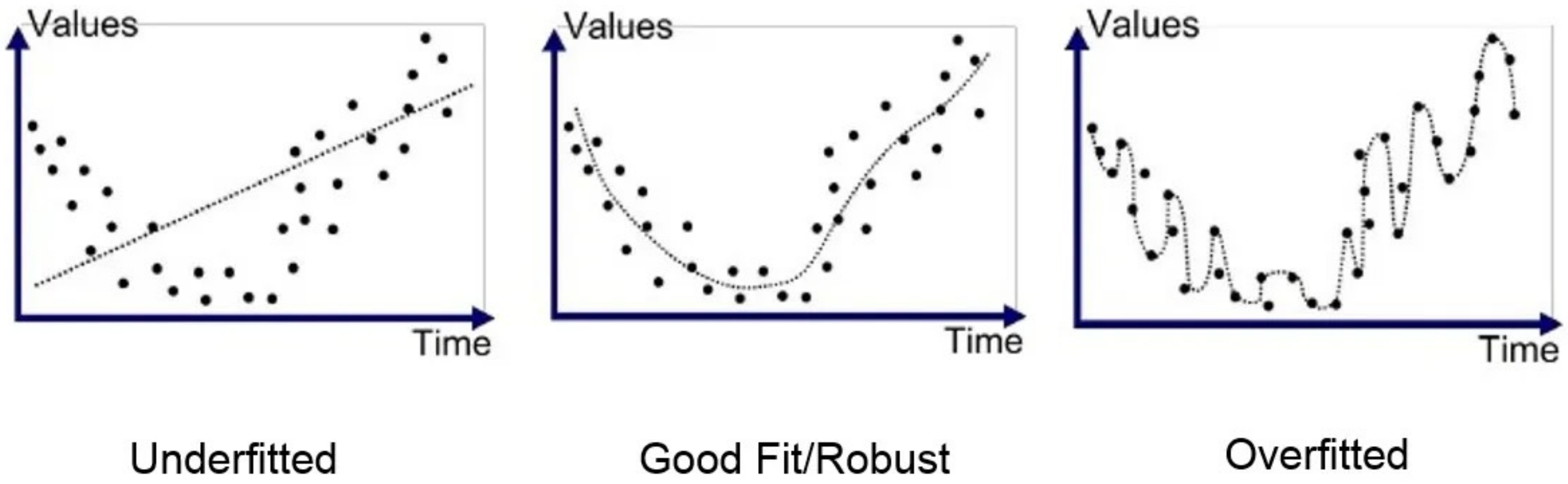

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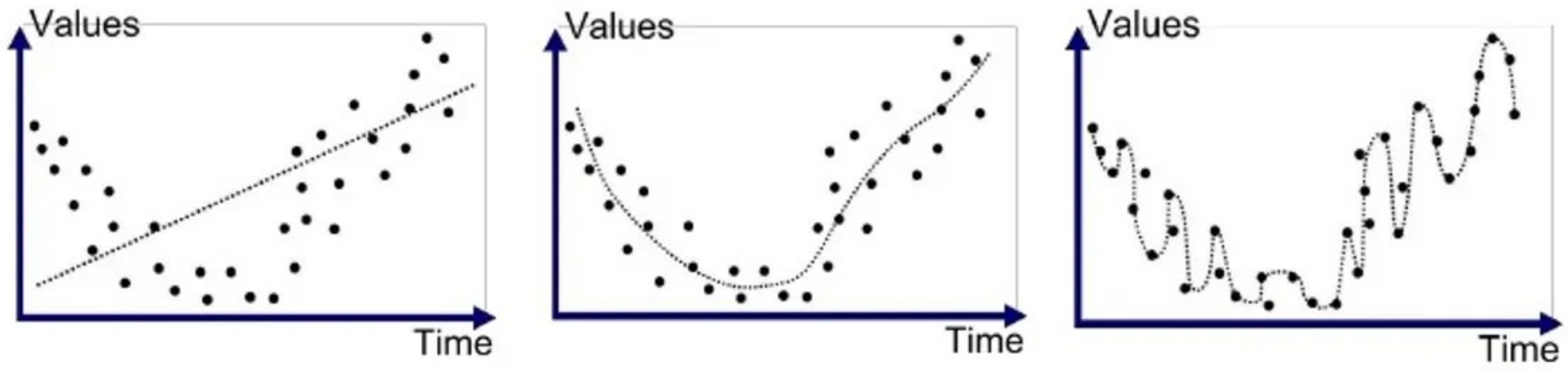

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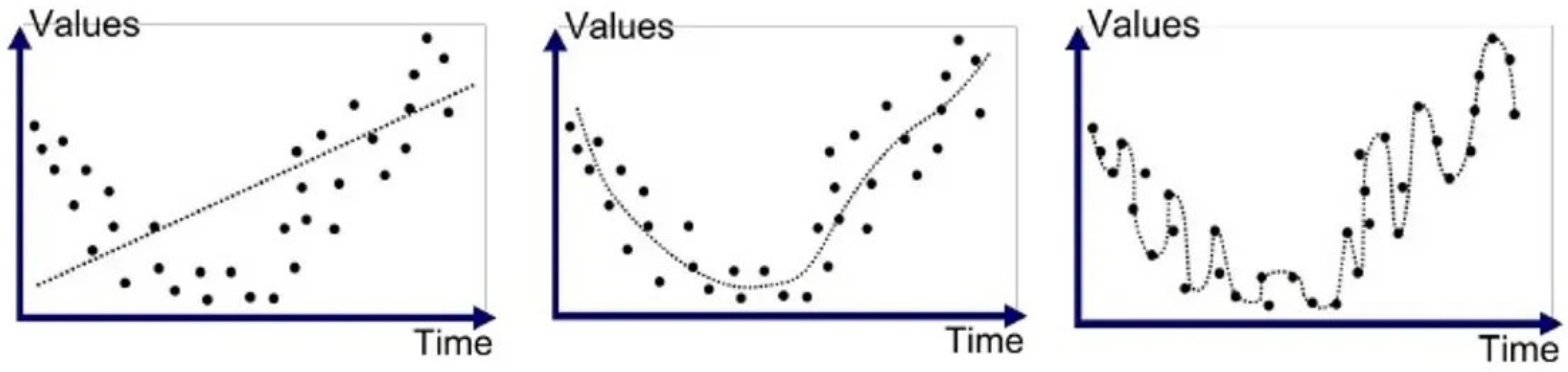

Underfitted Good Fit/Robust Overfitted

Therefore, a *model* is a mathematical function.

We're interested in finding mathematical functions that "correctly" model the data we've seen.

But this would a bit boring if we *just* wanted to model data we've seen.

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

https://medium.com/greyatom/what-is-underfitting-and-overfitting-in-machine-learning-and-how-to-deal-with-it-6803a989c76

