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# STAD—General statistics

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# 1. Descriptive statistics

# Types of variables

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- There are two main type of variables:
  - Quantitative** such as height, weights, ...
  - Qualitative** such colors, lefty/righty, ...
- Often qualitative variables are **encoded** as integers.
- Possible side effect is that computer may wrongly perform **standard algebra** on those values!
- Pressing need to encode them as **factors**
- Note that, if needed, one can convert a quantitative variable to a factor using **discretization**, e.g.,  $[0, 5]$ ,  $[5, 10]$ , ...

# Summary statistics

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- Having observed a sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , it is common practice to give a brief summary of the data using **summary statistics**.
- Measures of location refer to the **central position** of the data, i.e., where a future observation would typically lie.
- Measure of dispersion refer to the **spread** of the data, i.e., does observation can vary a lot or not?

**Location** sample mean, sample median, midhinge

**Dispersion** sample standard deviation, range, inter quartile range, MAD

**Shape** Skewness, kurtosis

# Measures of location

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## Mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

## Median

$$\text{Median} = \begin{cases} x_{\frac{n+1}{2}:n}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 0.5 \left( x_{\frac{n}{2}:n} + x_{(\frac{n}{2}+1):n} \right), & n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Quantile** of order  $p$  with  $0 < p < 1$

$$Q_p = (1 - \gamma)x_{j:n} + \gamma x_{j+1:n}, \quad j = [np + 1 - p], \quad \gamma = np + 1 - p - j$$

**Quartiles** are special cases with  $p = 1/4, 3/4$  and often denoted  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ .

# Measures of dispersion

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## Standard deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

## Range

$$\text{Range} = \max x_i - \min x_i$$

## Interquartile Range

$$\text{IQR} = Q_3 - Q_1$$

# Statistical graphics

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- A picture worths a thousand words but takes place so need to worth it
- Widely used statistical plots are
  - histograms, barplots
  - boxplots
  - scatterplots
  - quantile–quantile plots

# Histograms

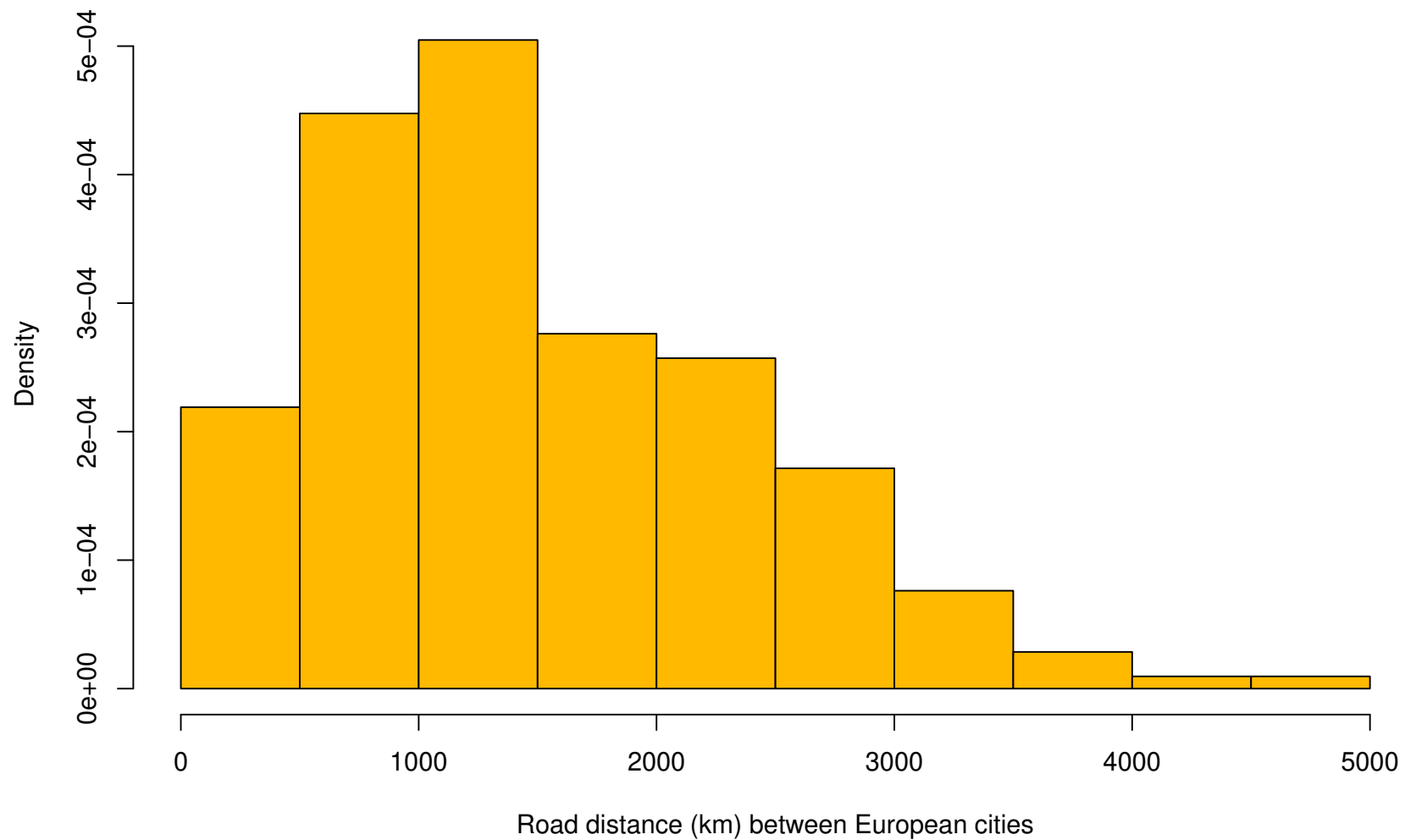
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- Histograms are used to visualize the **distribution** of the data.
- They are empirical versions of the probability density function of a **quantitative** variable
- Each class/modality is depicted by a rectangle whose area is **proportional** to the corresponding class frequency.
- Statisticians usually use **normalized** versions so that the total area of the histogram is 1<sup>1</sup>.
- More precisely we have

$$h_j = \frac{n_j}{n \ell_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, J, \quad n_j = \# \text{ obs. in class } j.$$

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<sup>1</sup>as the probability density function integrates to 1

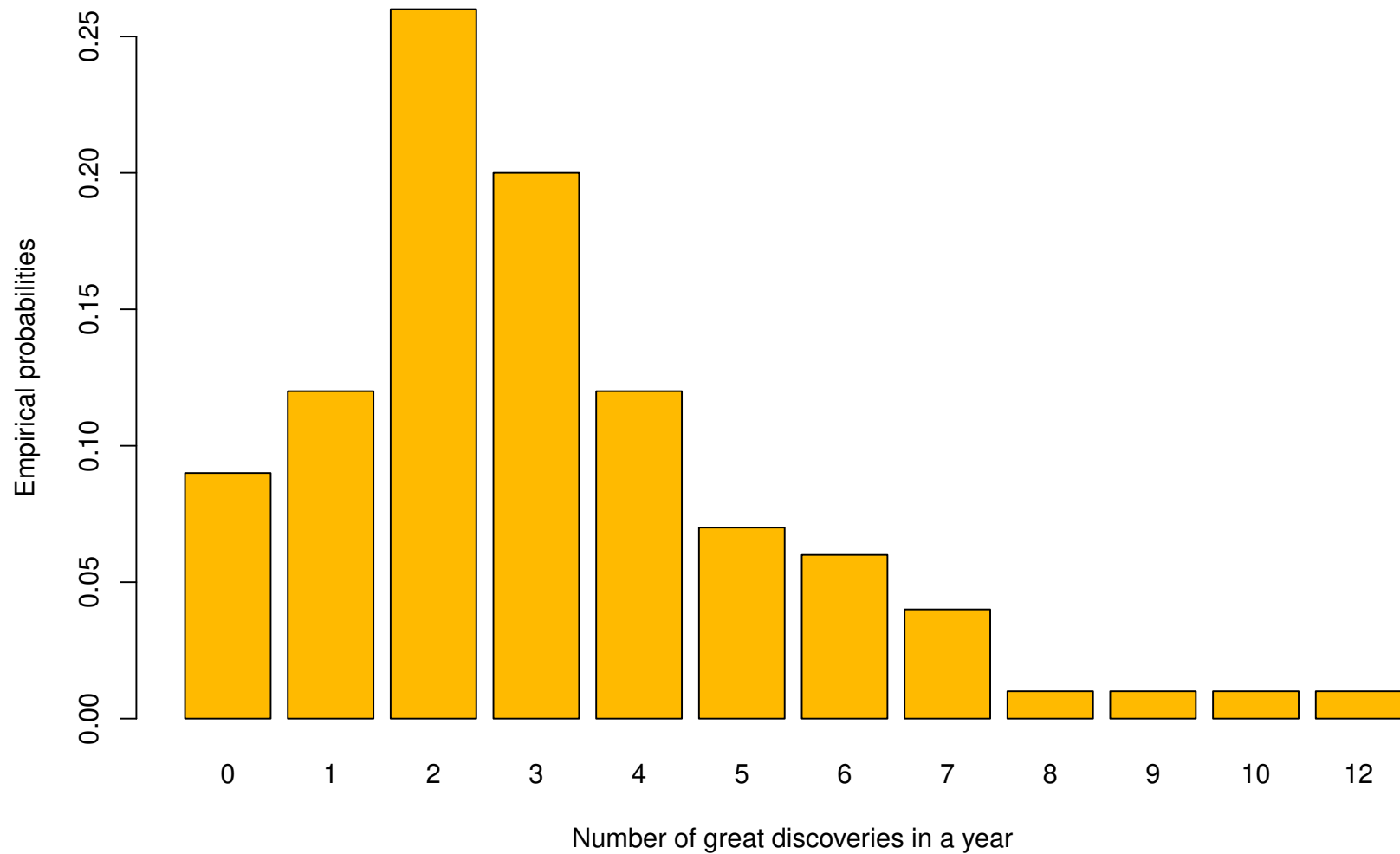


**Figure 1:** *Histogram of distance in km between 21 European cities.*

# Barplots

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- Barplots are somehow similar to histograms but for **categorical variable** or variable with **finite numbers of possible outcomes**.



**Figure 2:** Barplot of the number of yearly “great” discoveries from 1860 to 1959.

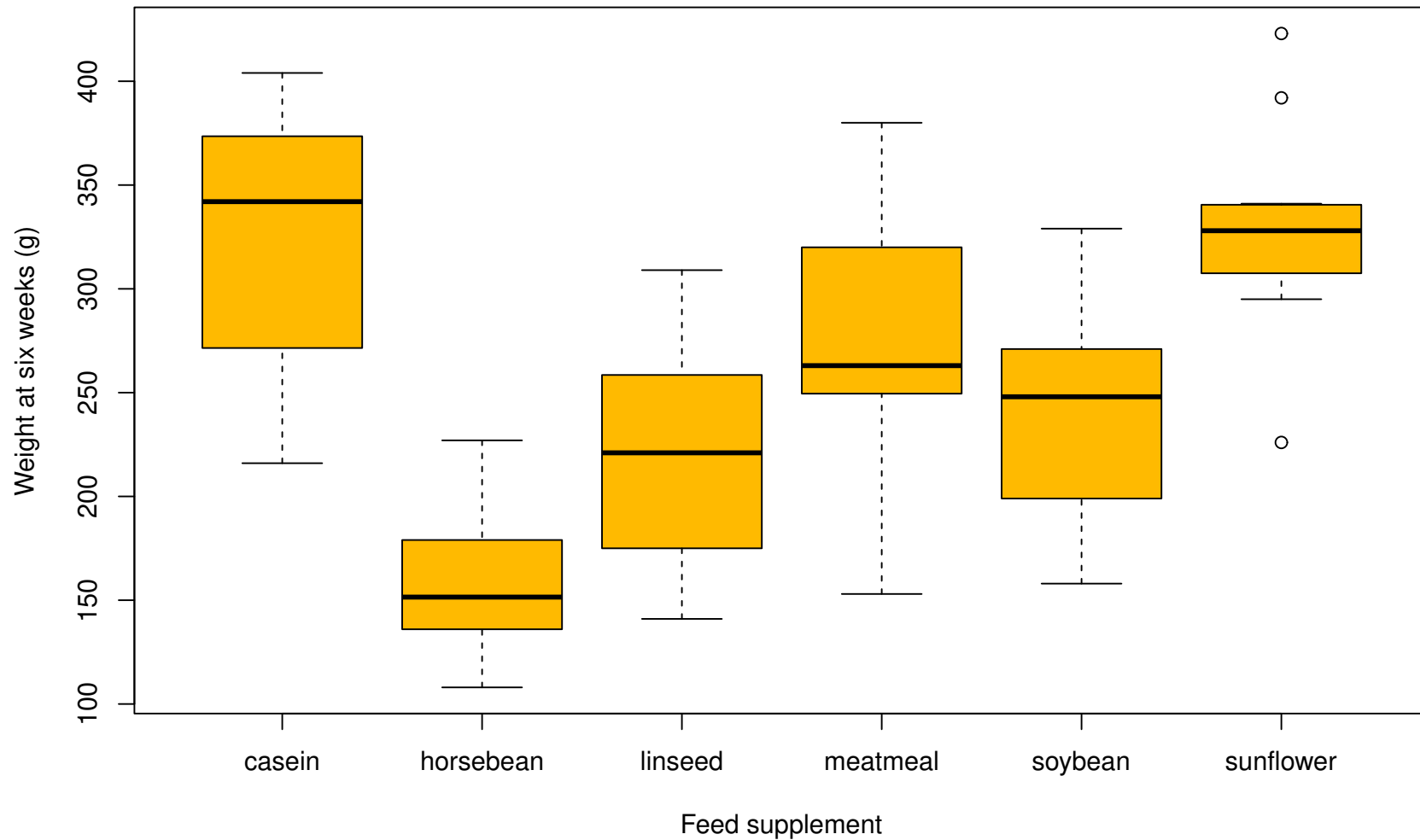
# Boxplots

- Boxplots also helps visualizing the distribution of the data but take less space.
- They are never used **alone** but rather in **groups** to spot any differences.
- It consists of a box ( $Q_1, Q_3$  and the median) and whiskers defined as the closest observation<sup>2</sup> to  $Q_{1,3} \mp 1.5IQR$ .
- Observation outside those whiskers are usually denoted as **outliers**.

❗ Outliers are **not spurious** observations and should not be discarded. To do so, you need a justification such as measurement problem.

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<sup>2</sup>towards the center of the distribution



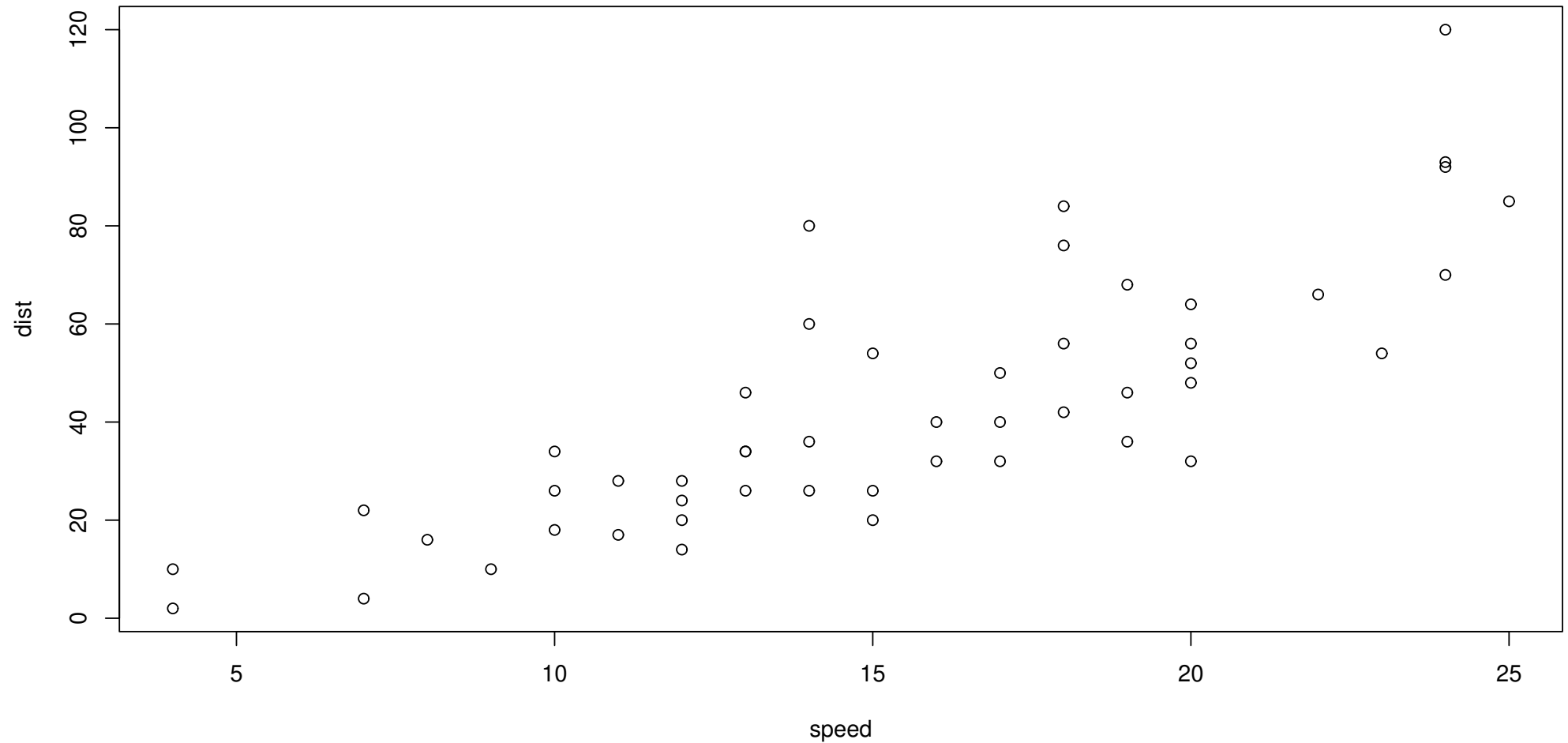
**Figure 3:** *Boxplots of the weights of chicks (g) with respect to their feed type supplements.*

