

# Linear Models

**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 24**

# Practice Problem

$$\vec{Ax} = \vec{b}$$

$$B\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

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

$$A = \begin{matrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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

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

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

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

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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

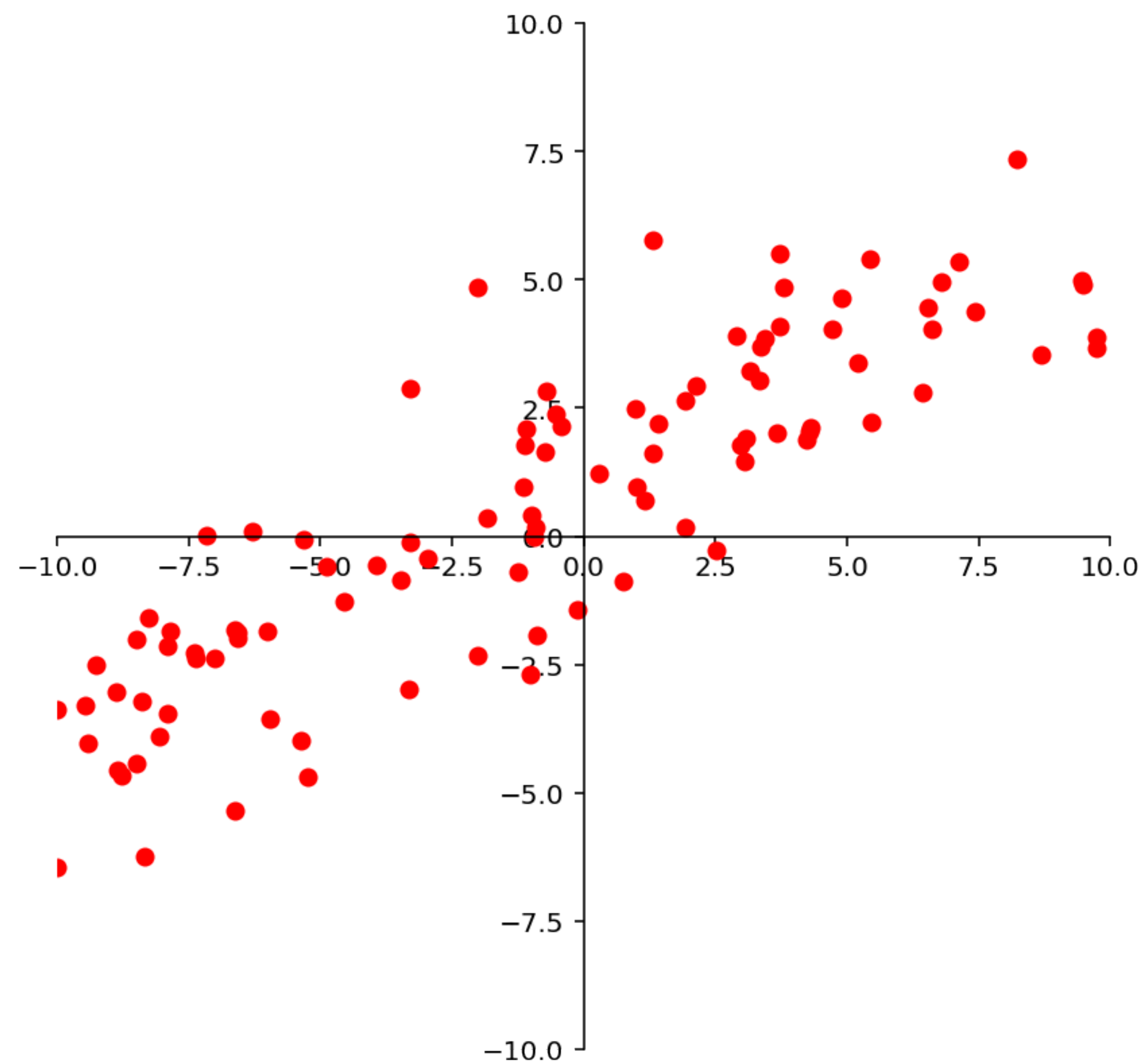
model fitting

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design matrices

# Warm-up: Line of Best Fit

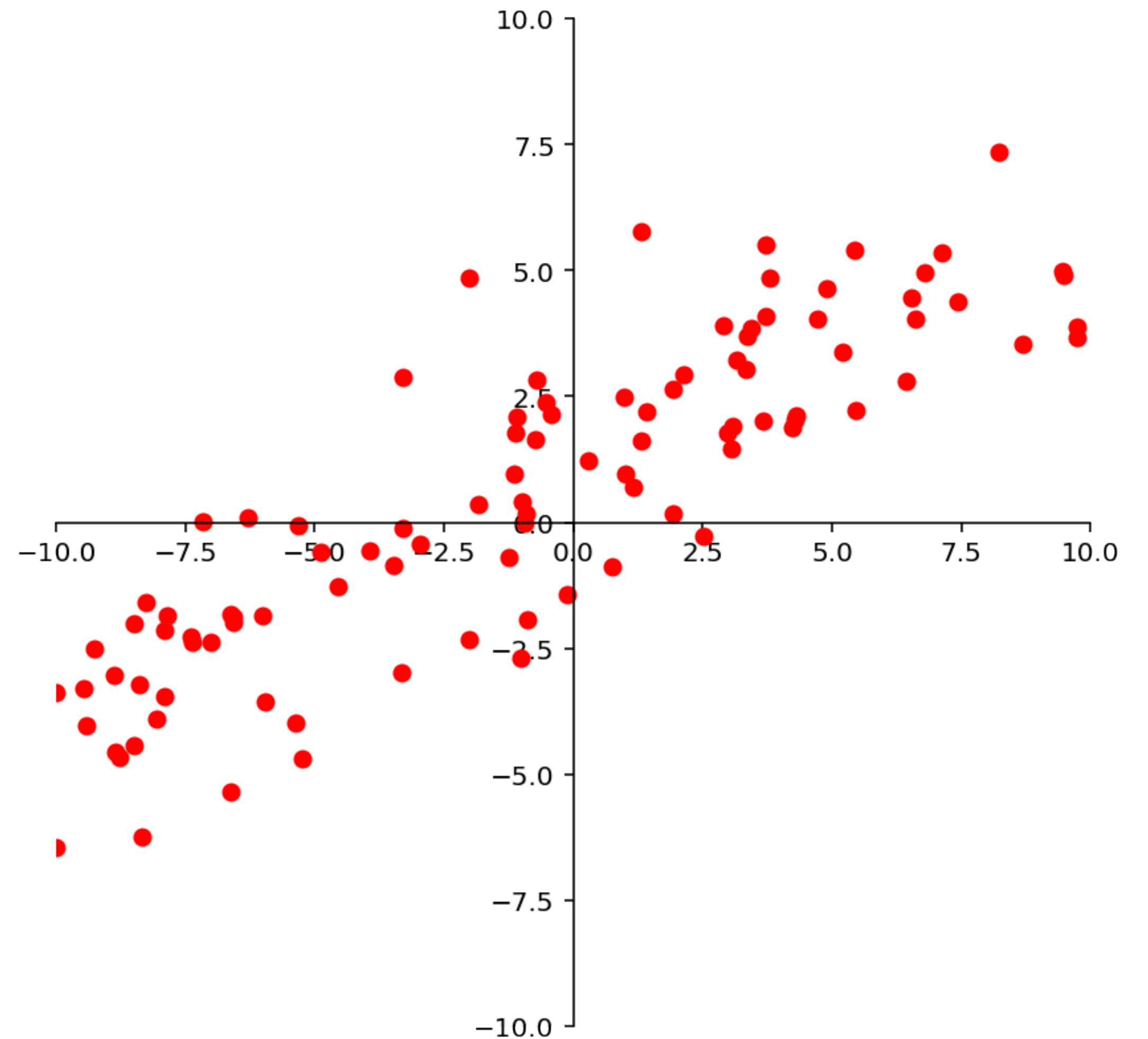
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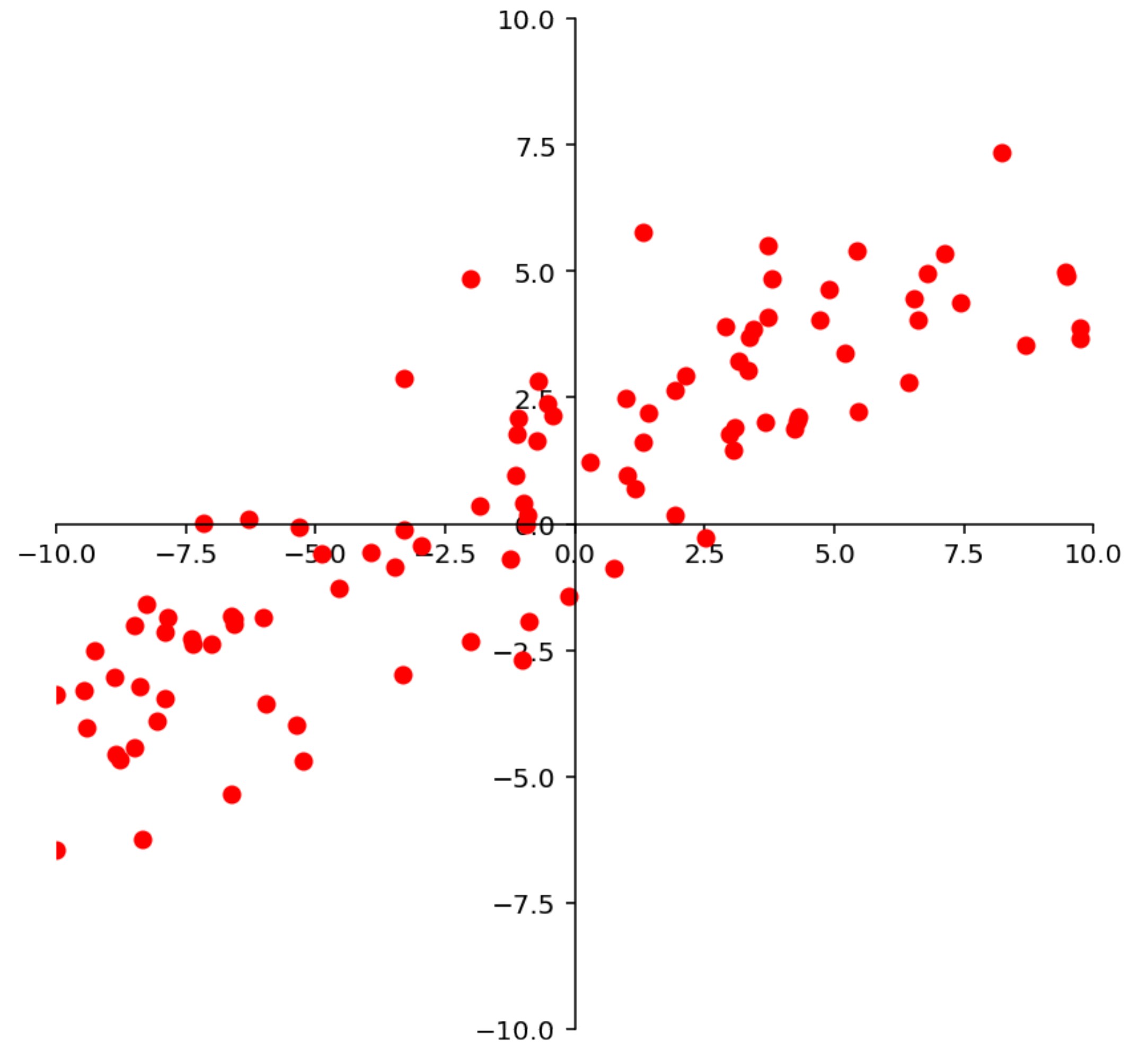


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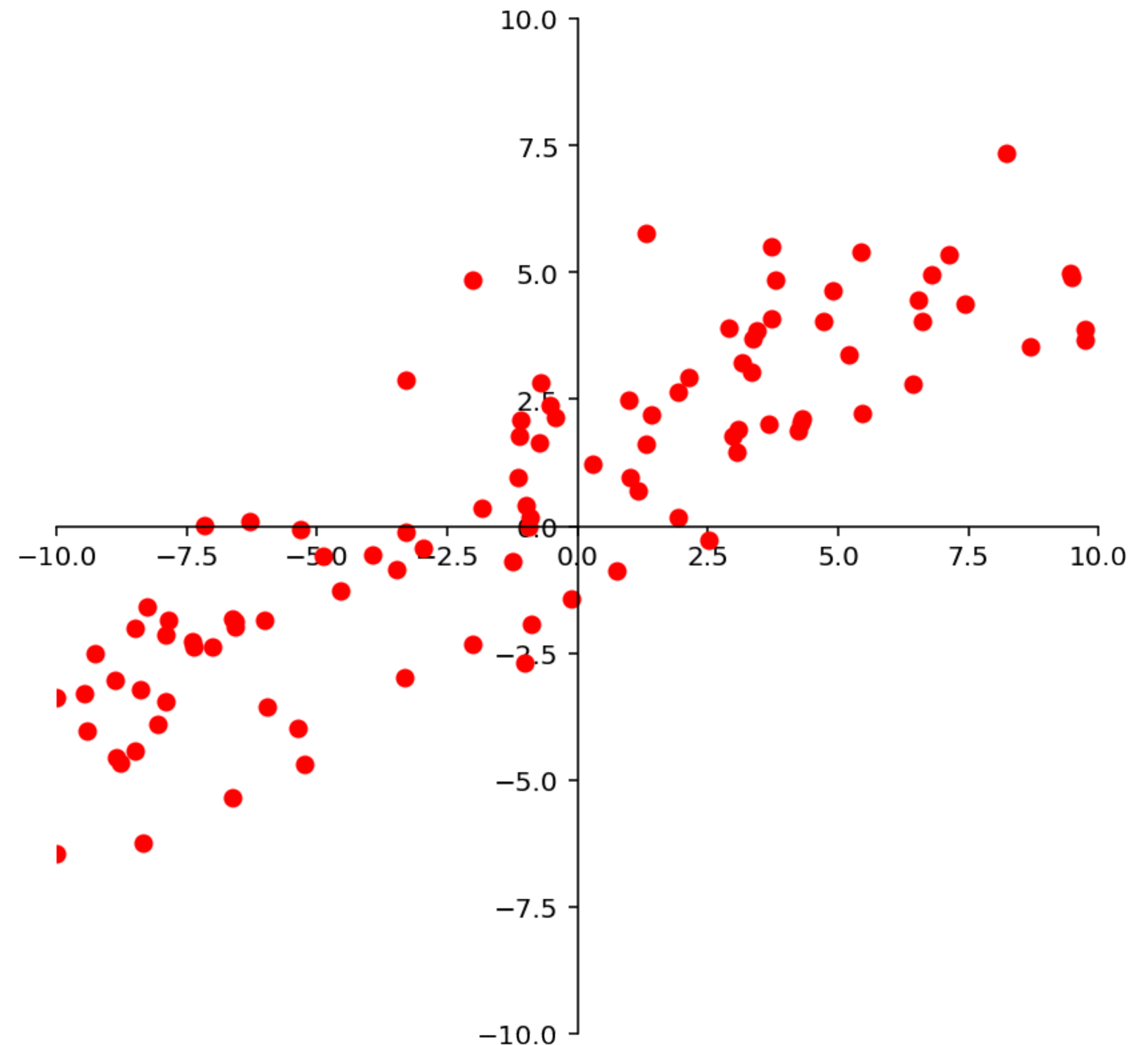
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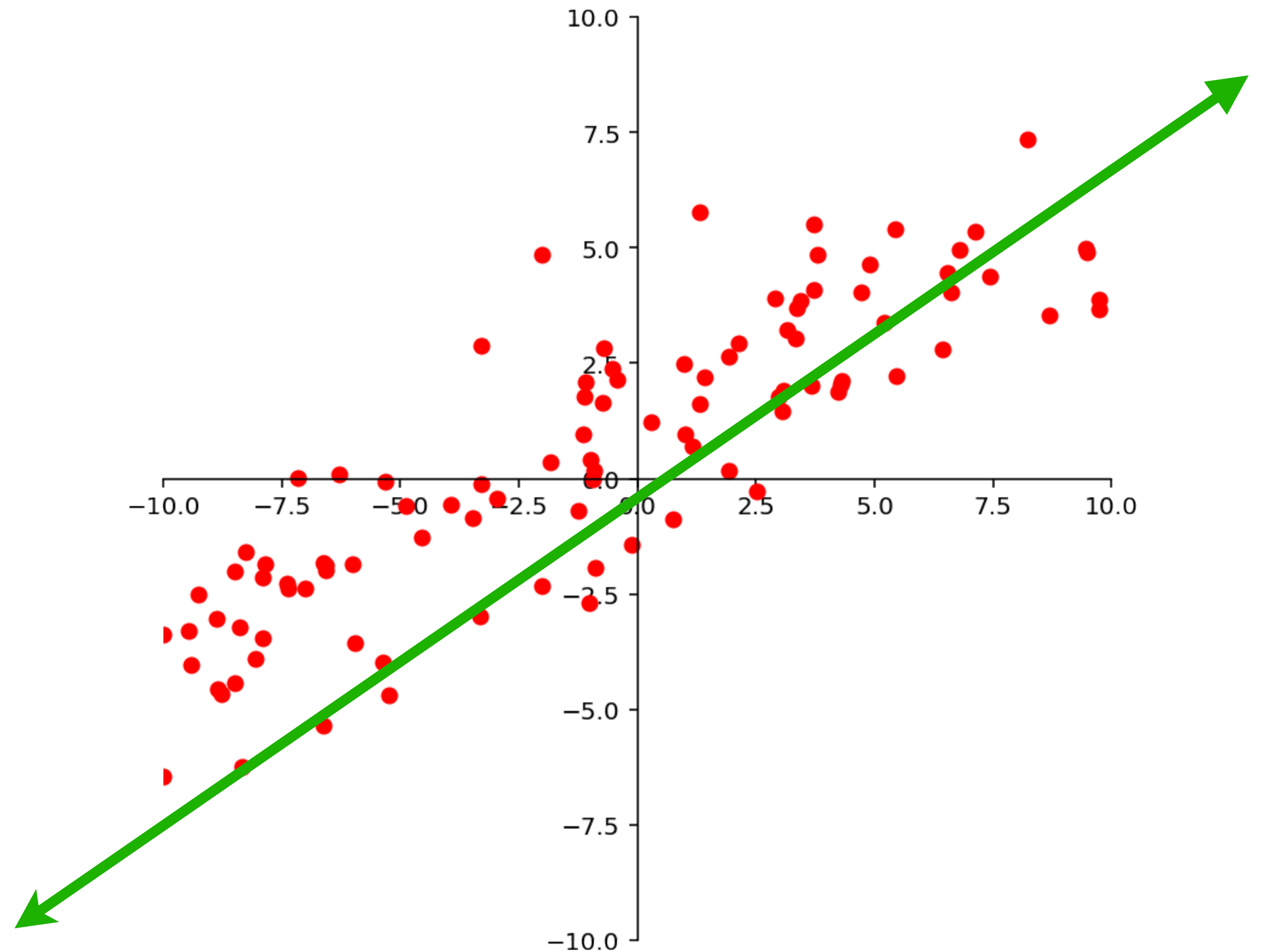
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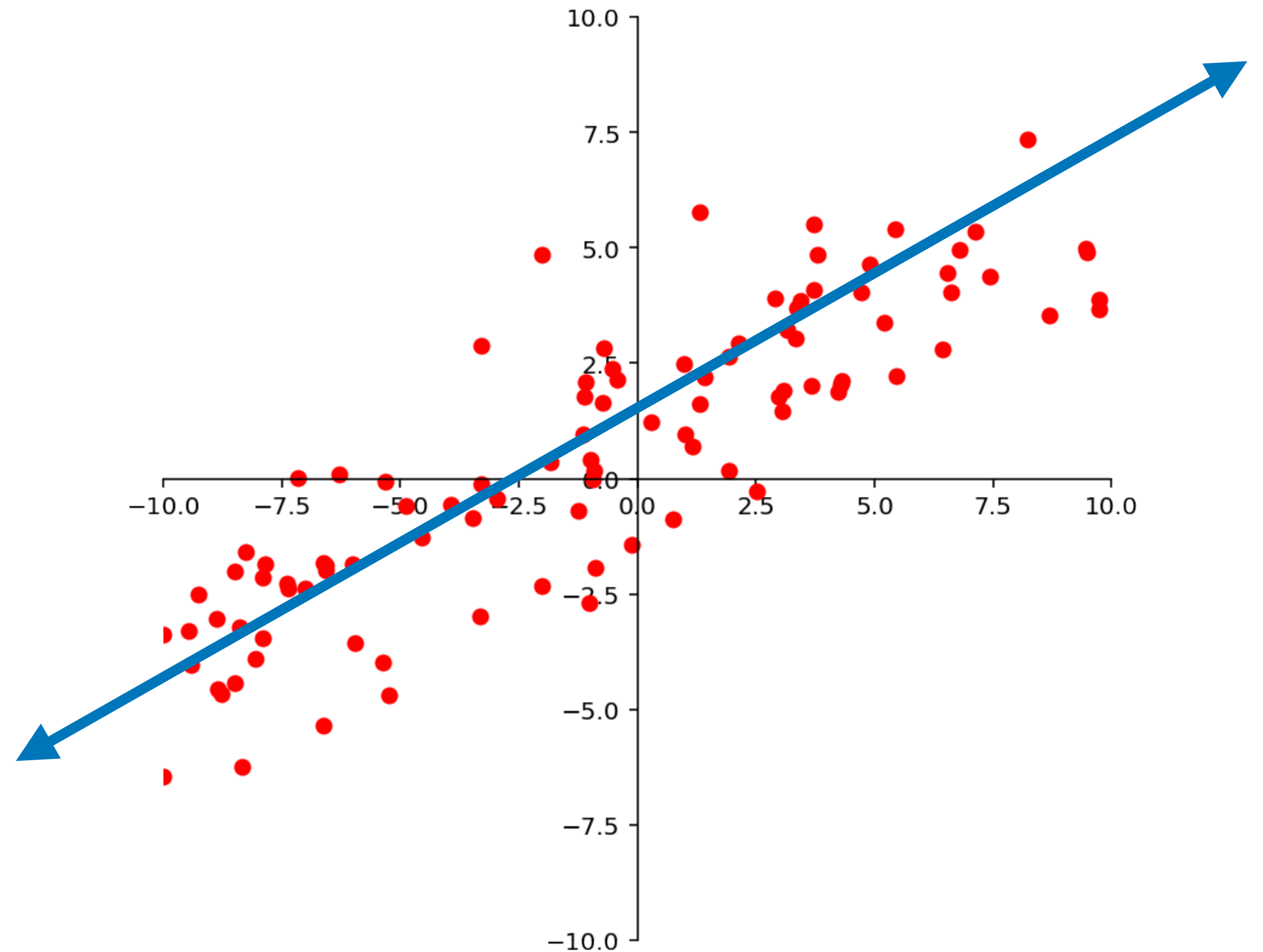
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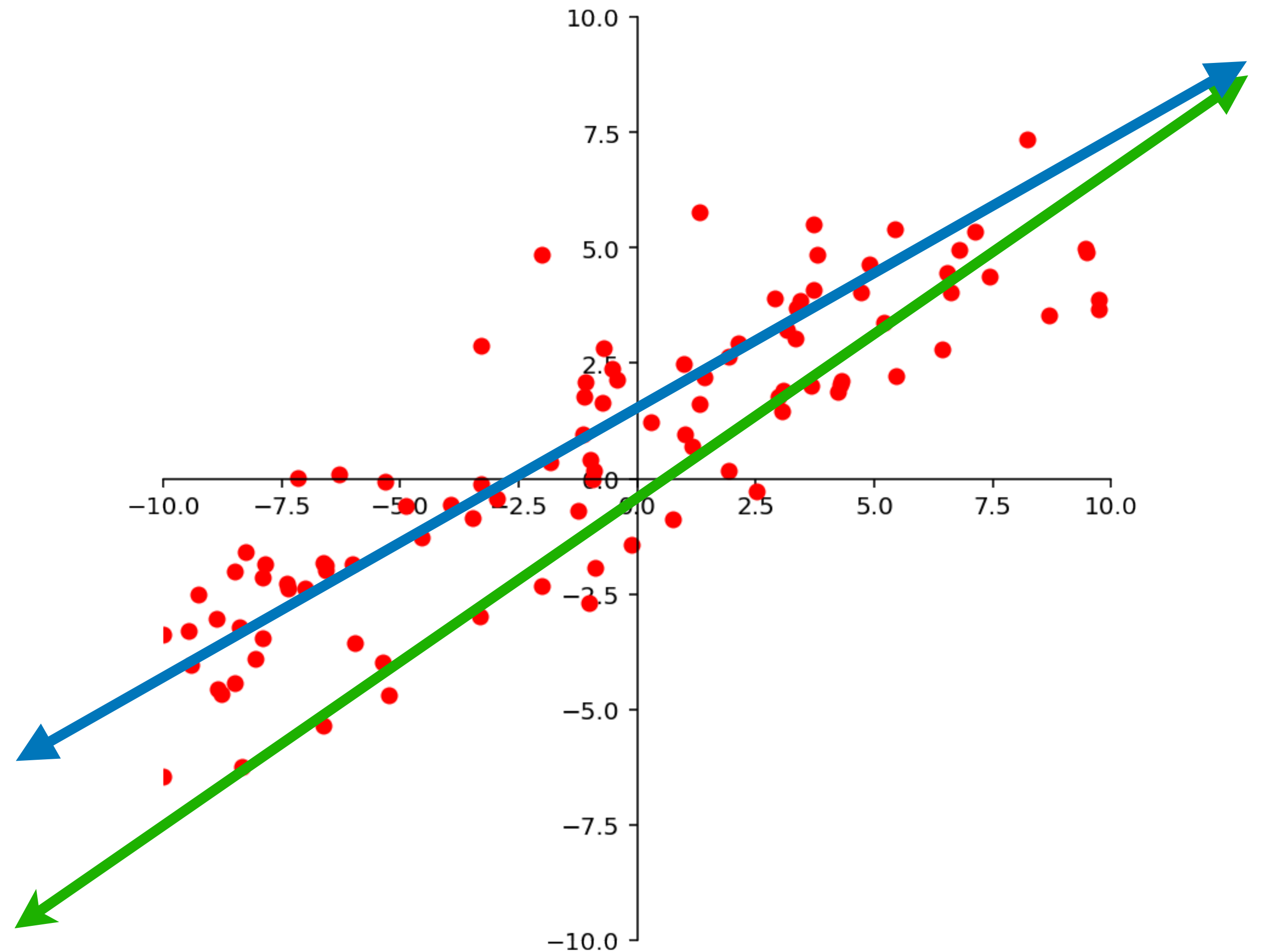
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**Question.** Which line "best" describes the trend of the dataset?