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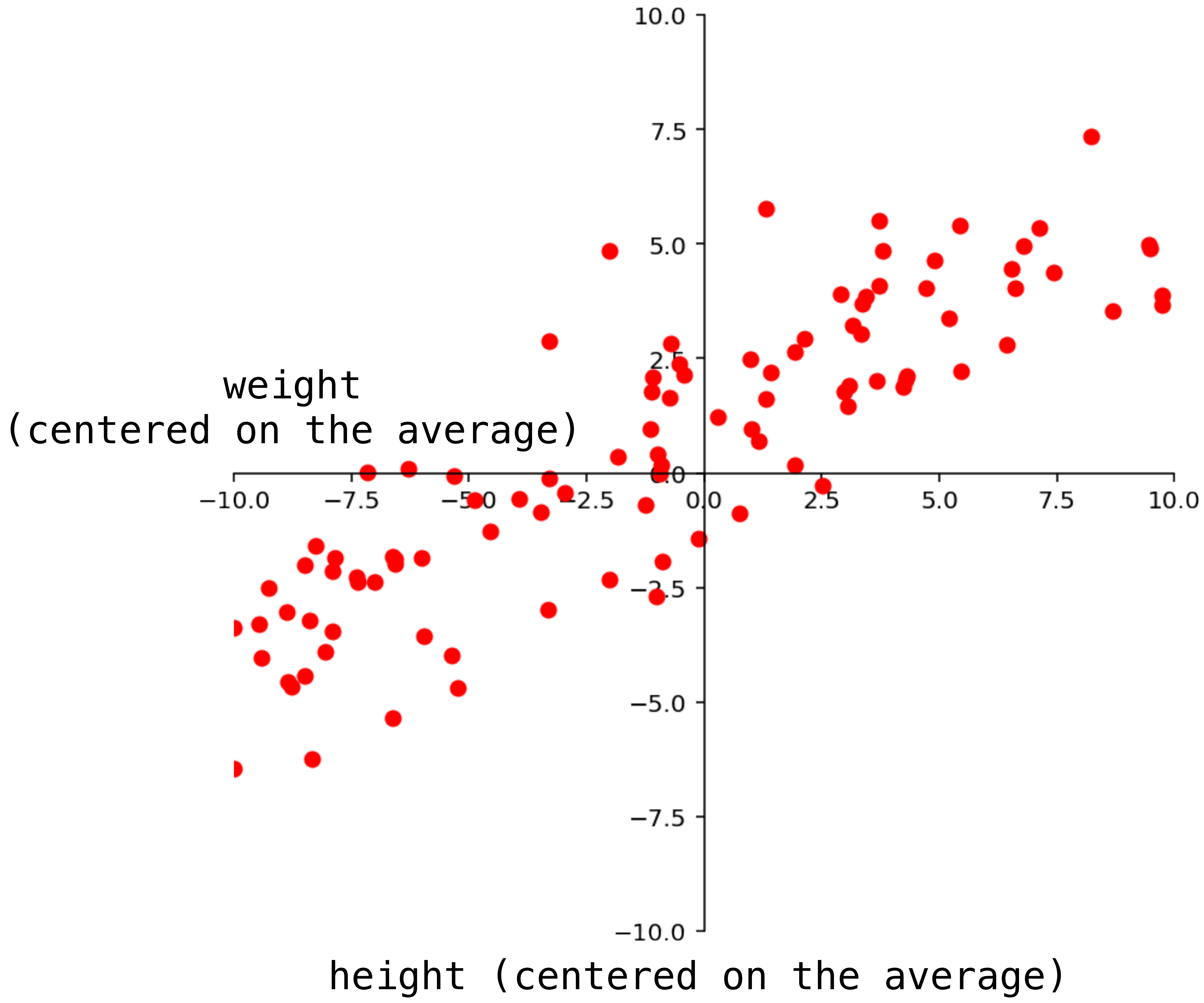

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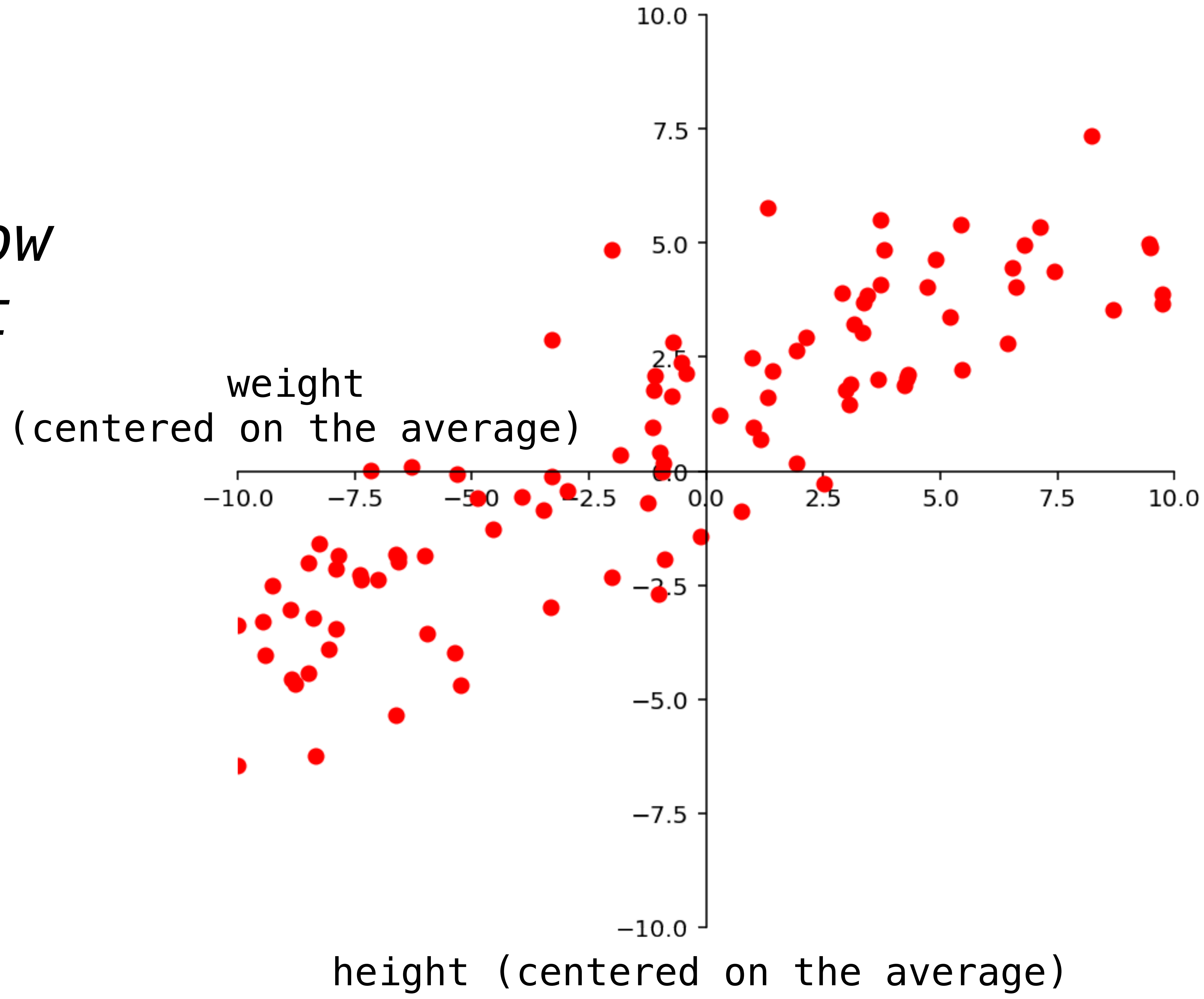

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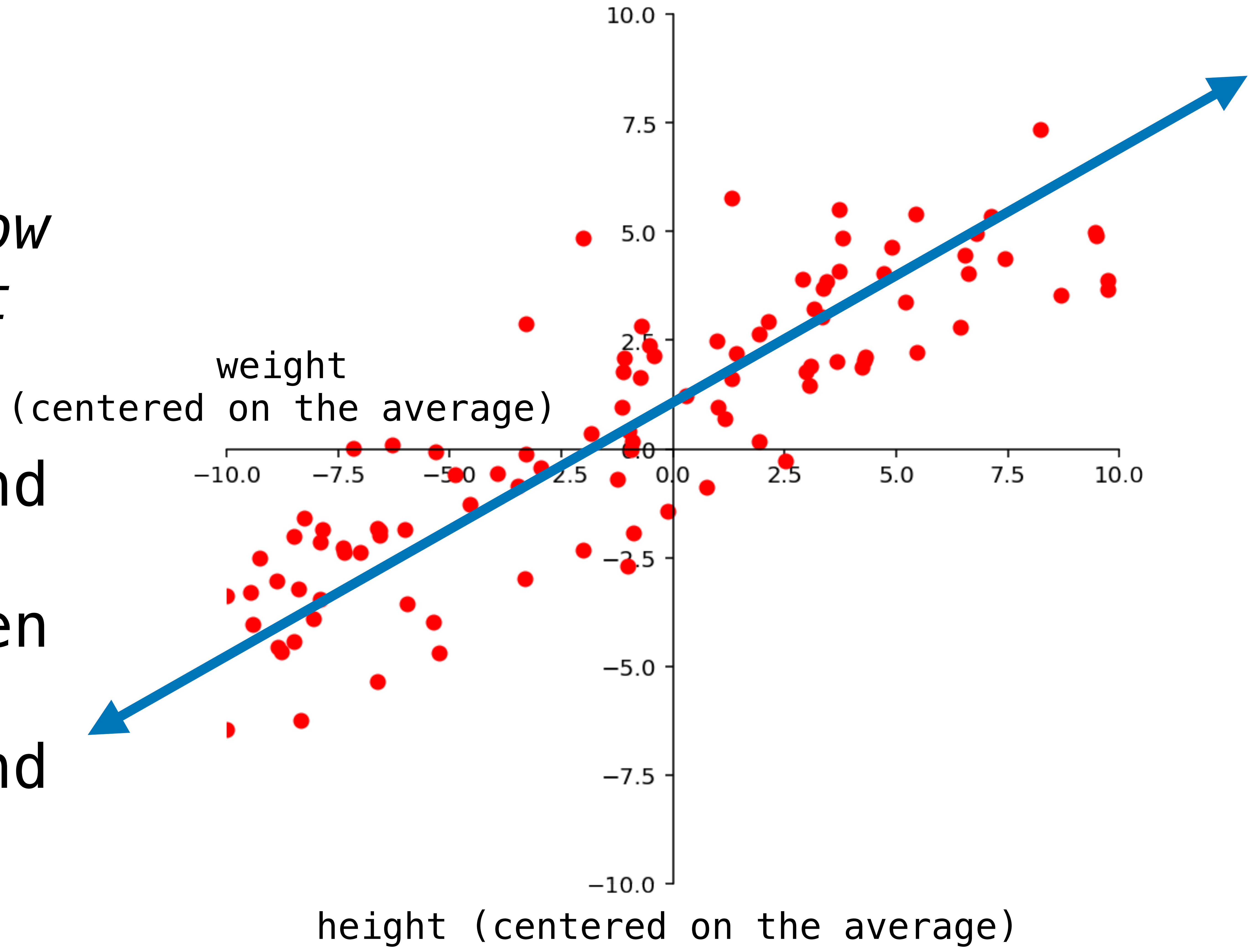