# Scatter plot

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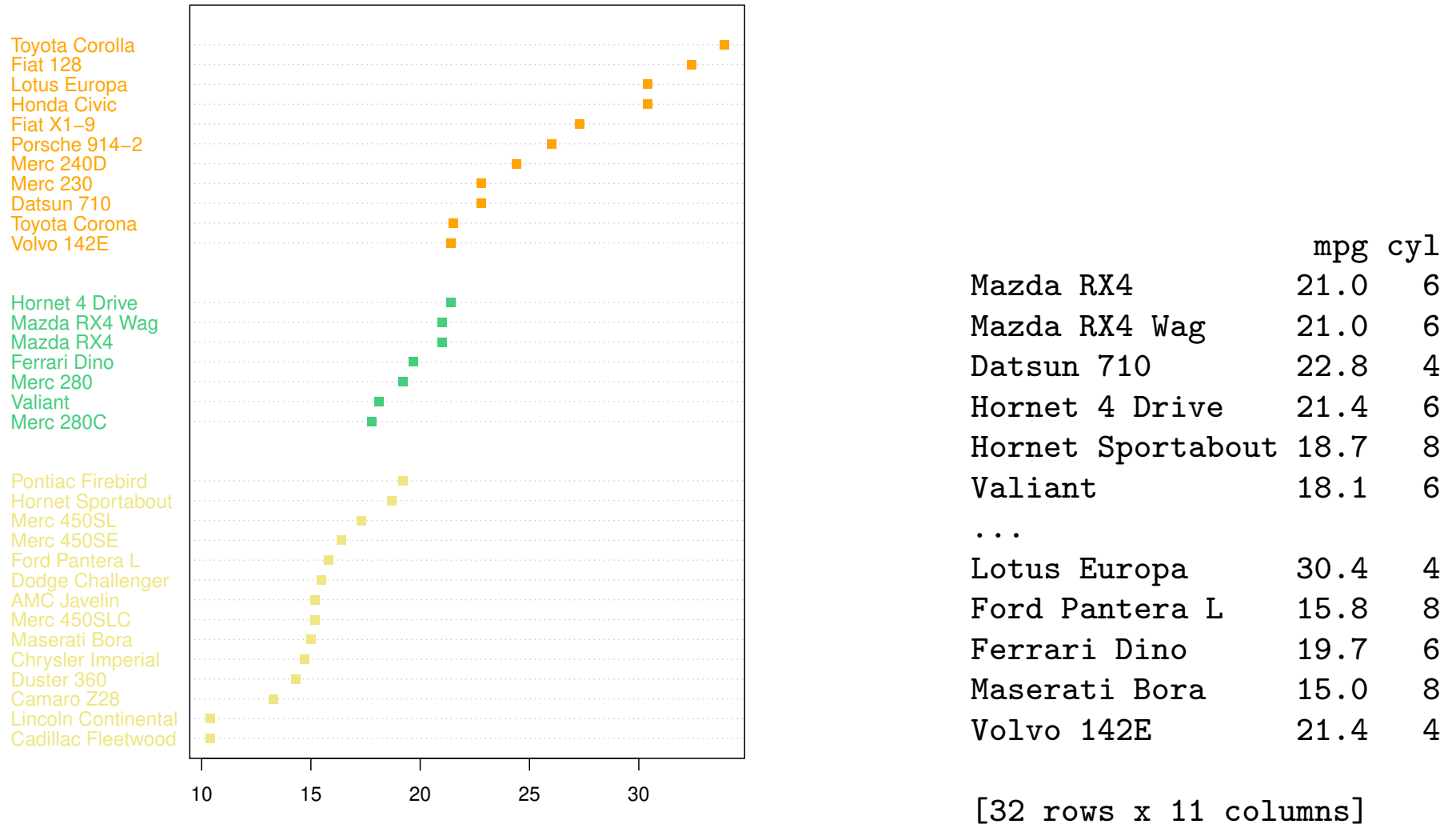
- Scatter plot aims at visualizing relationship between two variables
- Often but not necessarily, those variables are quantitative
- We just plot the points  $\{(x_i, y_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ .





**Figure 4:** *Scatterplot of the distance taken to stop as the speed varies. A linear dependence seems to occur—theoretically, one would expect a quadratic one, wouldn't we?*

# Dotchart



**Figure 5:** *Dotchart on the consumption of cars segmented on the number of cylinders.*

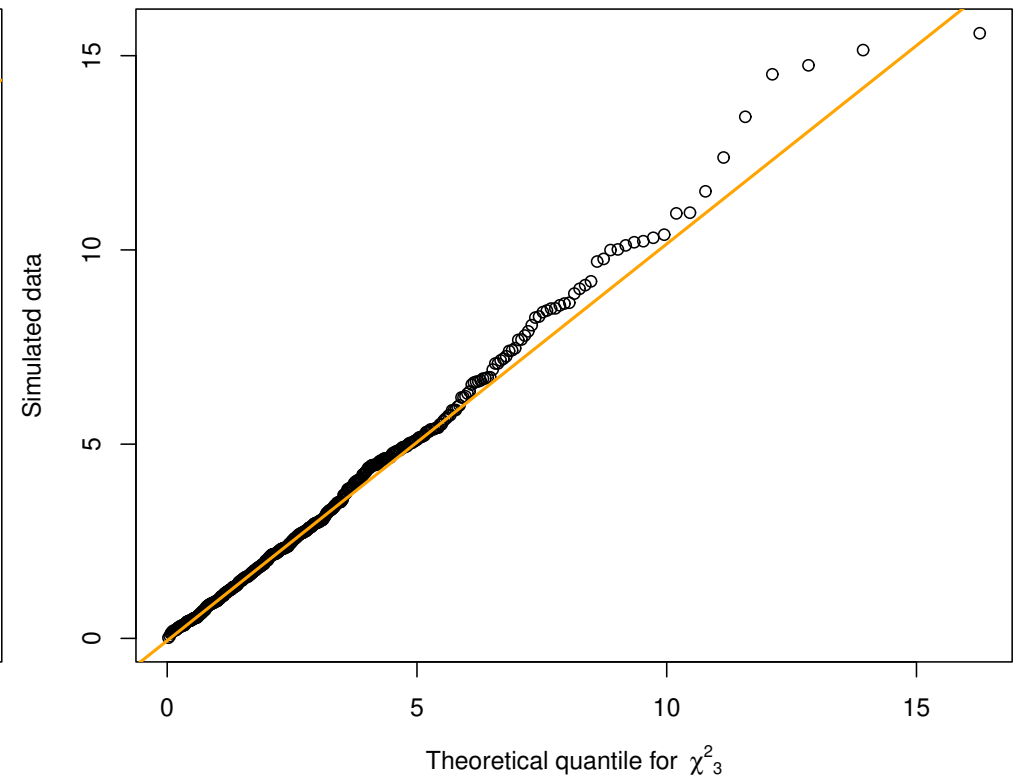
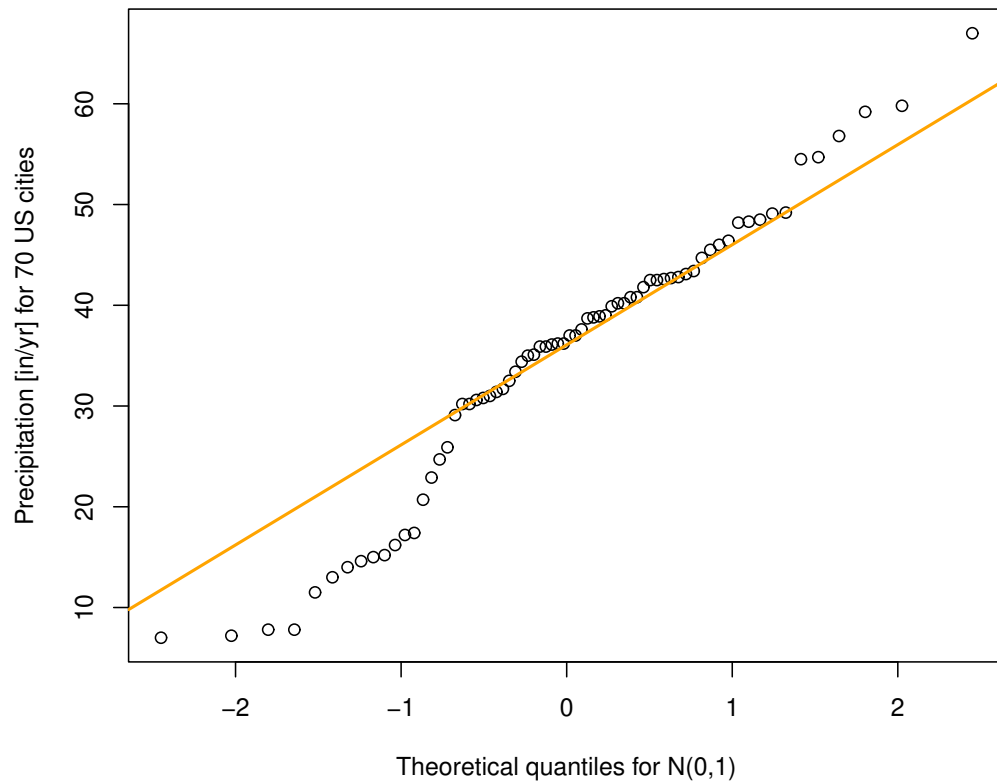
# QQ-plot

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- Quantile quantile plots are used to check whether:
  - two samples share the same distribution
  - a sample follows a given, e.g., fitted, distribution.
- The plot is based on **ordered statistics**

$$x_{1:n} \leq x_{2:n} \leq \cdots \leq x_{n:n+1}$$

- The first version is just a scatter plot of the ordered statistics of the two samples
- The second version is a scatter plot of the ordered statistics and the theoretical/fitted quantiles



**Figure 6:** *Illustration on the use of qq-plots. Left: Precipitations doesn't appear to be Gaussian. In particular, the Gaussian distribution appears to overestimate the smallest precipitation amount. Right: The  $\chi^2_3$  distribution is reasonable choice. (here confidence intervals are missing which is (very) unfortunate.)*

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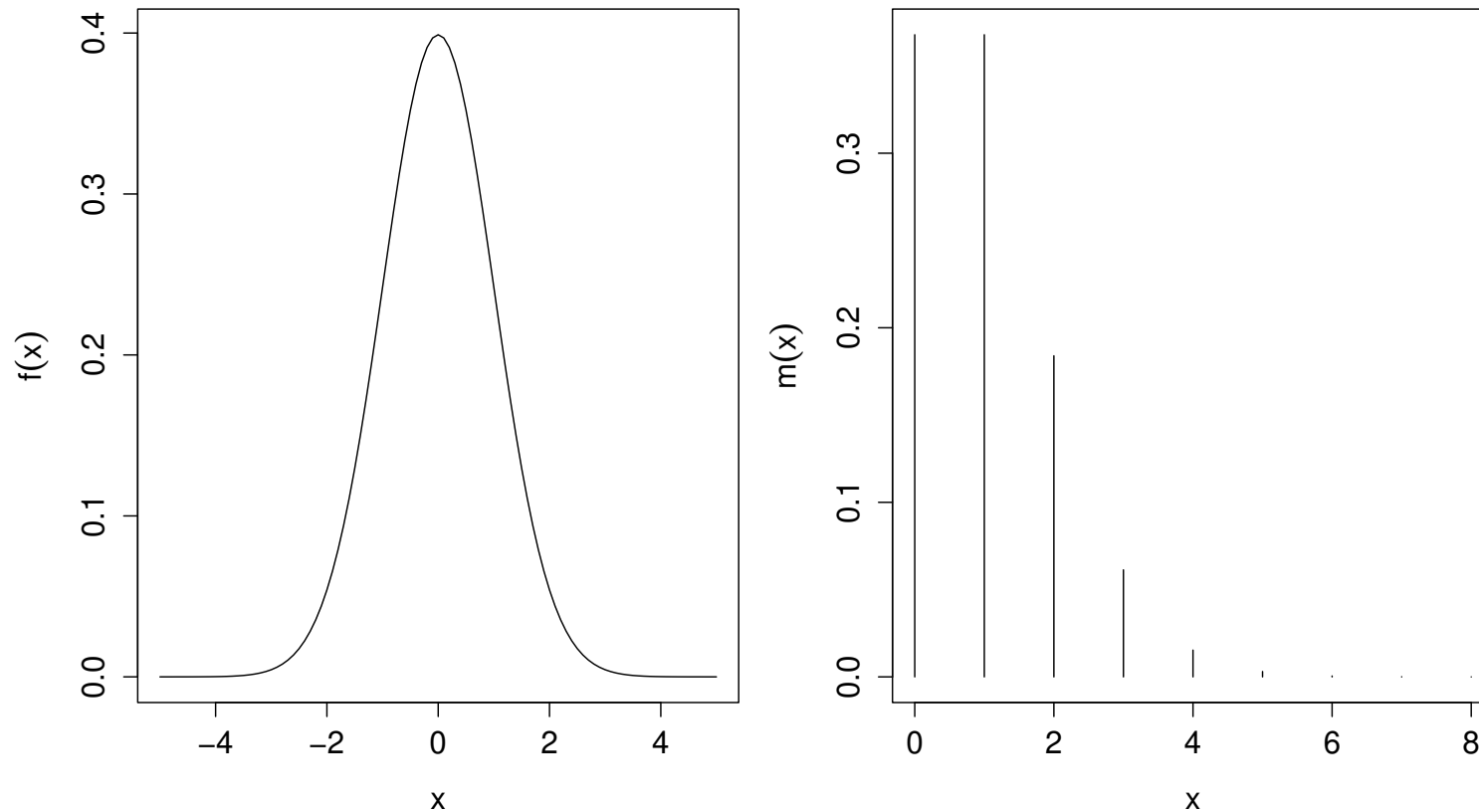
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*Remark.* In general, a random variable can be a mixture of both discrete and continuous cases.



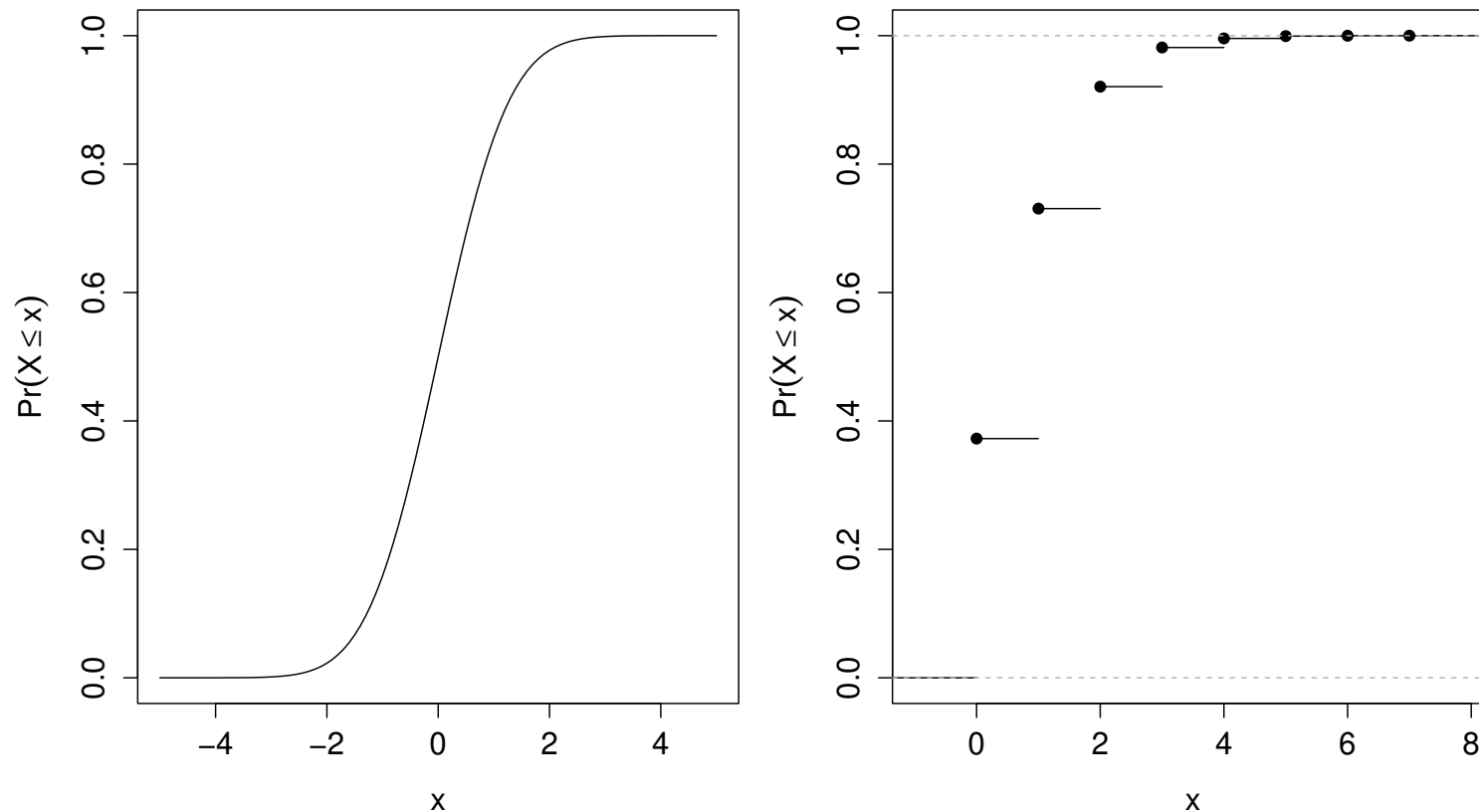


**Figure 7:** *Examples of probability density/mass functions. Left: Gaussian distribution. Right: Poisson distribution.*

# Cumulative distribution function

**Definition 3.** A **cumulative distribution function**, or **distribution**, is a càd–làg function  $F$  given by

$$F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x), \quad x \in E.$$



**Figure 8:** *Examples of cumulative distribution functions. Left: Gaussian distribution. Right: Poisson distribution.*

# Statistical models

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**Definition 4.** A parametric family of functions  $\{f(x; \theta) : x \in E, \theta \in \Theta\}$  is a **statistical model** if, for any  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,  $x \mapsto f(x; \theta)$  is a probability density/mass function on  $E$ .

The sets  $\Theta$  and  $E$  are respectively called **parameter space** and **observational space**. The above model is said to be **parametric** if  $\dim(\Theta) < \infty$ .

