

Deconstructing Data Science

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Lecture 14: Linear regression

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Regression

A mapping from input data x
(drawn from instance space
 \mathcal{X}) to a point y in \mathbb{R}

(\mathbb{R} = the set of real numbers)

x = the empire state building
 $y = 17444.5625$ "

Regression problems

task

x

y

predicting box office
revenue

movie

\mathbb{R}



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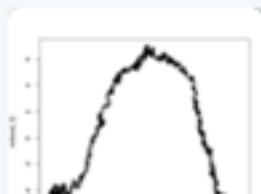
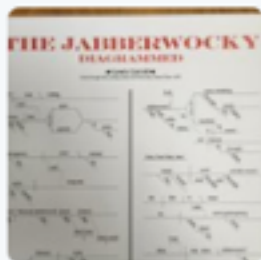
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Ted Underwood @Ted_Underwood · 6h

How have the differences between descriptions of men and women in fiction changed over the last 200 yrs? (ICYMI)
tedunderwood.com/2016/01/09/the...



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"Figure Eights" (Max Roach/Buddy Rich, 1959) is just dazzling. Probably no video of them anywhere? open.spotify.com/track/23EssvWY...



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Anders Søgaard @soegaarducph · Jan 6

@stanfordnlp @brendan642 @jacobeisenstein Here goes: twitter-research.ccs.neu.edu/language/

Enter a term to display:

Green represents more uses of the selected term, relative to the national average. Red represents fewer uses.

x = feature vector

Feature	Value
follow clinton	0
follow trump	0
“benghazi”	0
negative sentiment + “benghazi”	0
“illegal immigrants”	0
“republican” in profile	0
“democrat” in profile	0
self-reported location = Berkeley	1

β = coefficients

Feature	β
follow clinton	-3.1
follow trump	6.8
“benghazi”	1.4
negative sentiment + “benghazi”	3.2
“illegal immigrants”	8.7
“republican” in profile	7.9
“democrat” in profile	-3.0
self-reported location = Berkeley	-1.7