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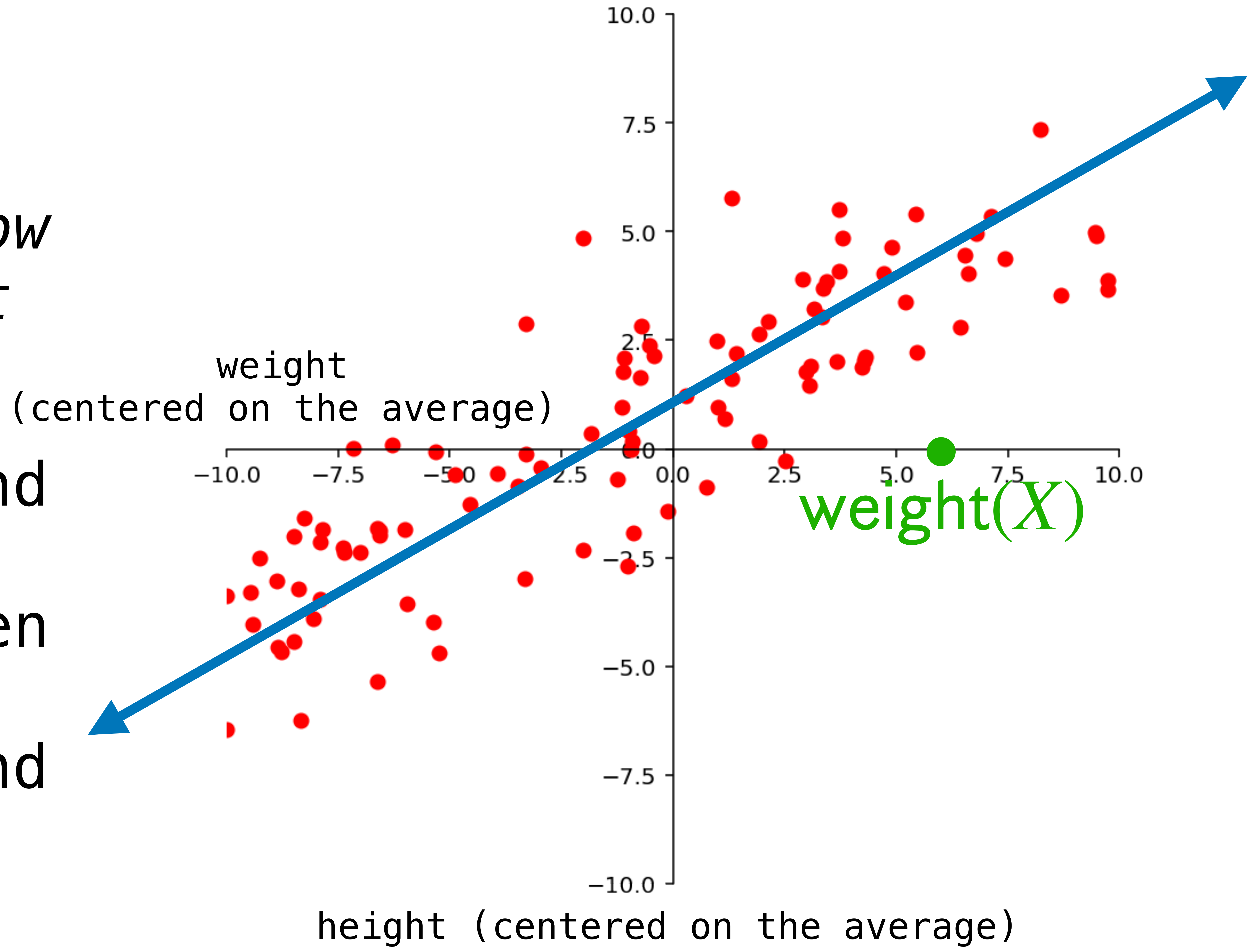

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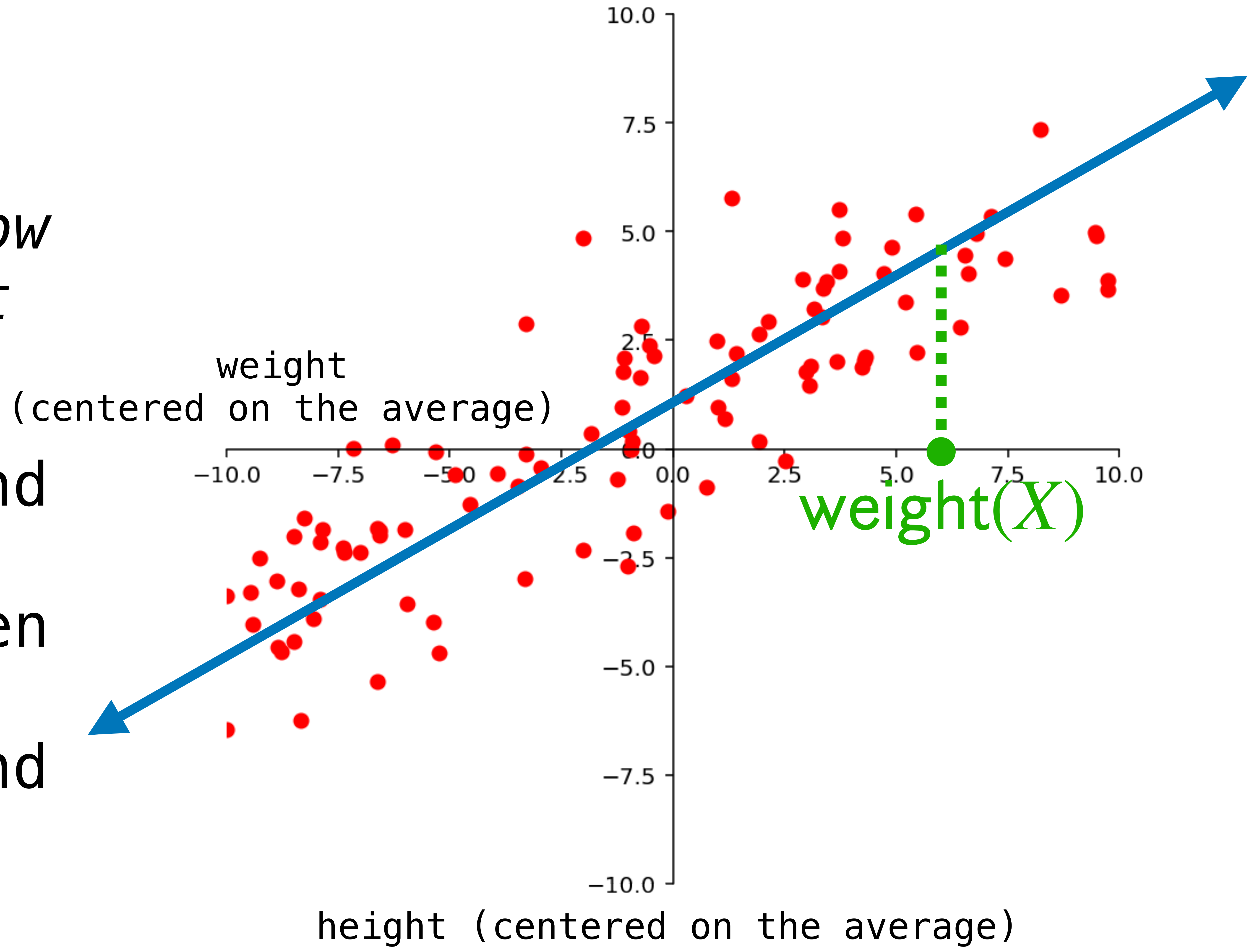