**Example 1.** The Gaussian model, denoted  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , is given by

$$f(x; \theta) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}, \quad \theta = (\mu, \sigma^2), \quad E = \mathbb{R}, \quad \Theta = \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty).$$

**Example 2.** The Poisson model, denoted  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , corresponds to

$$m(x; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \exp(-\lambda), \quad E = \mathbb{N}, \quad \Theta = (0, \infty).$$

# Some statistical models

**Table 1:** *Examples of useful statistical models*

Name	Support	Scope	p.d.f. // p.m.f.
Continuous variable			
Gaussian	$\mathbb{R}$	General	$(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$
Student	$\mathbb{R}$	Heavy tailed	$(\nu\pi)^{-1/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)^{-1} \Gamma\{(\nu+1)/2\} (1+x^2/\nu)^{-(\nu+1)/2}$
Log-normal	$(0, \infty)$	Positive	$(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} x^{-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\log x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$
Exponential	$(0, \infty)$	Duration	$\lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$
Weibull	$(0, \infty)$	Duration	$\kappa \lambda^{-\kappa} x^{\kappa-1} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^\kappa\right\}$
Beta	$(0, 1)$	Bounded	$B(\alpha, \beta)^{-1} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$
Discrete variable			
Bernoulli	$\{0, 1\}$	Binary	$p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$
Binomial	$\{0, \dots, n\}$	# success	$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$
Geometric	$\mathbb{N}_*$	# attempt	$p(1-p)^{x-1}$
Poisson	$\mathbb{N}$	Counts	$\lambda^x \exp(-\lambda) / x!$
Categorical	$\{1, \dots, k\}$	Factor	$p_j, j = 1, \dots, k$

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👉 If you want to show off a bit, you can even invoke the law of rare events

$$\text{Binomial}(n, p_n) \xrightarrow{\text{d.}} \text{Poisson}(\lambda), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad np_n \rightarrow \lambda.$$

# Ligue 1 dataset

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	Div	Date	Time	HomeTeam	...	MaxCAHH	MaxCAHA	AvgCAHH	AvgCAHA
0	F1	06/08/2021	20:00	Monaco	...	2.03	1.99	1.97	1.89
1	F1	07/08/2021	16:00	Lyon	...	2.00	1.94	1.96	1.89
2	F1	07/08/2021	20:00	Troyes	...	2.04	2.00	1.91	1.95
3	F1	08/08/2021	12:00	Rennes	...	1.94	2.00	1.91	1.95
4	F1	08/08/2021	14:00	Bordeaux	...	1.89	2.10	1.84	2.03
..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
375	F1	21/05/2022	20:00	Lorient	...	1.99	1.99	1.93	1.93
376	F1	21/05/2022	20:00	Marseille	...	1.91	2.15	1.87	1.99
377	F1	21/05/2022	20:00	Nantes	...	1.86	2.25	1.81	2.07
378	F1	21/05/2022	20:00	Paris SG	...	2.05	2.25	1.85	2.01
379	F1	21/05/2022	20:00	Reims	...	2.01	1.96	1.95	1.92

[380 rows x 105 columns]



# The maximum likelihood estimator (sloppy)

- Having observed independent copies  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  we may want to fit our statistical model using the maximum likelihood estimator

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \ell(\theta; \mathbf{Y}), \quad \ell(\theta; \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(Y_i; \theta)$$

- Widely used in practice since (under regularity conditions) it is
  - consistent and asymptotically efficient
  - widely applicable and versatile
  - rather straightforward to implement
- With loose notations, and provided the sample size  $n$  is large enough,

$$\hat{\theta} \underset{\sim}{\sim} N(\theta_*, \Sigma_n), \quad \Sigma_n = - \left\{ \nabla^2 \ell(\hat{\theta}; \mathbf{Y}) \right\}^{-1}.$$

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{Y}_n = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , an  $n$ -sample of independent copies with p.d.f.  $f(\cdot; \theta_*)$ . Then, under regularity assumptions, the maximum likelihood estimator defined by

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(Y_i; \theta)$$

satisfies

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \hat{\theta} - \theta_* \right) \xrightarrow{d.} N \left\{ 0, -H(\theta_*)^{-1} \right\}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $H(\theta_*) = \mathbb{E} \{ \nabla^2 \log f(X; \theta_*) \}$ .

*Proof.* Taylor expansion + CLT + Slutsky

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## Application: FC Nantes scoring

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**Exercise 1.** Based on a sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , compute the MLE for a Poisson model. What is the (approximate) distribution for this estimator? Apply your results to the [Ligue 1 data set](#).

# Model checking

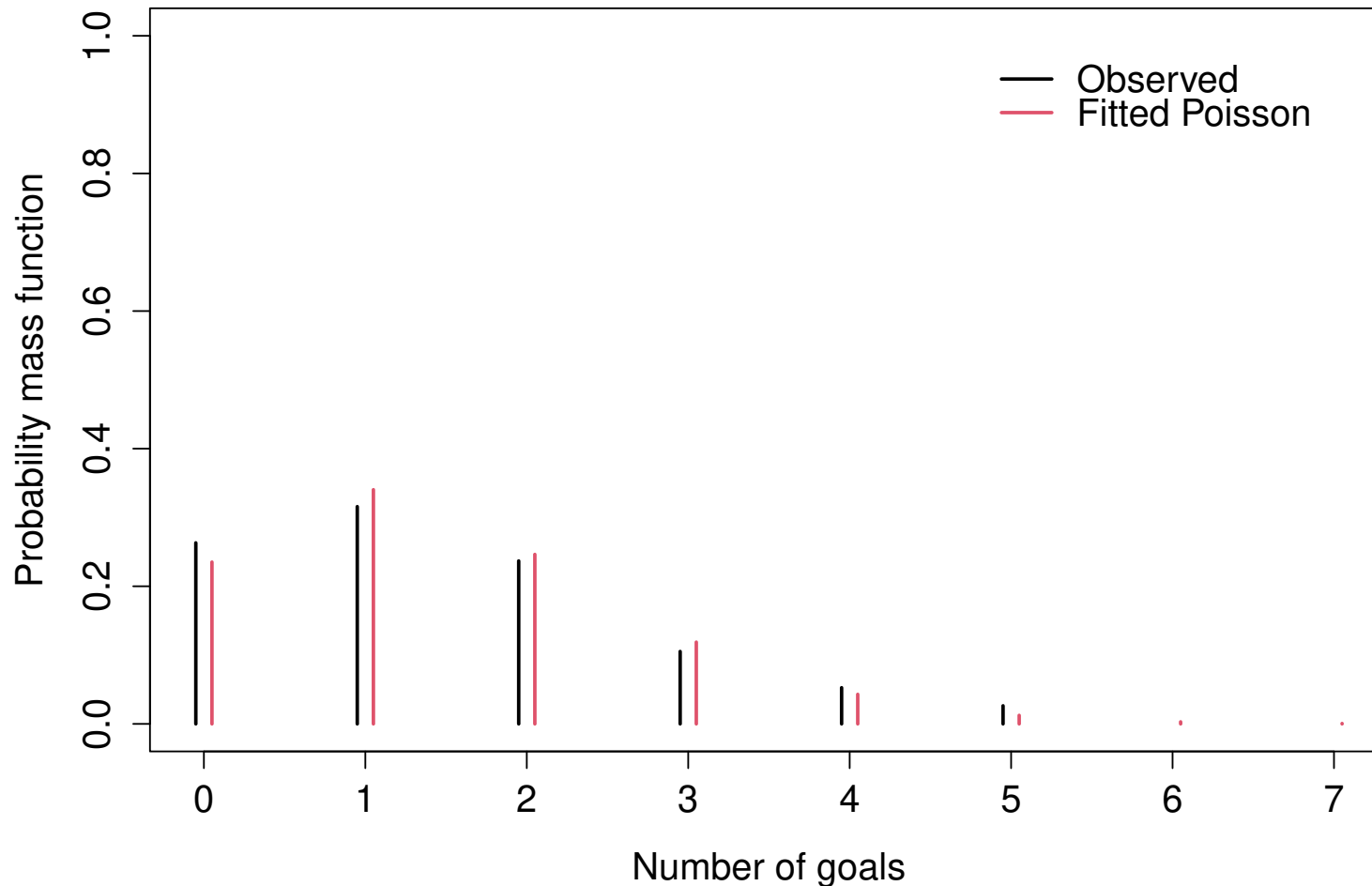
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- Fitting a model is not enough, we have to check if our fitted model is actually good. It is **model checking**.
- One can use numerical quantities such as overall error, but if possible, **graphical model checking** has to be preferred
- Briefly the idea is to **compare observations to predictions from the fitted model**.
- Two cases arise:

**Discrete** Compare the empirical p.m.f. to the fitted one;

**Continuous** Produce a **quantile-quantile plot**

# Application: FC Nantes



**Figure 9:** Comparison of the empirical probability mass function and that from our fitted Poisson model.

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 Most numerical optimizers can output  $\Sigma_n$  (or  $\Sigma_n^{-1}$ ) so standard errors can easily be computed (and you have no excuse!).



# Confidence intervals

**Definition 5.** A confidence interval of level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  for some unknown quantity  $\theta_* \in \Theta$  is an interval  $I_\alpha \subset \Theta$  such that  $\Pr(\theta_* \in I_\alpha) = \alpha$ .

Note that  $I_\alpha$  is computed only from the sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and is therefore a random interval.

□ Confidence intervals can be:

**approximate** in which case  $\Pr(\theta_* \in I_\alpha) \geq \alpha$ ;

**asymptotic** in which case  $\Pr(\theta_* \in I_\alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

👉 Using the asymptotic properties of the MLE, i.e.,  $\hat{\theta} \overset{\text{d}}{\sim} N(\theta_*, \Sigma_n)$ , a (symmetric) asymptotic confidence interval for  $\theta_*$  is

$$\left[ \hat{\theta} - \text{std. err.}(\hat{\theta}) z_{1-(1-\alpha)/2}; \hat{\theta} + \text{std. err.}(\hat{\theta}) z_{1-(1-\alpha)/2} \right],$$

where  $z_p$  is the quantile of a  $N(0, 1)$  of order  $p$ .

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The first interpretation is that of **credible intervals** and refer to Bayesian statistics.

## Application: Hold your breath

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**Exercise 2.** Give a 95% (symmetric) confidence interval for the parameter of the Poisson distribution.

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# Homework

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- Get the book An introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R from [this link](#)
- Read section 12.4.1 and do the lab of Section 12.5.3



- 3 wine makers
- 178 italian wines
- 13 variables

	Alcohol	Malic	Ash	Alcalinity	Magnesium	Phenols		
48	13.90	1.68	2.12		16.0	101	3.10	
66	12.37	1.21	2.56		18.1	98	2.42	
101	12.08	2.08	1.70		17.5	97	2.23	
159	14.34	1.68	2.70		25.0	98	2.80	
36	13.48	1.81	2.41		20.5	100	2.70	
156	13.17	5.19	2.32		22.0	93	1.74	
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36	2.98		0.26	1.86	5.1	1.04		
156	0.63		0.61	1.55	7.9	0.60		
	OD280/OD315 of diluted wines	Proline						
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66		2.30	678					
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- quantitatives variables → OK
- categorical variables → KO<sup>3</sup>

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💣 Well no since  $|\mathcal{P}(n, K)|$  induces a combinatorial burden, e.g.,  $S(11, 5) \approx 2.5 \times 10^5$ . It is hopeless to get the global minimum and in practice we stick with a (rather good) local minimum!

# Lloyd algorithm

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**Algorithm 1:** Lloyd algorithm.

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**input** : A sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , number of urns  $K$ , maximal number of iterations  $T_{\max}$ ,  
initial partitioning  $\pi$ .

**output:** An “optimal” partitioning  $\pi$

1 **for**  $t \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $T_{\max}$  **do**

2     For each urn, compute its centroid, i.e.,;

3

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4     For each observation, place it into the urn of the closest centroid, i.e.,

$$\pi(i) = \arg \min_{k \in \{1, \dots, K\}} \|x_i - \mu_k\|^2.$$

5     **if** *The partitioning  $\pi$  has not changed* **then**

6         └ Go outside the loop;

7 **return**  $\pi$ ;

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# Application to the Fisher's Iris data