Linear regression

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i + \varepsilon$$

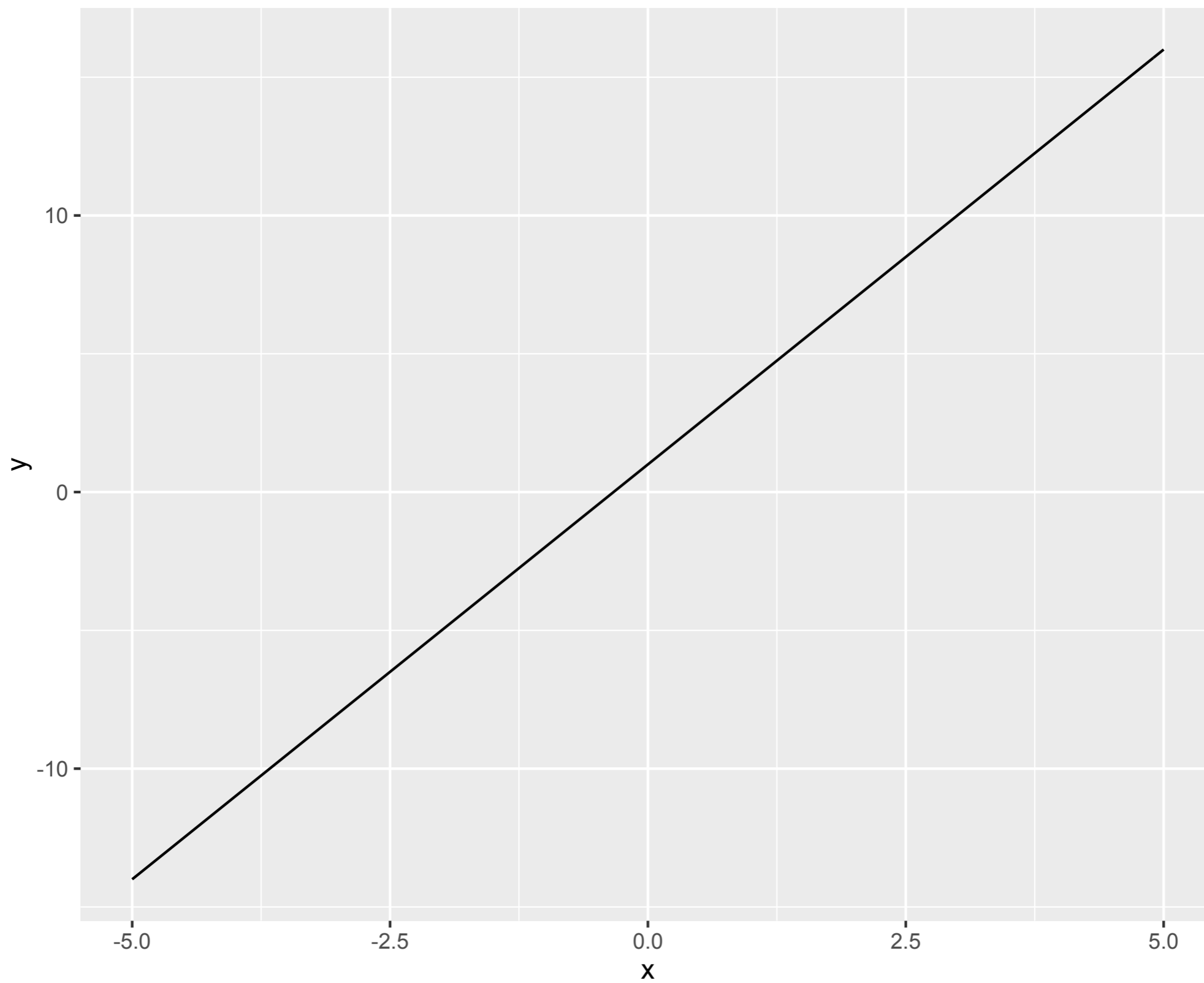
true value y

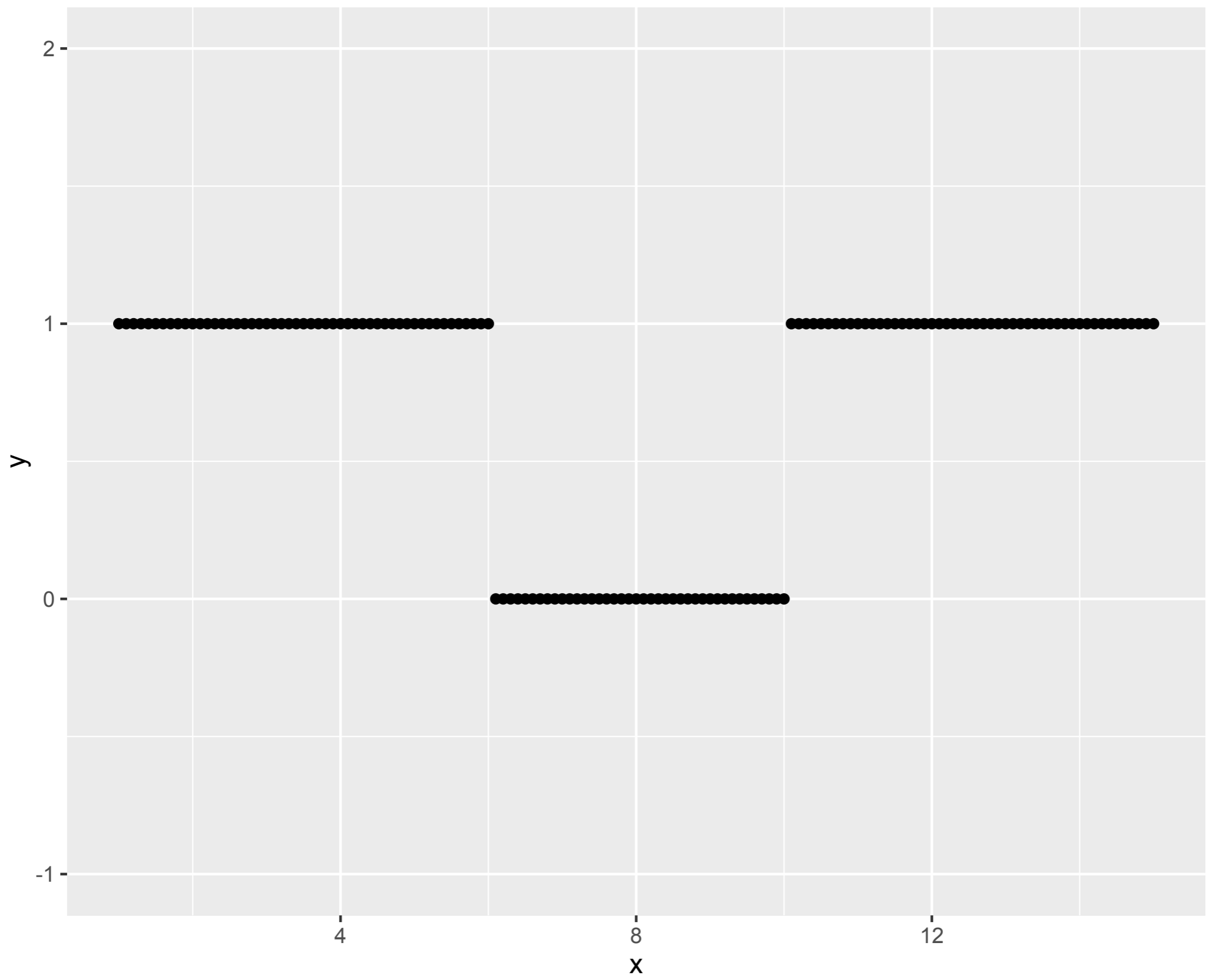
$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i$$

prediction \hat{y}

$$\varepsilon = y - \hat{y}$$

ε is the difference between the prediction and true value





$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^F f_i(x) \beta_i$$

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < 6 \text{ or } x > 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Linear regression is linear in the parameters β

How do we get good values for β ?

β = coefficients

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Least squares

$$\beta = \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon^2$$

we want to minimize the errors we make

$$\beta = \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$\beta = \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y - \sum_{j=1}^F x_j \beta_j \right)^2$$

Least squares

$$\beta = \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y - \sum_{j=1}^F x_j \beta_j \right)^2$$

- We can solve this in two ways:
 - Closed form (normal equations)
 - Iteratively (gradient descent)

Algorithm 3 Linear regression stochastic gradient descent

- 1: Data: training data $x \in \mathbb{R}^F, y \in \mathbb{R}$
 - 2: $\beta = 0^F$
 - 3: **while** not converged **do**
 - 4: **for** $i = 1$ to N **do**
 - 5: $\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t + \alpha (y_i - \hat{y}) x_i$
 - 6: **end for**
 - 7: **end while**
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Algorithm 2 Logistic regression stochastic gradient descent

1: Data: training data $x \in \mathbb{R}^F, y \in \{0, 1\}$
2: $\beta = 0^F$
3: **while** not converged **do**
4: **for** $i = 1$ to N **do**
5: $\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t + \alpha (y_i - \hat{p}(x_i)) x_i$
6: **end for**
7: **end while**

Code

β = coefficients

Feature	β
follow clinton	-3.1
follow trump + follow NFL + follow beiber	7299302
“benghazi”	1.4
negative sentiment + “benghazi”	3.2
“illegal immigrants”	8.7
“republican” in profile	7.9
“democrat” in profile	-3.0
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Many features that show up rarely may likely only appear (by chance) with one label

More generally, may appear so few times that the noise of randomness dominates

Ridge regression

$$\beta = \min_{\beta} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N (y - \hat{y})^2}_{\text{error}} + \eta \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^F \beta_i^2}_{\text{coefficient size}}$$

We want both of these to be small!

This corresponds to a prior belief that β should be 0

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A.K.A.

L2 regularization
Penalized least squares

low L2

Matt Gerald	\$295,619,605
Peter Mensah	\$294,475,429
Lewis Abernathy	\$188,093,808
Sam Worthington	\$186,193,754
CCH Pounder	\$184,946,303
...	...
Steve Bacic	-\$65,334,914
Jim Ward	-\$66,096,435
Karley Scott Collins	-\$66,612,154
Dee Bradley Baker	-\$73,571,884
Animals	-\$110,349,541

BIAS: \$5,913,648

med L2

Computer Animation	\$68,629,803
Hugo Weaving	\$39,769,171
John Ratzenberger	\$36,342,438
Tom Cruise	\$36,137,757
Tom Hanks	\$34,757,574
...	...
Western	-\$13,223,795
World cinema	-\$13,278,965
Crime Thriller	-\$14,138,326
Anime	-\$14,750,932
Indie	-\$21,081,924