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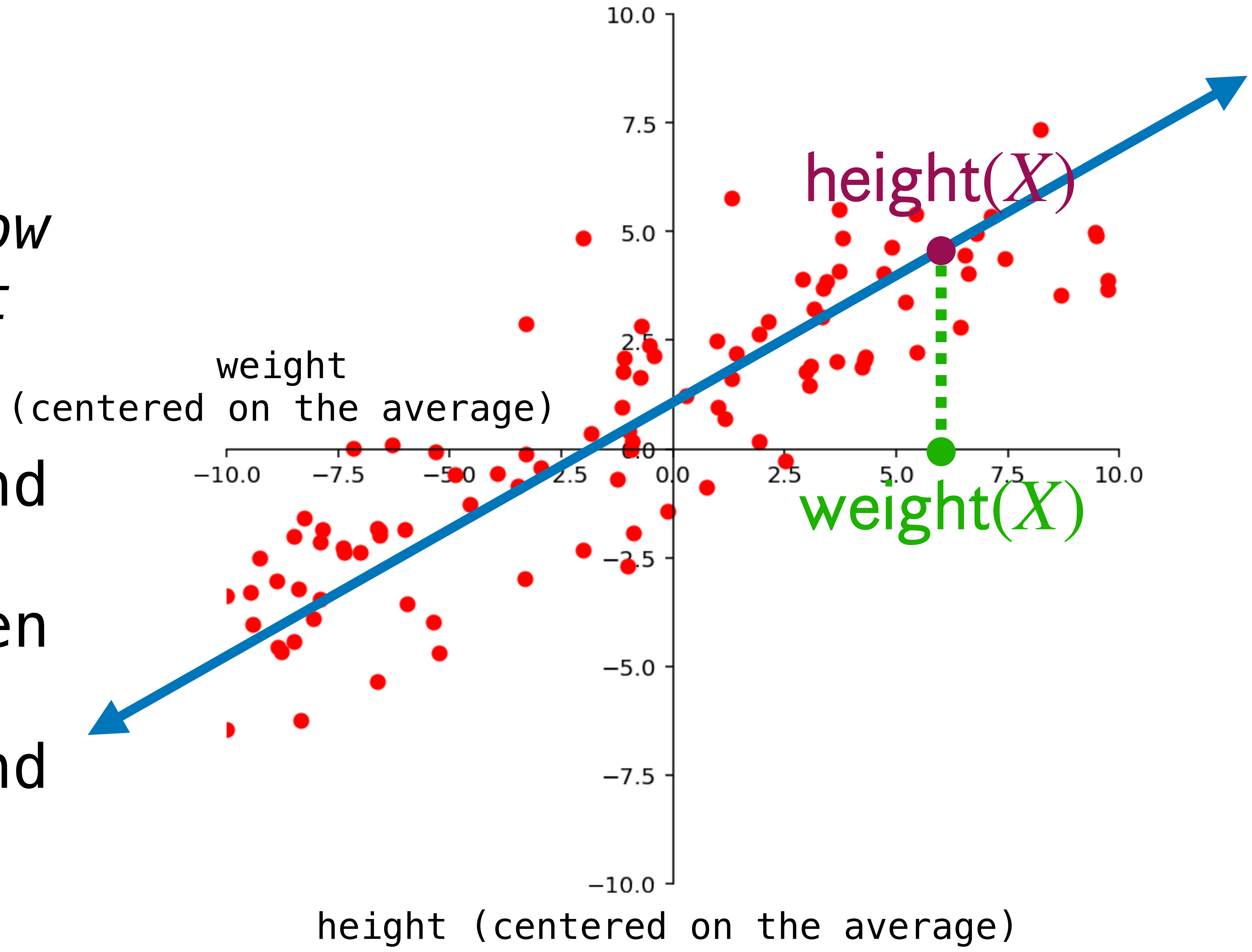

Question

Find the line of best fit for the dataset

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

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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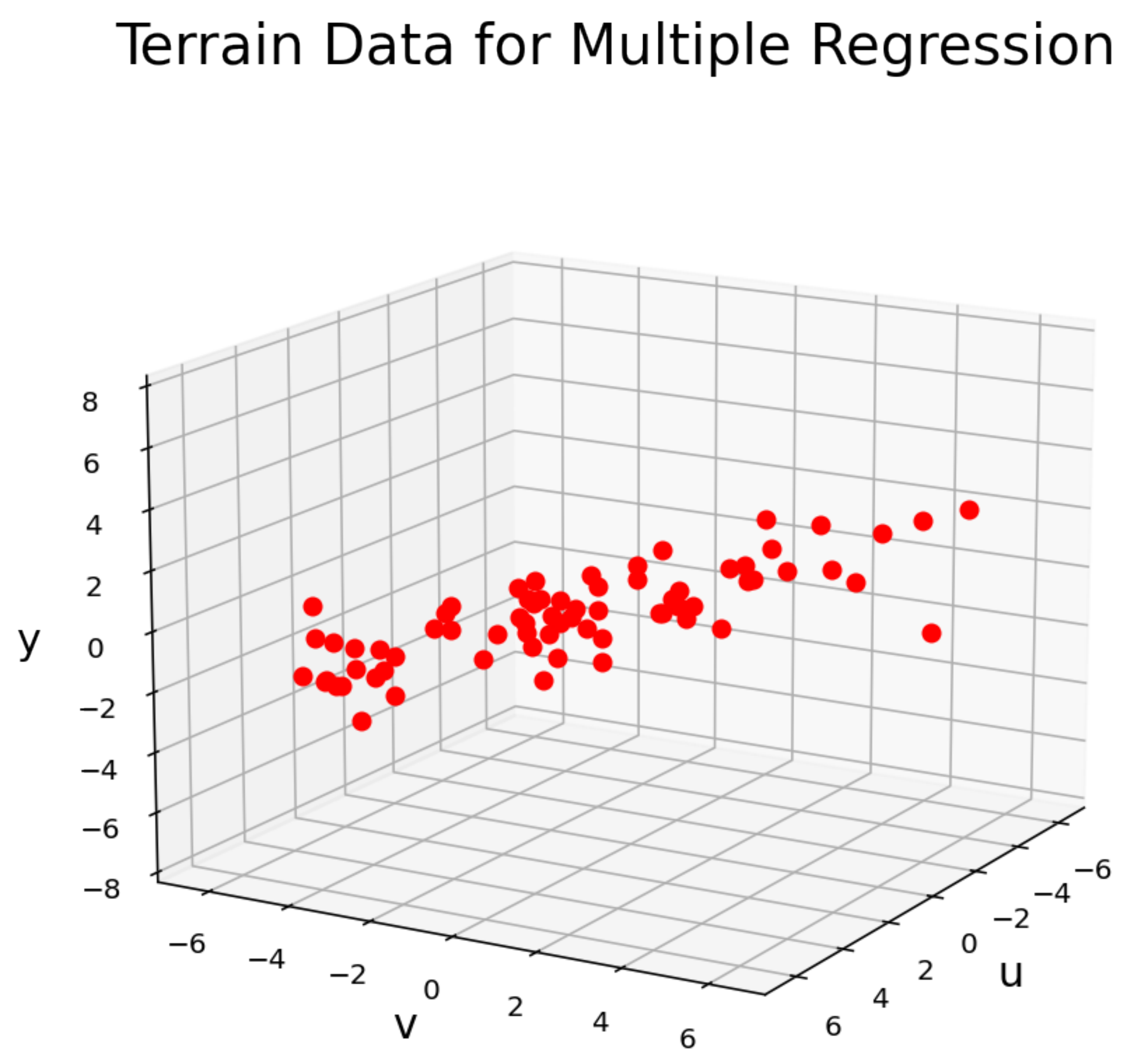