Which one *best models* the dataset?



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

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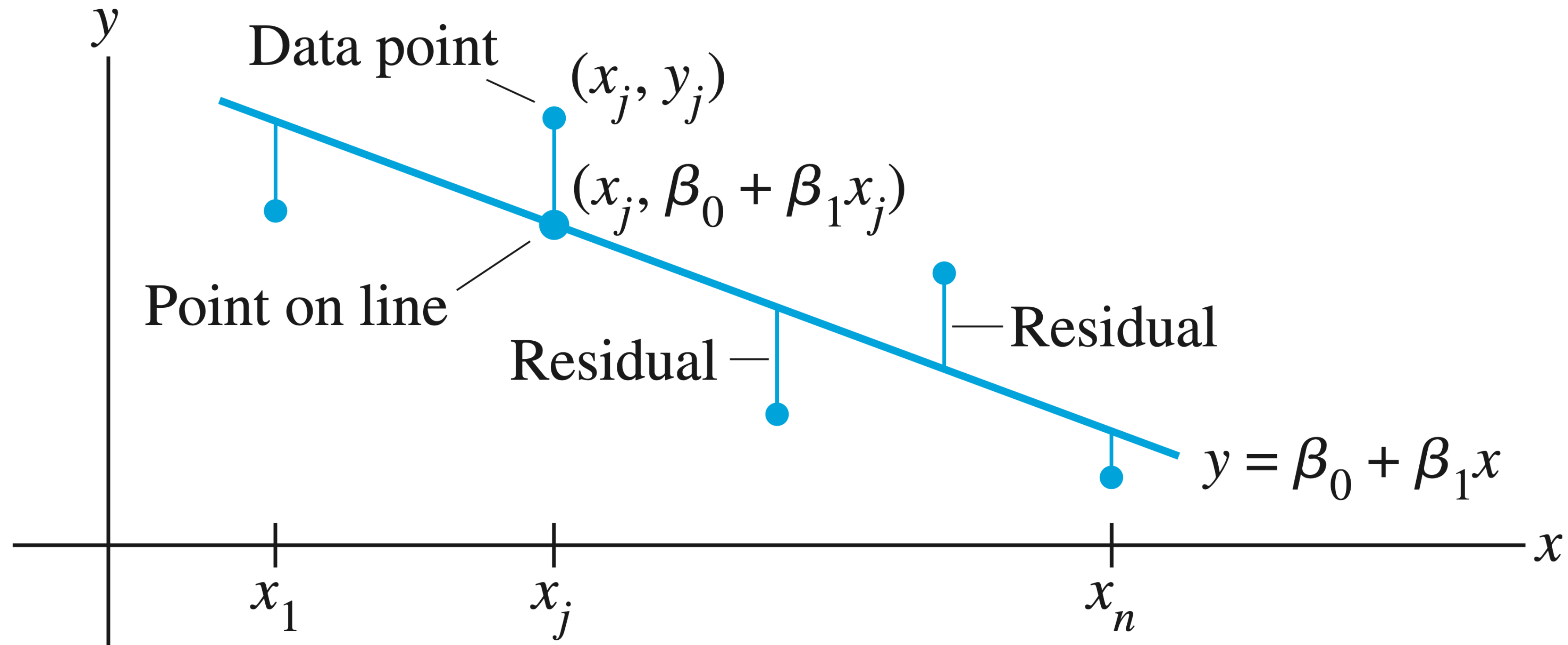
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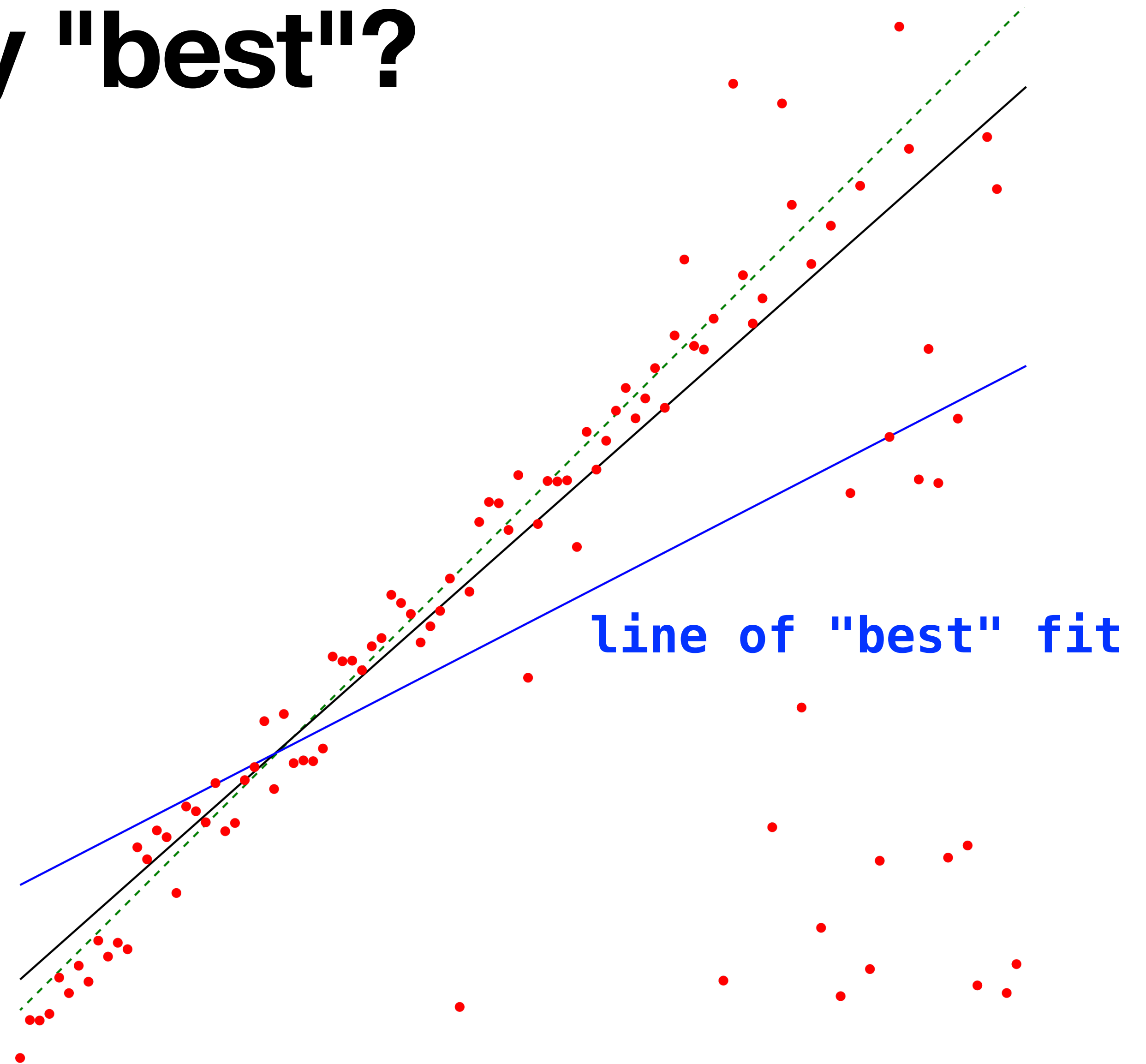
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# The Picture



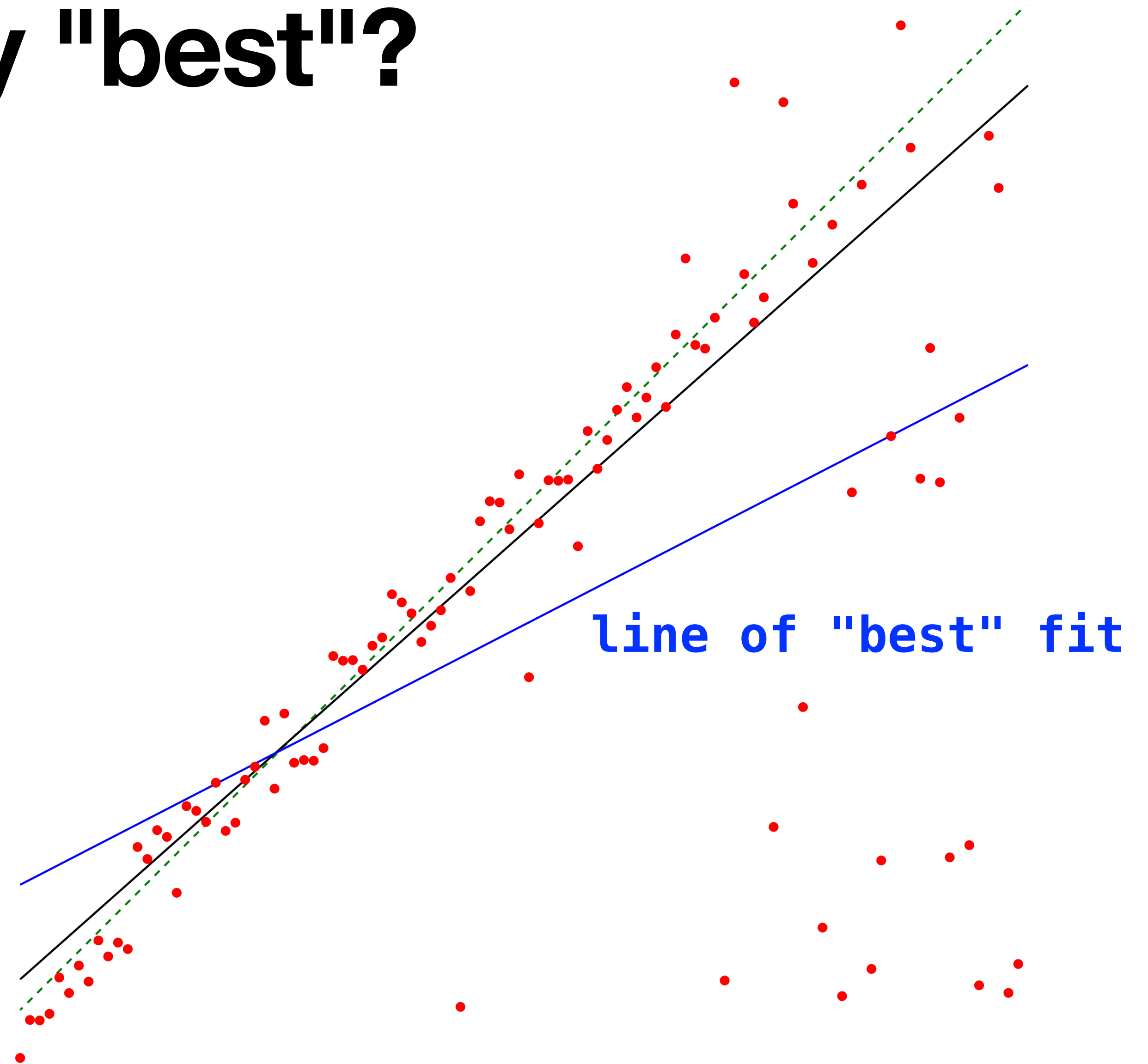
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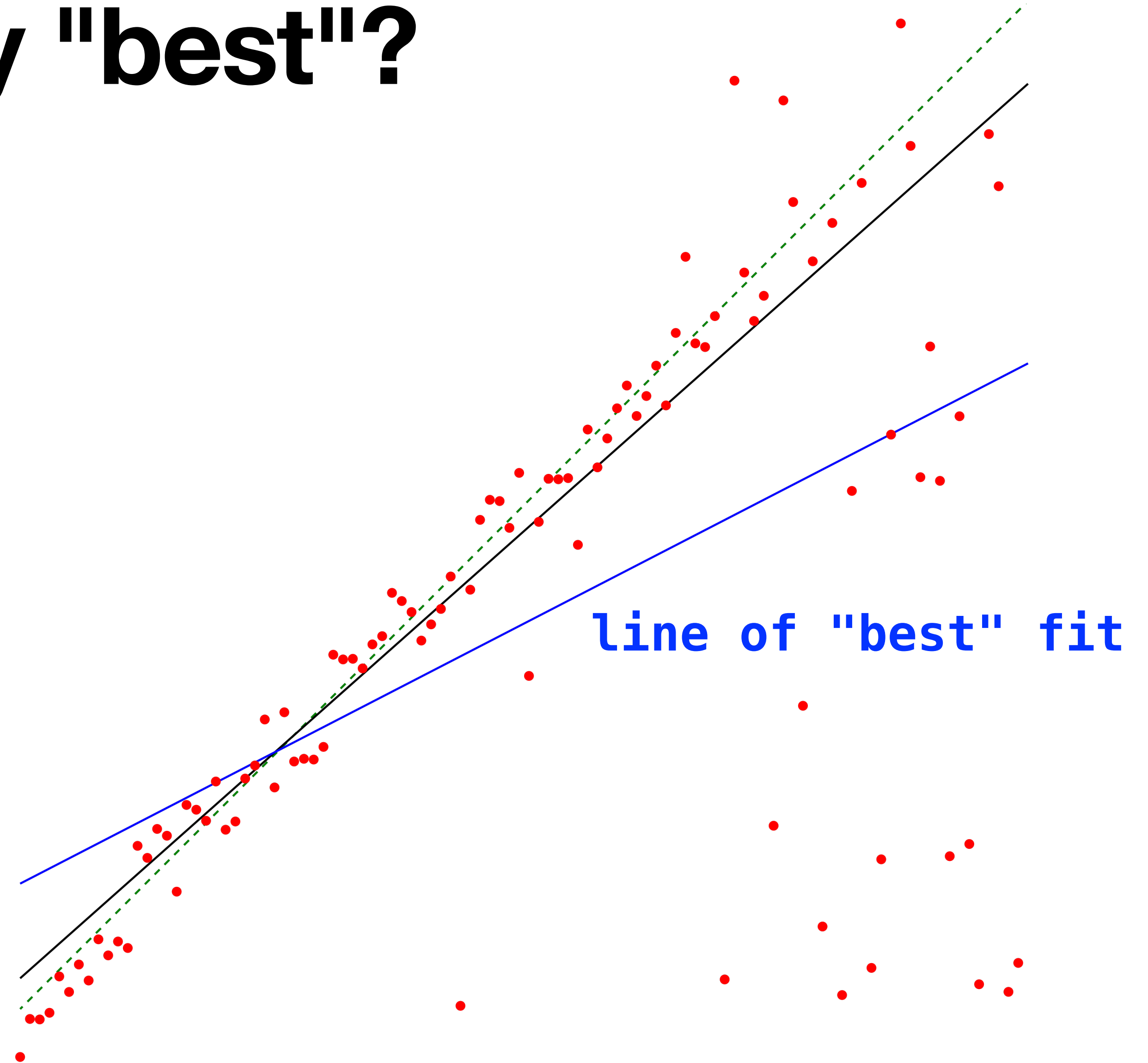
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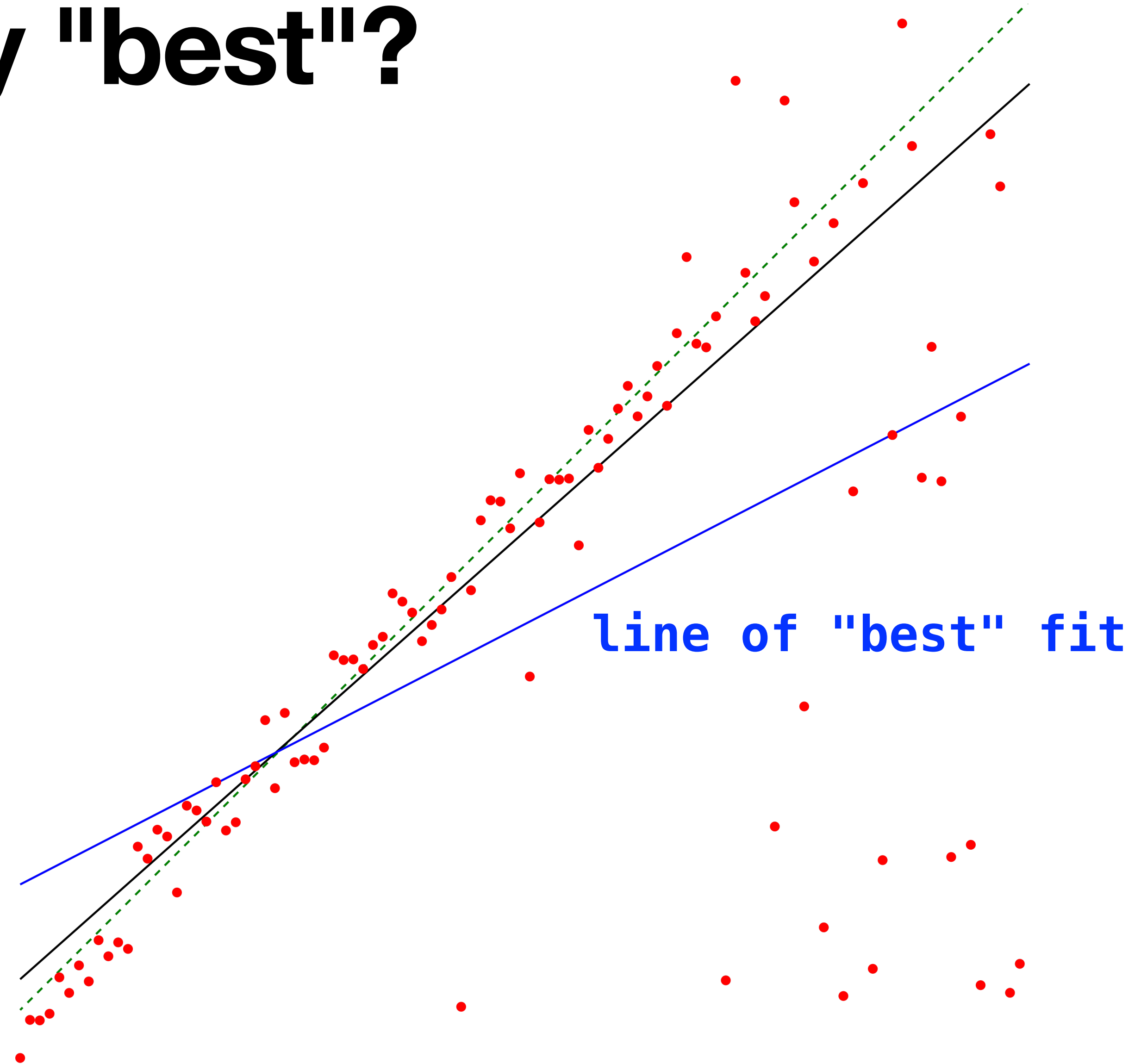