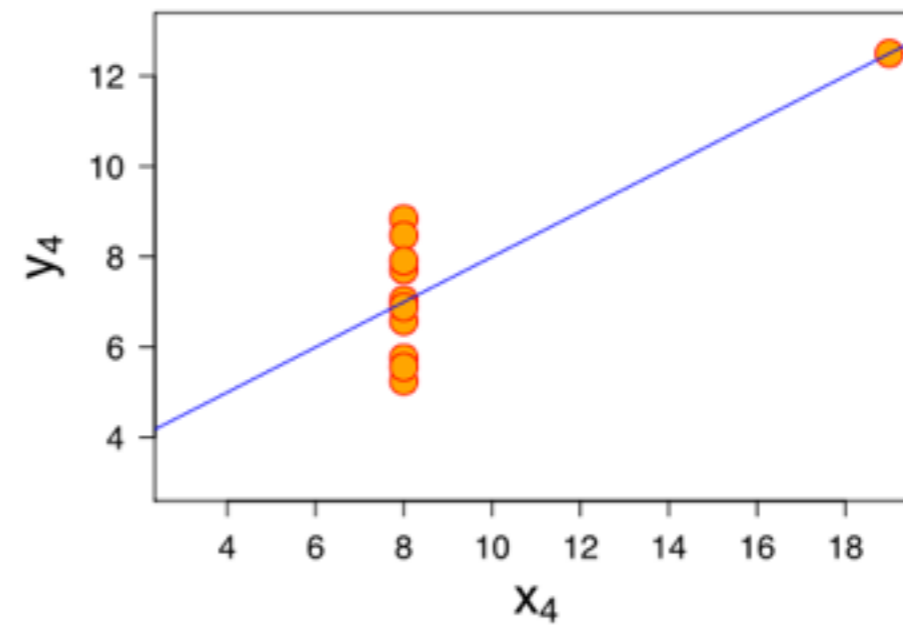
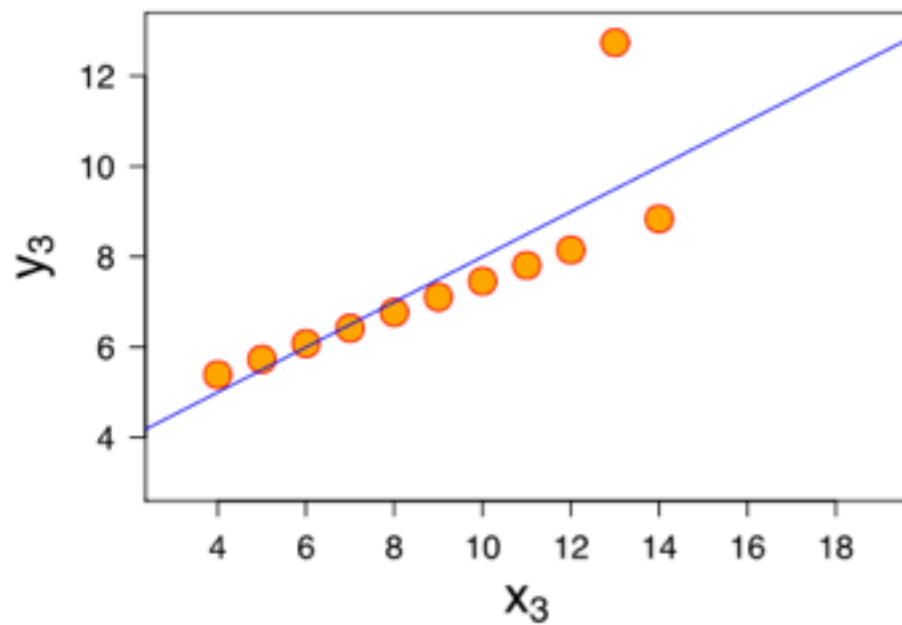
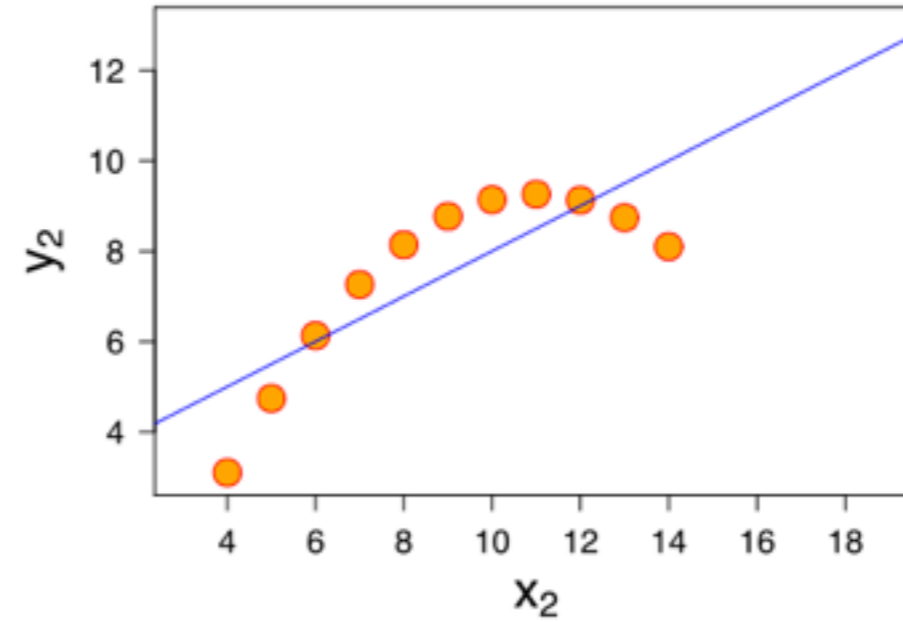
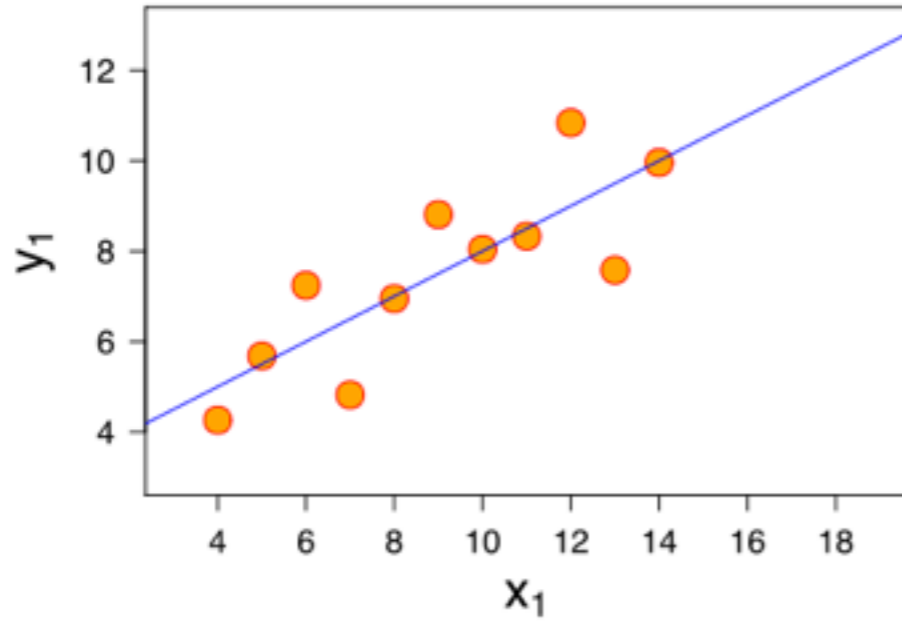
BIAS: \$13,394,465

high L2

Adventure	\$6,349,781
Action	\$5,512,359
Fantasy	\$5,079,546
Family Film	\$4,024,701
Thriller	\$3,479,196
...	...
Western	-\$752,683
Black-and-white	-\$1,389,215
World cinema	-\$1,534,435
Drama	-\$2,432,272
Indie	-\$3,040,457