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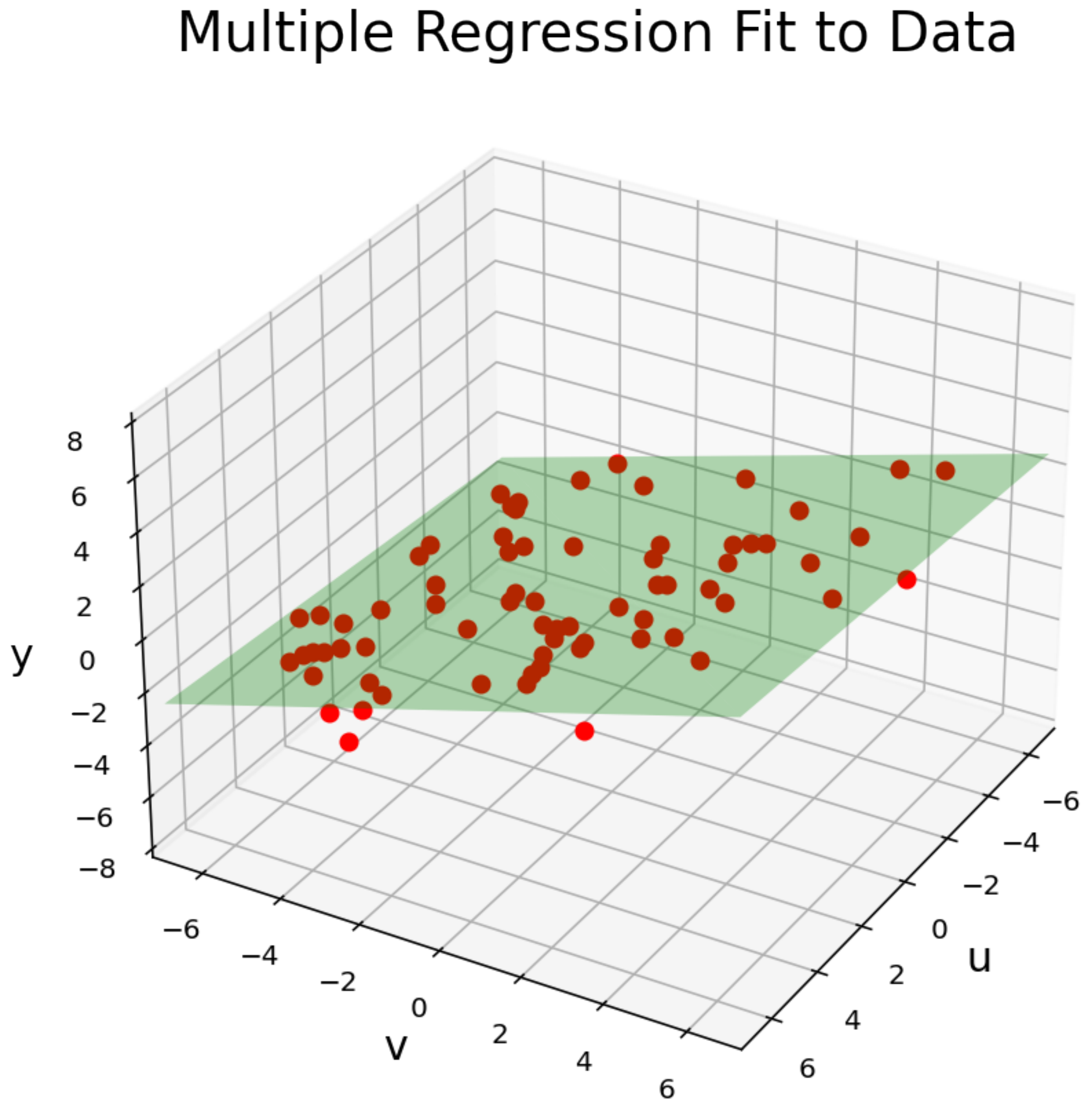

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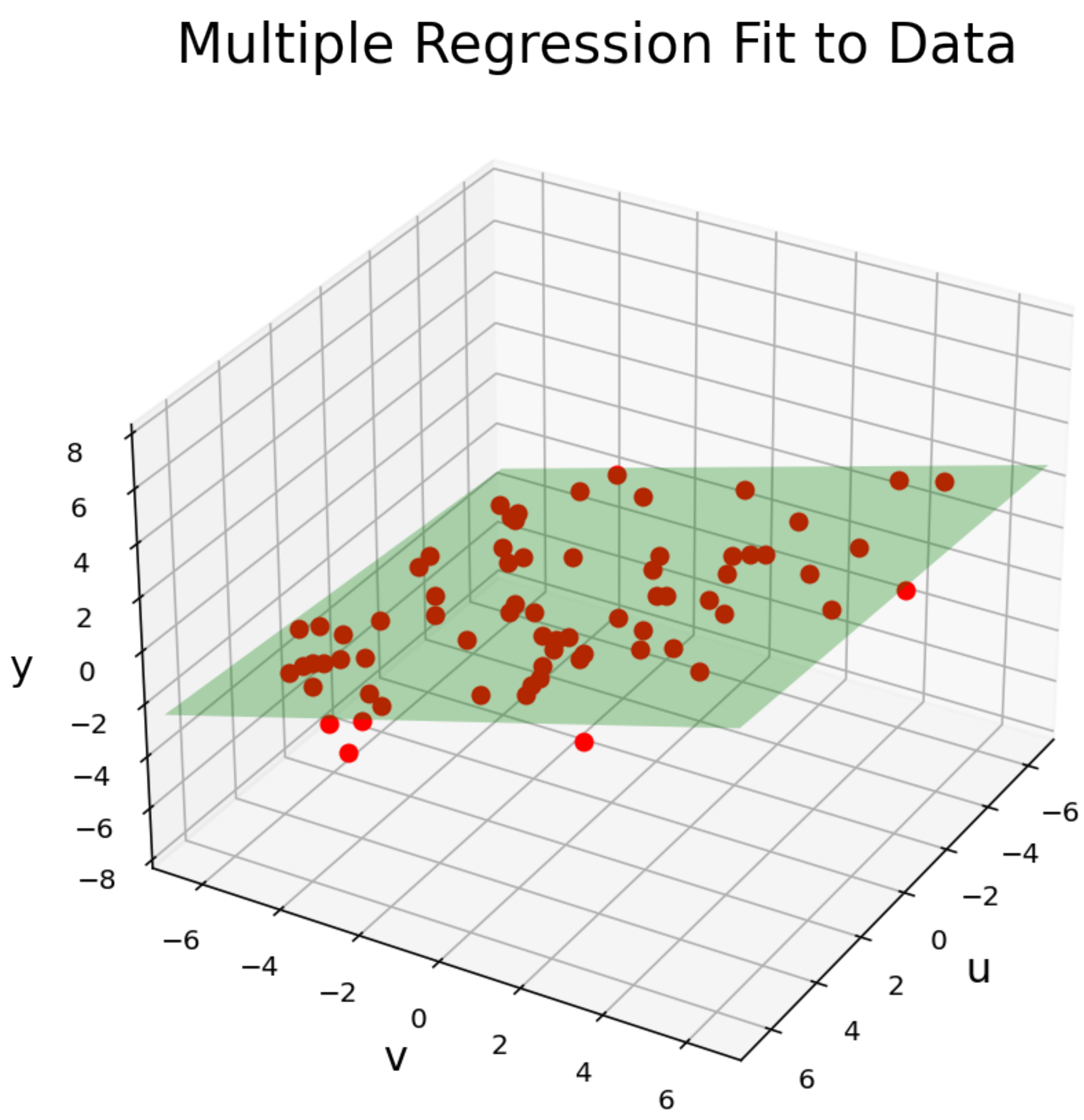