**Data** 150 measures of length and width of Iris sepals and petals.

**Objective** Find the Iris species, i.e., setosa, versicolor or virginica.



```
Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width ## <- I'm lying ;-)  
1           5.1           3.5           1.4           0.2  
2           4.9           3.0           1.4           0.2  
3           4.7           3.2           1.3           0.2  
4           4.6           3.1           1.5           0.2  
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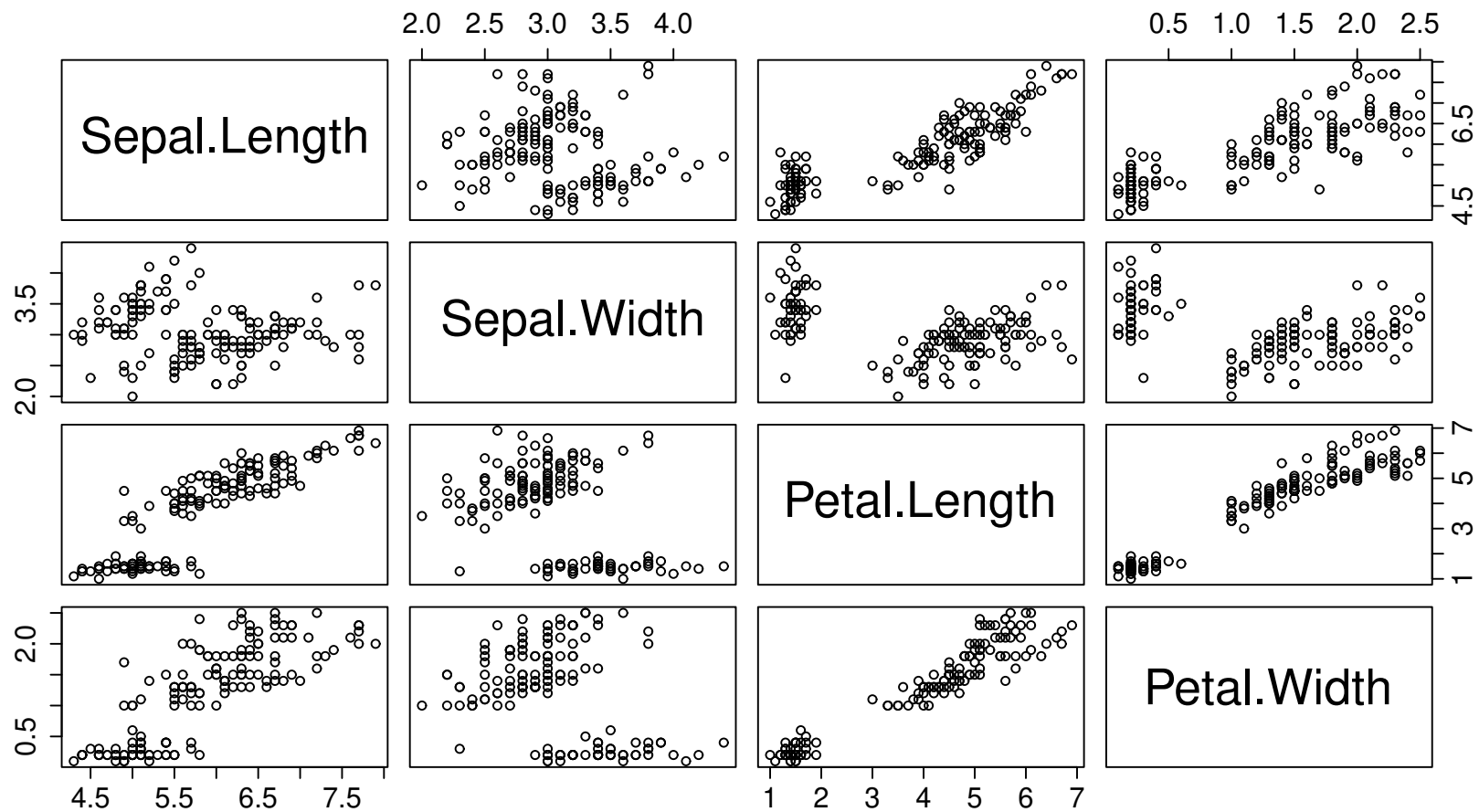


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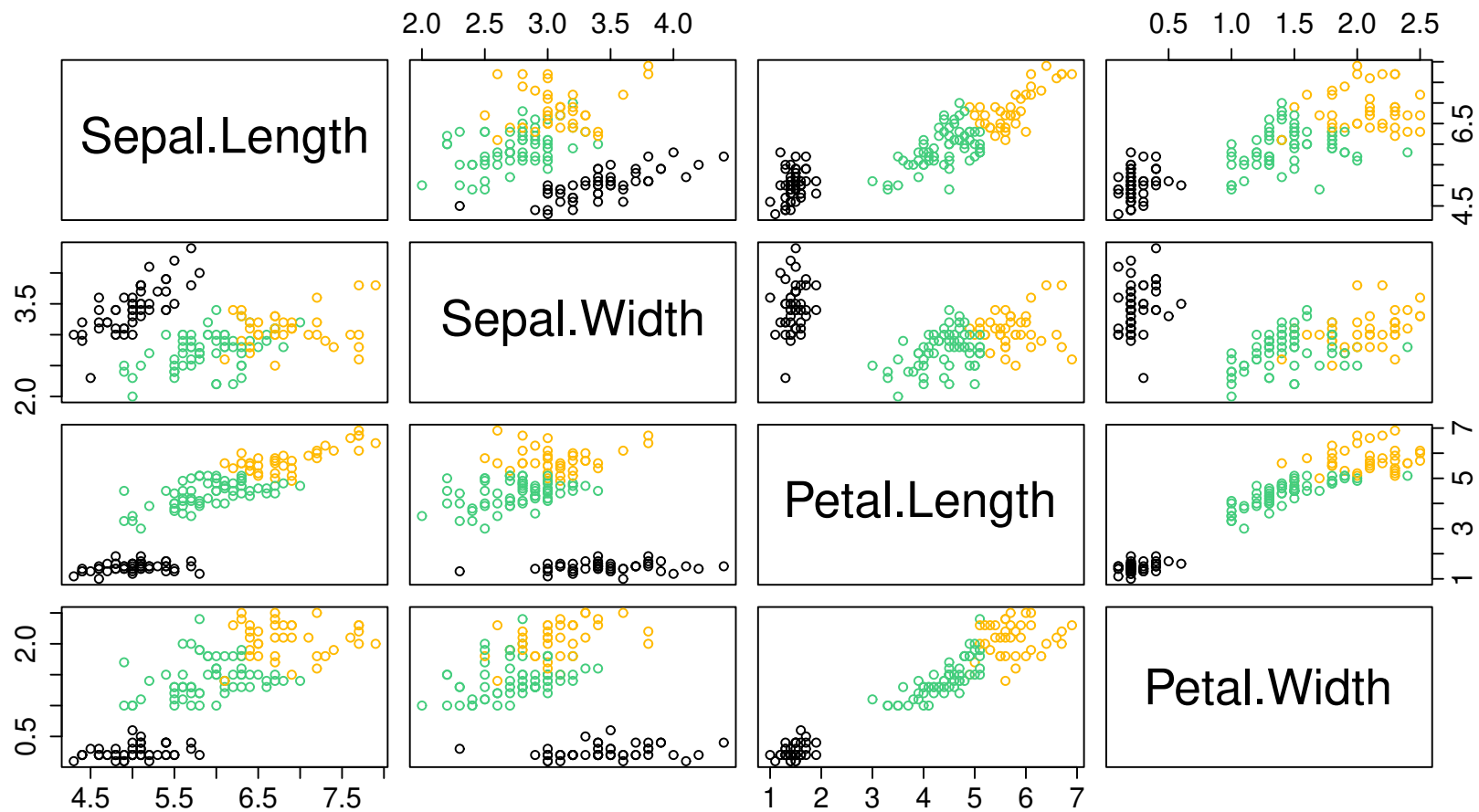


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# Is this a good clustering?

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- Looking at the previous plots, we may feel rather happy...
- But it is a bit subjective. What about a more formal way to assess it?
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  - Confusion matrix (if supervised)

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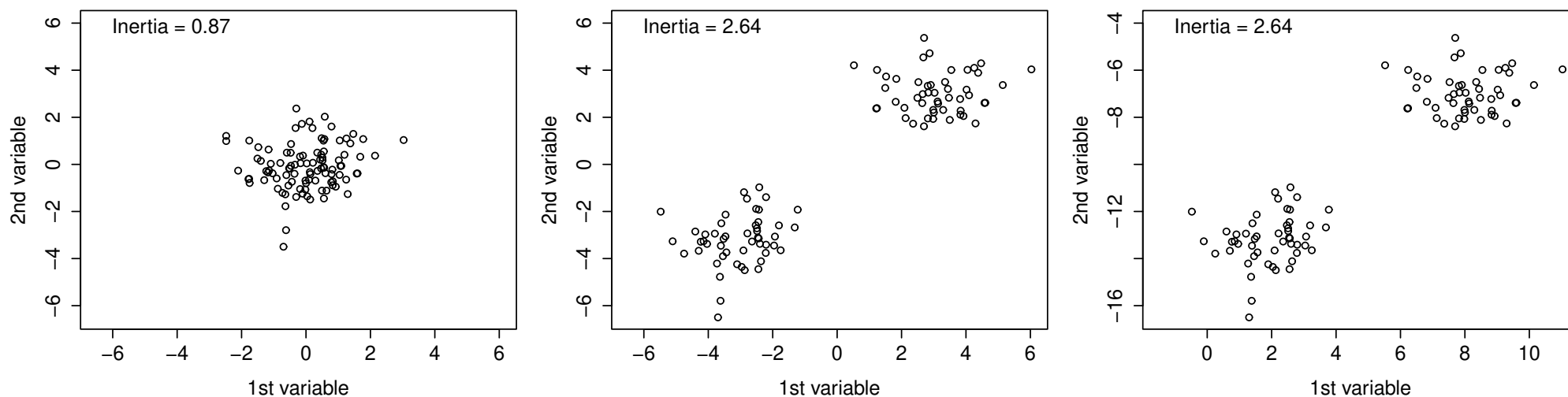
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It is a **dispersion measure of the scatter plot**.

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**Figure 11:** *Inertia computed on three different cloud points.*

## Within–Between decomposition: Huygens formula

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a cloud point and  $\pi$  a clustering of it using  $K$  classes. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|x_i - x_j\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_i - x_j\|^2 1_{\{\pi(j)=k\}} + \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_i - x_j\|^2 1_{\{\pi(j) \neq k\}} \right) 1_{\{\pi(i)=k\}} \\ &= W(\mathbf{x}, \pi) + B(\mathbf{x}, \pi) \end{aligned}$$

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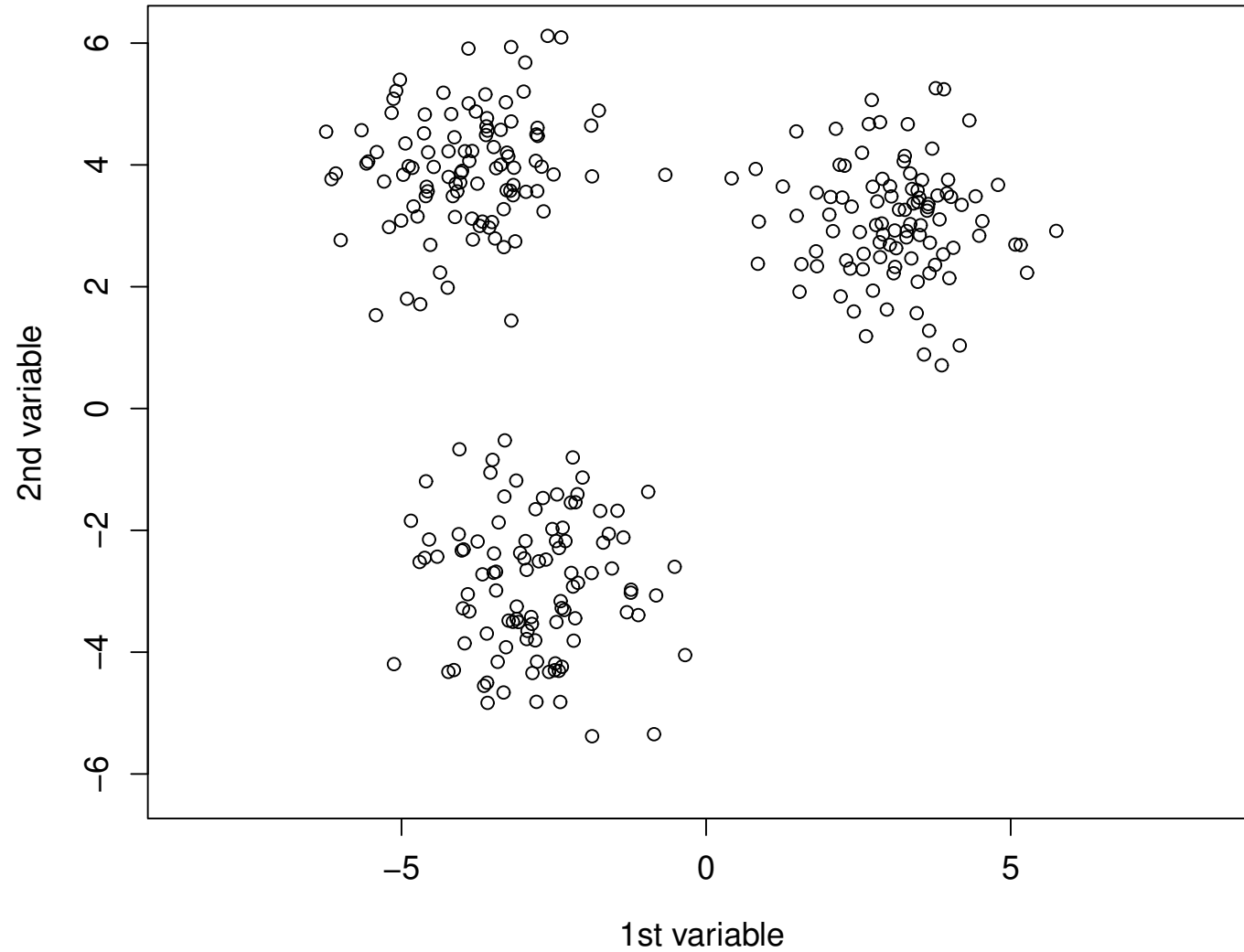
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 It is thus possible to predict the label continuously on the variable space. It corresponds to the Voronoi cells of germ  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K$ , i.e.,

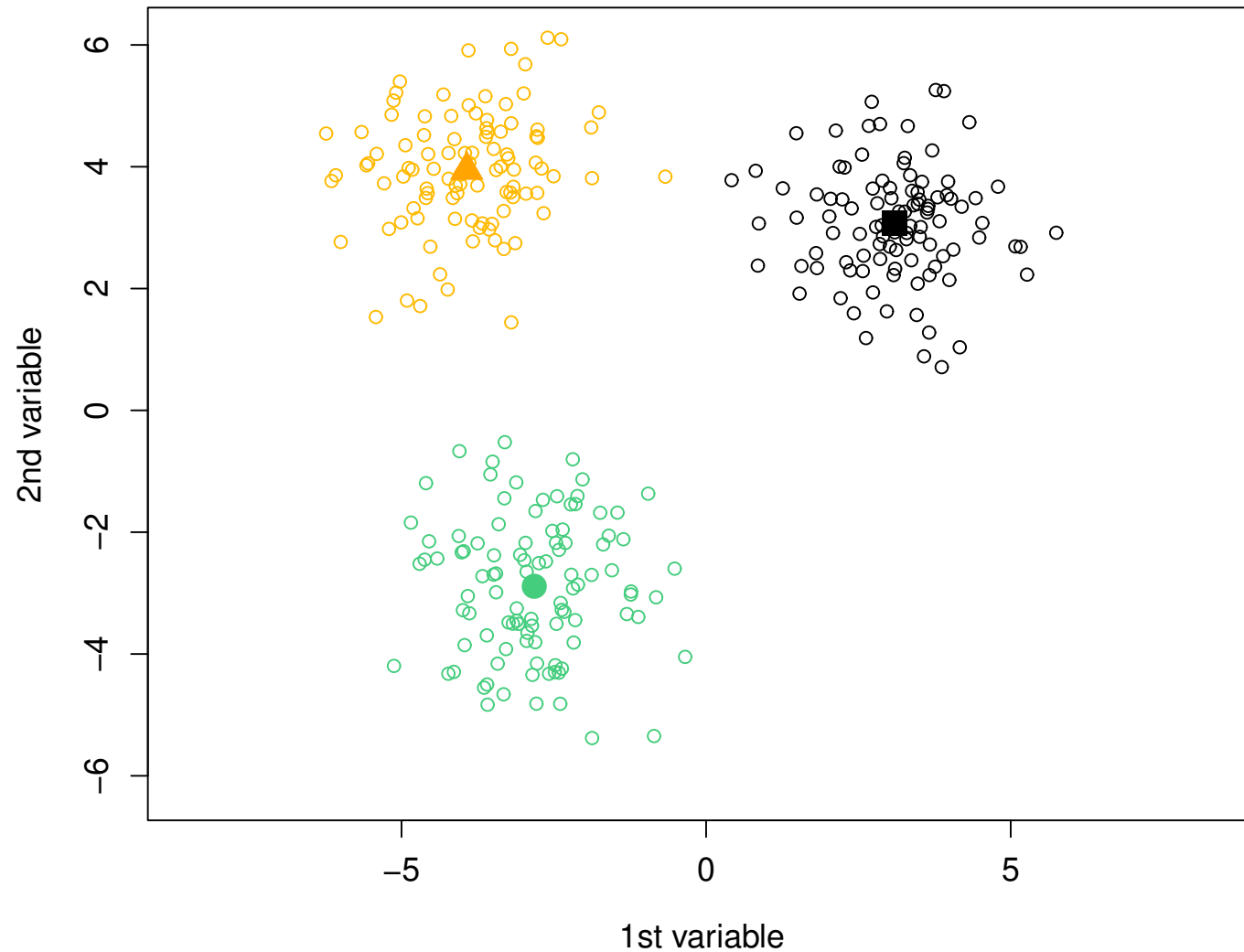
$$\text{Voronoi}(\mu_k) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^p : \|x - \mu_k\| \leq \|x - \mu_\ell\|, \ell = 1, \dots, K\}.$$

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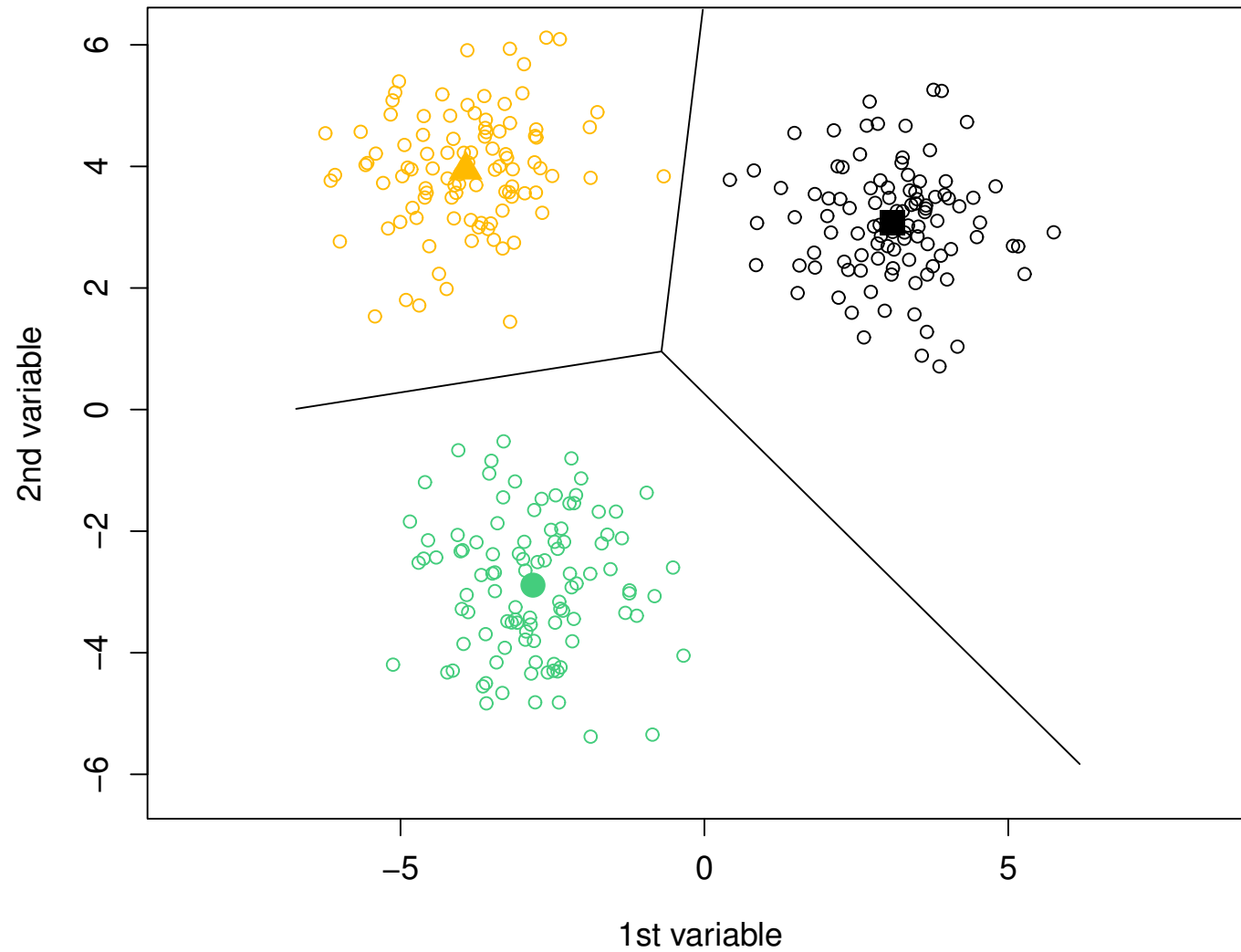
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  2. Stick with the clustering such that adding one more class “doesn’t bring nothing”, i.e.,

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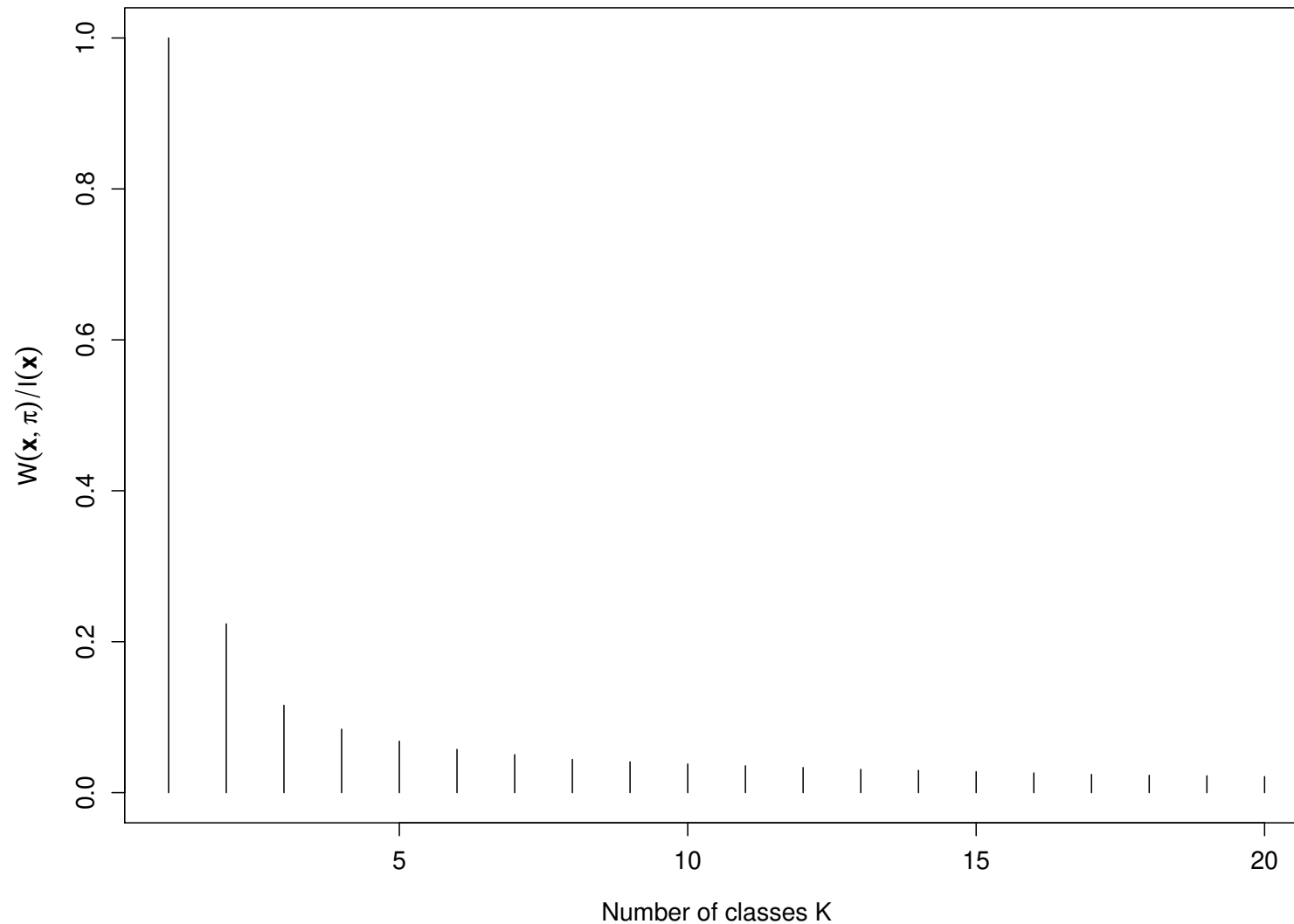
 It is known as the “elbow rule”.

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<sup>4</sup>Or it can be bad to set it to the number of “known classes”, e.g., MNIST.

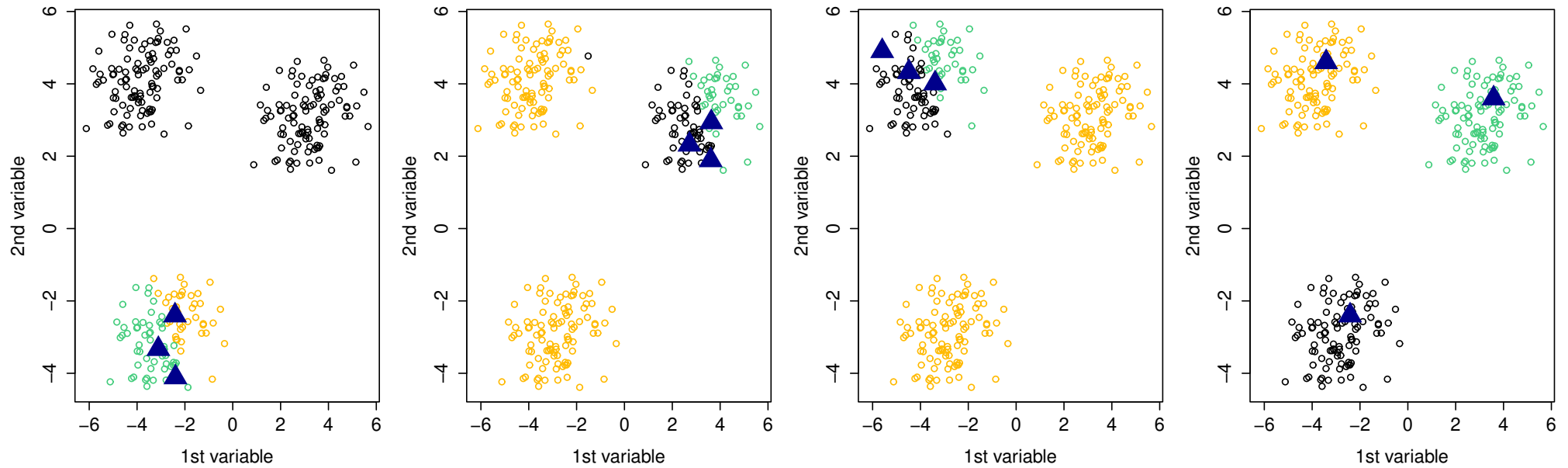


# Number of classes for the iris dataset



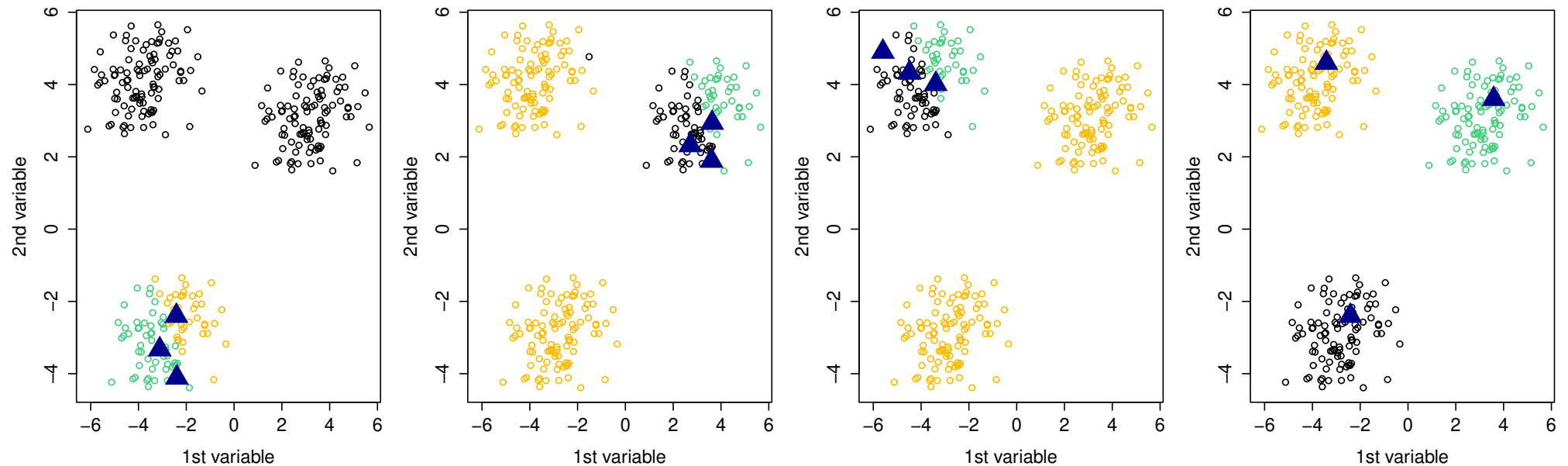