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**The point.** We fix our  
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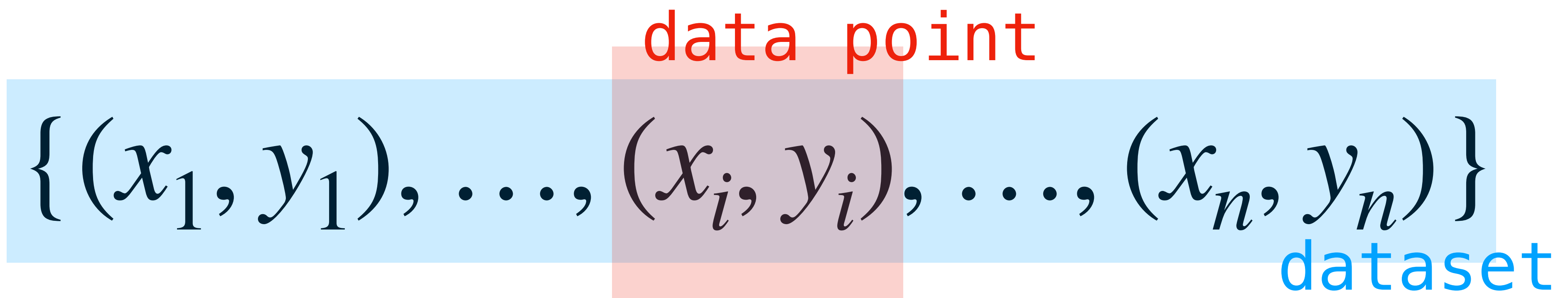
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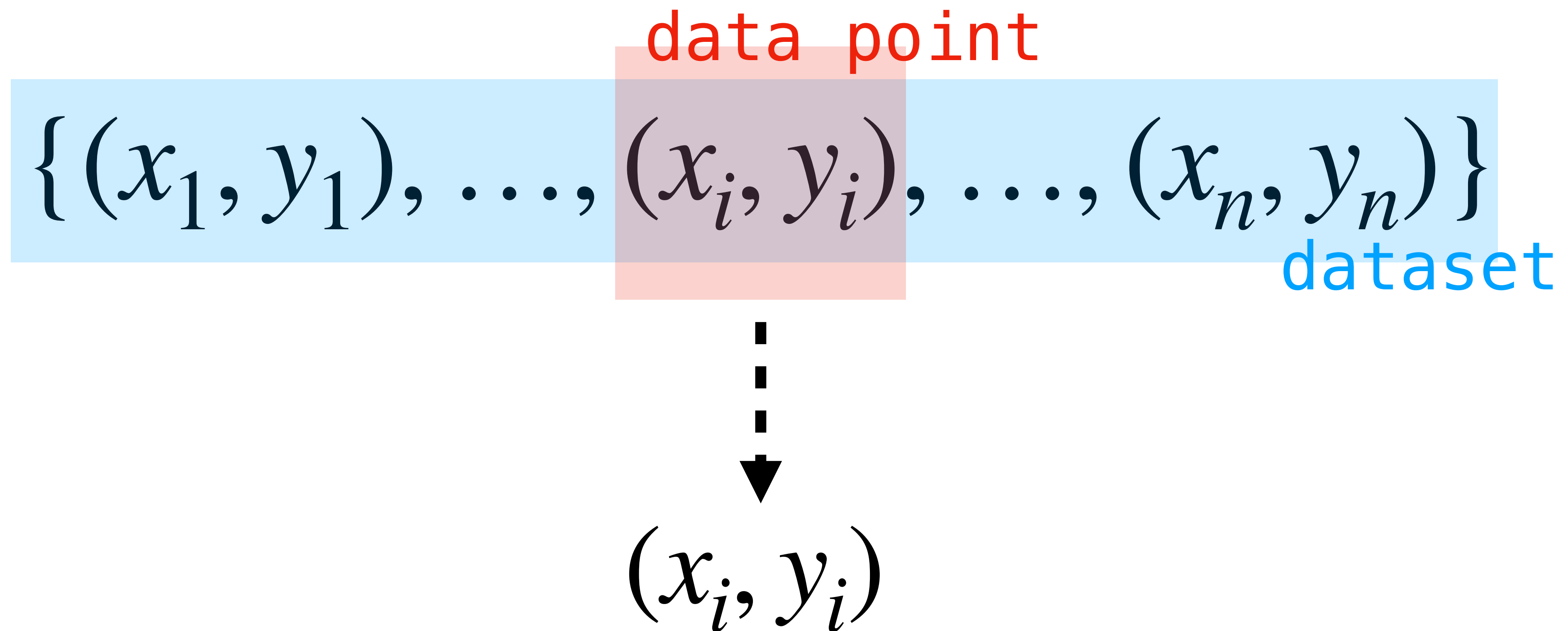
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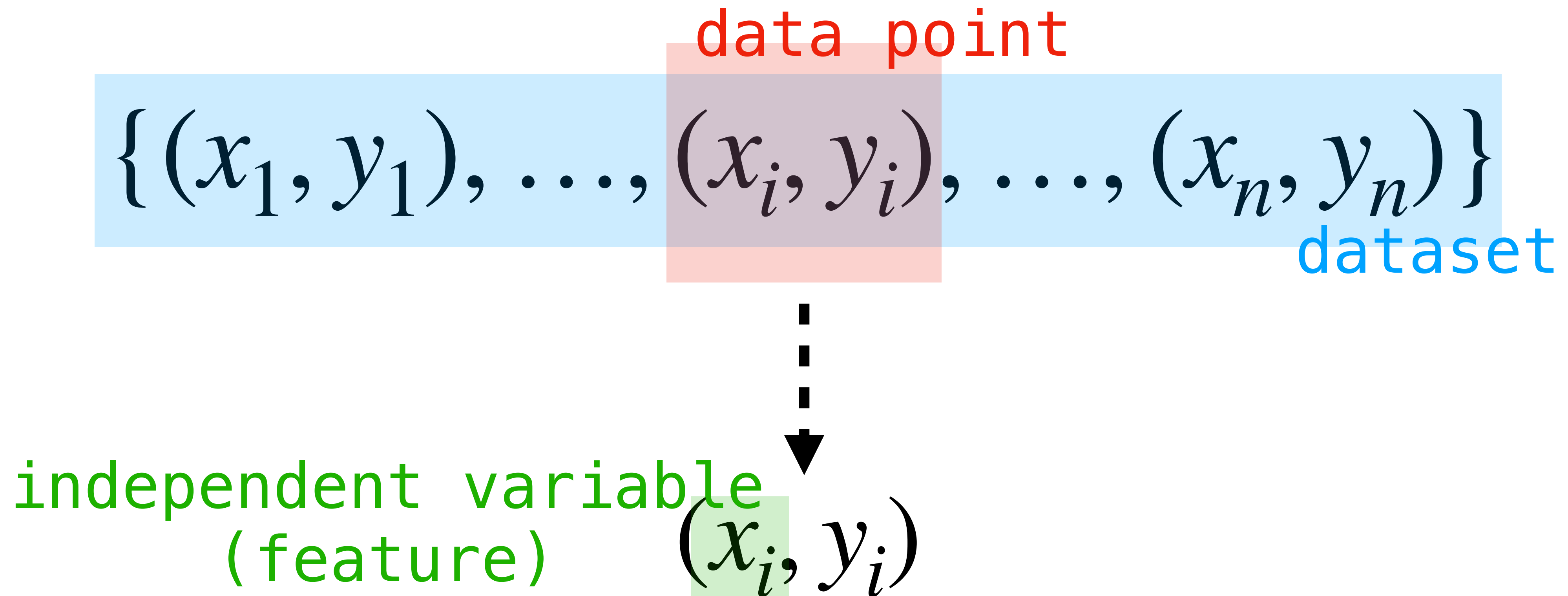
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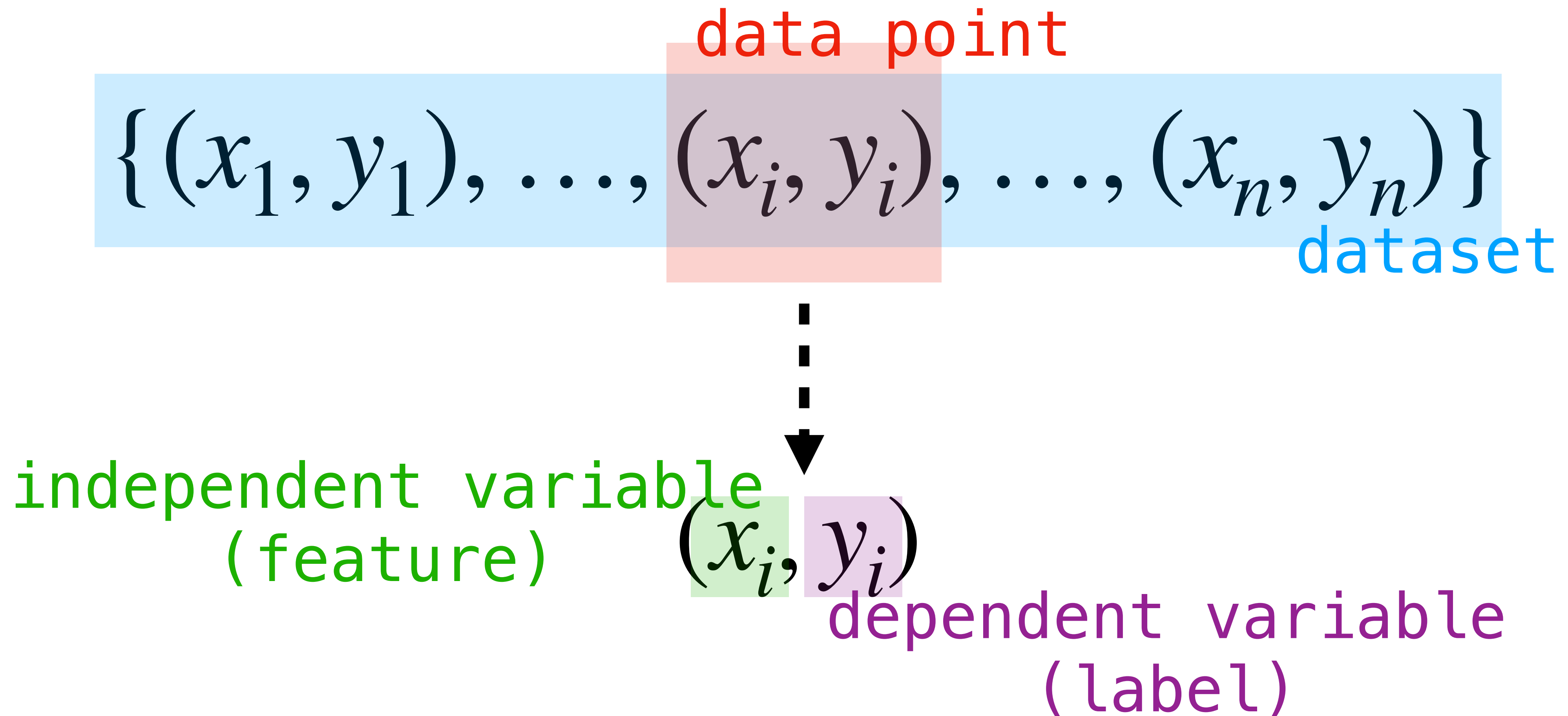
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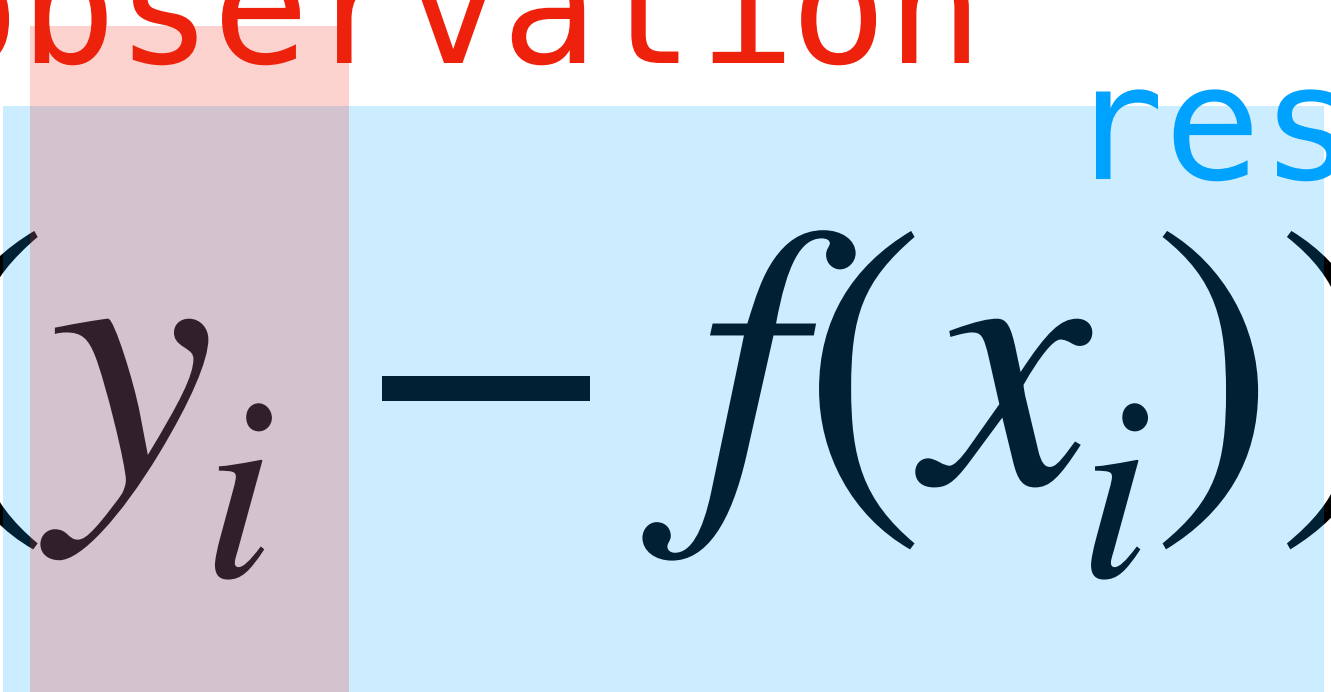
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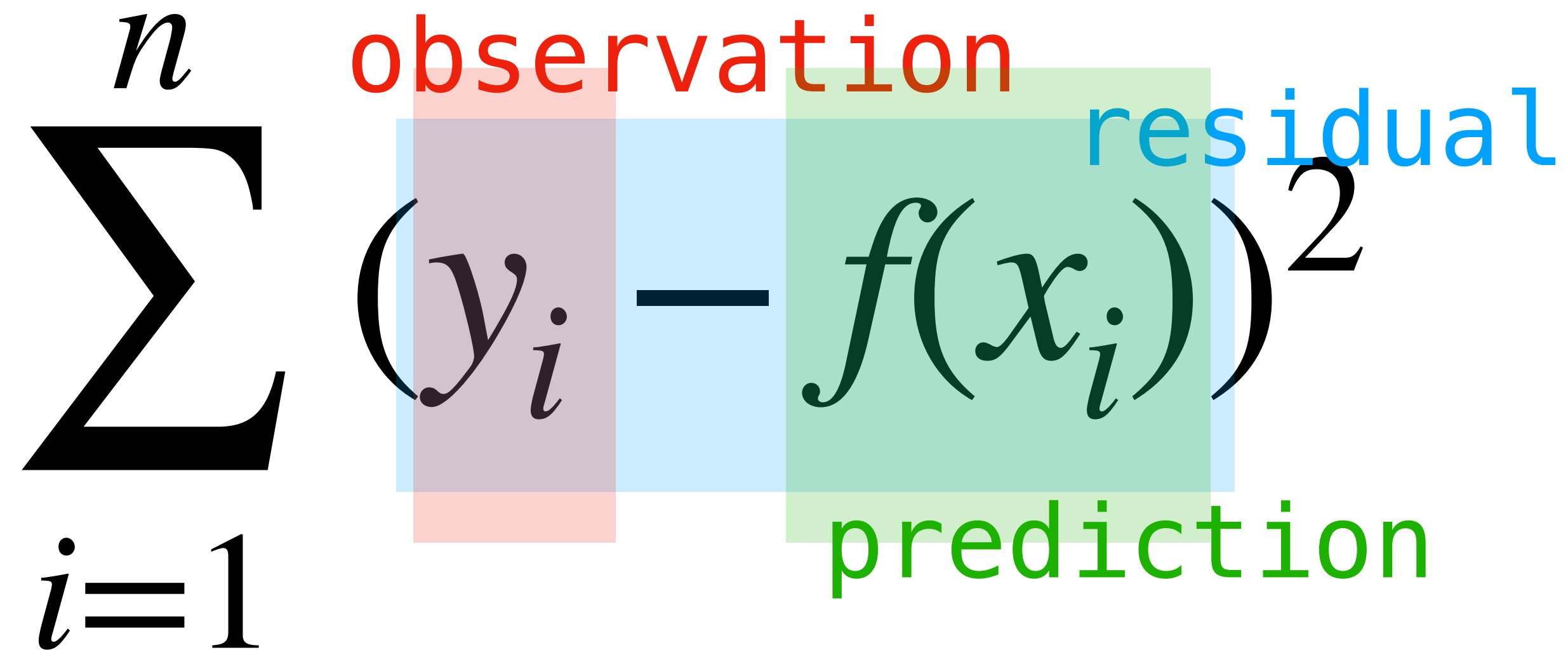
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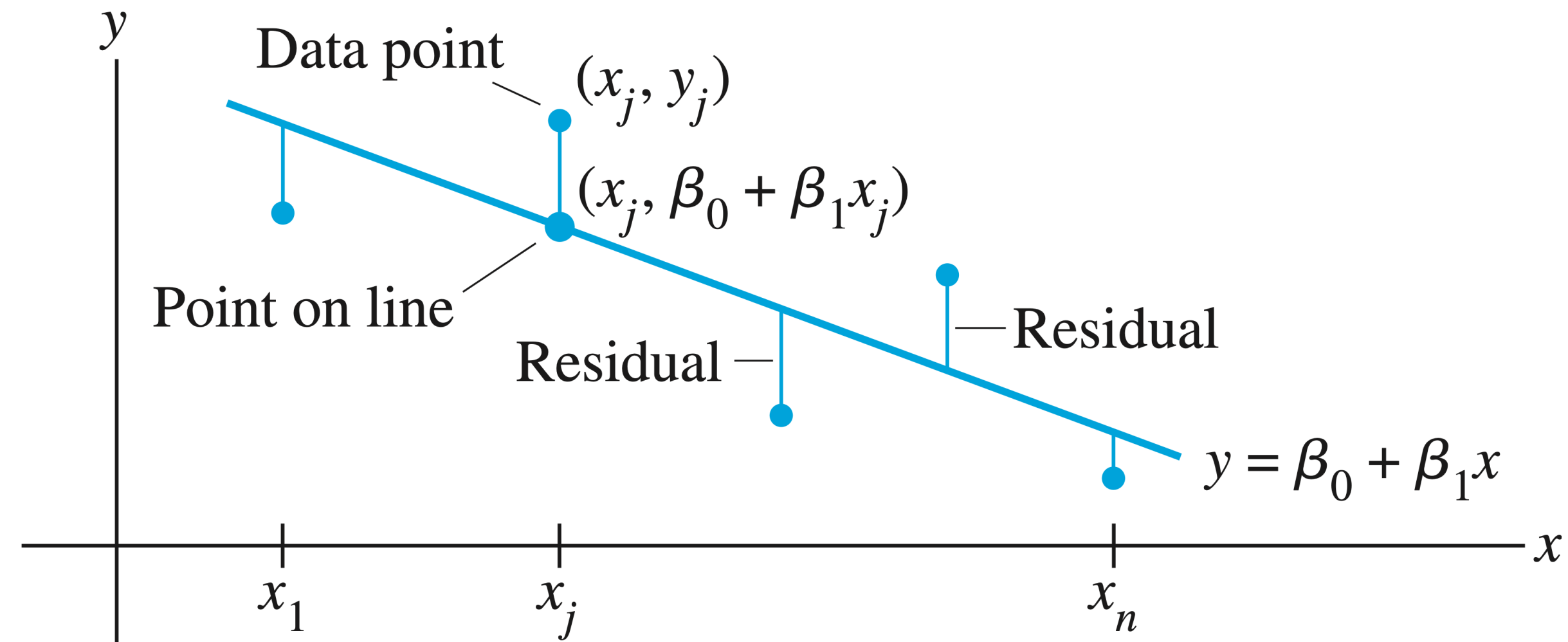
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# Terminology