BIAS: \$45,044,525

Assumptions

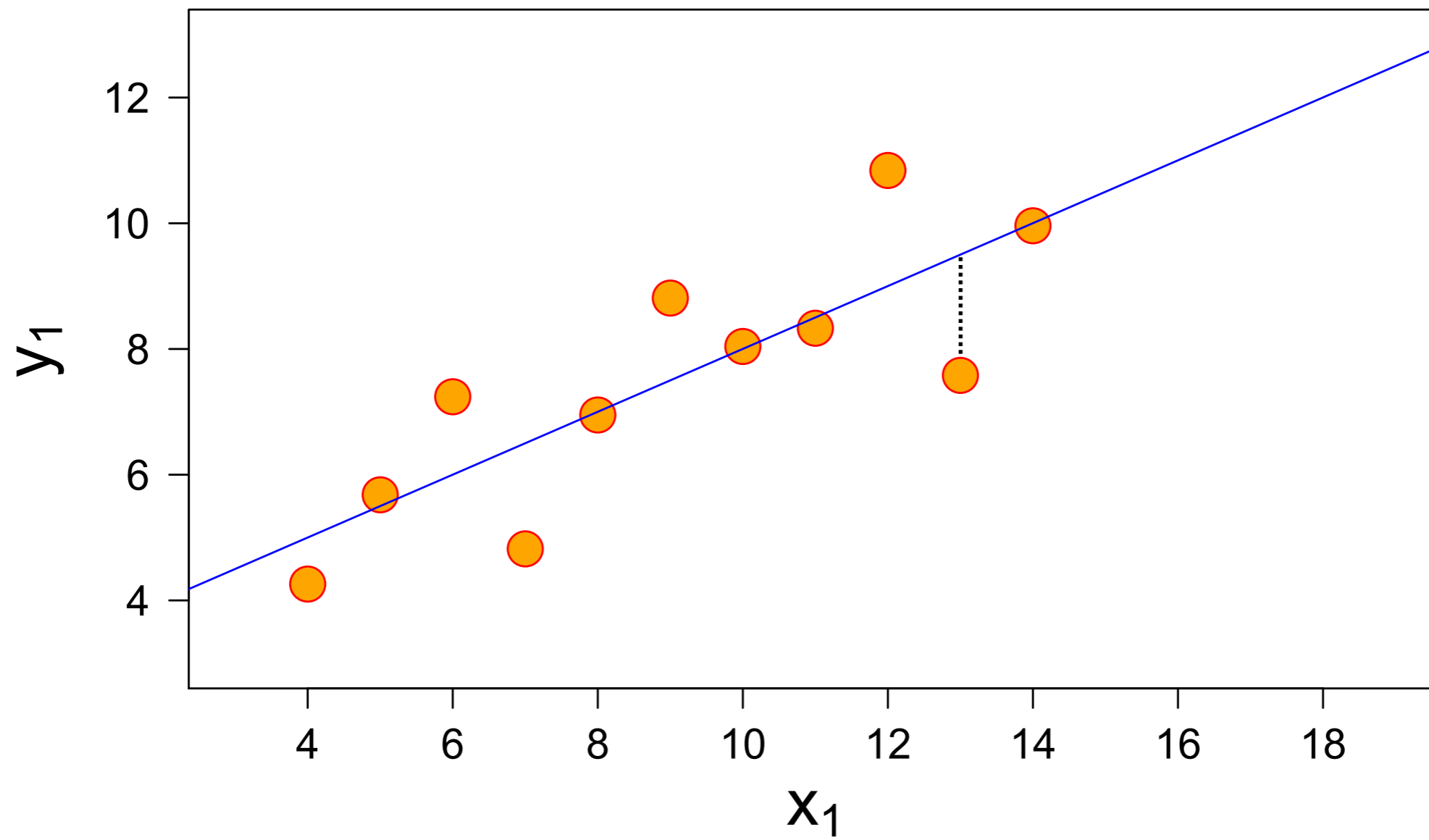


Anscombe's quartet

Probabilistic Interpretation

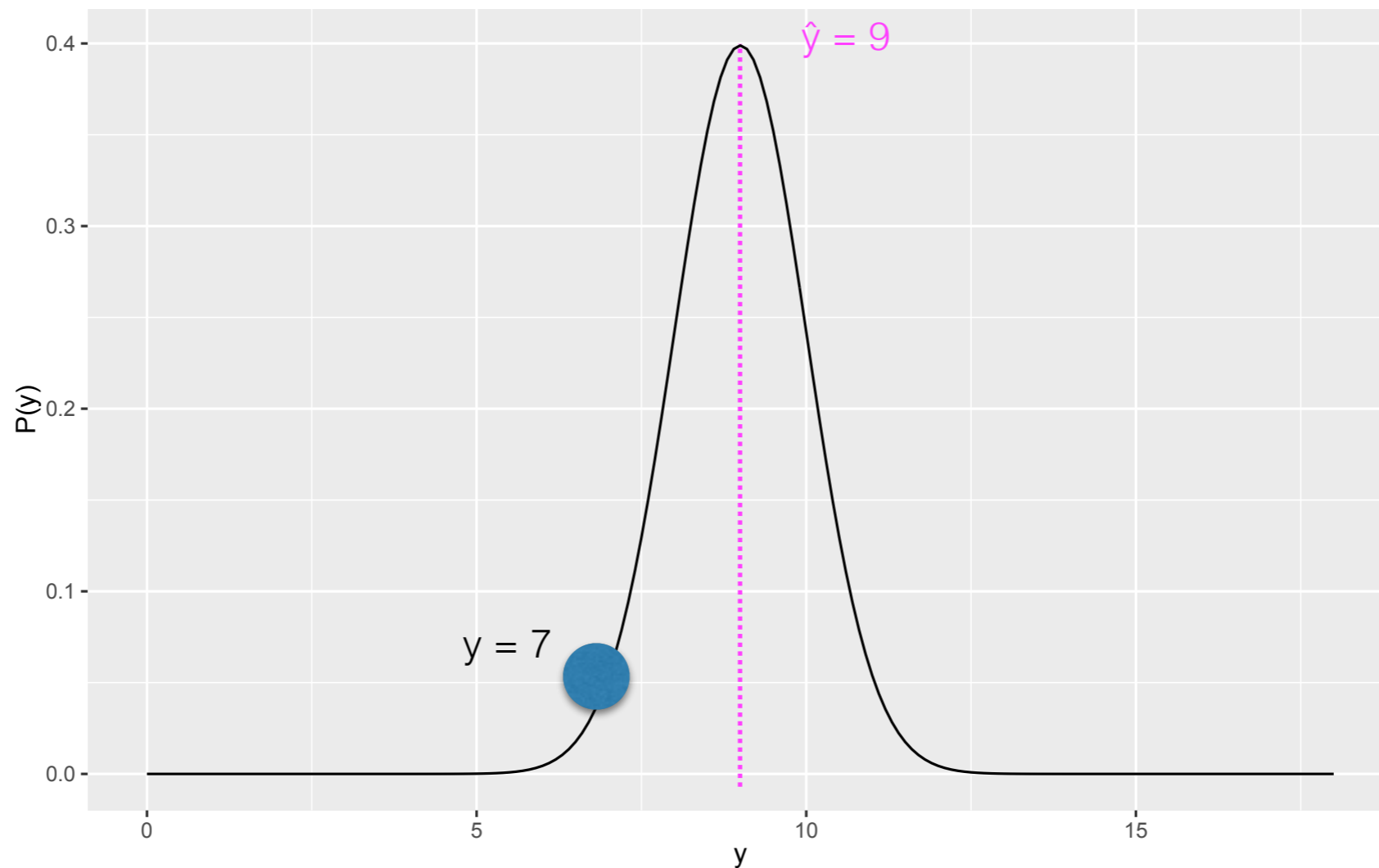
$$P(y_i | x, \beta) = \text{Norm}(y_i | \hat{y}_i, \sigma^2)$$