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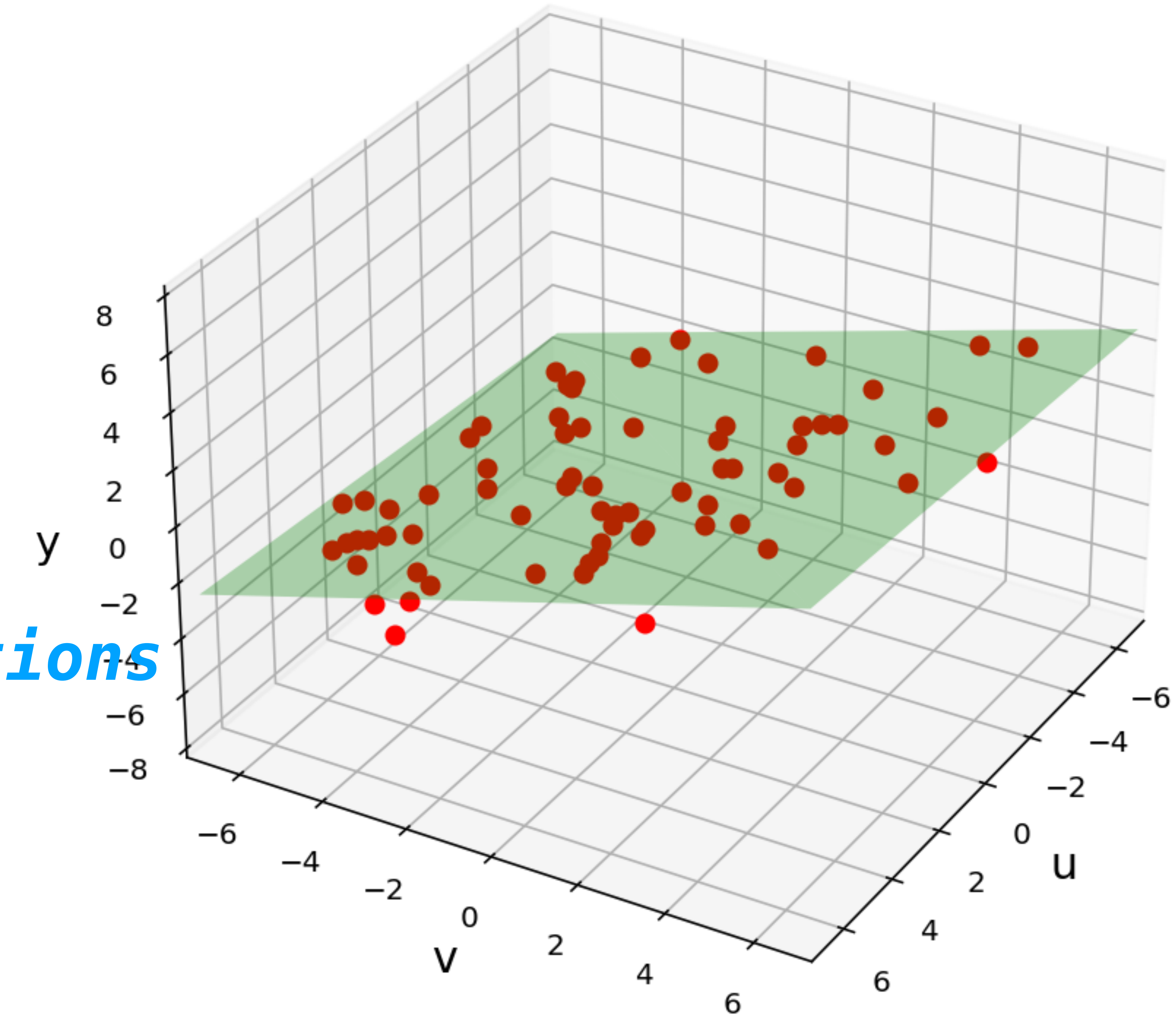

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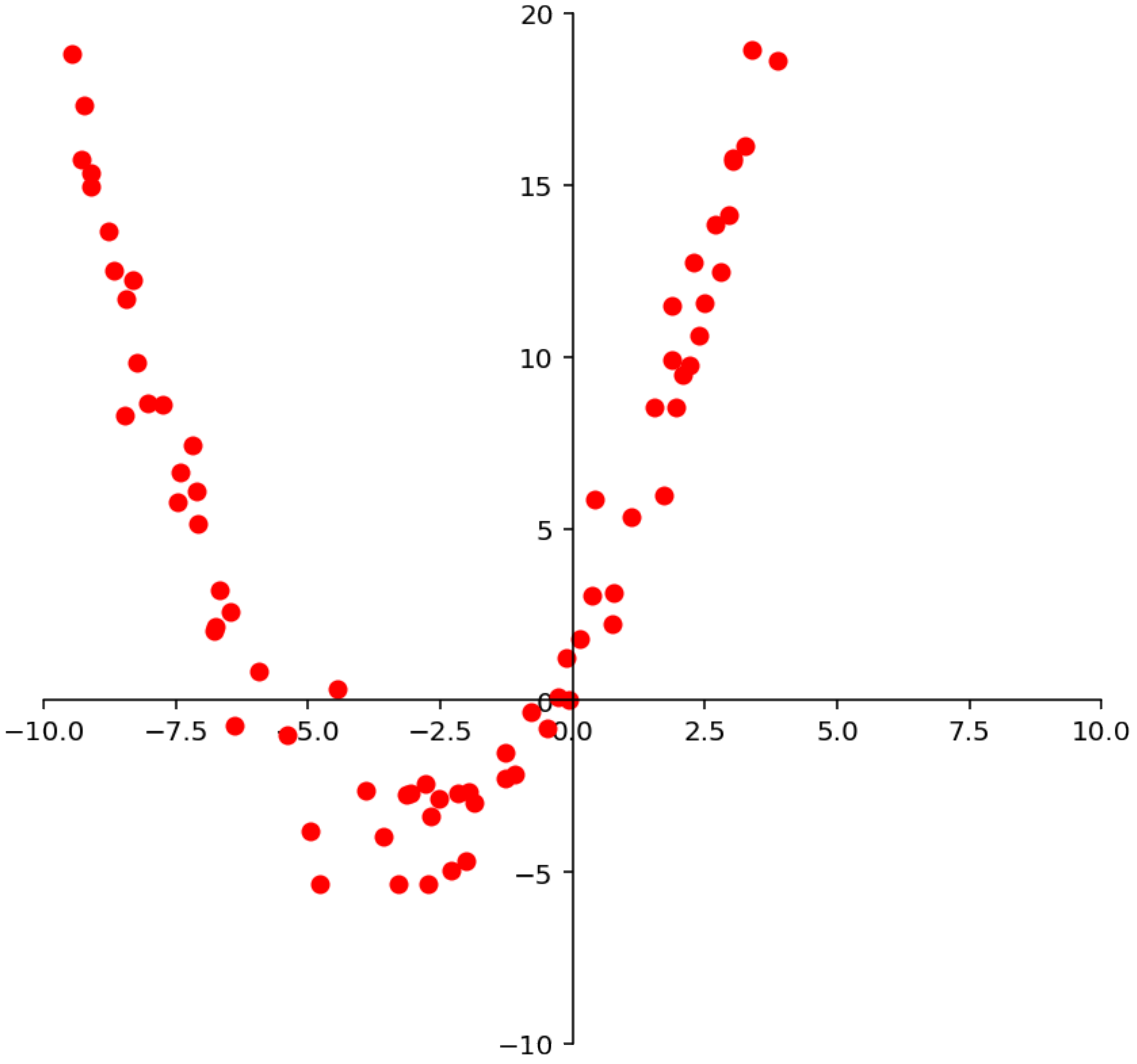

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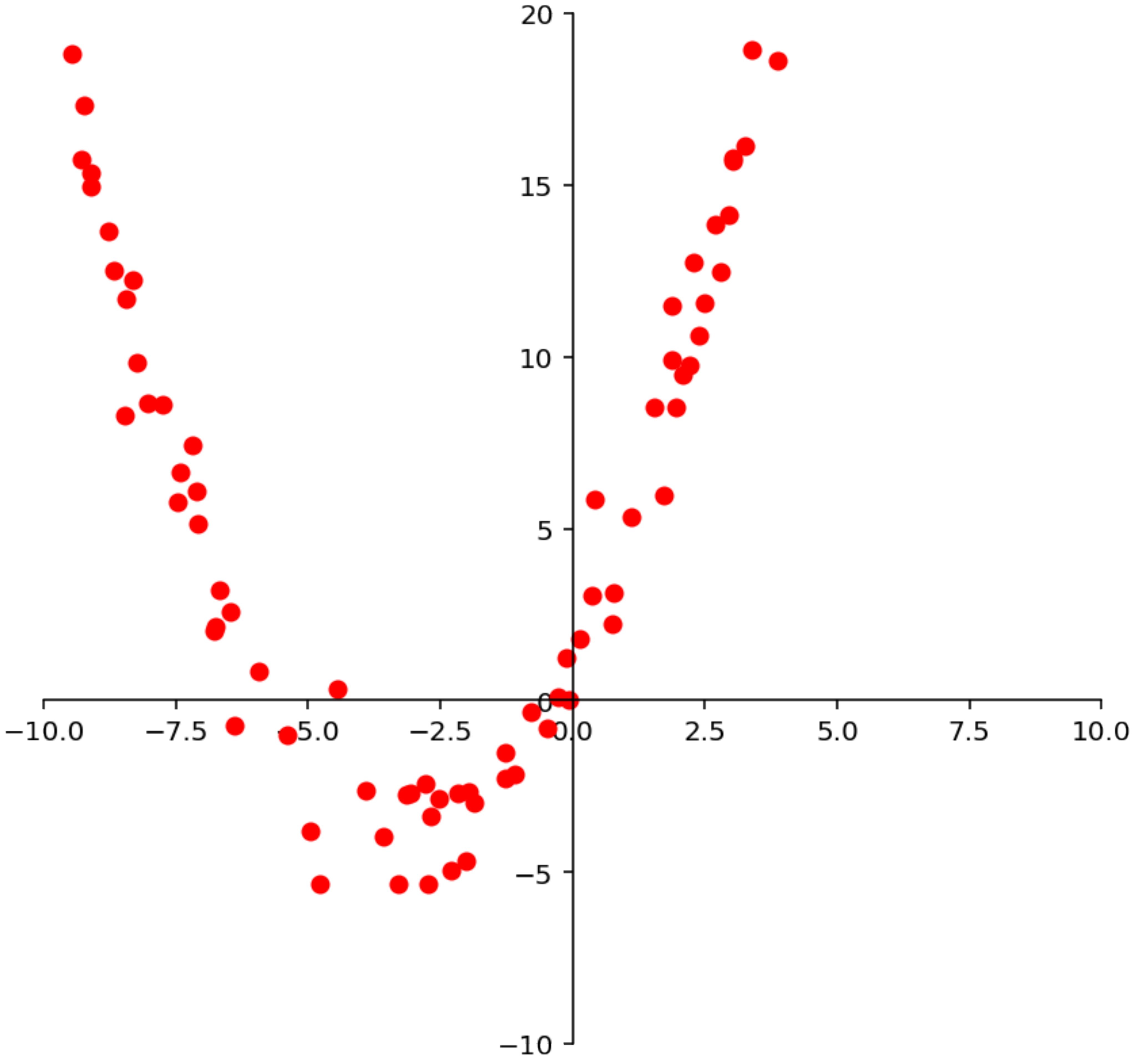