**Figure 13:** *Identify an appropriate number of classes using the “elbow rule”. Here  $K = 3$  or  $4$  seems to be appropriate (rather subjective I confess)*

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👉 It is highly recommended to run several times the algorithm with different (random) initialization and keep the best clustering.

# To sum up

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- Center and scale the data (if necessary) since computations are based on the Euclidean norm;
- Let the number of class  $K$  vary and stick with the “best one”;
- Analyze each class and/or do predictions.

## Pros

- Scale well with large dimension, i.e.,  $n \gg 1$ . Complexity is  $O(nKT_{\max})^5$ ;
- Easy and fast prediction.

## Cons

- Implicit hypothesis of isotropy and balanced classes<sup>6</sup>
- Optimization problem: local minimum, initialization

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<sup>5</sup>Since often  $T_{\max}$  and  $K$  are small it is often said that it is a linear algorithm (in  $n$ )

<sup>6</sup>The k-means is actually a Gaussian mixture model with very specific assumptions...

1. Descriptive statistics

2. Statistics models

3. K-means

▷ 4. PCA

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# Homework

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Most often, software will do that for you.

# Singular Value Decomposition

**Theorem 2** (Singular value decomposition).

Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times p}$  be a matrix. There exists a triplet, known as the SVD,  $(U, D, V) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{C}^{n \times p} \times \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$  such that

$$\mathbf{X} = UDV^\top,$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices and  $D = (d_{ij})$  is such that

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} \lambda_i, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_k \geq 0, \quad k = \min(n, p).$$

$\lambda_i$  is called the  $i$ -th singular value.

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- The loss of information (according to the Frobenius norm) is

$$\sum_{j=r+1}^k \lambda_j^2.$$

- Equivalently we say that the approximation  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  explains

$$100 \times \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j^2}{\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j^2} \%$$

of the variance // inertia.

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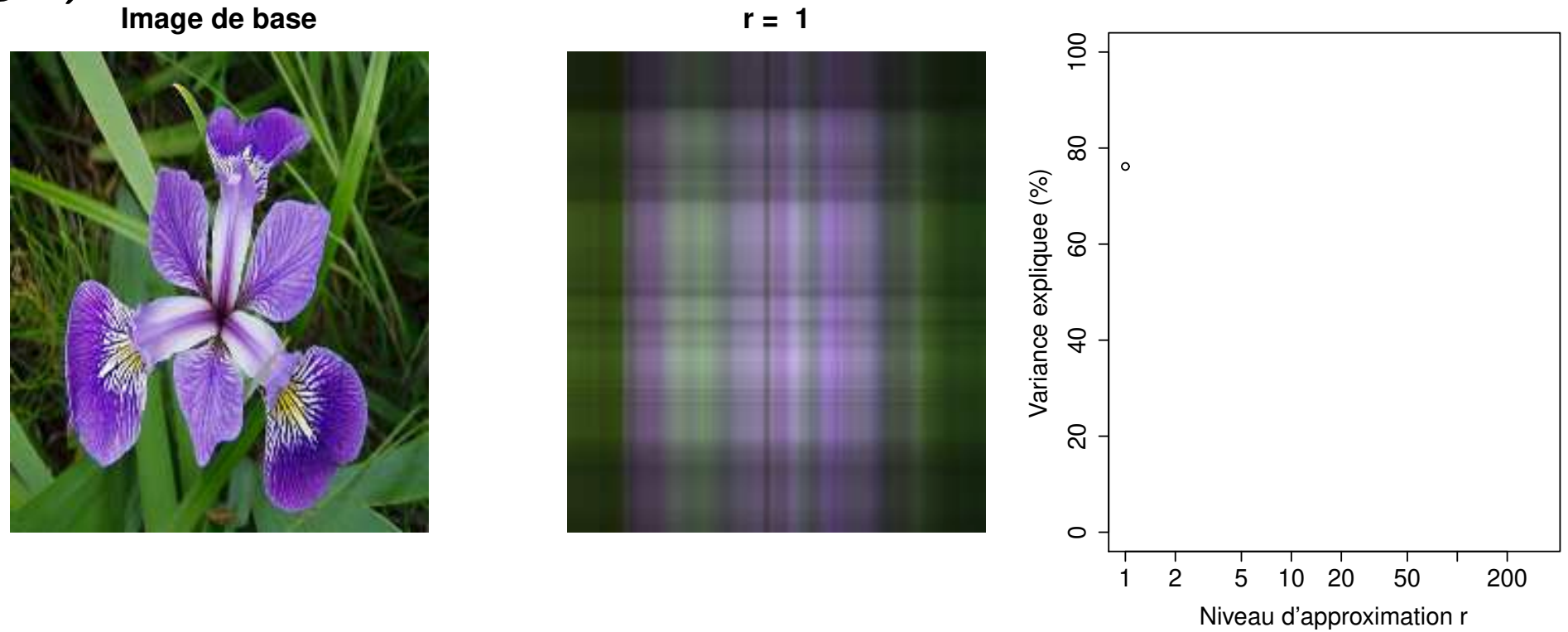


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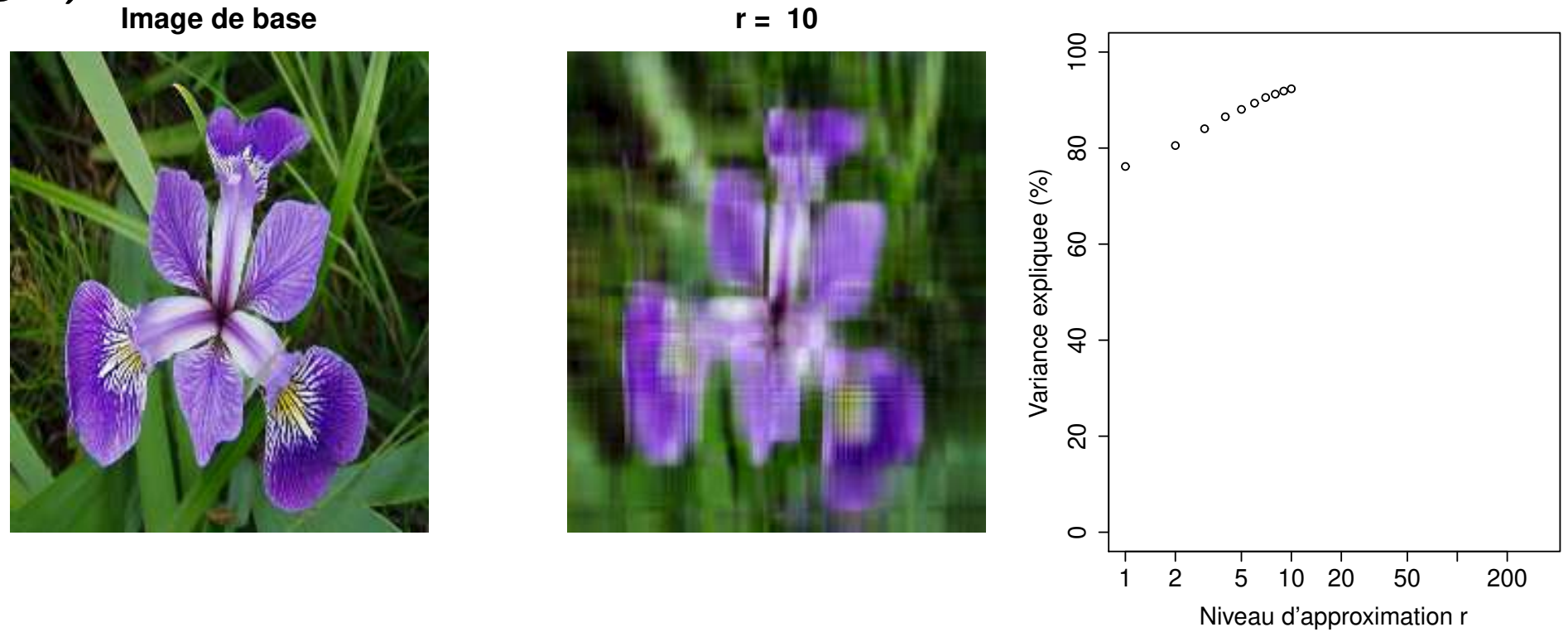


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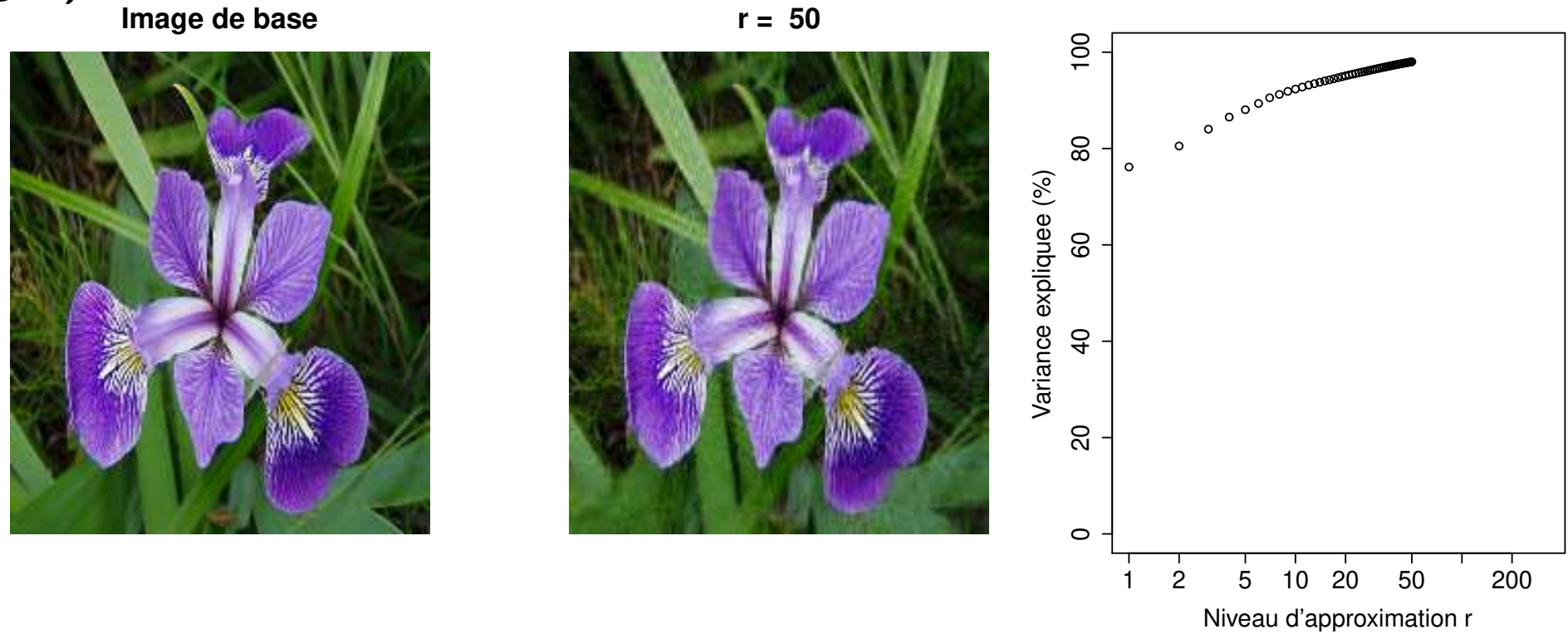


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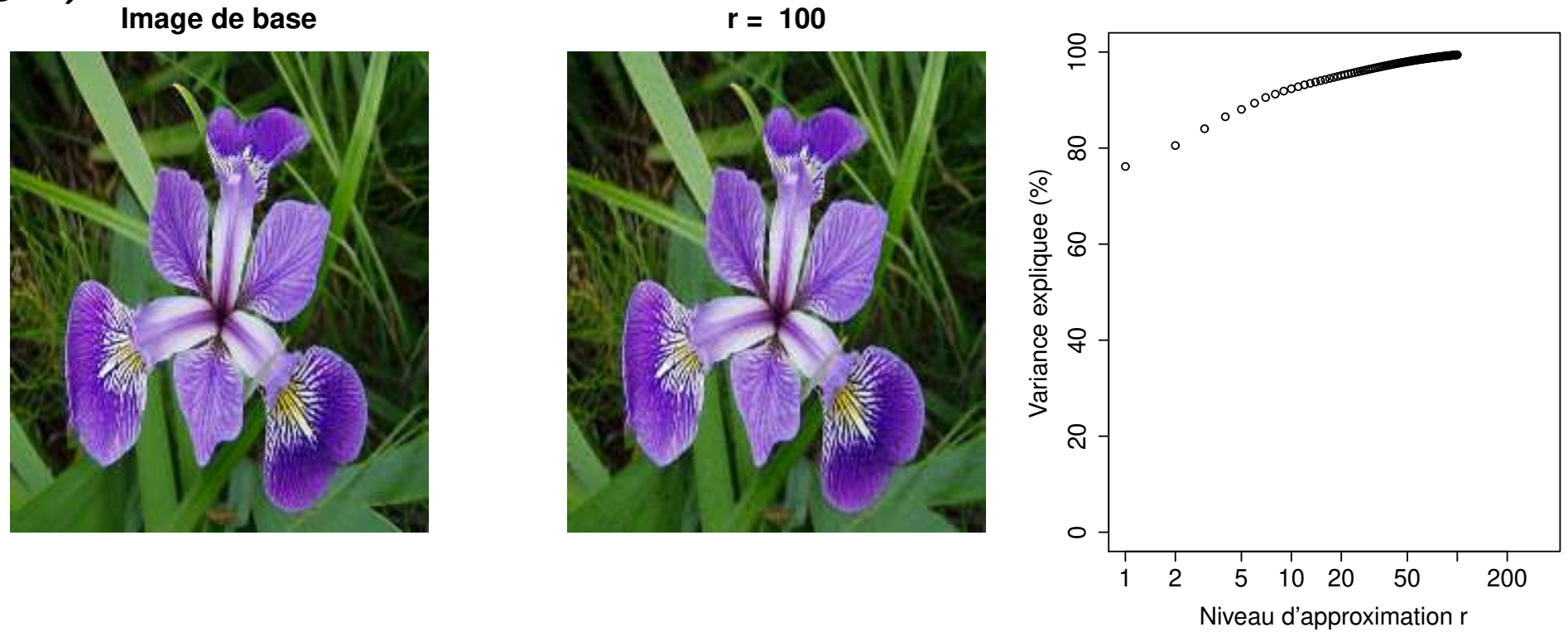


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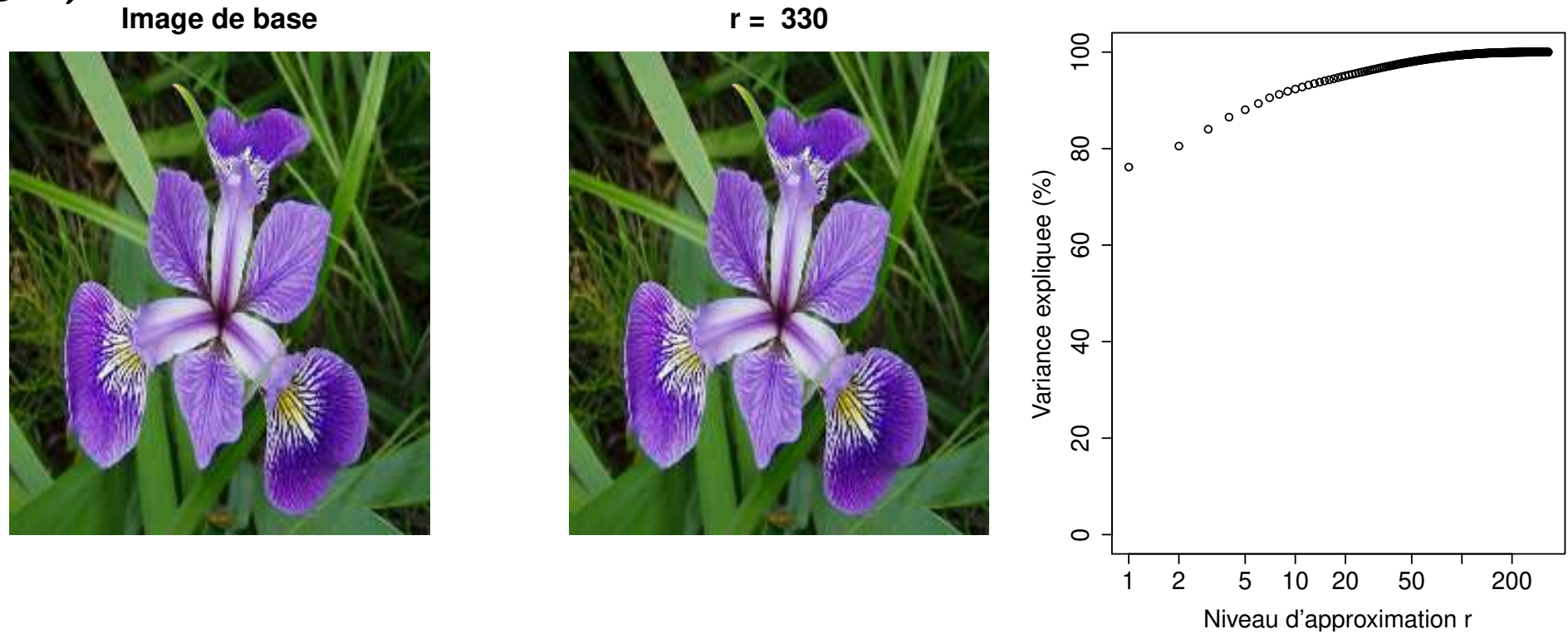


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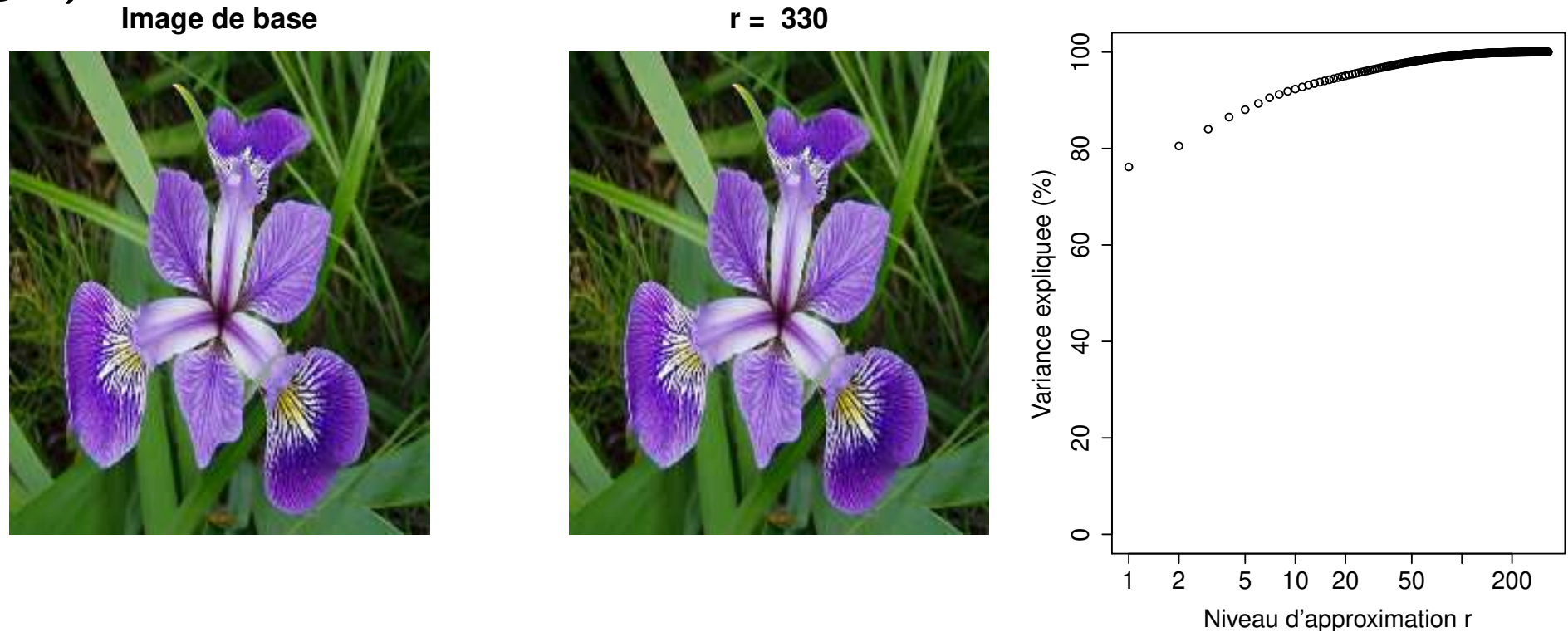


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Table 2: Size of the compressed image as the cutoff value  $r$  varies.

Rank $r$	1	10	50	100	Original (330)