“the errors are normally distributed”



Probabilistic Interpretation

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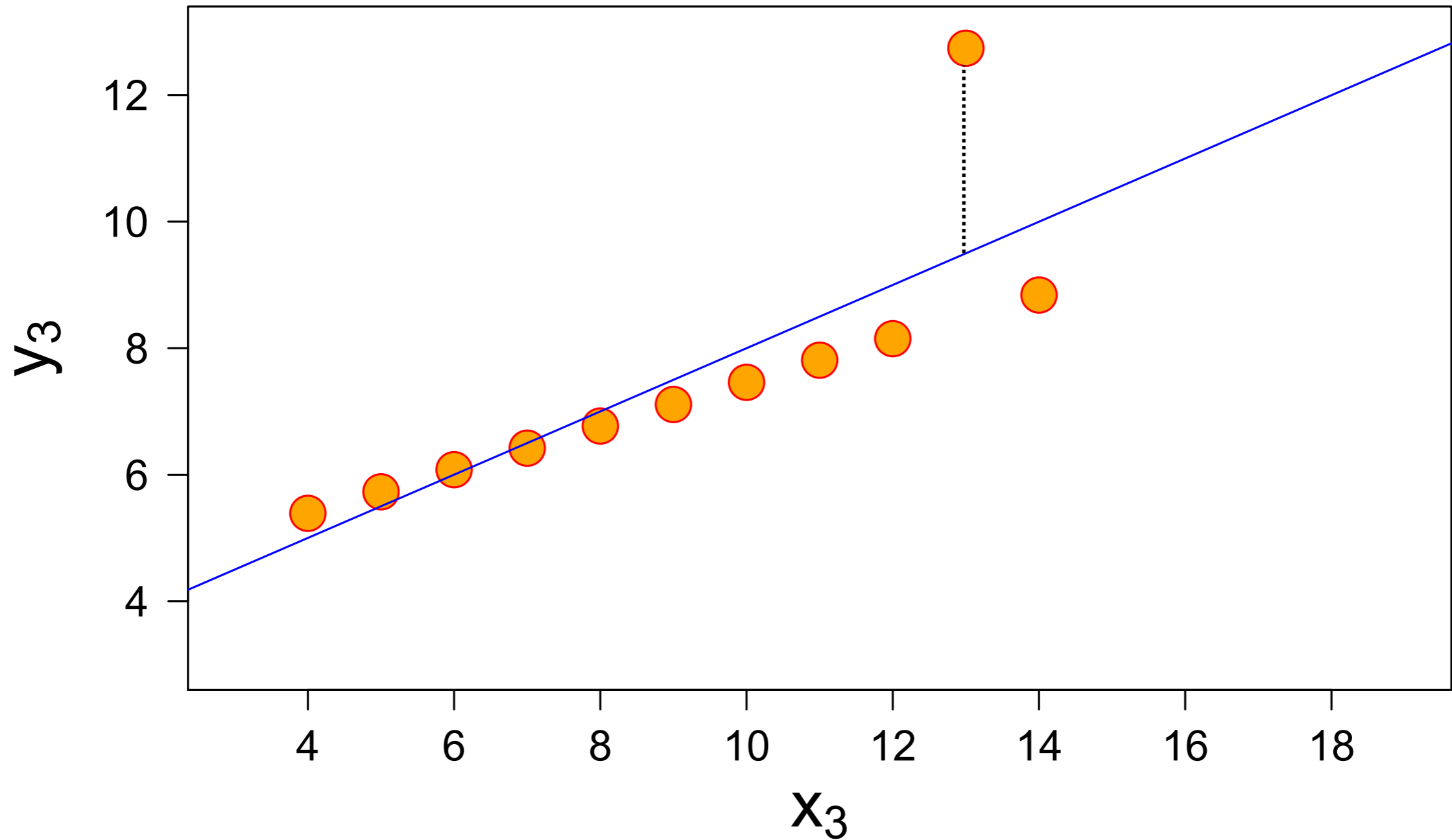
Conditional likelihood

$$\prod_i^N P(y_i | x_i, \beta)$$

For all training data, we want probability of the true value y for each data point x to high