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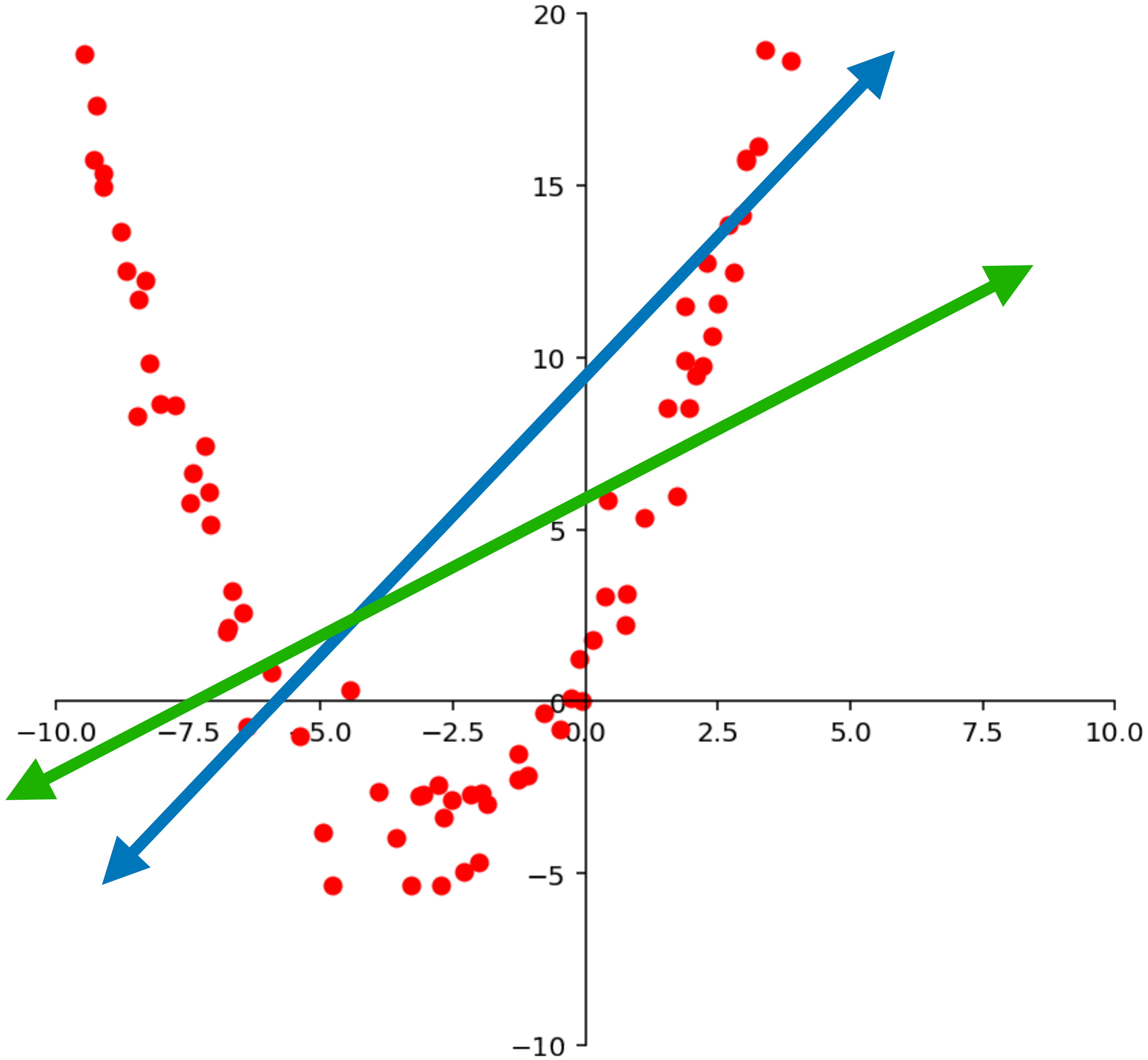

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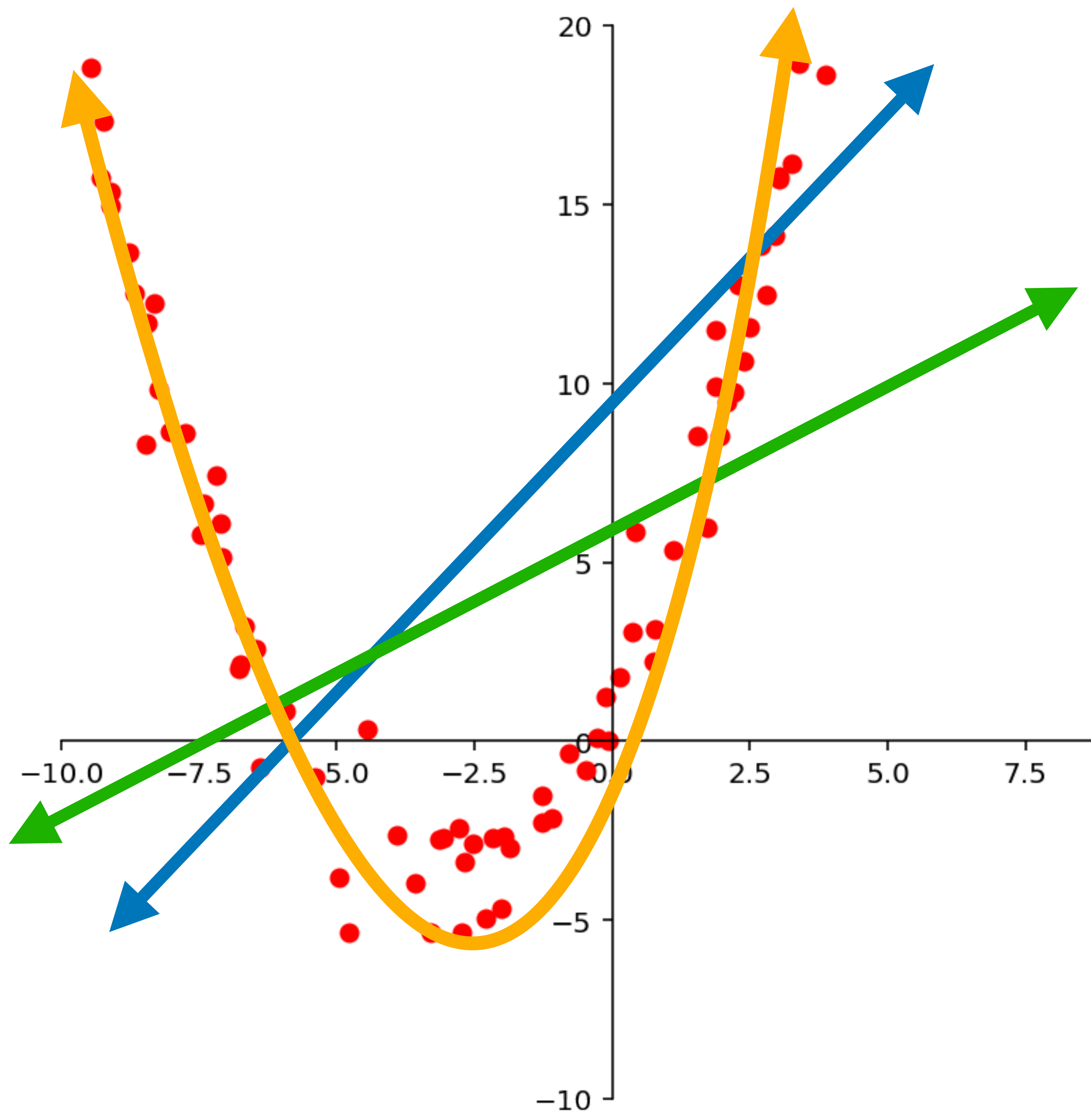