$$\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, \overset{\text{data point}}{(x_i, y_i)}, \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

dataset

$$f(x) = \overset{\text{model parameters/ regression coefficients}}{\beta_0} + \overset{\text{model}}{\beta_1 x}$$

independent variable

dependent variable (label)

$$\overset{\text{independent variable}}{(x_i)} \overset{\text{dependent variable (label)}}{(y_i)}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \overset{\text{observation}}{(y_i)} - \overset{\text{prediction}}{f(x_i)} \overset{\text{residual}}{^2}$$

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$$\beta_1 = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2} \quad \beta_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$



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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.

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**Just for Fun**

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Let's derive it:

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$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{something for } \beta_0 \\ \frac{1}{\det(A^T A)} \left[ (-\sum_i x_i)(\sum_i y_i) + n(\sum_i x_i y_i) \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

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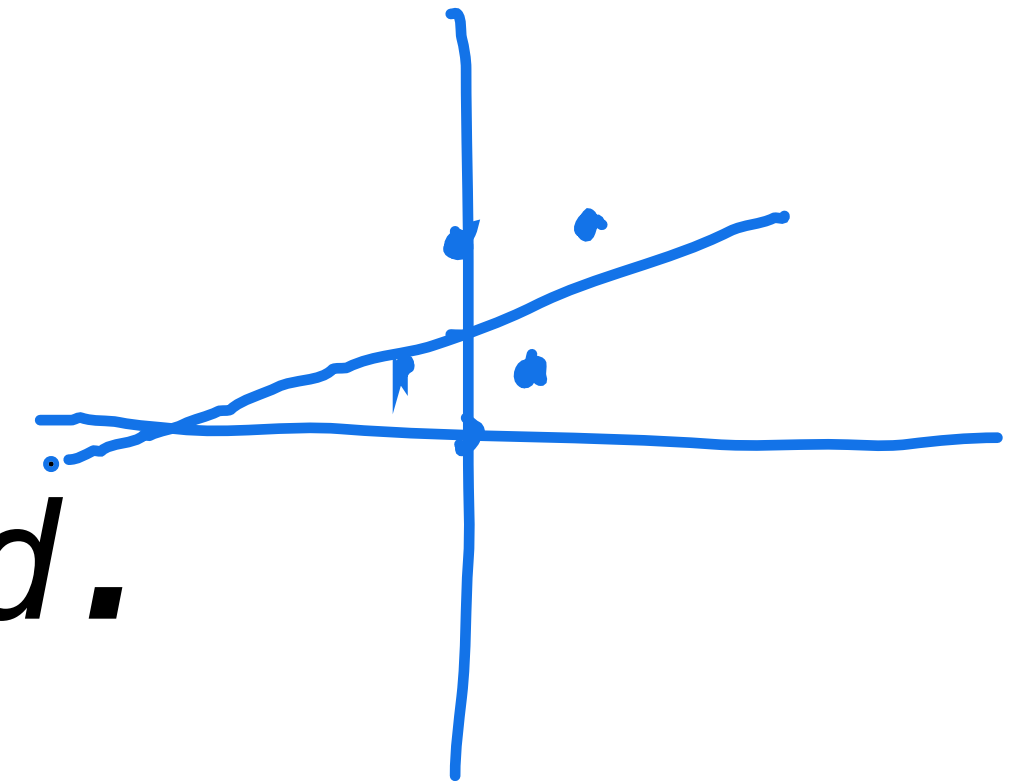
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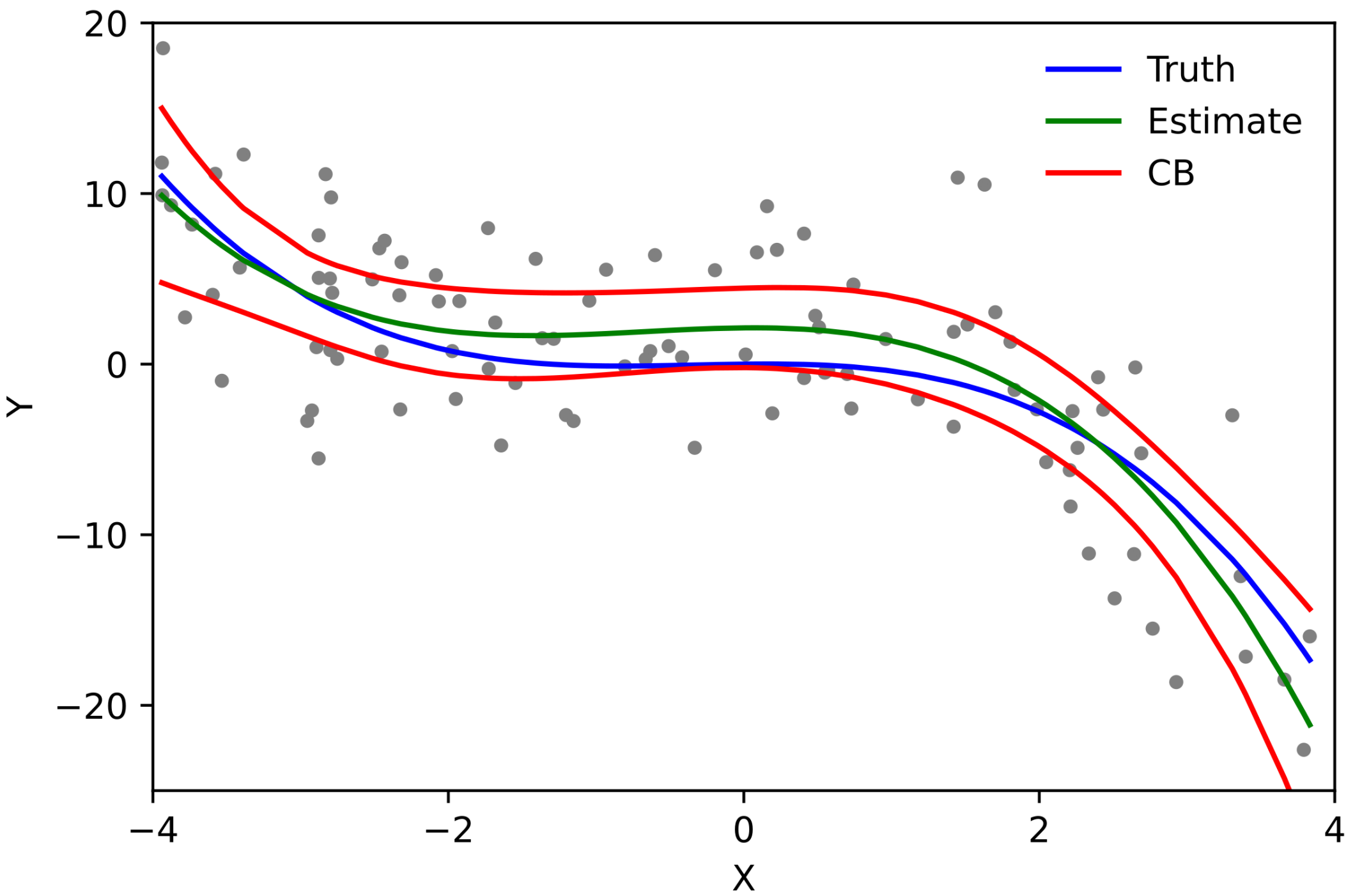
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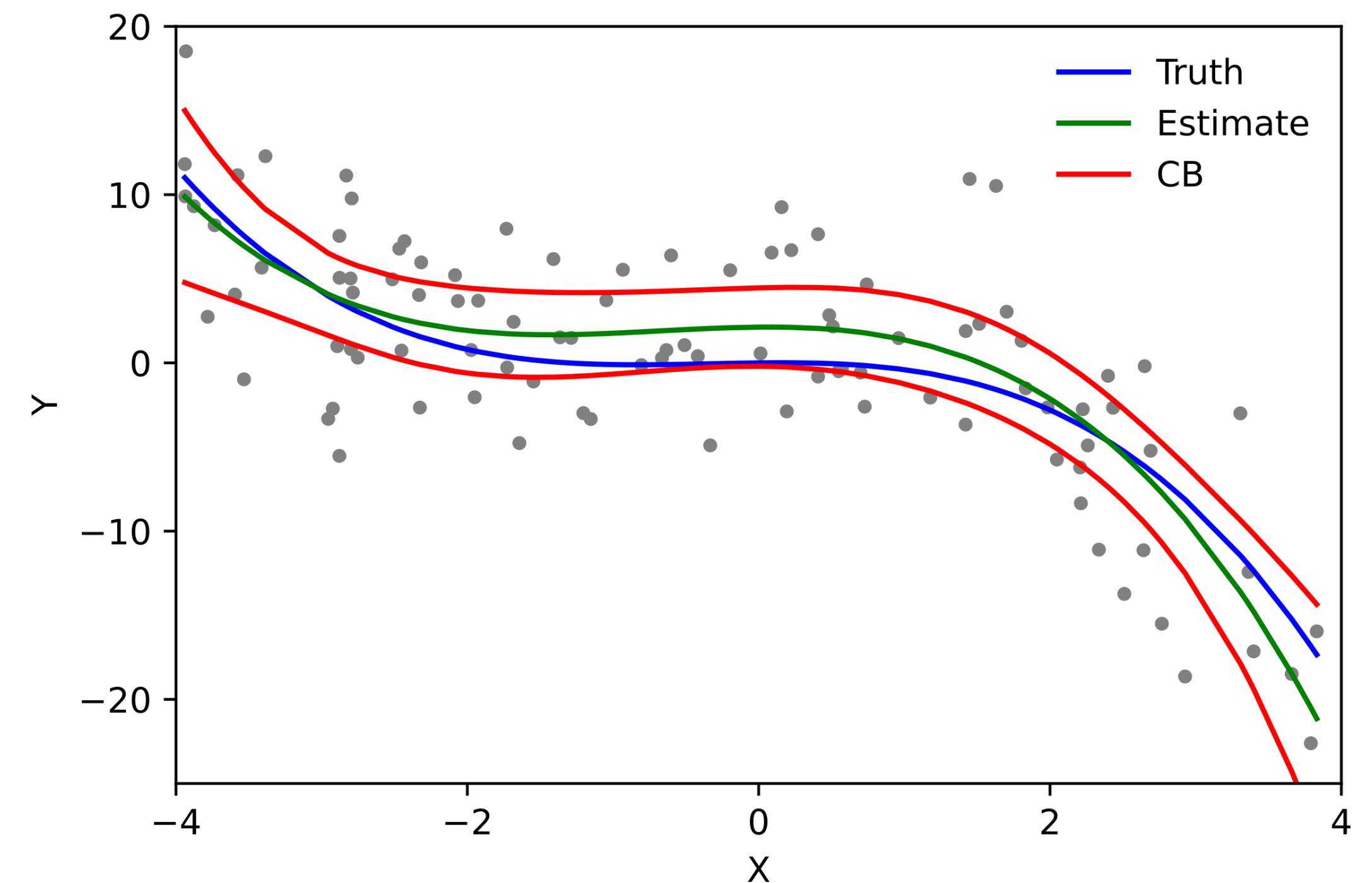
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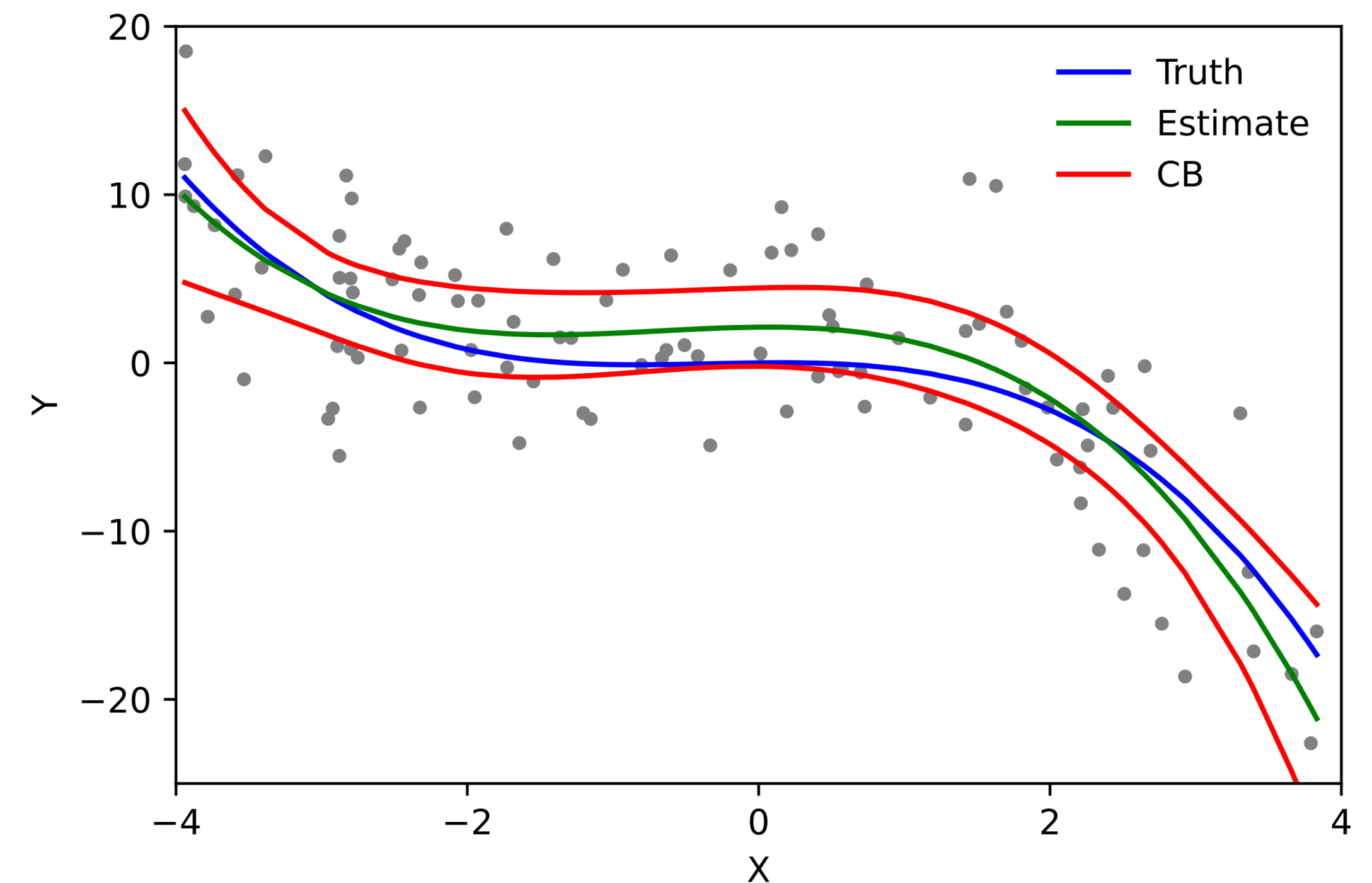
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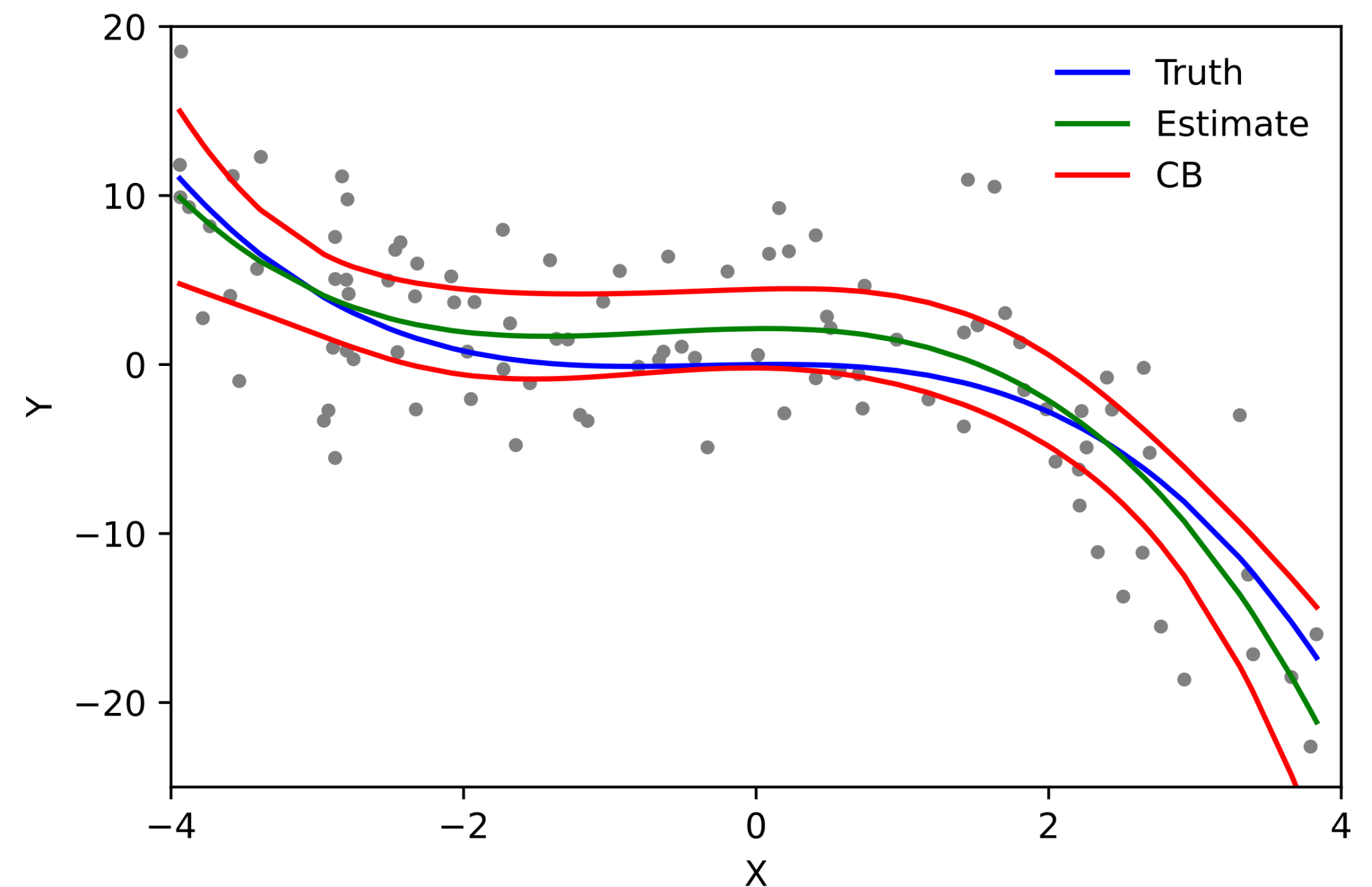