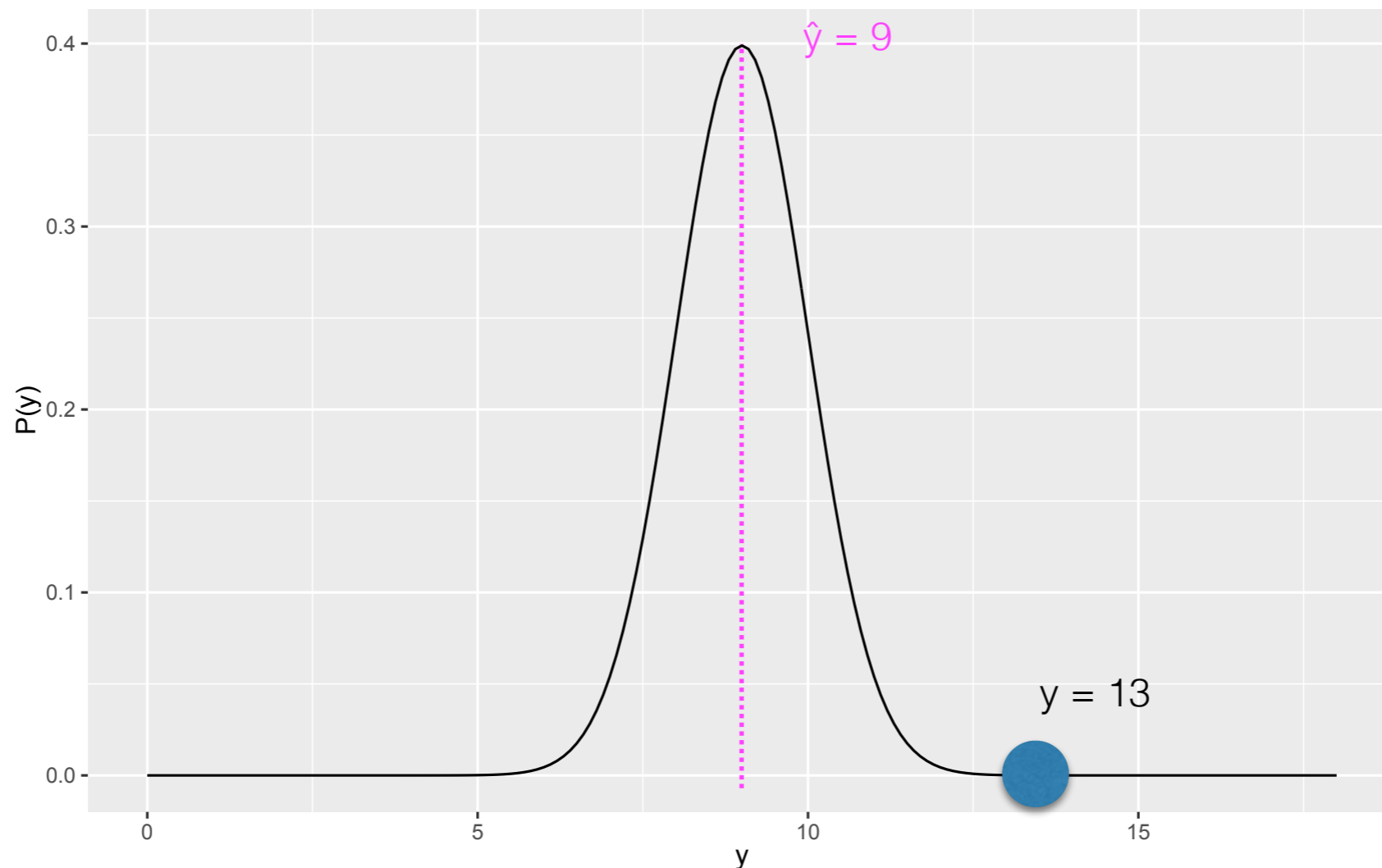
This principle gives us a way to pick the values of the parameters β that maximize the probability of the training data $\langle x, y \rangle$

Outliers



Probabilistic Interpretation

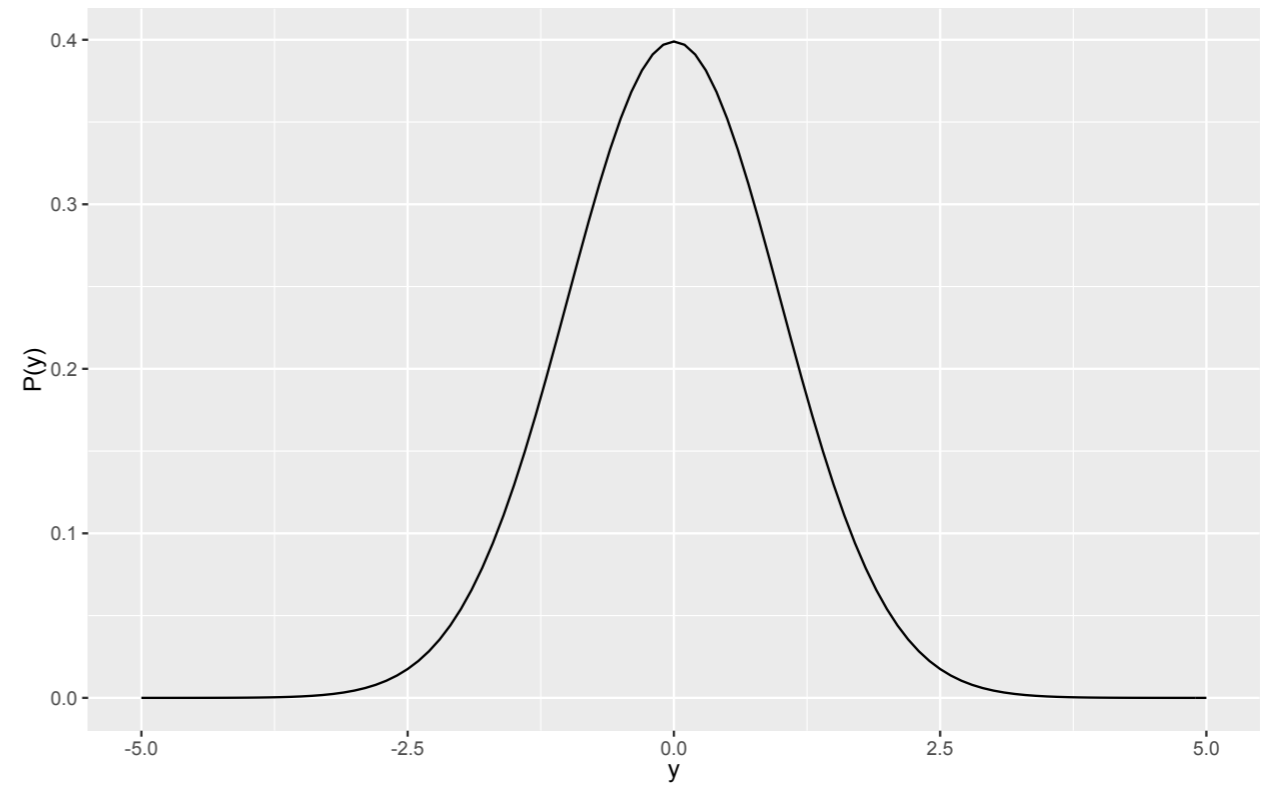
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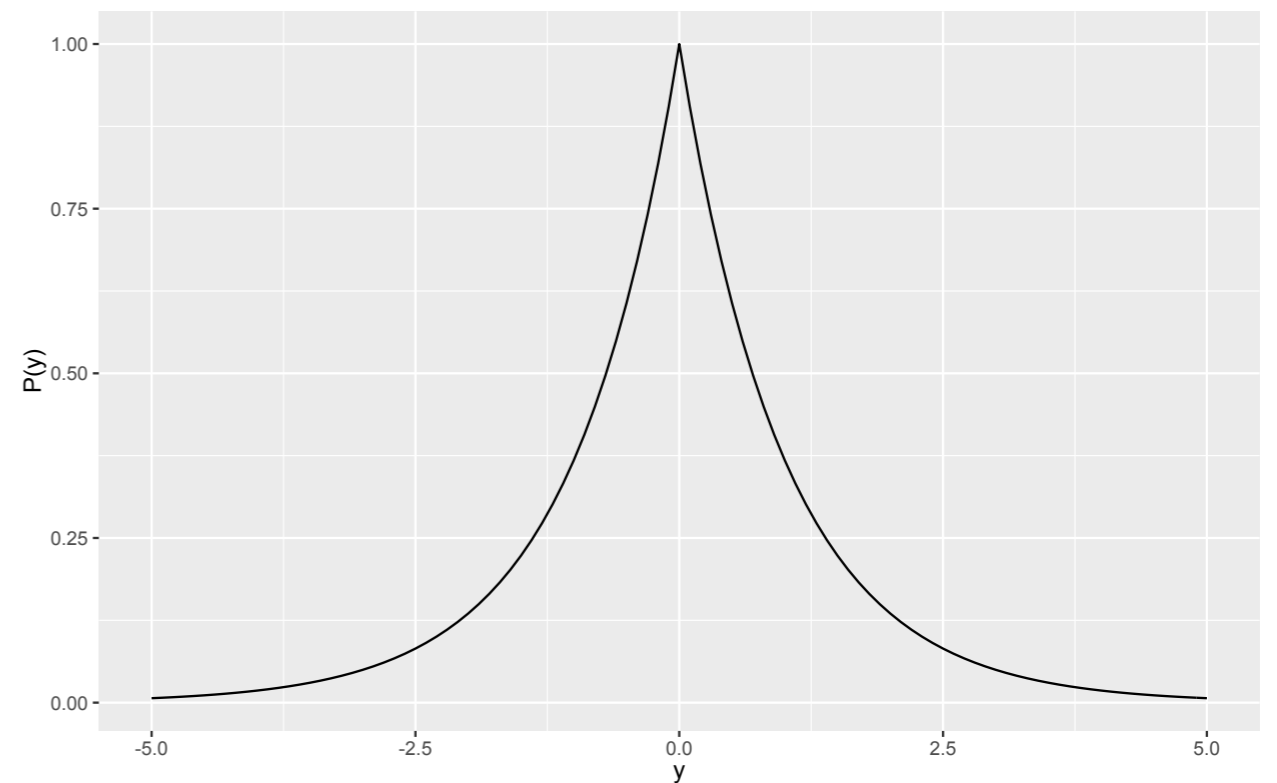
Robust regression