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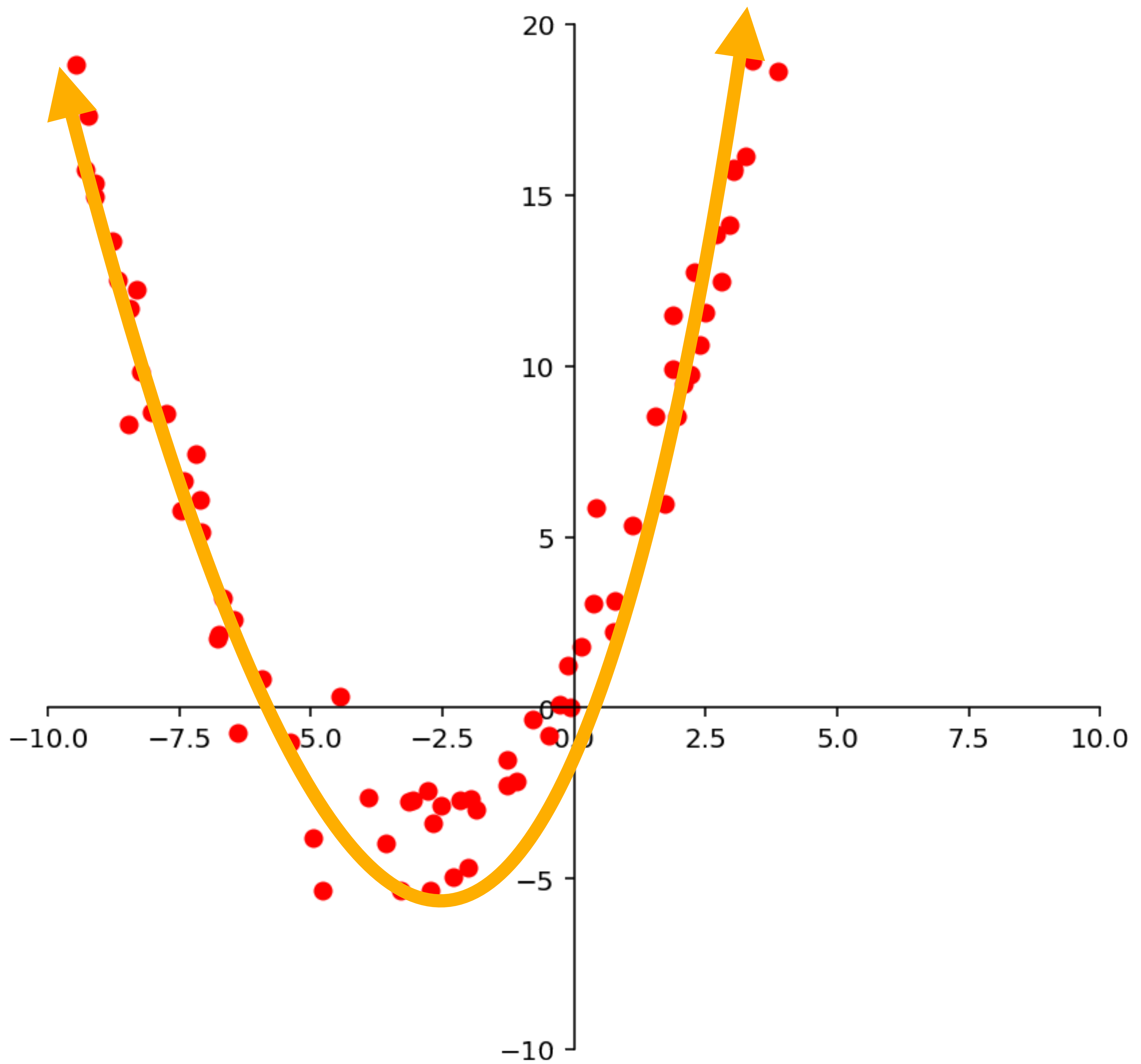

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for functions $\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_k : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$

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

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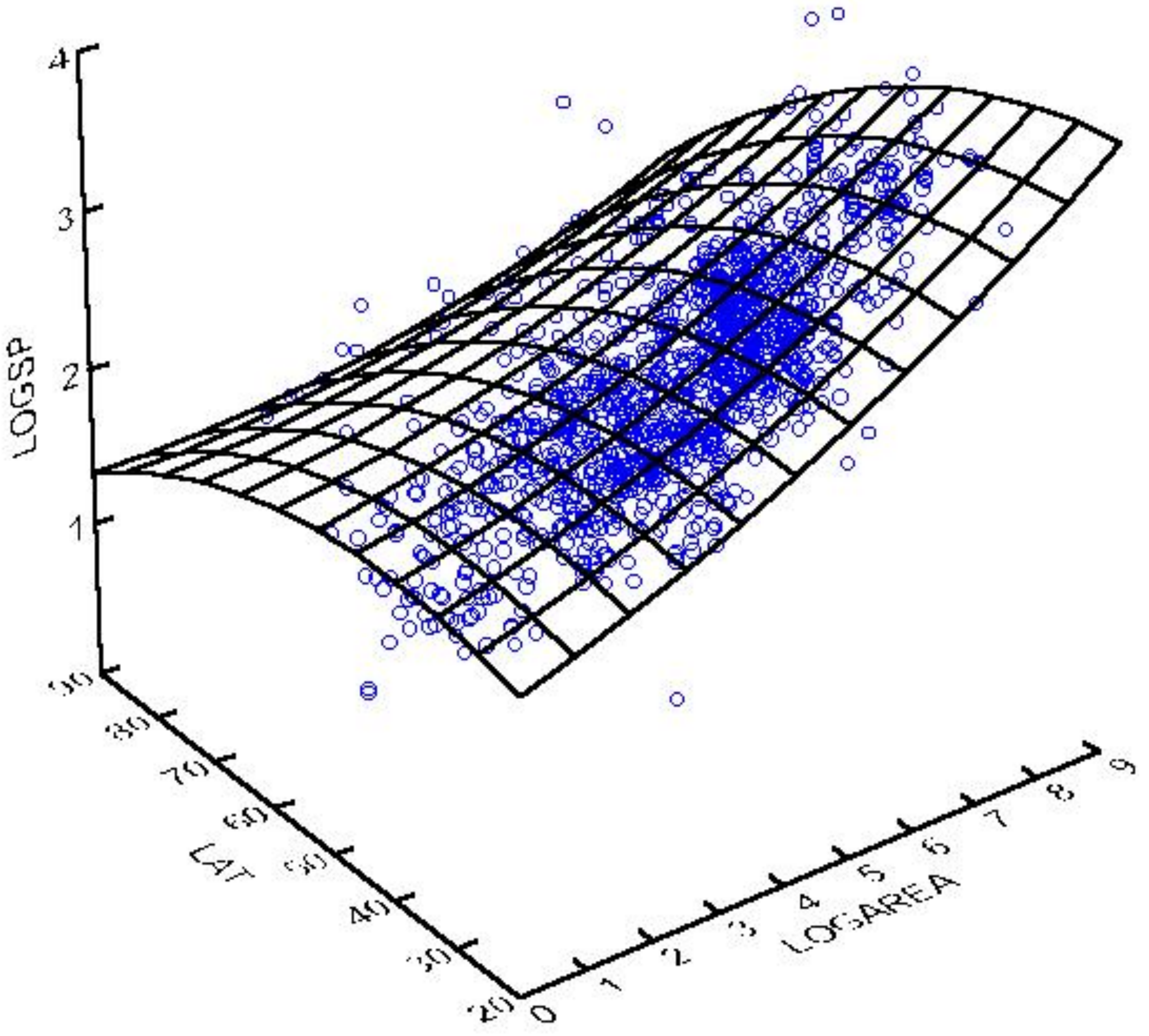

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Solution. First write $f(\mathbf{x})$ as $\beta_1 \phi_1(\mathbf{x}) + \ldots + \beta_k \phi(\mathbf{x})$ where $\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_k$ are potentially non-linear functions. Then build the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_1) & \ldots & \phi_k(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) & \ldots & \phi_k(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_m) & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_m) & \ldots & \phi_k(\mathbf{x}_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

Question

Find the design matrix for the least squares regression with the function

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

for the dataset

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (0,0,0) \qquad y_1 = 5$$
$$\mathbf{x}_2 = (\pi,3,1) \qquad y_2 = 3$$

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

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