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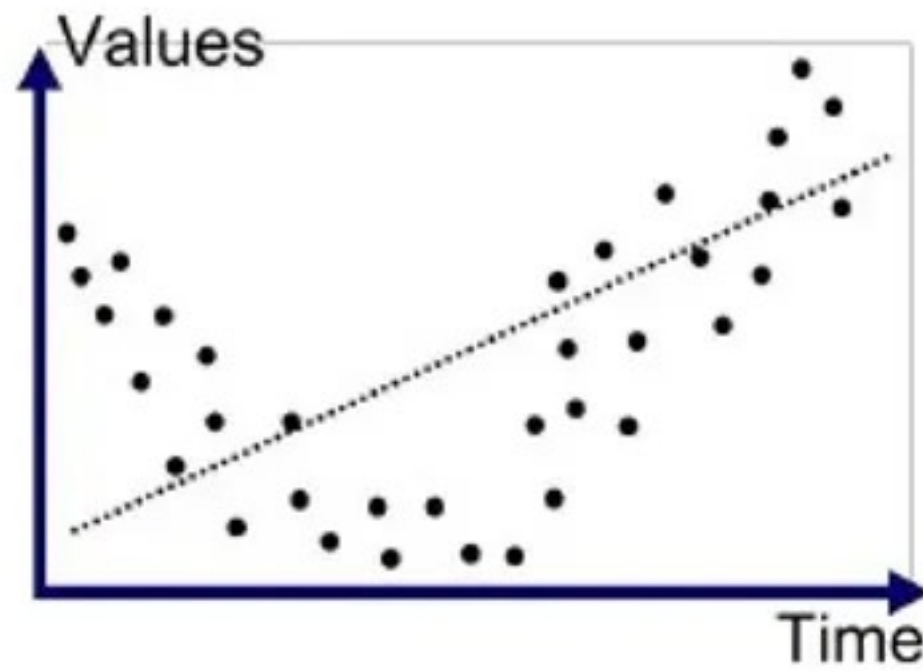
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We think of the environment has providing us a function from our independent variables to our dependent variables.

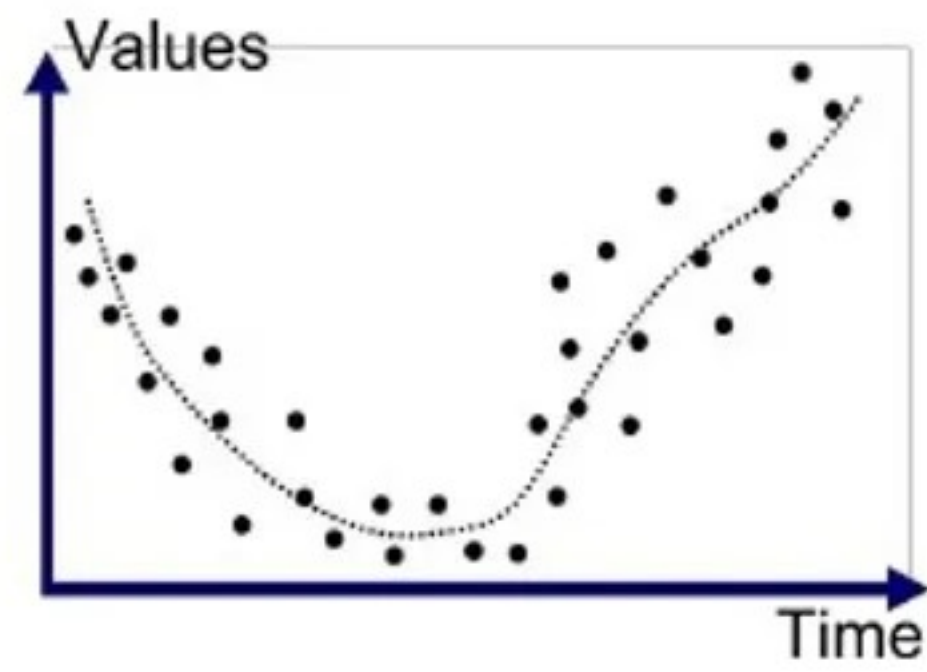




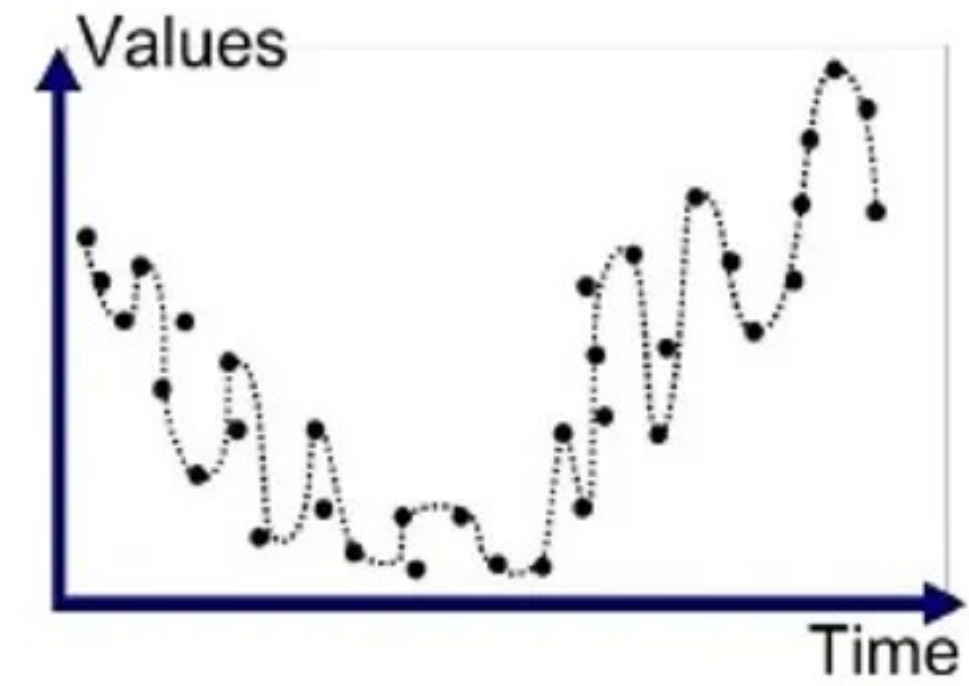
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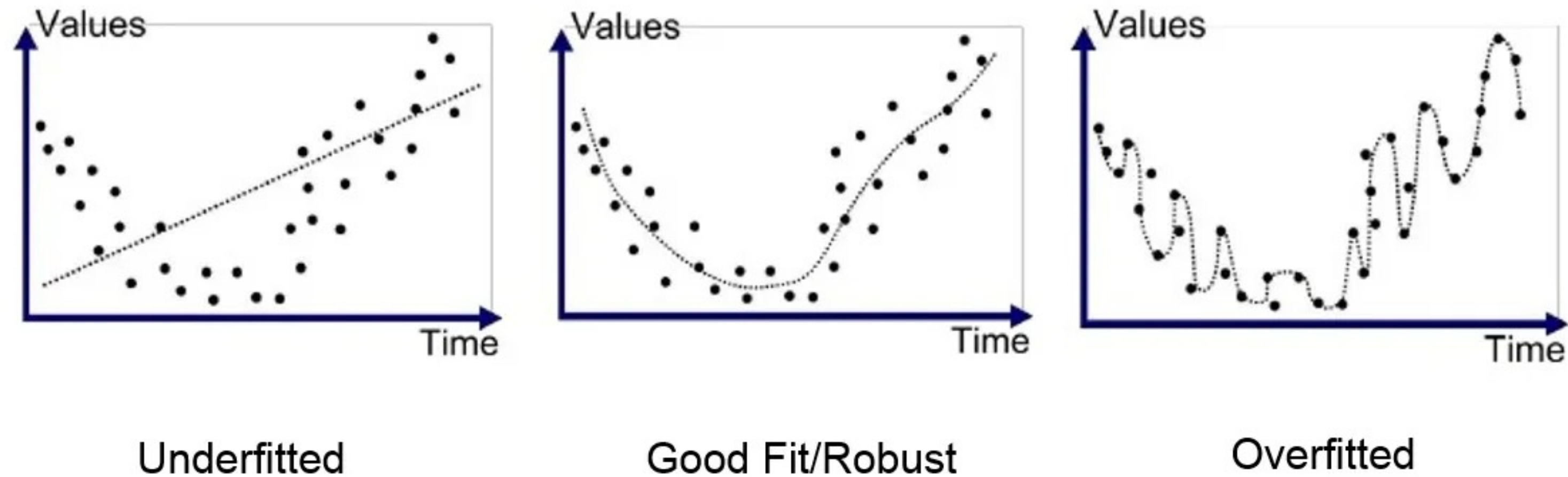


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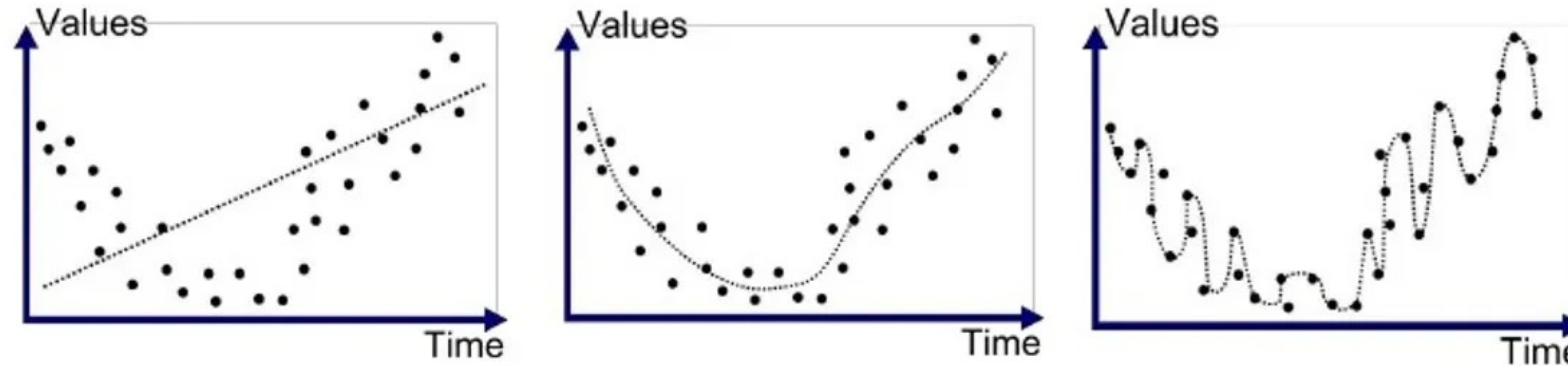
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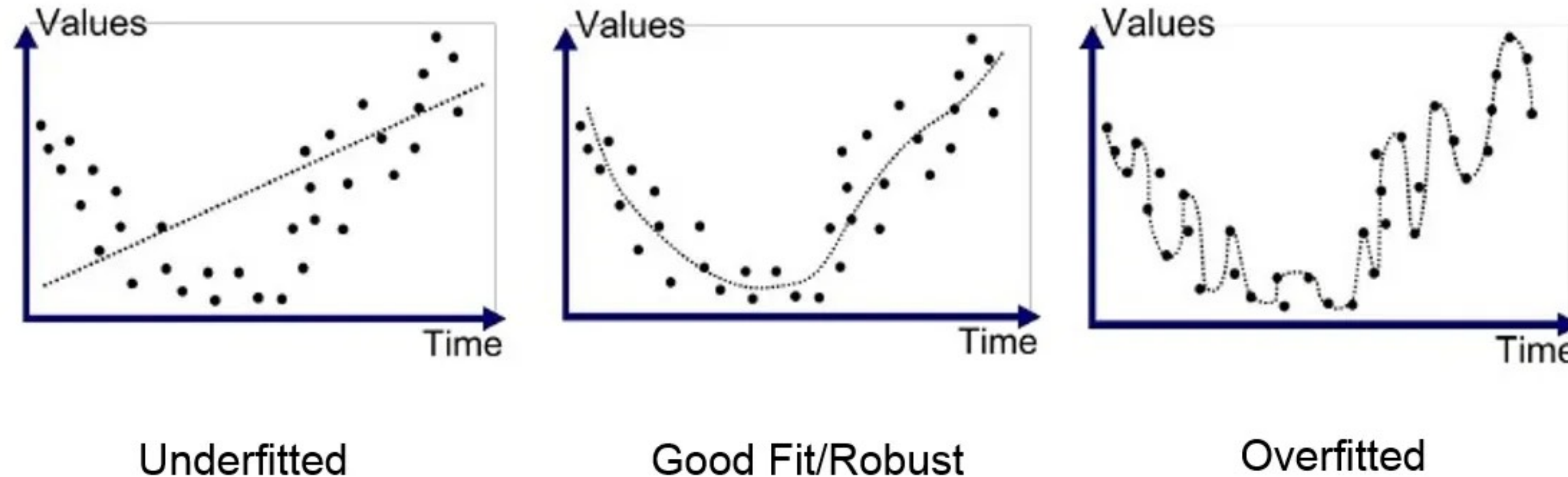
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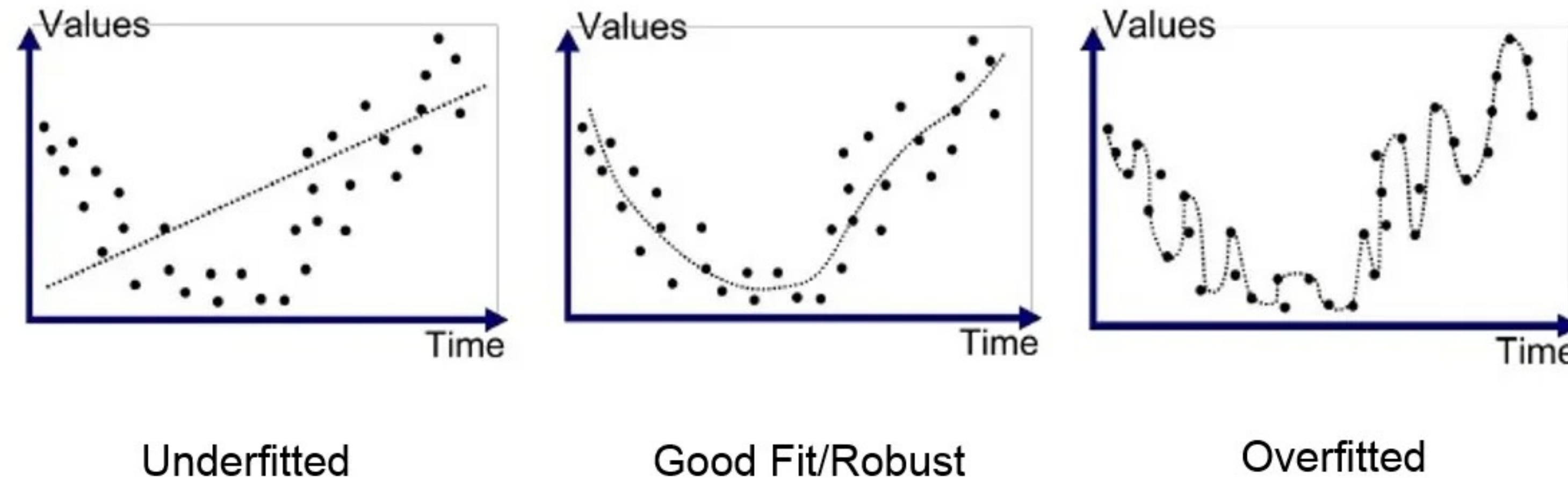