Taille (Ko)	10	17	28	31	41
Compression (%)	75	58	31	24	0

# Never forget

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- We will work on an approximation of the data
- Degree of precision is related to the cutoff value  $r$
- If approximation is poor, then our subsequent conclusions will be just as poor!



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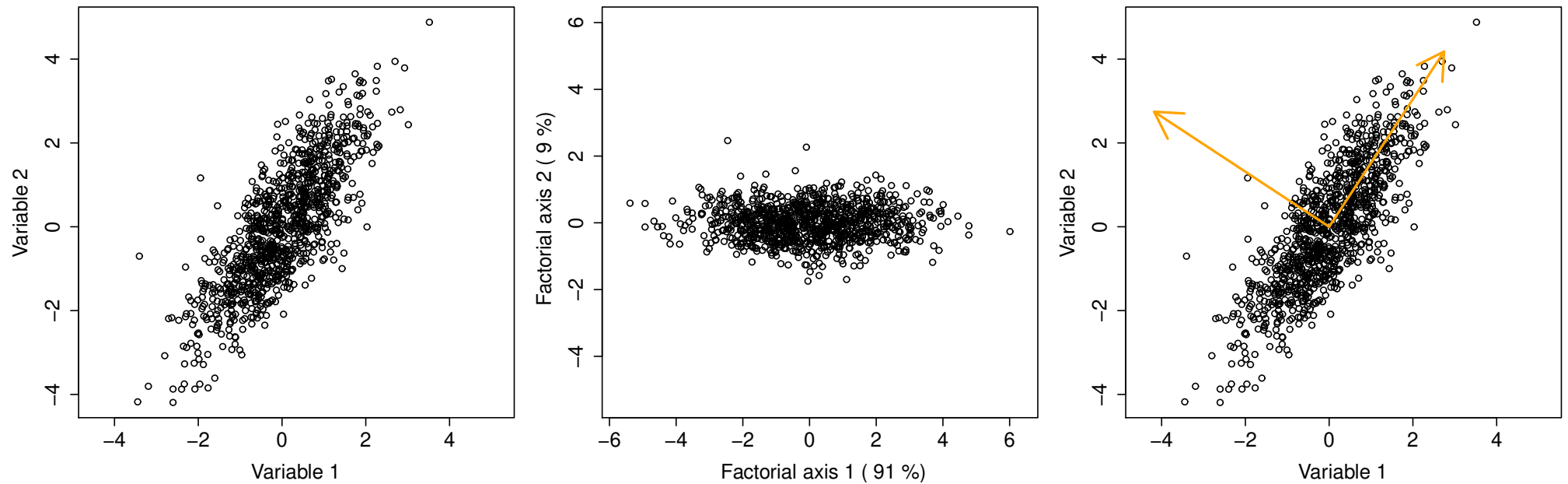
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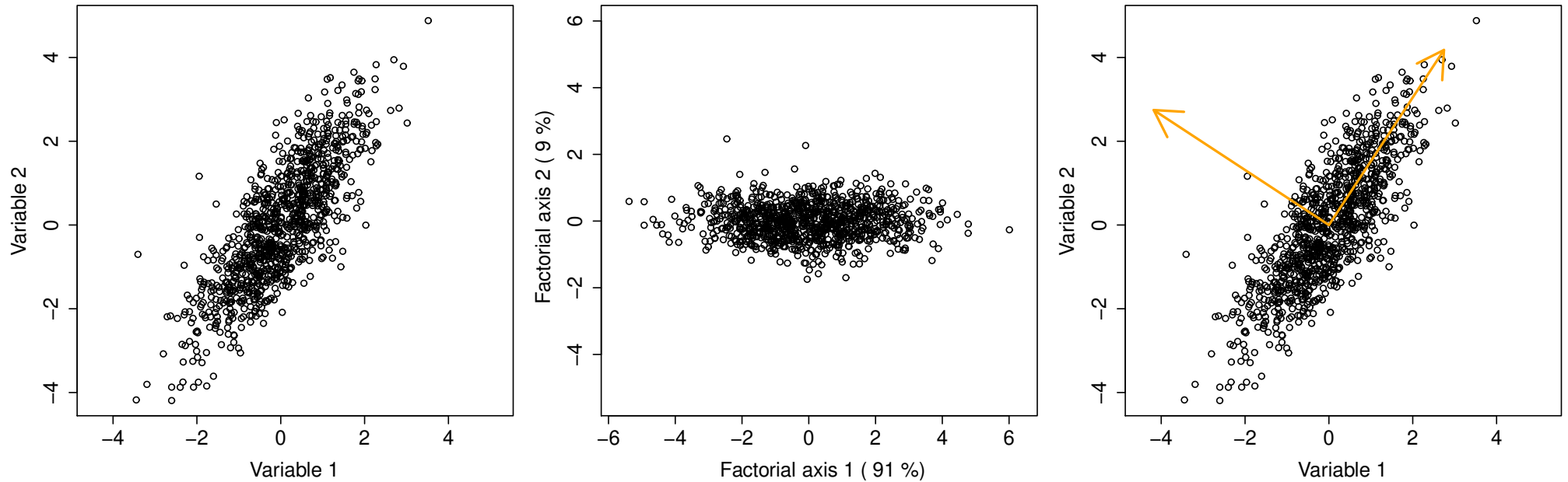
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**1st axis** explains 91% of the variance and is defined by

$$\text{Axis 1} = 0.55 \times \text{Variable 1} + 0.84 \times \text{Variable 2}.$$

**2nd axis** explains 9% of the variance and is defined by

$$\text{Axis 2} = -0.84 \times \text{Variable 1} + 0.55 \times \text{Variable 2}.$$

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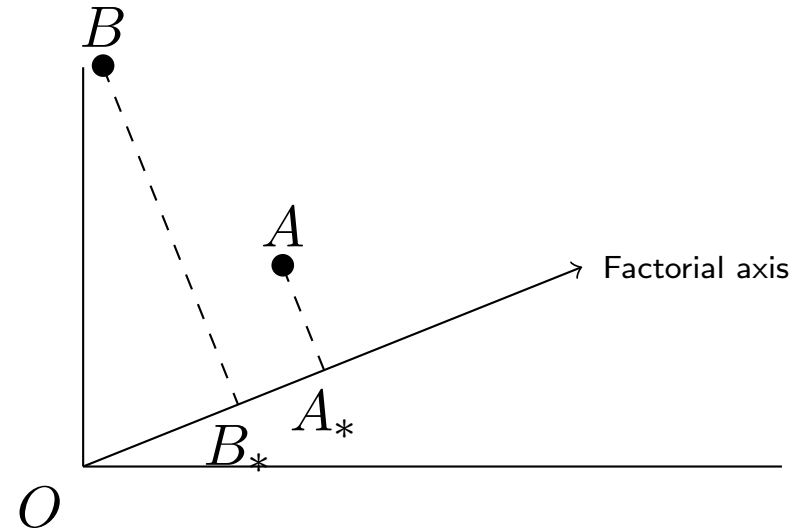
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**Example 3.** Consider the points  $A = (1, 2, 0)$  and  $B = (1, 2, 500)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We project them onto the plan  $\{(x, y, z) : z = 0\}$ . Within this plan,  $A$  and  $B$  are identically while there are very different in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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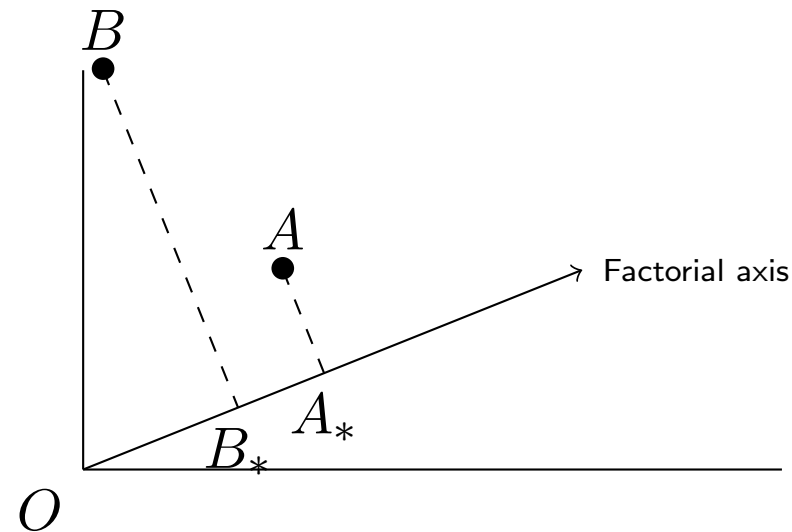


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$$\frac{OA_*^2}{OA^2} = \cos^2 \widehat{AOA_*}.$$

# Individual leverage on a factorial axis

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- Recall that  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2 = \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j^2$ .
- The  $j$ -th factorial axis has contribution

$$100 \times \frac{\lambda_j^2}{\sum_{\ell=1}^p \lambda_\ell^2} \text{ \% of the variance / inertia.}$$

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$$\|\tilde{x}_{.j}\|^2 = 1 \quad \tilde{x}_{.j} = \frac{x_{.j}}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad \text{since } \frac{1}{n}\|x_{.j}\|^2 = 1,$$

hence the projection of the **rescaled variables**  $\tilde{x}_{.j}$  on any factorial plane  $(u_{i_1}, u_{i_2})$  necessarily lies **within the unit circle**.

- It is known as the **correlation circle**.
- In this setting, the projection accuracy  $\cos^2$  simplifies to

$$\frac{OA_*^2}{OA^2} = OA_*^2.$$

# A gentle study on a socio-economic dataset

**TAN** Growth rate (%)

**TXN** Birth rate (%)

**TMI** Child mortality rate (‰)

**ESV** Life expectancy (years)

**M15** % people under 15

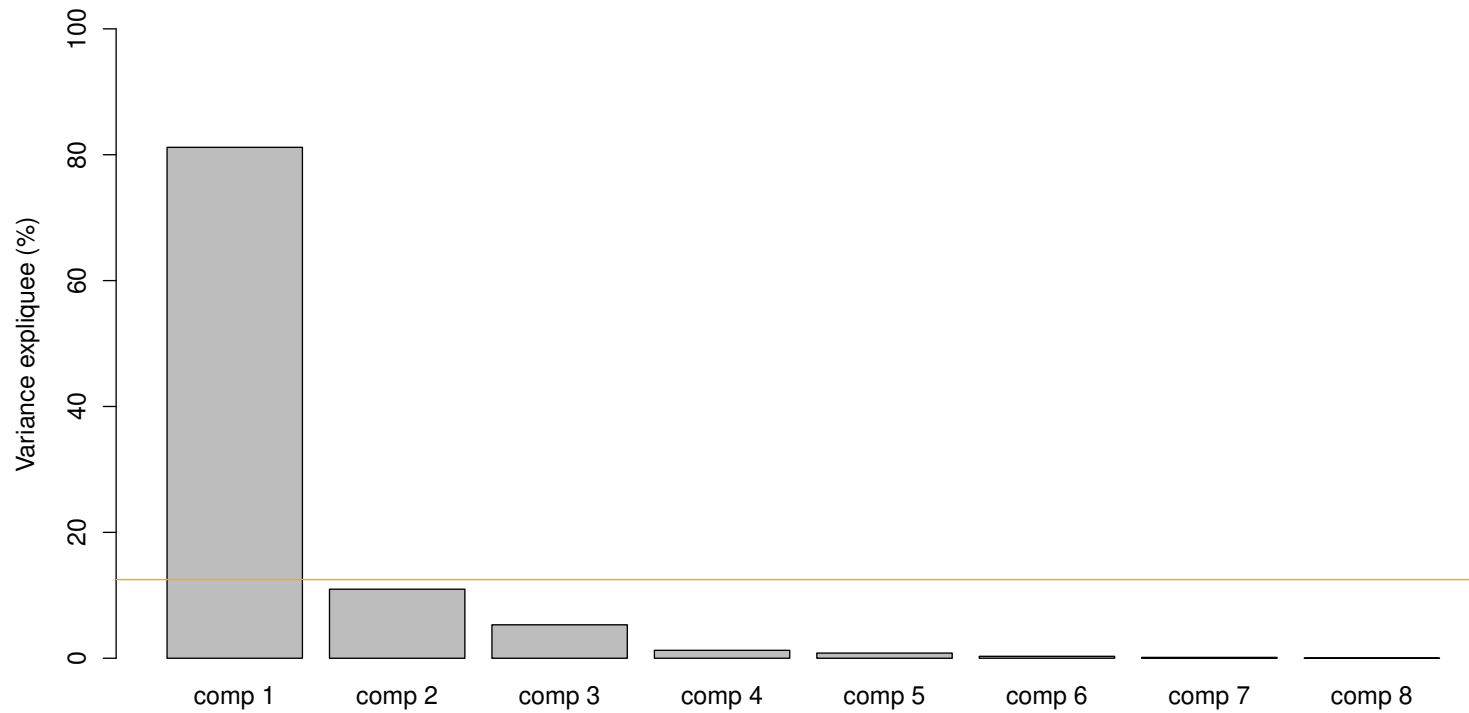
**P65** % people over 65

**PUR** % urban population (%)

**PIB** annual GDP per capita (\$)

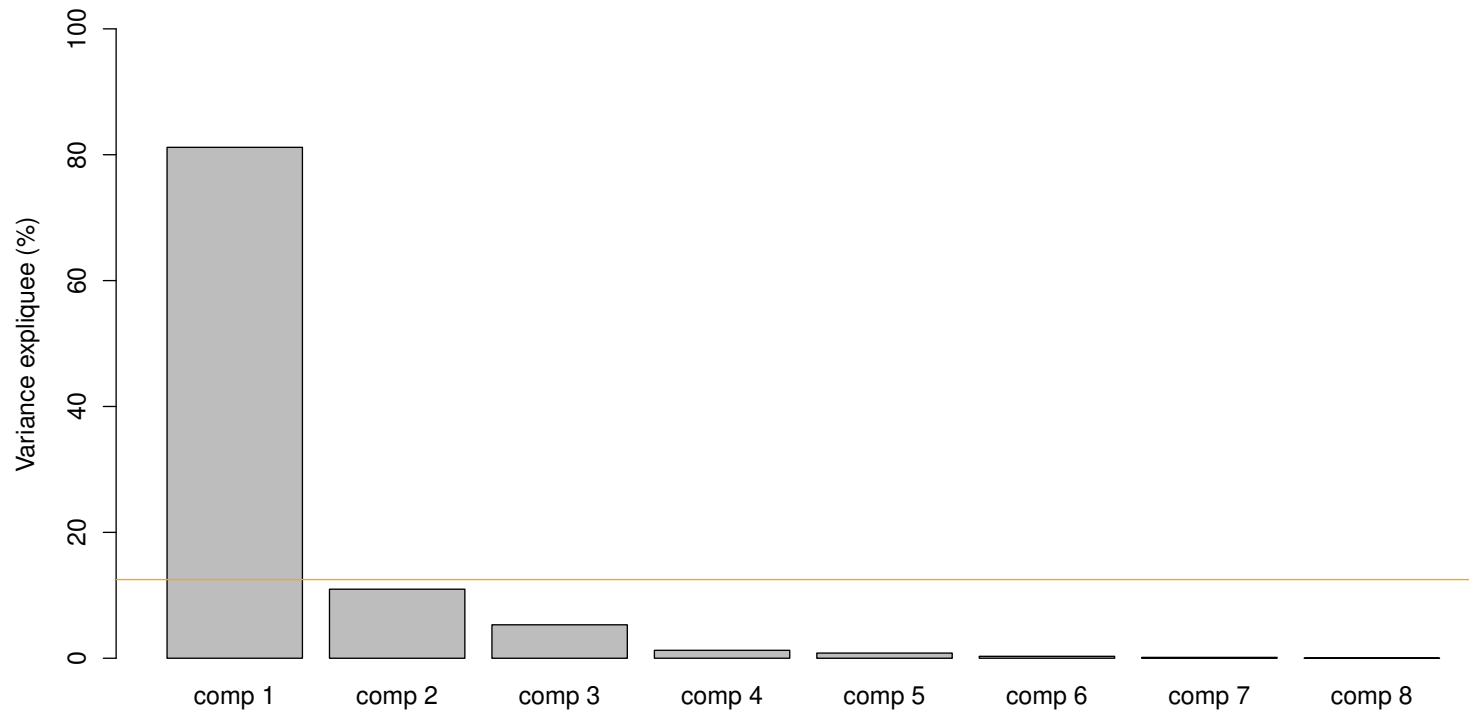
	TAN	TXN	TMI	ESV	M15	P65	PUR	PIB
Norvege	0.1	12	8	76	20	16	80.3	19500
France	0.4	14	8	75	21	13	77.2	15450
Australie	0.8	16	10	76	24	10	87.0	12000
Japon	0.6	12	6	77	22	10	76.5	19100
USA	0.7	16	11	75	22	12	74.0	18200
Bresil	2.1	29	63	65	36	4	74.0	1980
Pologne	0.8	18	19	71	25	9	60.0	4358
Mexique	2.4	31	50	67	42	4	70.0	1480