- Rather than modeling the errors as normally distributed, pick some heavier-tailed distribution instead
- This will assign higher likelihood to the outliers without having to move the best fit for the coefficients.

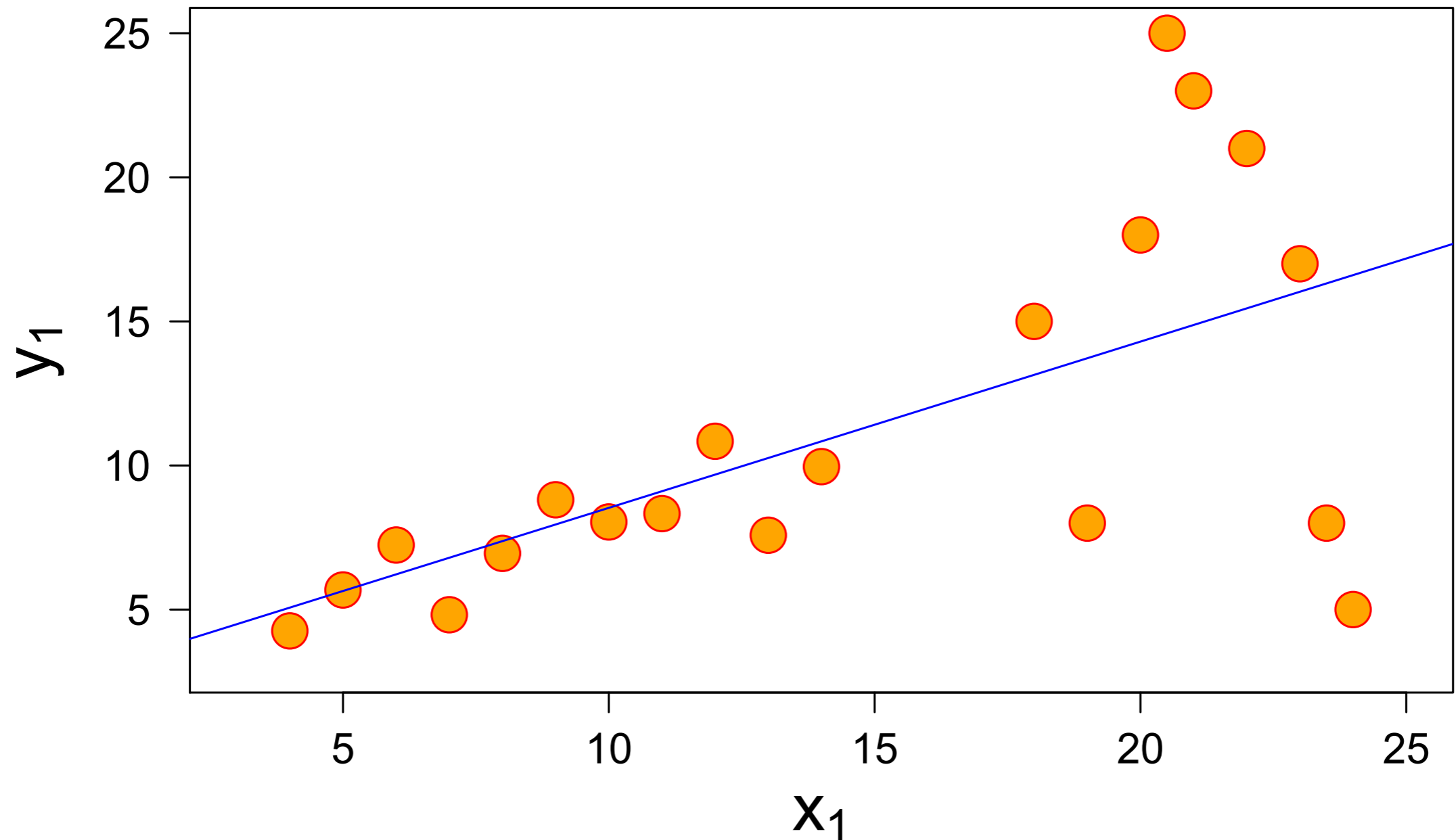
Heavy tailed distributions



Normal vs Laplace



Homoscedasticity



Assumption that the variance in y is constant for all values of x ; this data is *heteroscedastic*

Evaluation

Goodness of fit (to training data)