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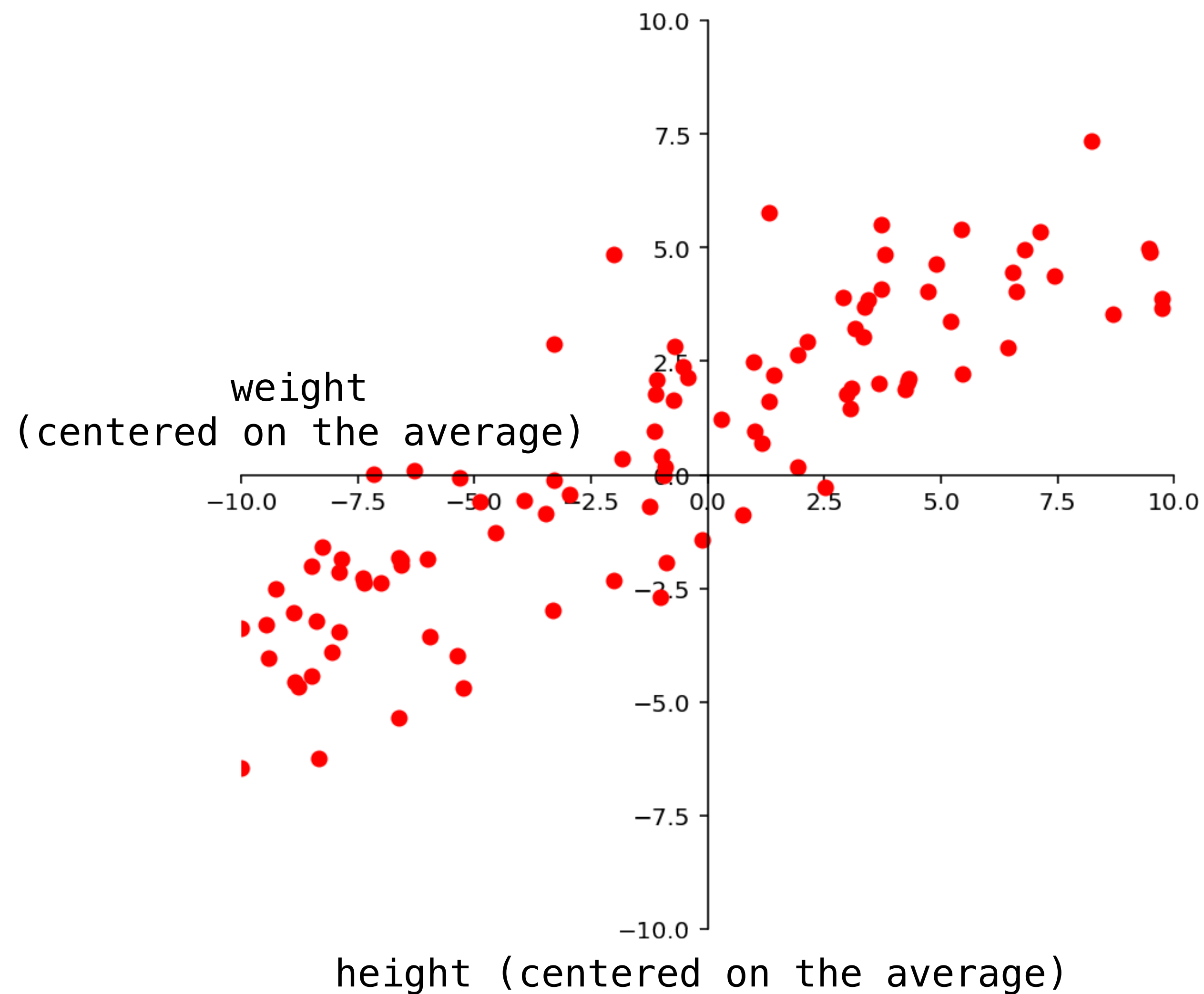
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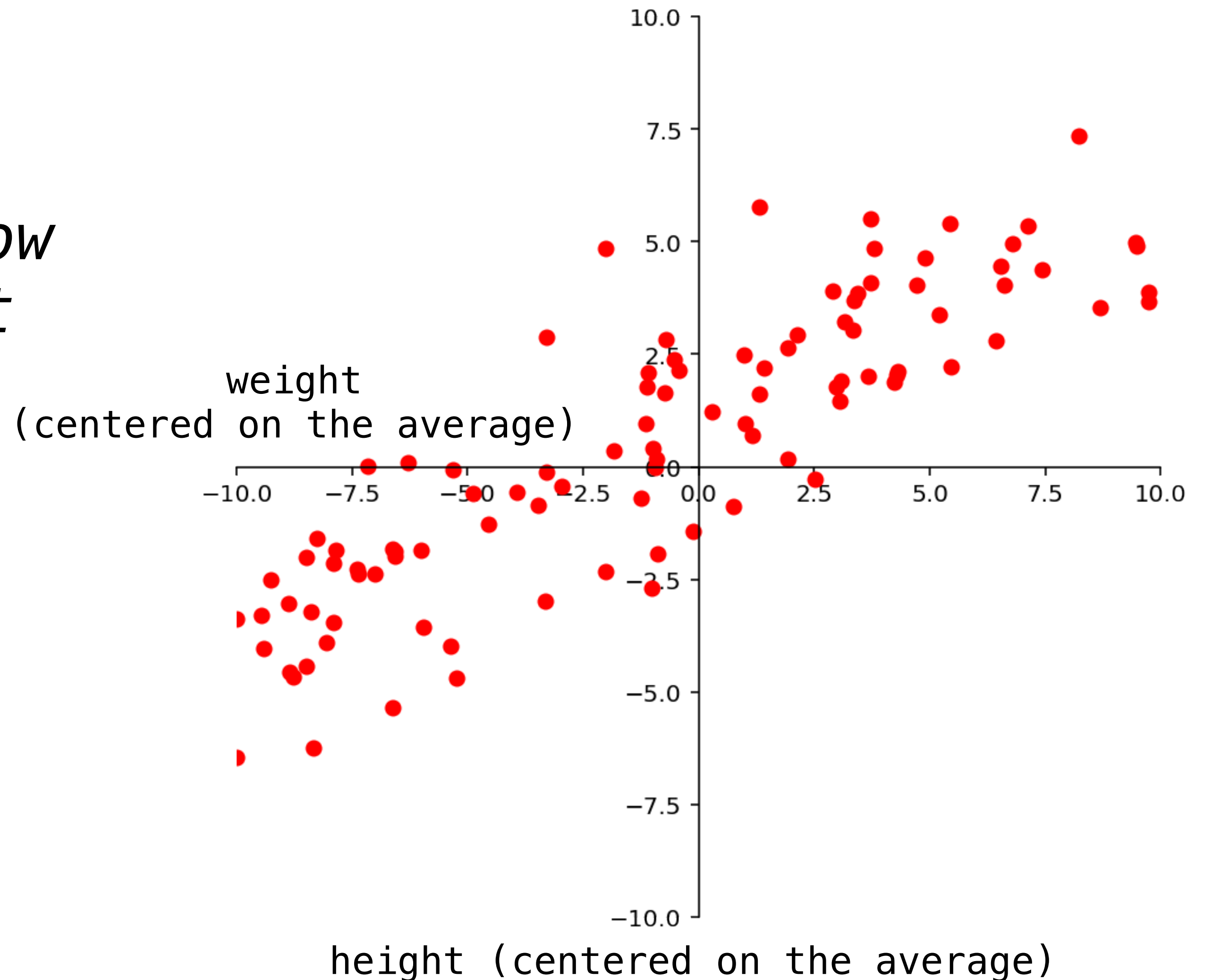
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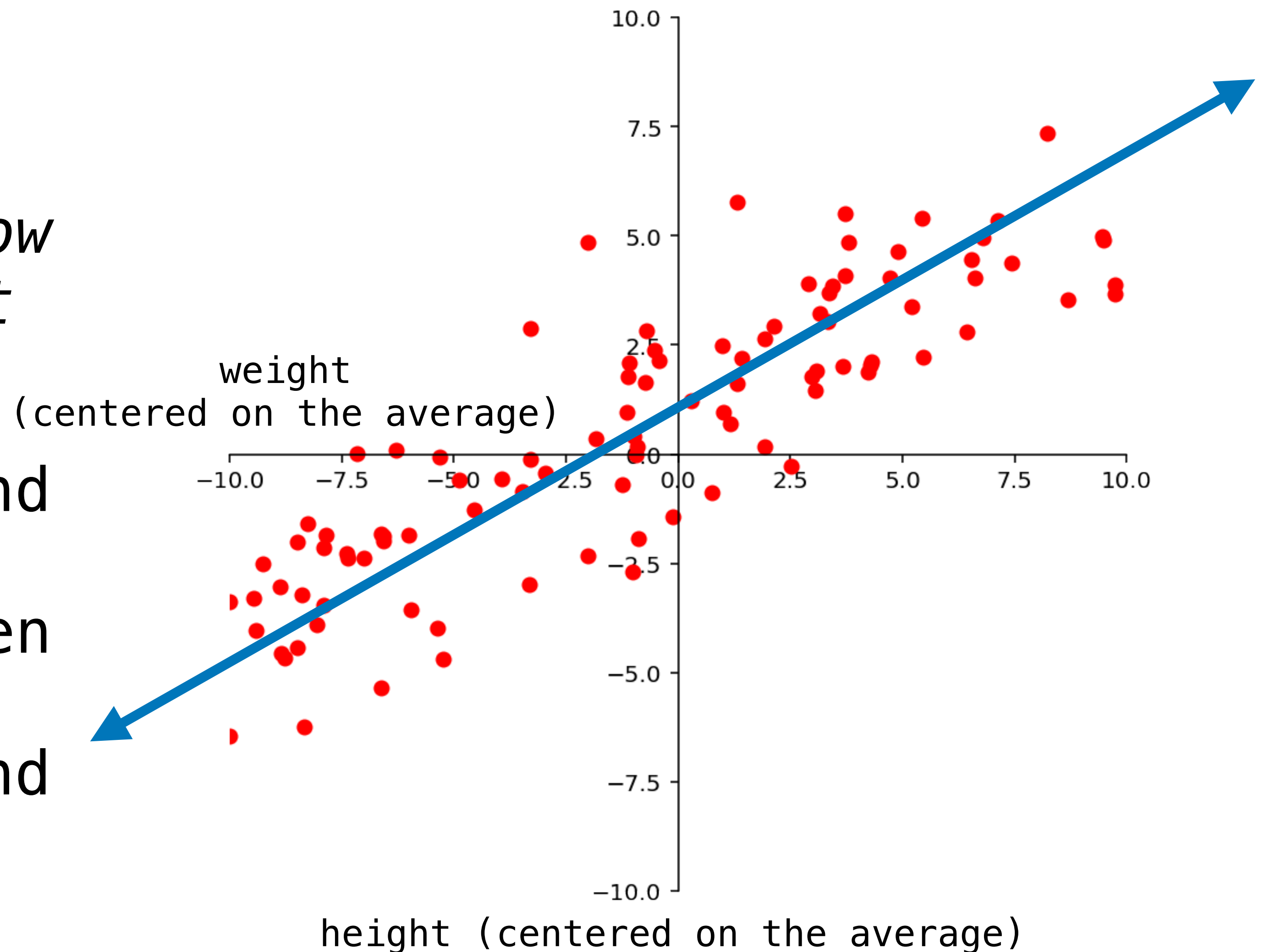
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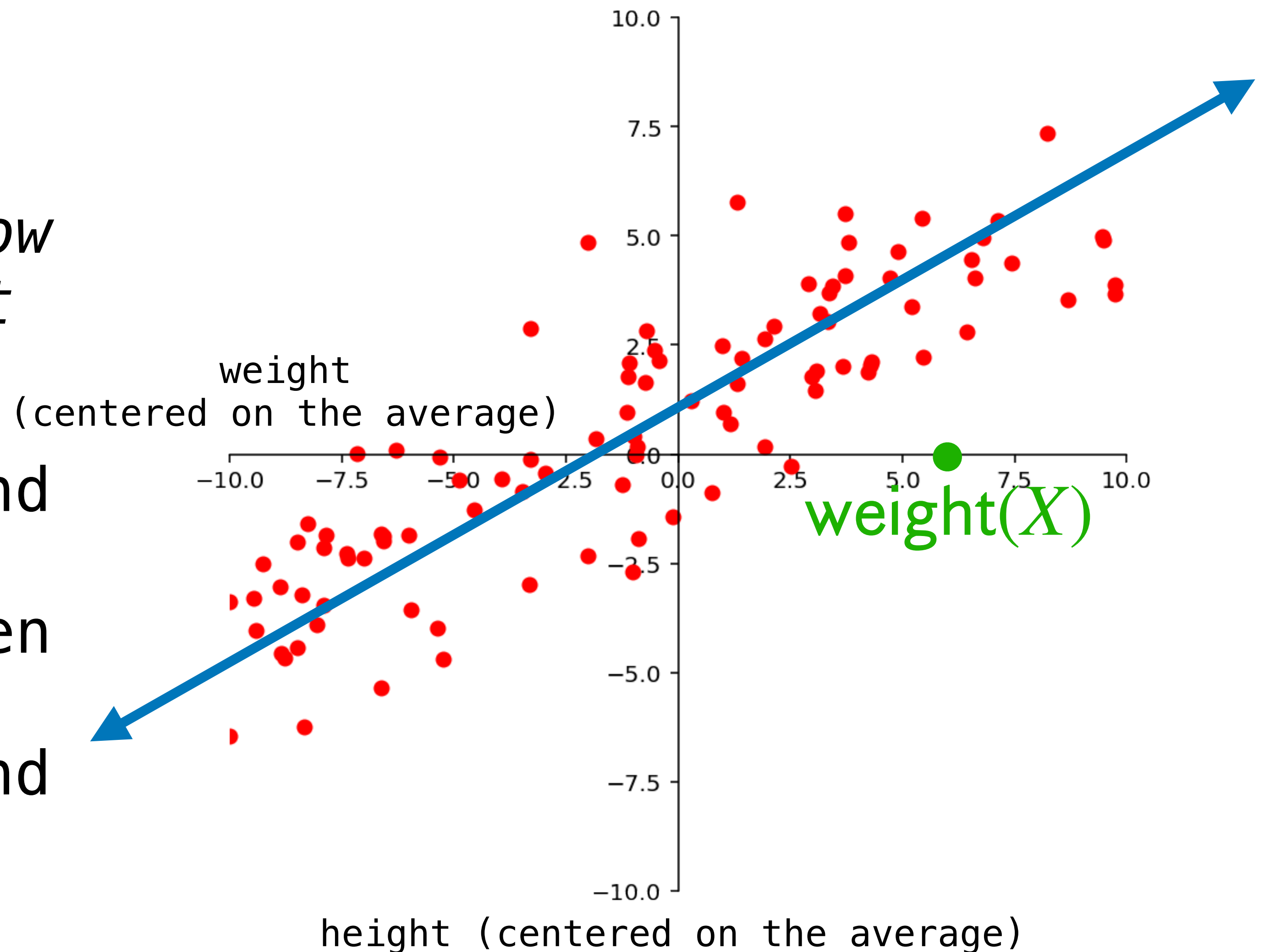
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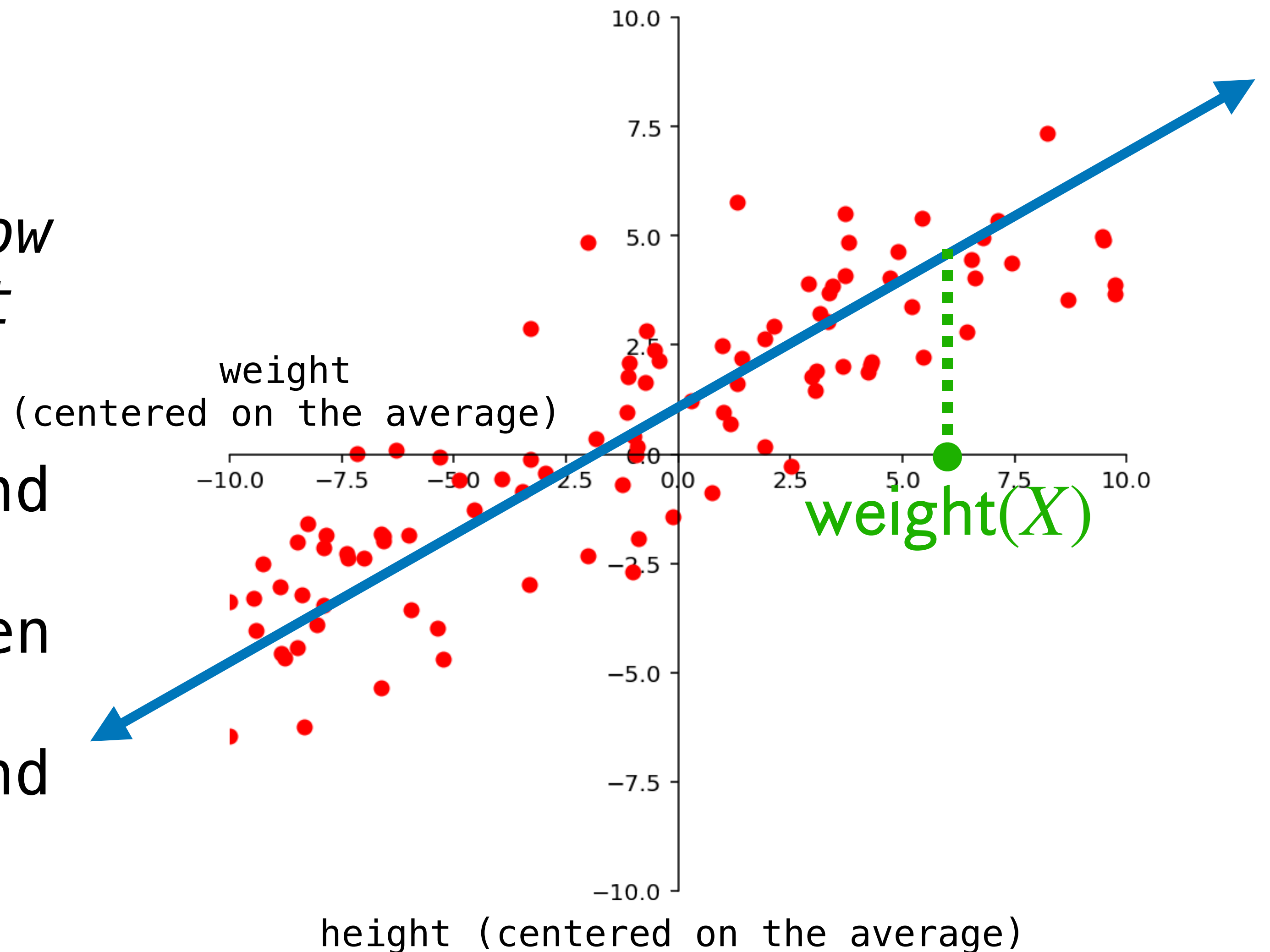
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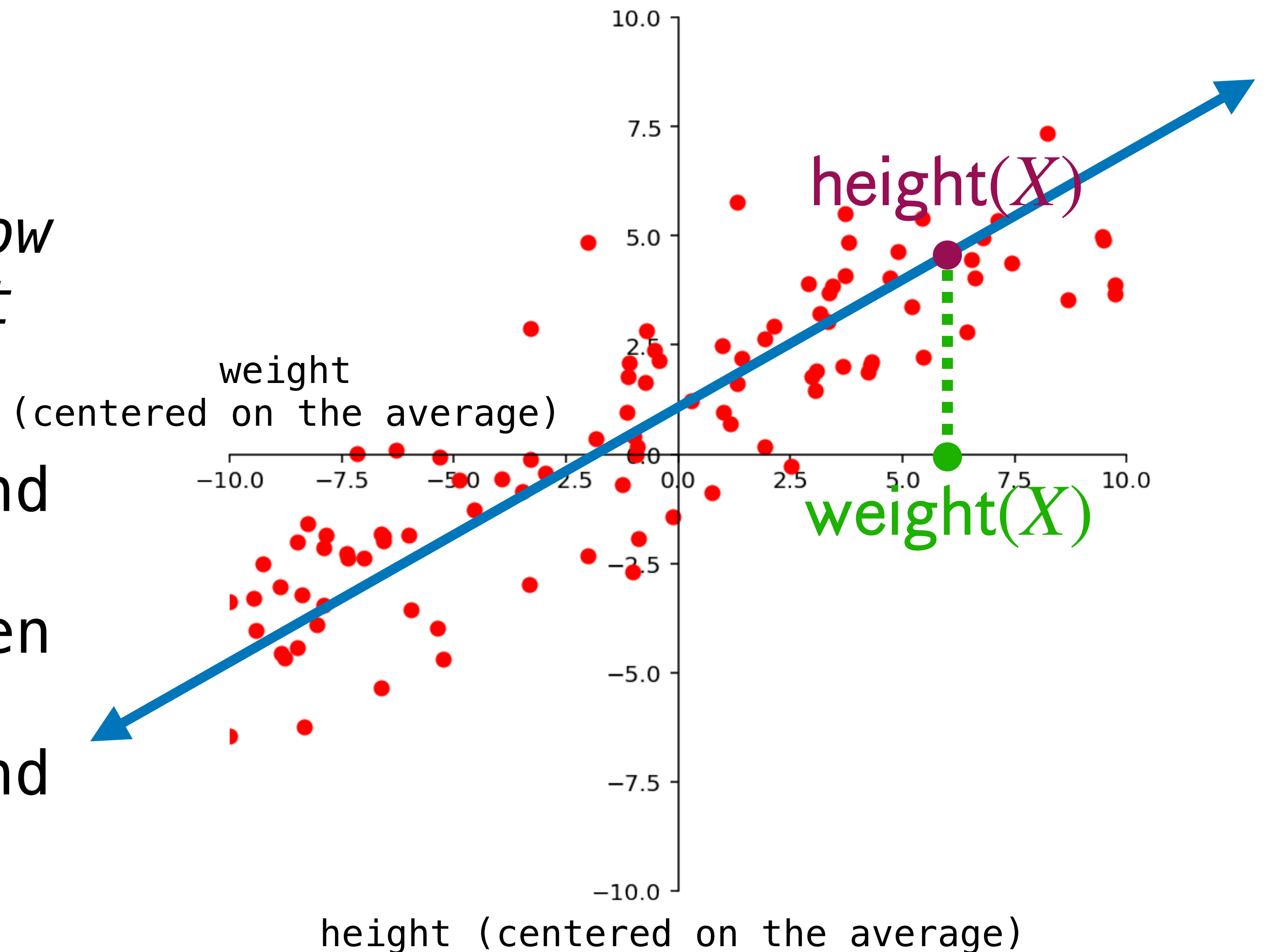