Maroc	2.6	36	90	60	42	4	44.0	549
Egypte	2.6	37	93	59	40	4	46.5	770
Albanie	2.0	26	43	71	35	5	34.0	840
Niger	2.9	51	141	44	47	3	16.0	205
Inde	2.1	33	101	55	38	4	25.5	275
Chine	1.3	21	61	66	28	5	21.0	255
ArabieSaoudite	3.2	39	79	63	37	2	73.0	5680
Portugal	0.2	12	17	73	24	12	31.0	3400

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👉 Here we could keep only 2 or 3 factorial axis. With 2 axis, we explain  $81 + 11 = 92\%$  of the variance; adding a 3rd axis will explain  $81 + 11 + 5 = 97\%$  of the variance.



# Interpretation

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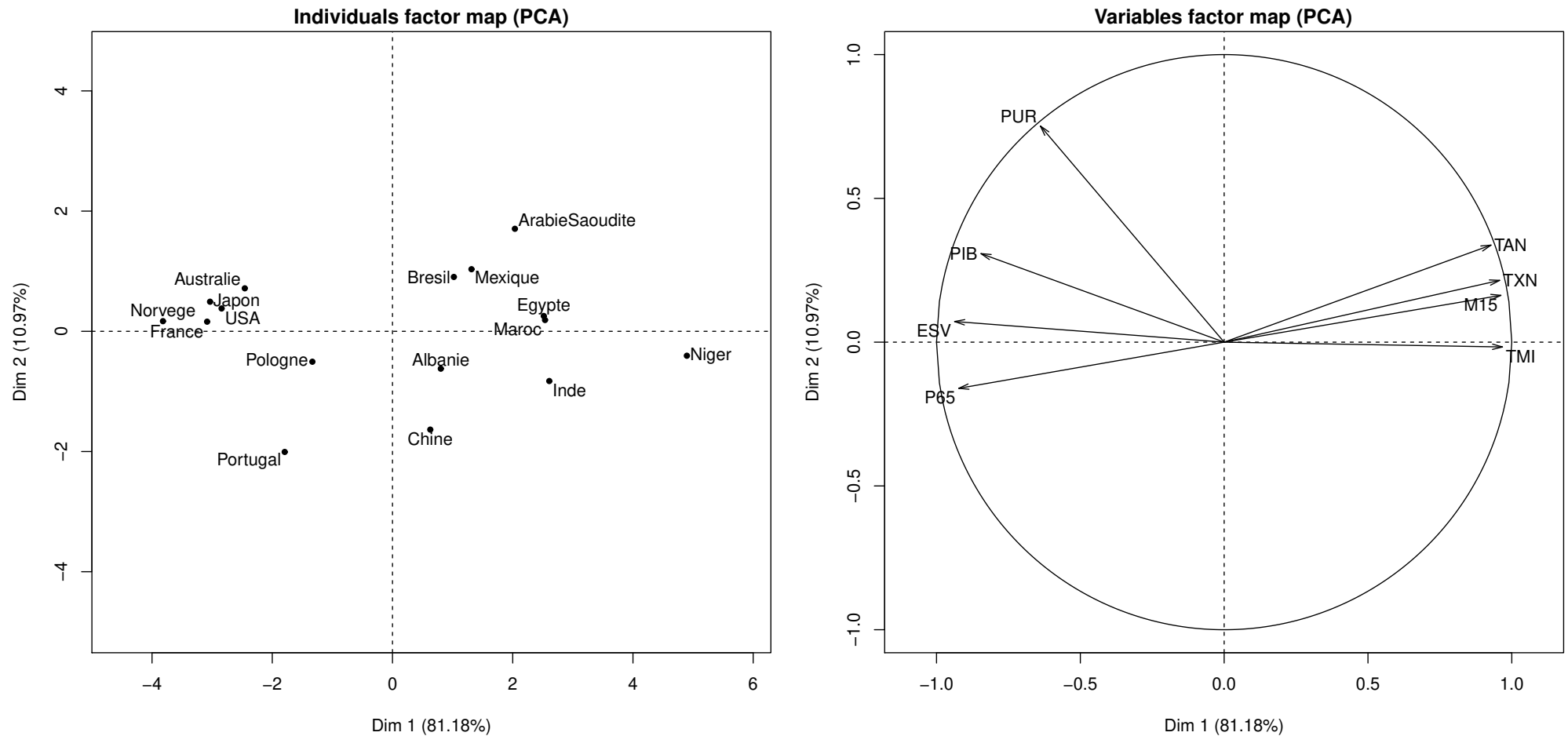
## **Step 1** Analyze the variable

- give a meaning to the axis
- identify clusters of arrows and give them a meaning

## **Step 2** Analyze the individuals

- makes sense of what is the origin
- look at individuals coordinates and interpret them according to Step 1.

# Principal components on the 1st factorial plane (try to interpret it!)



**Figure 19:** Principal component on the 1st factorial plane, i.e., axis 1 and 2. Left: individuals. Right: Variables.

# To go a bit further

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## Supplementary individuals

- Let  $x_{*}$  be a new individual.
- From our PCA, **computed from  $X$  only**, we can project  $x_{*}$  onto the basis formed by  $V$ , i.e.,  $x_{*}V$ .
- It enables to identify how the new individual  $x_{*}$  relates to our previous conclusions derived from the PCA.
- Using duality, we can do the same with a new variable  $x_{*}$ , i.e.,  $x_{*}^{\top}U$ .

## Categorical variables

- PCA is limited to **quantitative variables**
- Actually one can use **categorical variables** as well, but in a different way.
- Those categorical variable won't be used for the SVD but rather for visualization purposes.

# Why using supplementary individuals?

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- Recall that the  $i$ -th individual contributes to the  $j$ -th factorial axis is given by

$$\frac{\|x_i \cdot v_j\|^2}{\lambda_j^2}.$$

- If the above contribution is too large, i.e.,  $\gg 1/n$ , factorial axis may be too dependent such individuals.
- Recall that the aim of a PCA is to put an emphasis on the general behaviour of individuals not only a few!
- We thus may want to treat influential individuals as supplementary.

# Why using supplementary variables?

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- You may wonder why not using all possible information in PCA?
- It may happens that some variables are highly (linearly) dependent
- We may want to treat a variable as supplementary to see how it relates to other variables.

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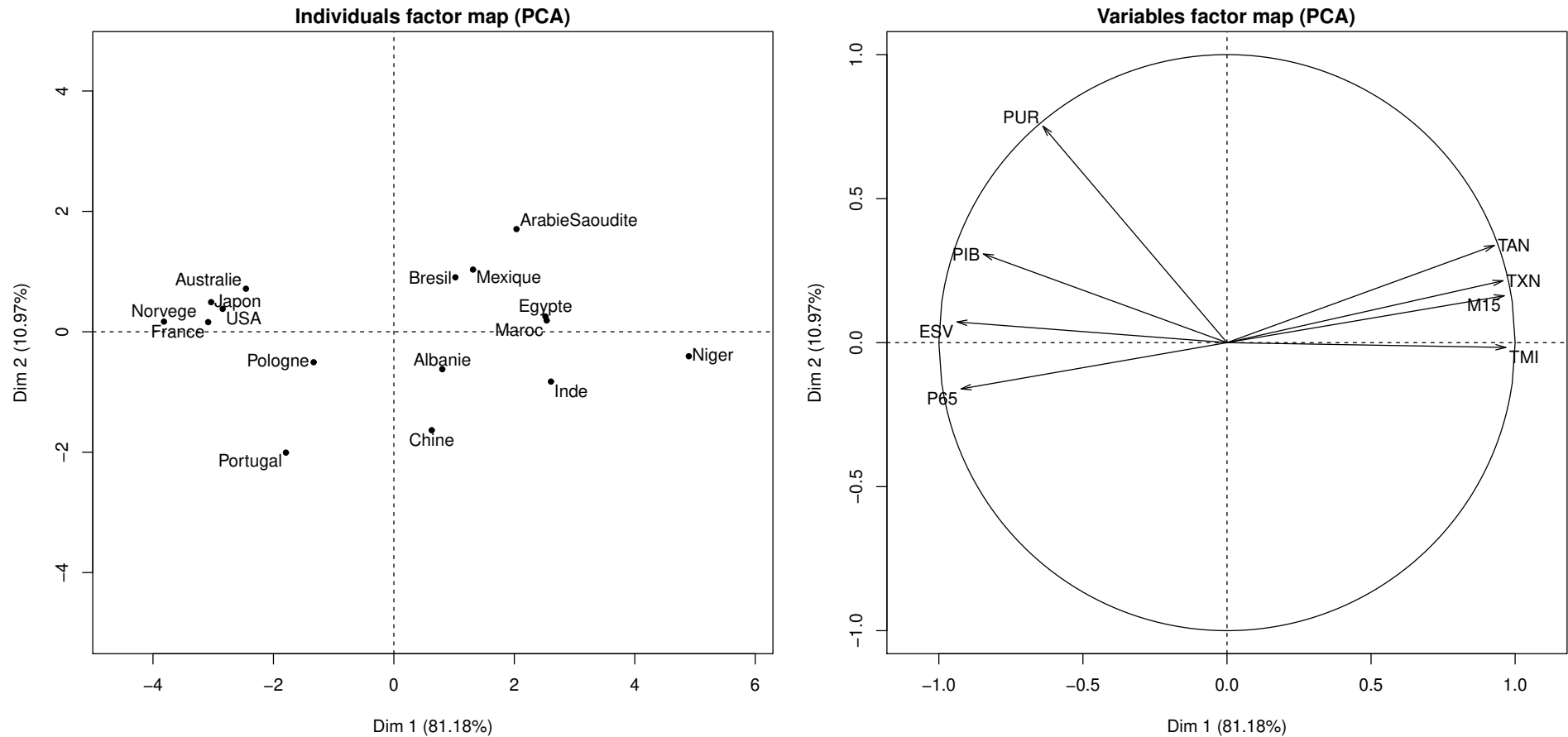


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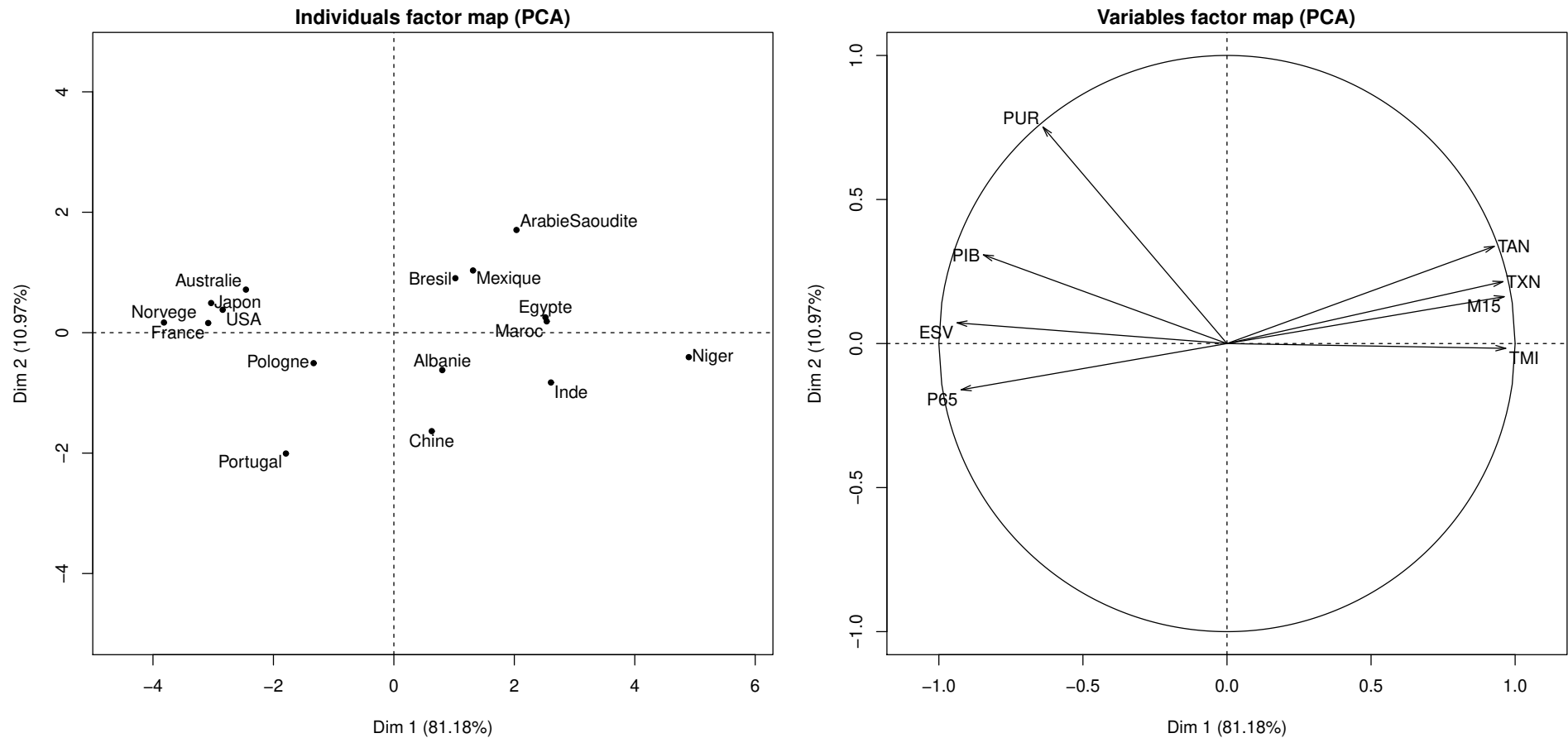


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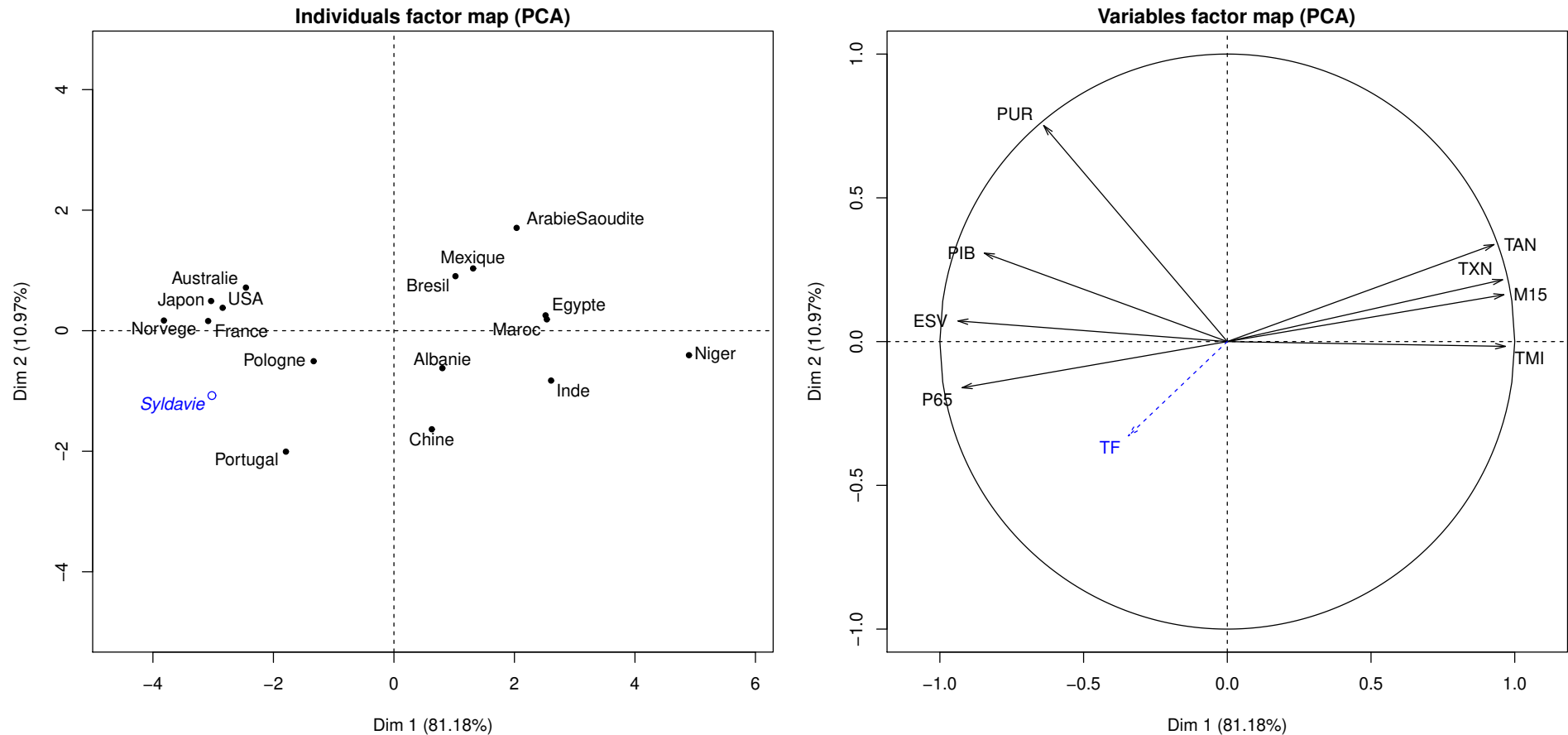


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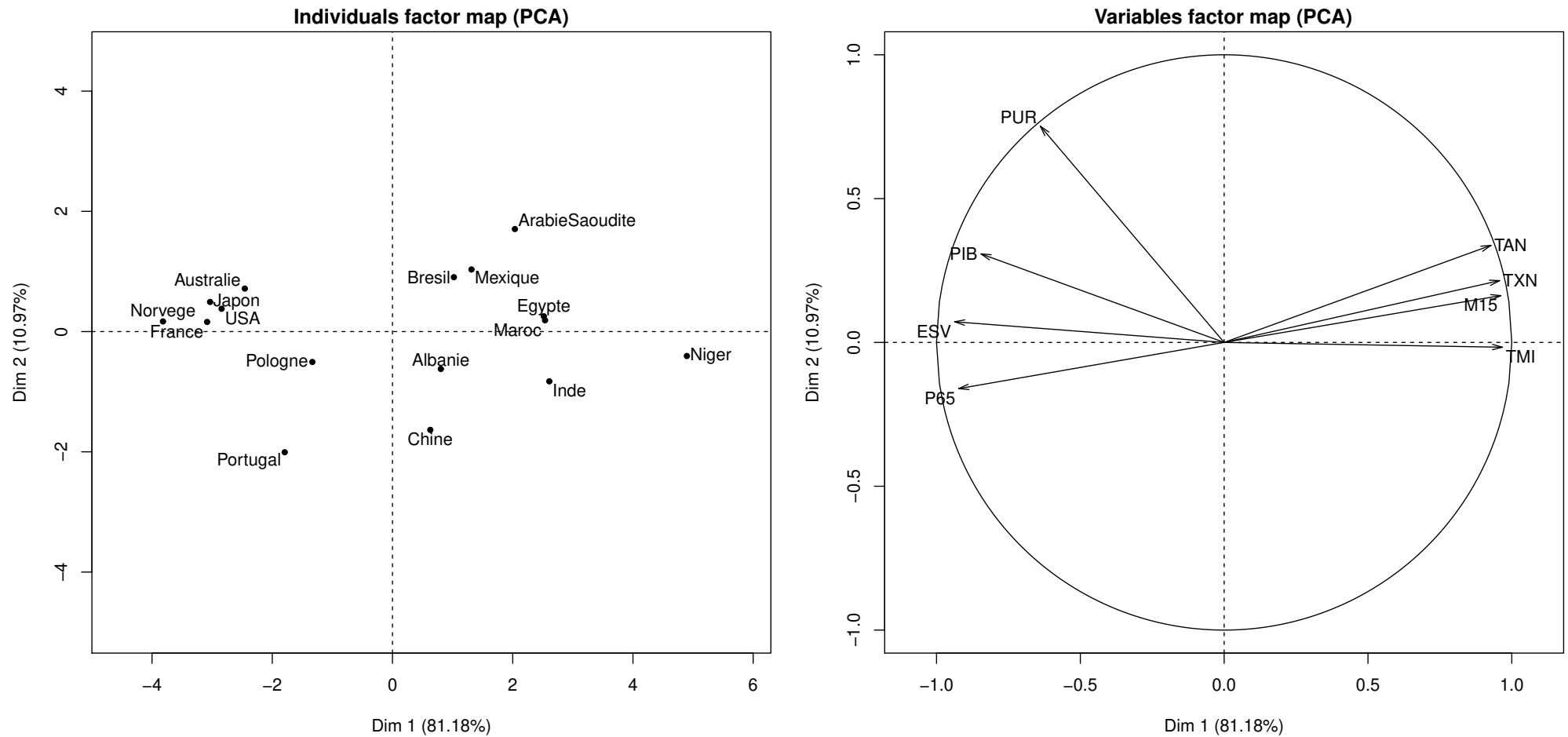


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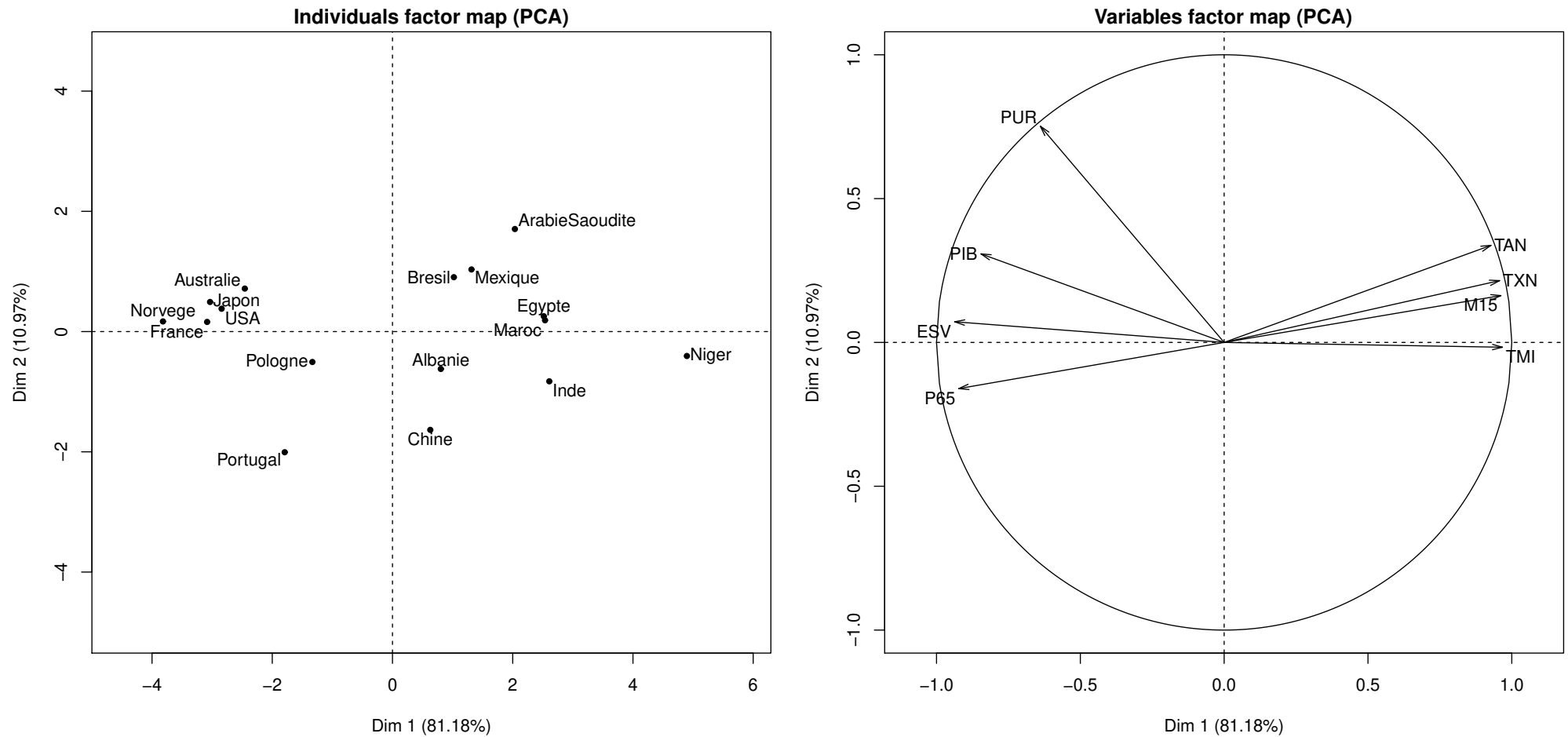