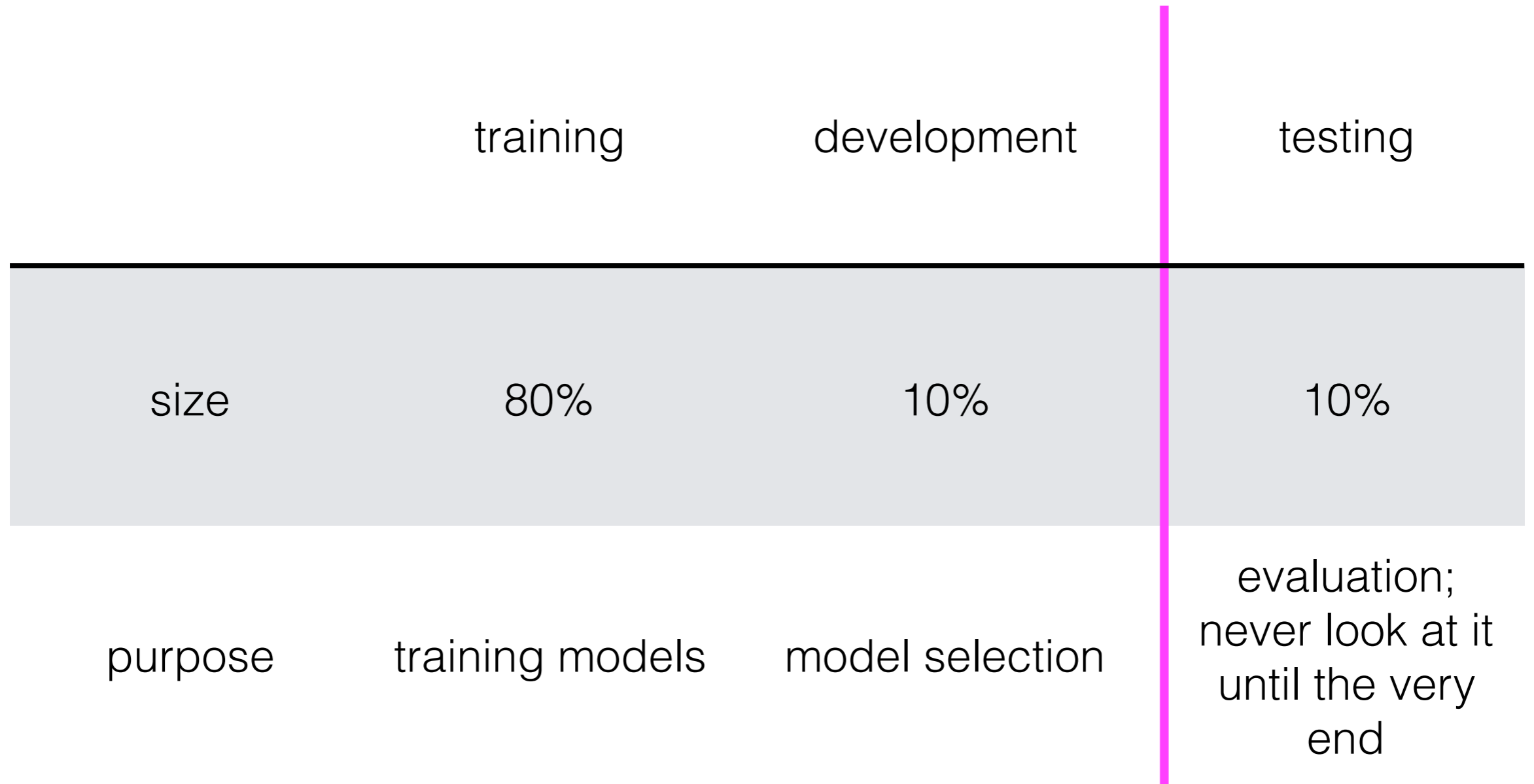
$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

sum of square errors

total sum of squares

For most models, R^2 ranges from 0 (no fit) to 1 (perfect fit)

Experiment design



Metrics

- Measure difference between the prediction \hat{y} and the true y

Mean squared error
(MSE)

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

Mean absolute error
(MAE)

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\hat{y}_i - y_i|$$

Interpretation

$$\hat{y} = x_0\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1$$

$$x_0\beta_0 + (x_1 + 1)\beta_1$$

$$x_0\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1 + \beta_1$$

$$= \hat{y} + \beta_1$$

Let's increase the value of x_1 by 1 (e.g., from 0 \rightarrow 1)

β represents the degree to which y changes with a 1-unit increase in x

Independence

benedict cumberbatch stars
movie good 1

terrible acting benedict
cumberbatch 0

benedict cumberbatch script
excellent 1

excellent script movie good 1

benedict cumberbatch good
excellent 1

- benedict
- cumberbatch
- stars
- movie
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Code

Independence

benedict_cumberbatch stars
movie good 1

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Significance

Joshi et al. (2010)

I	ngrams
II	POS ngrams
III	Dependency relations

	Features	Site	Total		Per Screen	
			MAE (\$M)	r	MAE (\$K)	r
	Predict mean		11.672	–	6.862	–
	Predict median		10.521	–	6.642	–
meta	Best		5.983	0.722	6.540	0.272
text	I <i>see Tab. 3</i>	–	8.013	0.743	6.509	0.222
		+	7.722	0.781	6.071	0.466
		B	7.627	0.793	6.060	0.411
	I \cup II	–	8.060	0.743	6.542	0.233
		+	7.420	0.761	6.240	0.398
		B	7.447	0.778	6.299	0.363
	I \cup III	–	8.005	0.744	6.505	0.223
		+	7.721	0.785	6.013	0.473
		B	7.595	0.796	[†] 6.010	0.421
meta \cup text	I	–	5.921	0.819	6.509	0.222
		+	5.757	0.810	6.063	0.470
		B	5.750	0.819	6.052	0.414
	I \cup II	–	5.952	0.818	6.542	0.233
		+	5.752	0.800	6.230	0.400
		B	5.740	0.819	6.276	0.358
	I \cup III	–	5.921	0.819	6.505	0.223
		+	5.738	0.812	6.003	0.477
		B	5.750	0.819	[†] 5.998	0.423

Joshi et al. (2010)

	Feature	Weight (\$M)
rating	pg	+0.085
	<i>New York Times</i> : adult	-0.236
	<i>New York Times</i> : rate_r	-0.364
sequels	this_series	+13.925
	<i>LA Times</i> : the_franchise	+5.112
	<i>Variety</i> : the_sequel	+4.224
people	<i>Boston Globe</i> : will_smith	+2.560
	<i>Variety</i> : brittany	+1.128
	^_producer_brian	+0.486
genre	<i>Variety</i> : testosterone	+1.945
	<i>Ent. Weekly</i> : comedy_for	+1.143
	<i>Variety</i> : a_horror	+0.595
	documentary	-0.037
	independent	-0.127
sentiment	<i>Boston Globe</i> : best_parts_of	+1.462
	<i>Boston Globe</i> : smart_enough	+1.449
	<i>LA Times</i> : a_good_thing	+1.117
	shame_\$	-0.098
	bogeyman	-0.689
plot	<i>Variety</i> : torso	+9.054
	vehicle_in	+5.827
	superhero_\$	+2.020