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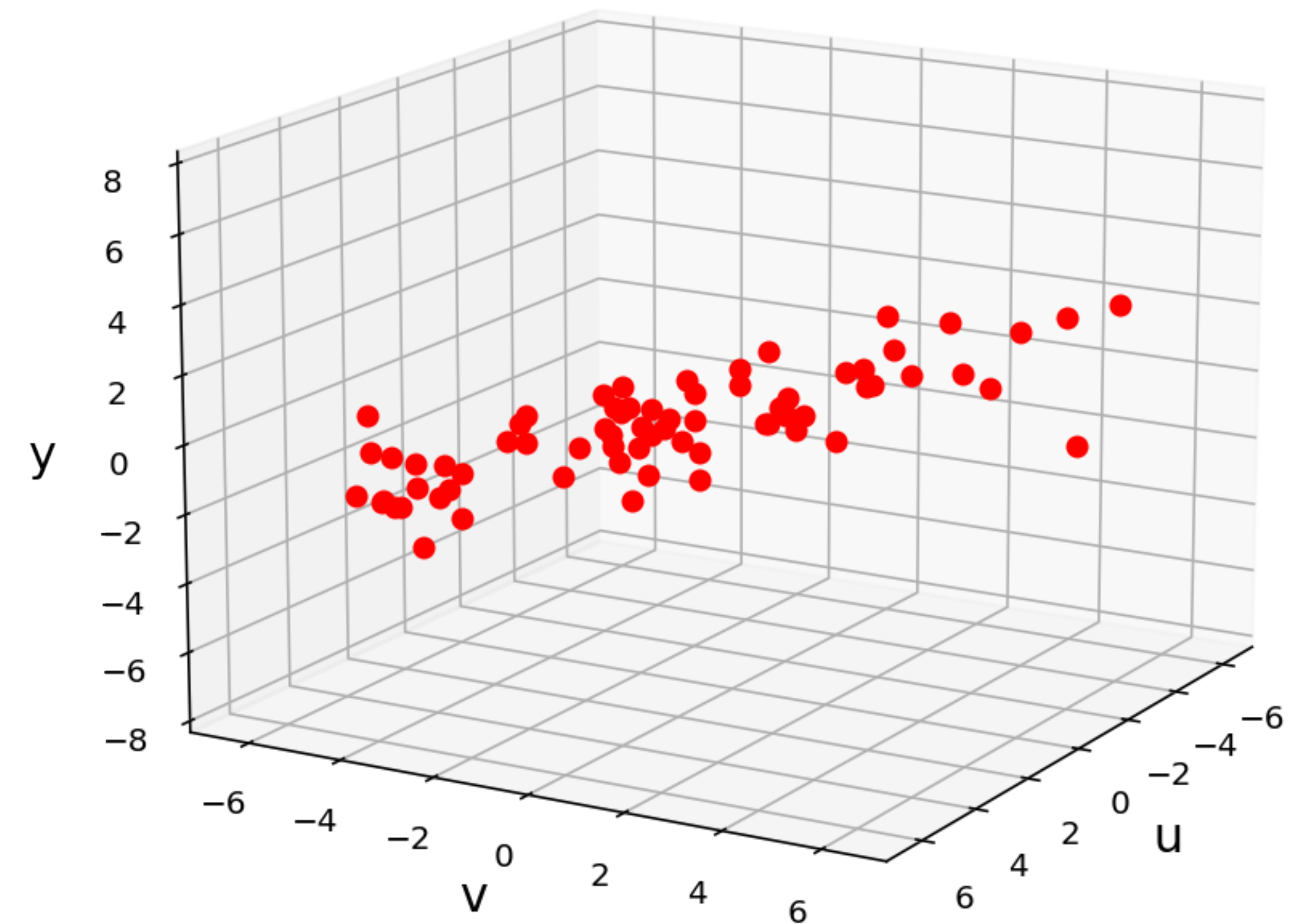
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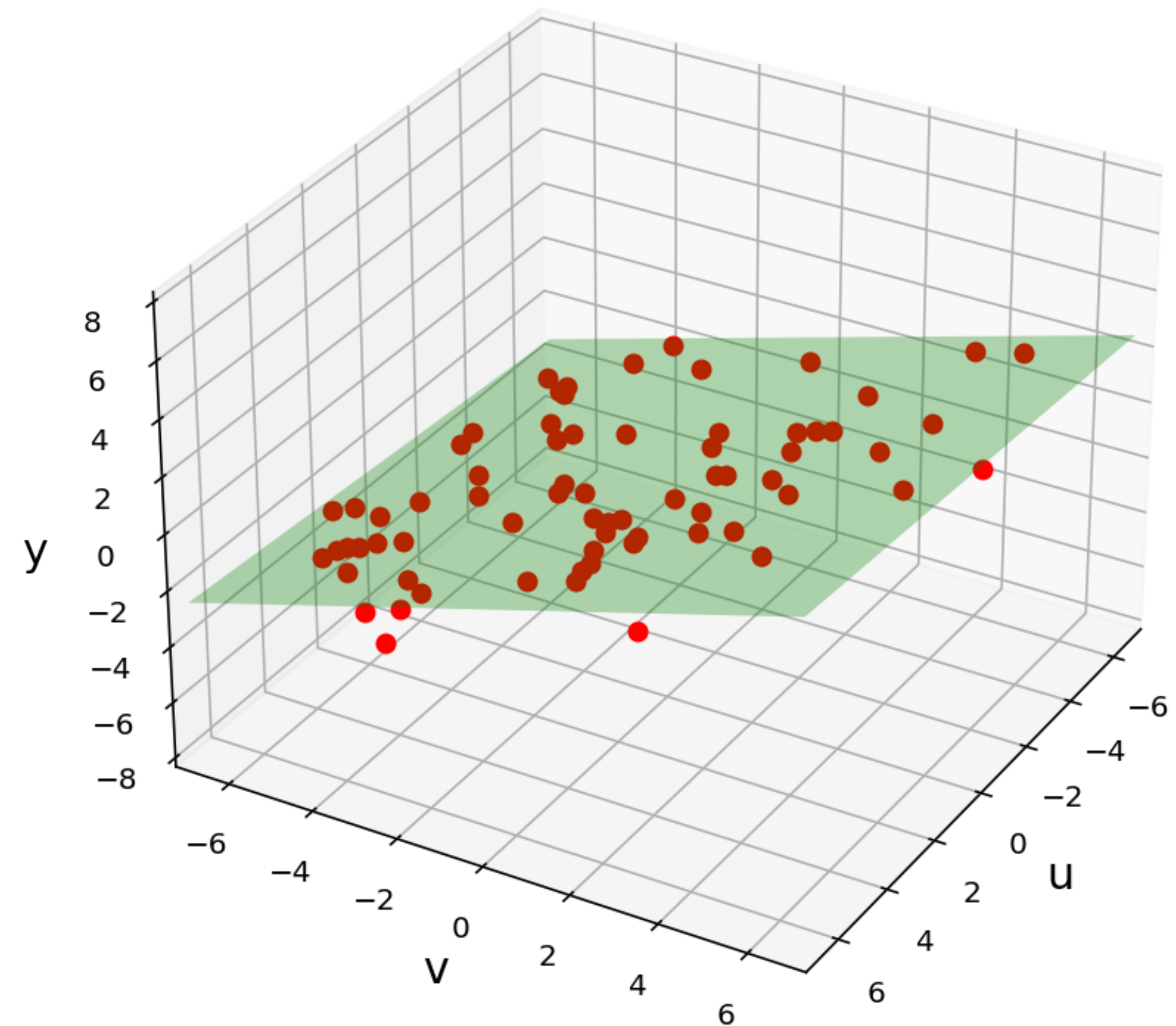
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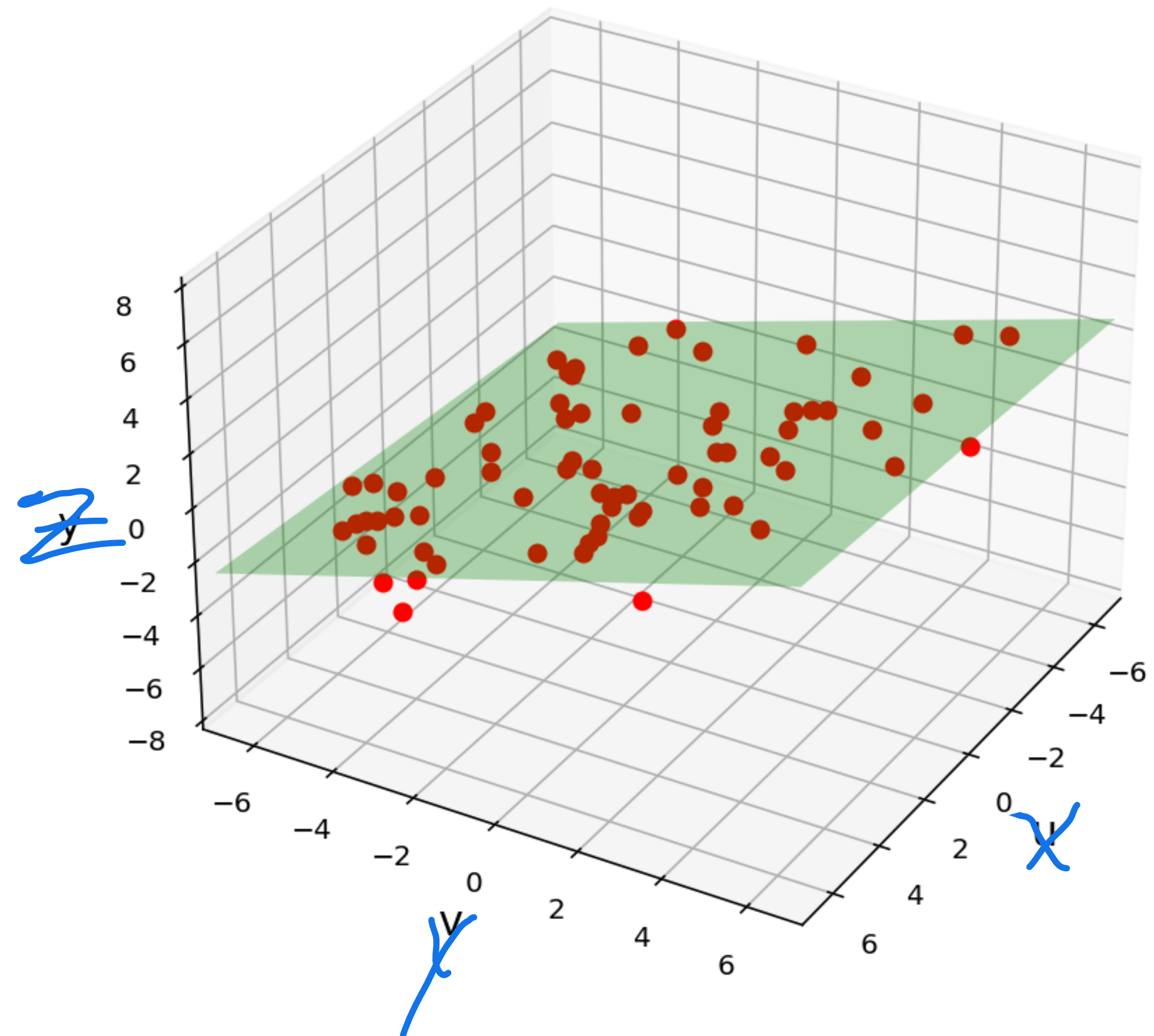
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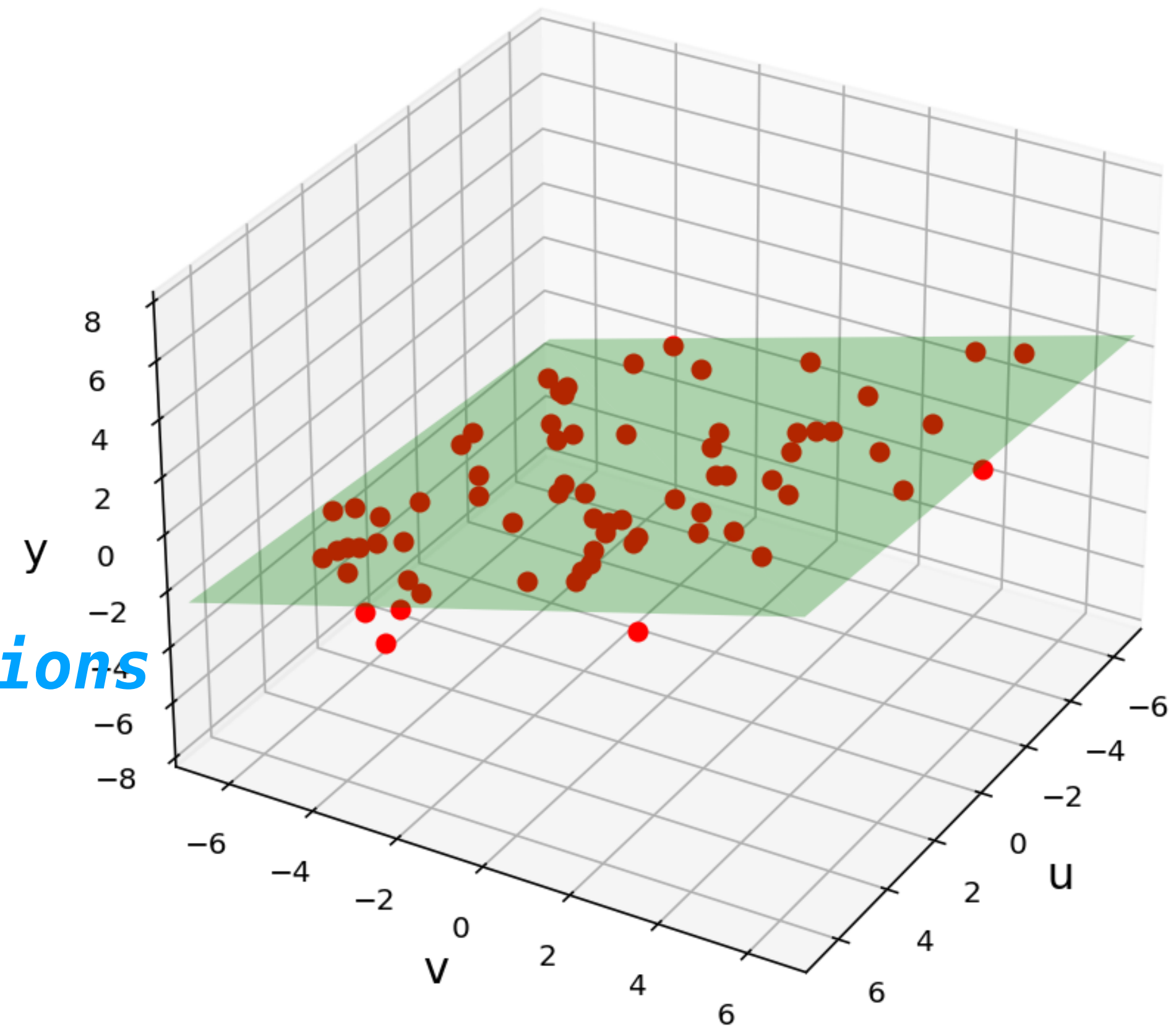
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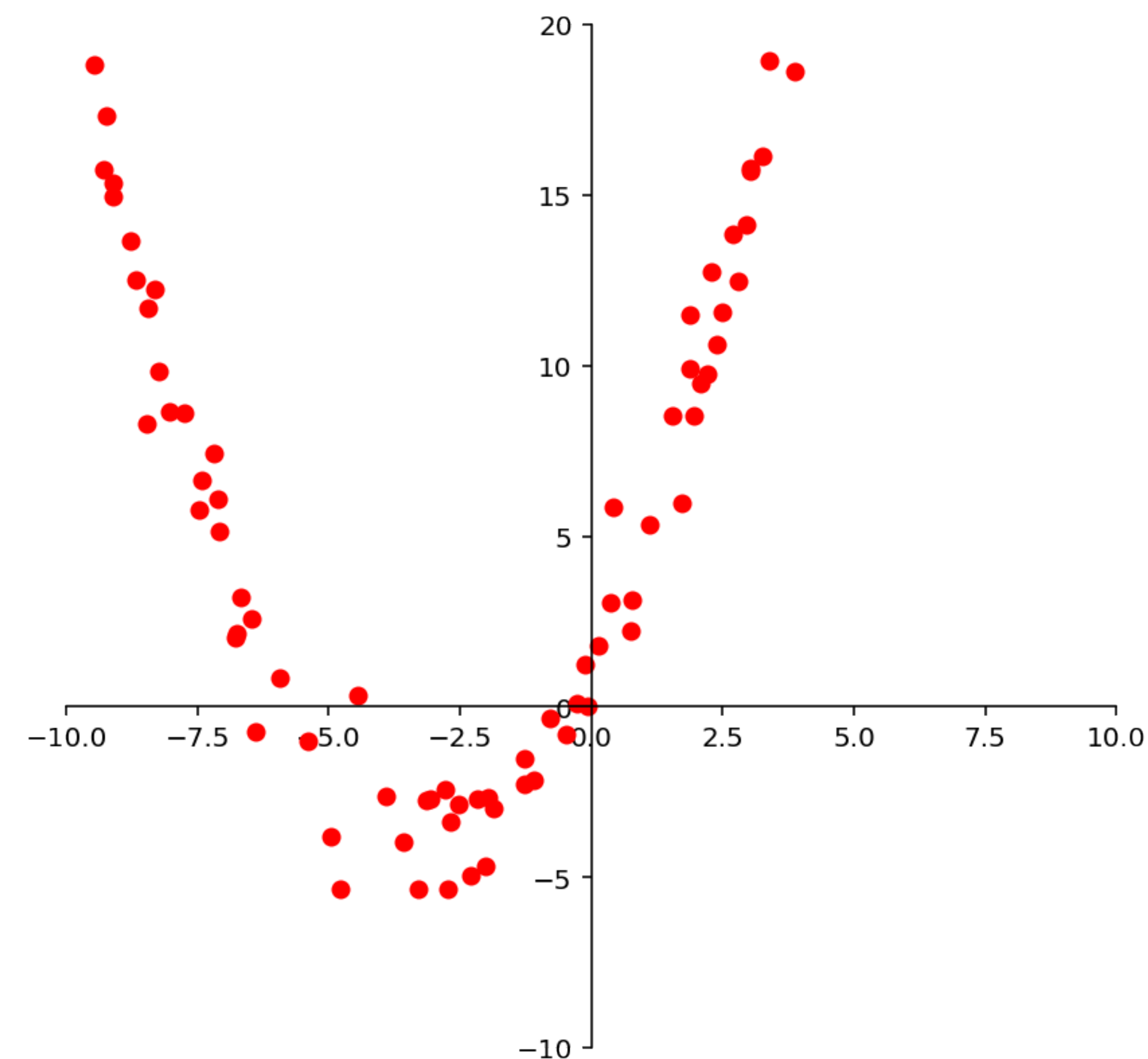
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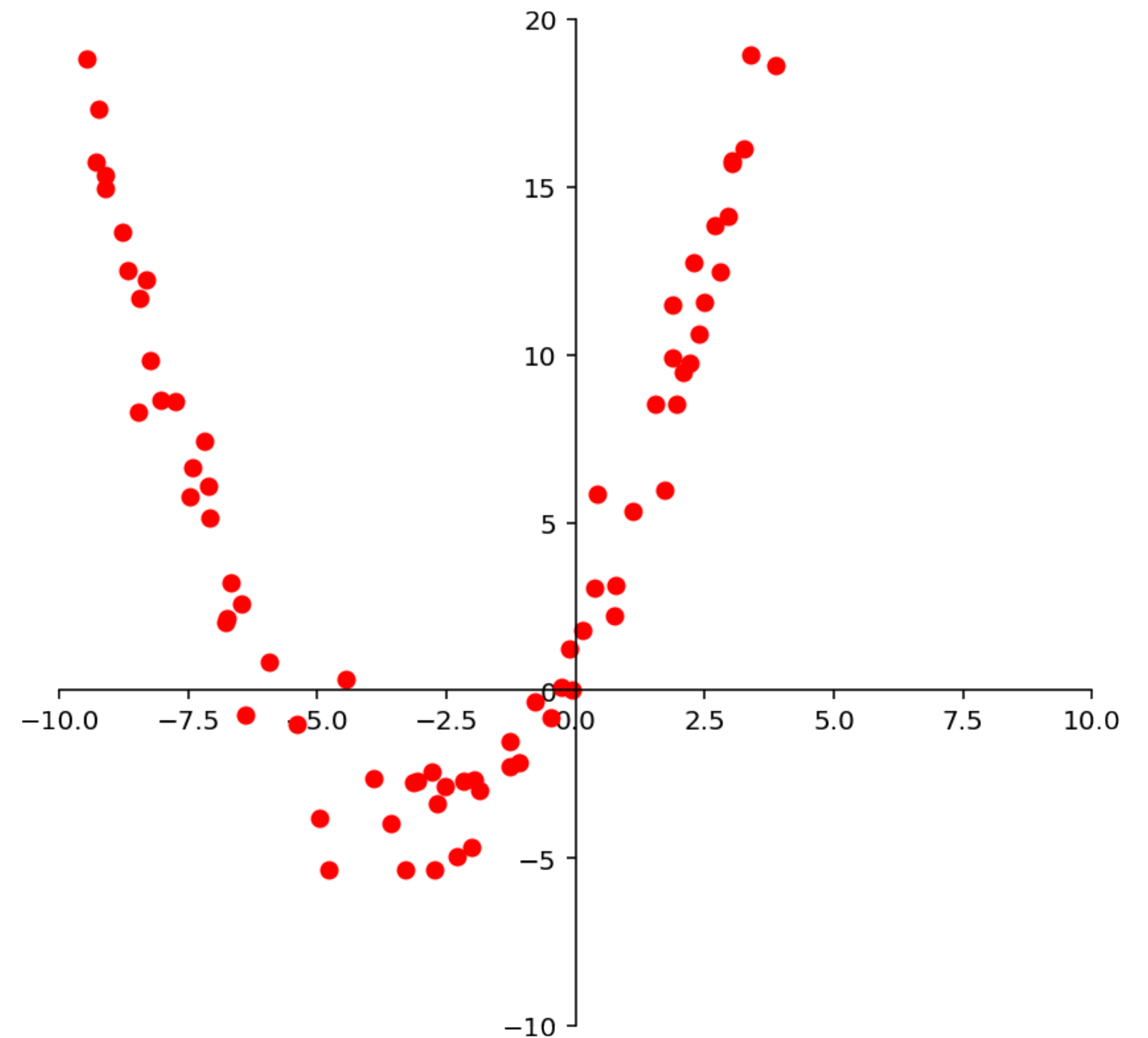


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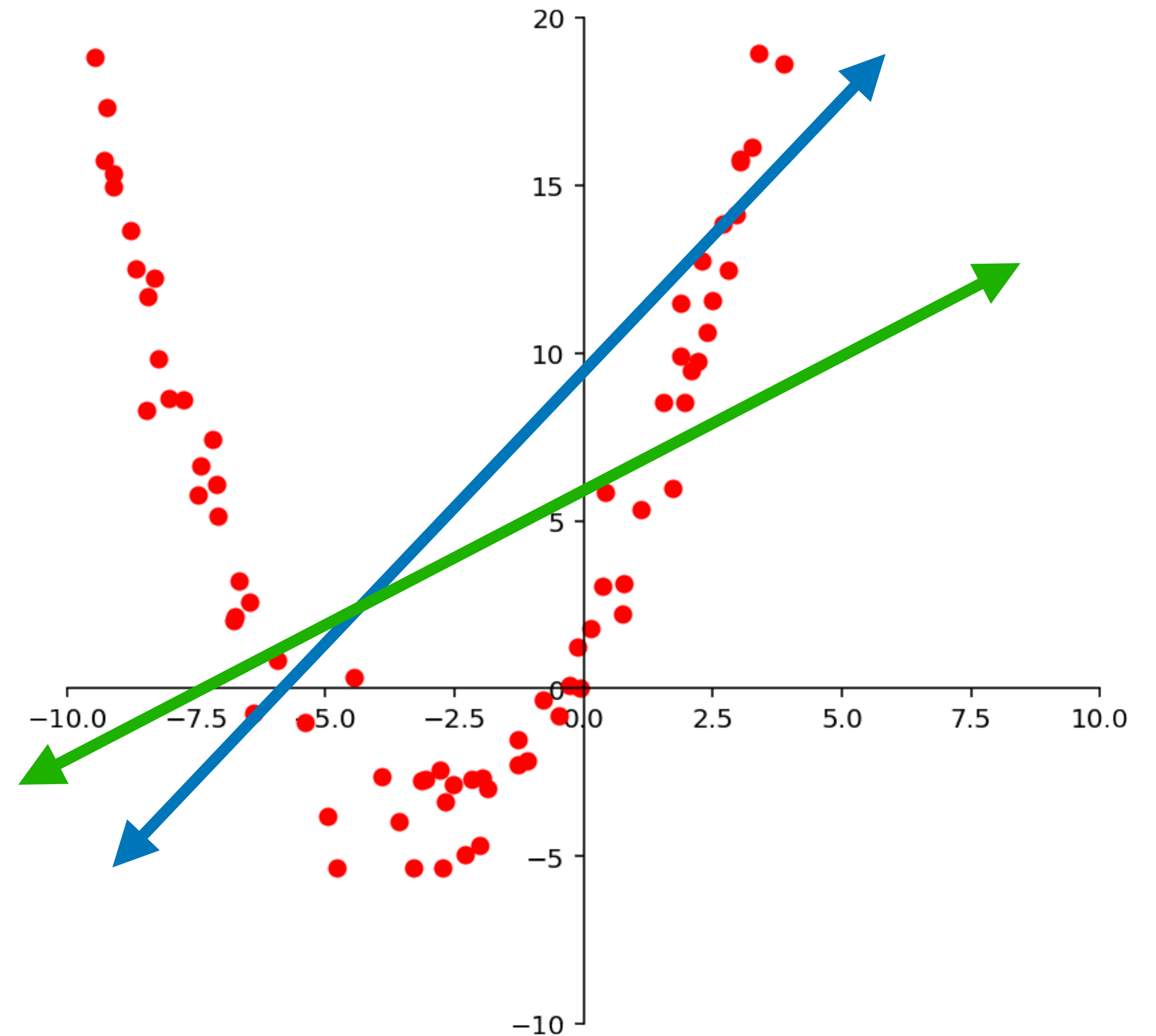
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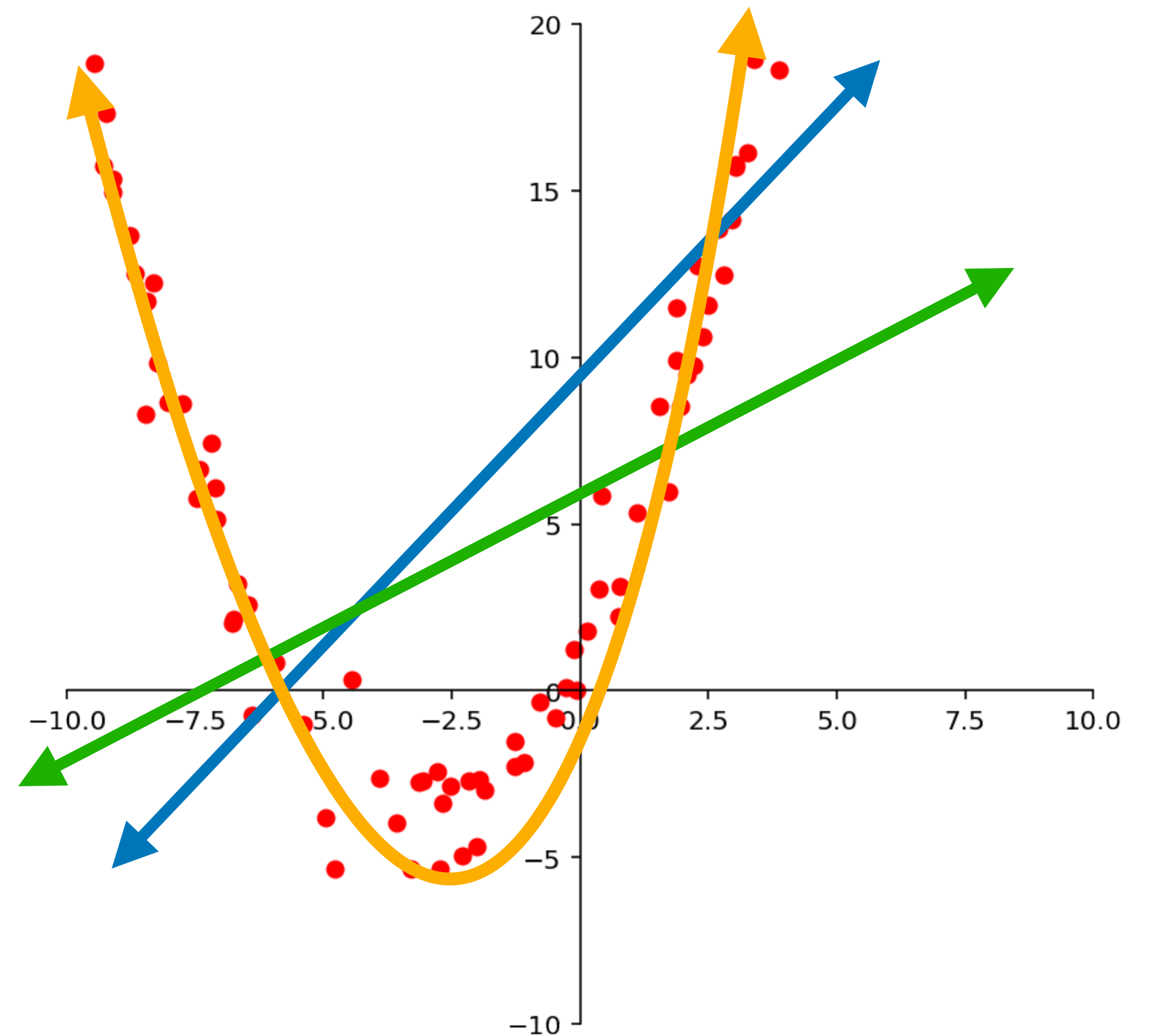


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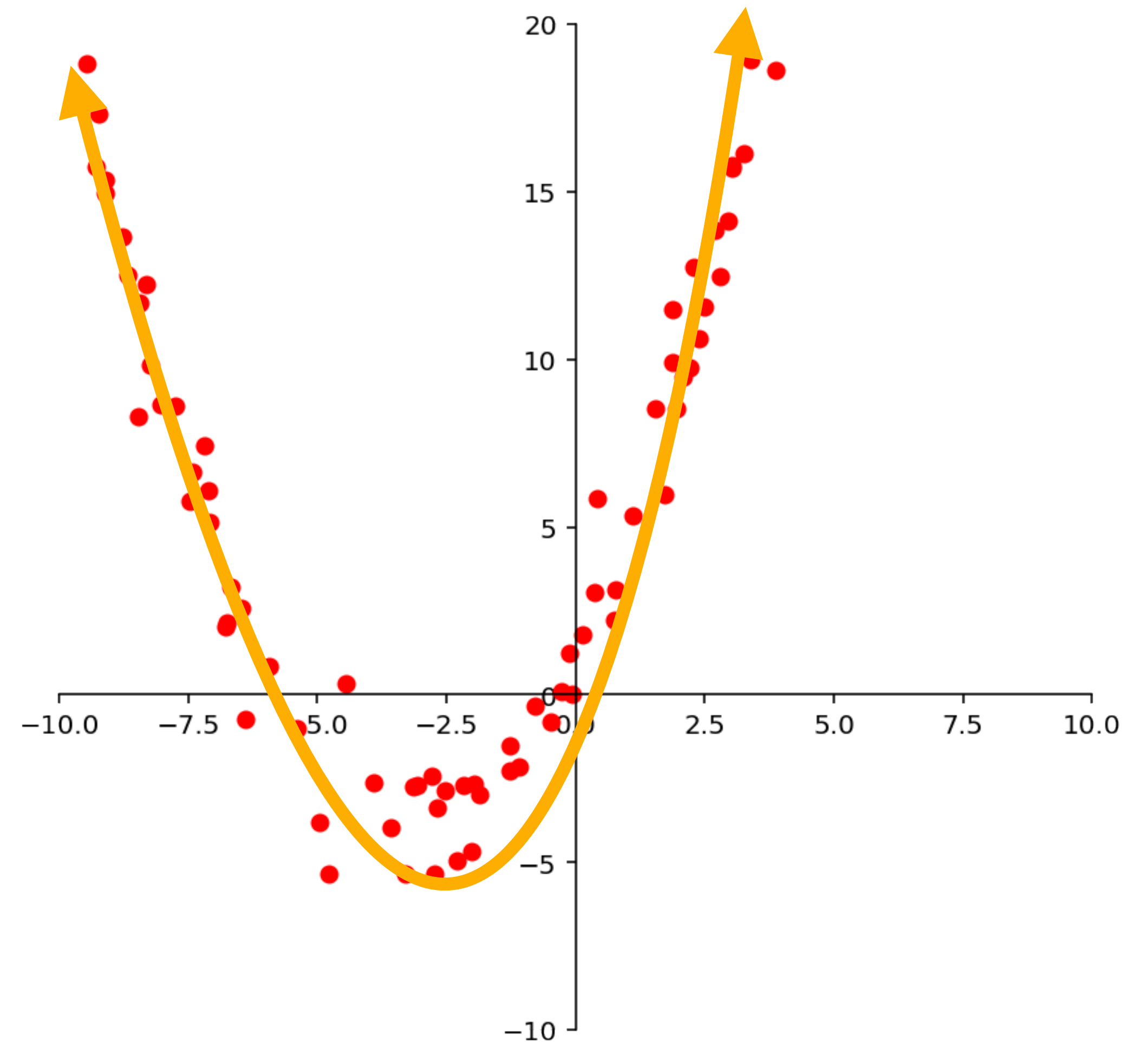
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for functions  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Example:

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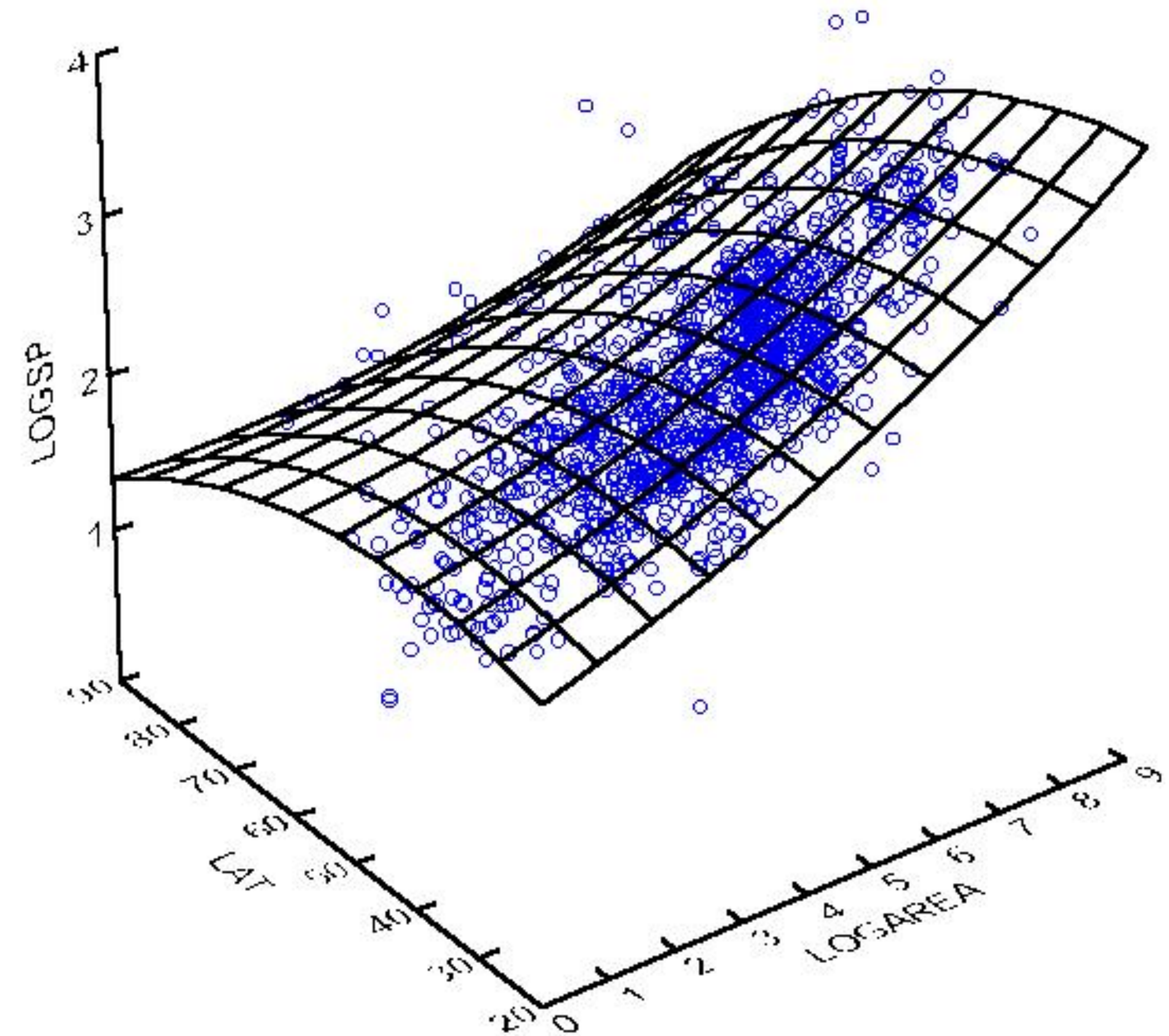
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# Question

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

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for the dataset

2 data  
pts



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