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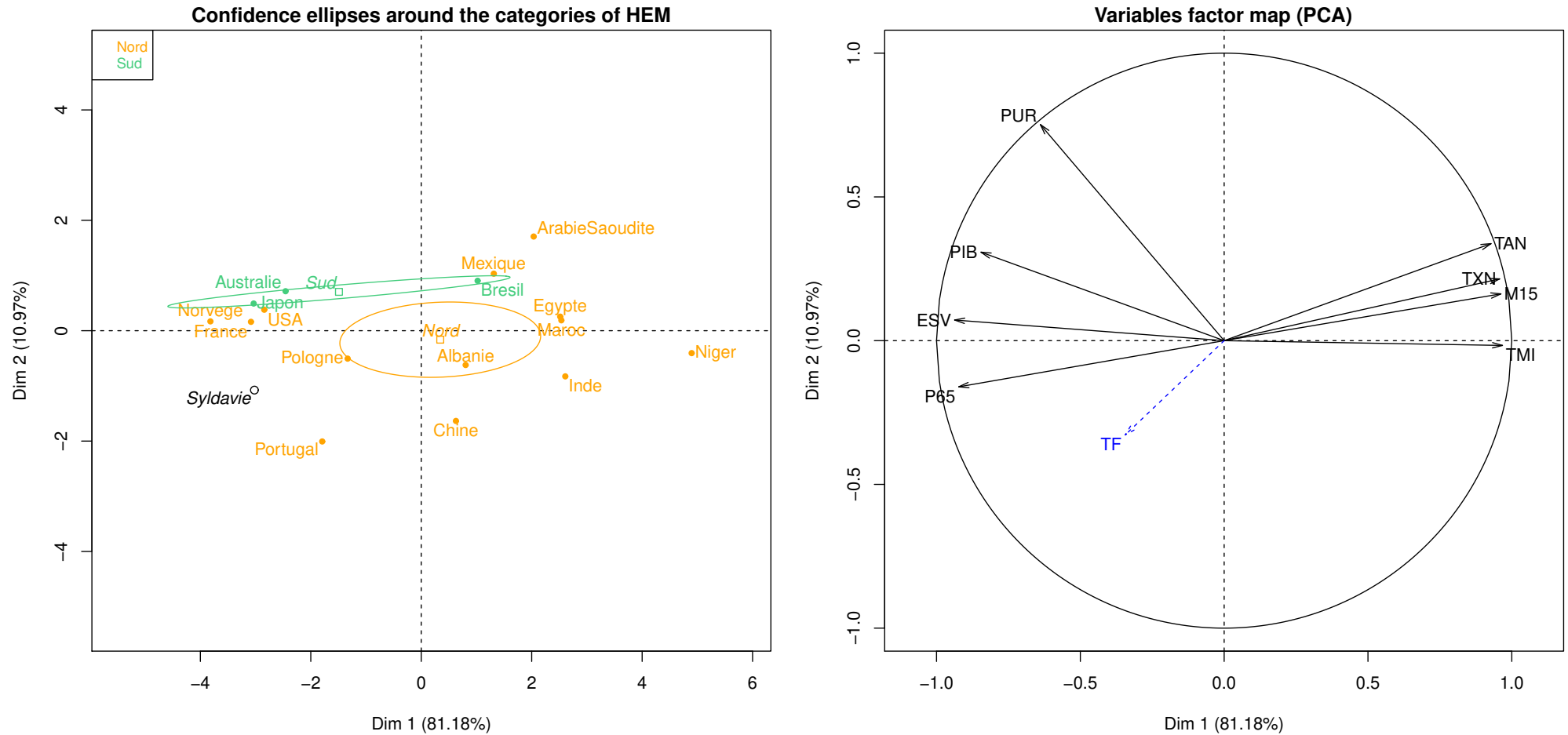


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## 5. Linear models

# Homework

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- Get the book An introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R from [this link](#)
- Read Chapter 3 and do the lab of Section 3.6

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- Linear models is probably the simple statistical model for regression problem.
  - Recall that regression problem aims at predicting some numerical value  $Y$  with respect to some covariates / features  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)^\top$ .
  - It is the simple model as extensions are possible such as:
    - generalized linear models
    - additive models
    - generalized additive models
    - regularized linear model such as ridge, lasso or elastic net.

# Linear regression model

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**Definition 8.** Given a sample  $\mathcal{D}_n = \{(Y_i, X_i) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^p : i := 1, \dots, n\}$ , a statistical model is said to be a (gaussian) linear regression model if we assume

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_p X_{i,p} + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

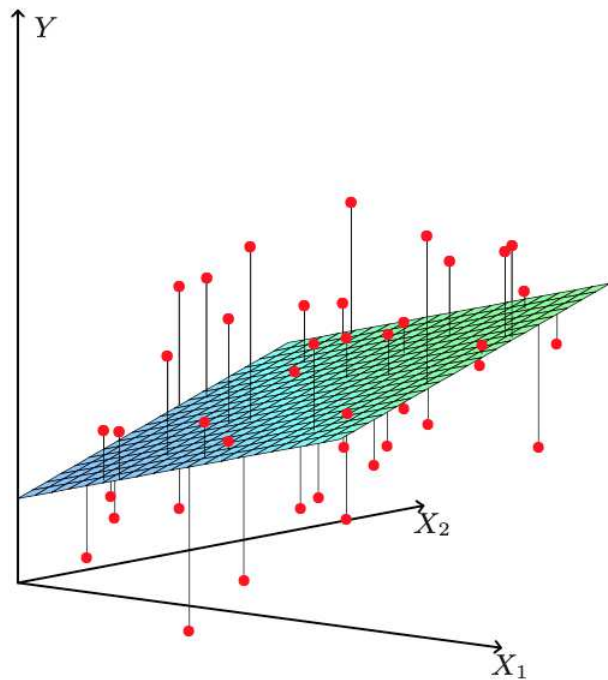
where  $\varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ . More compactly, this can be written (without the Gaussian assumption but only white noise)

$$\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X) = X^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_p)^\top.$$

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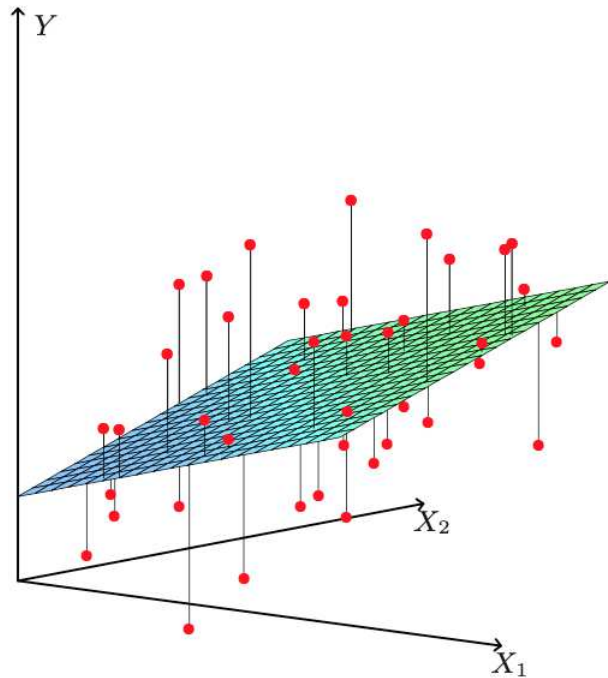
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- One can show that

$$\hat{\beta} = \left( \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y},$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is the design matrix whose  $i$ -th row is  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^\top$ .

- This yields to the prediction

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = H\mathbf{Y}, \quad H = \mathbf{X} \left( \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$$

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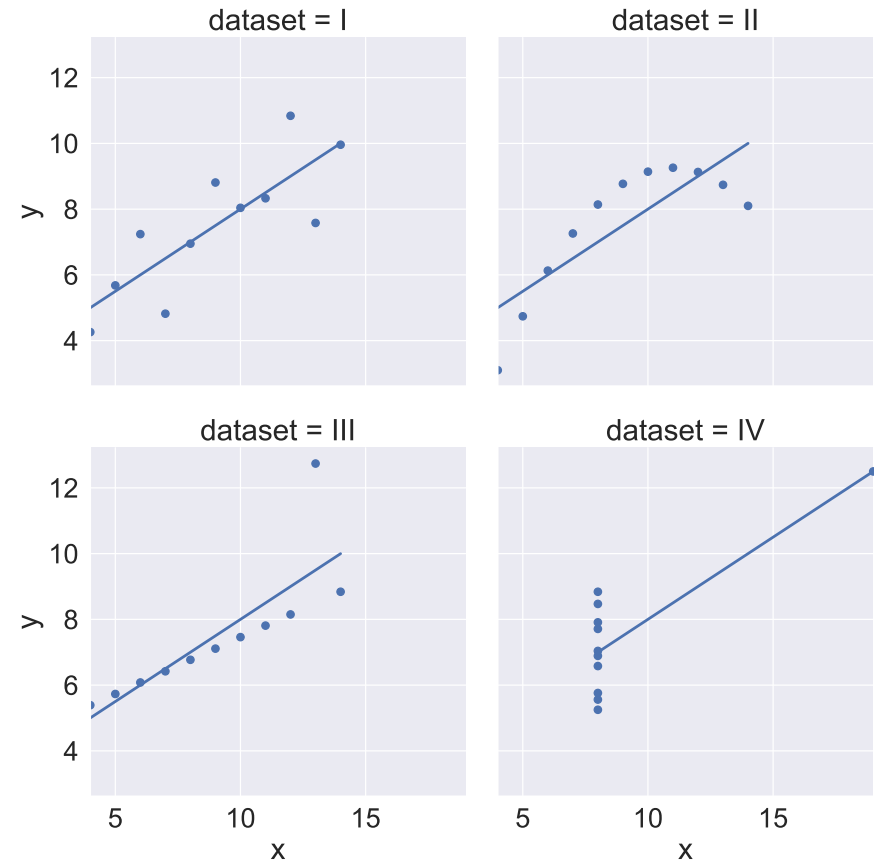
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 Watchout if your model has no intercept the above formula is incorrect and one must use  $R^2 = \text{corr}(\hat{Y}, Y)^2$ .

# Warning: Never trust a single numerical value!

```
>>> import seaborn as sns
>>> df = sns.load_dataset("anscombe")
>>> df
  dataset    x     y
0        I  10.0  8.04
1        I   8.0  6.95
.
.
.
42       IV   8.0  7.91
43       IV   8.0  6.89
>>> df.groupby("dataset").corr().iloc[:,2,-1]**2
dataset
I          x    0.666542
II         x    0.666242
III        x    0.666324
IV         x    0.666707
Name: y, dtype: float64
```





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  - covariates are **orthogonal**—which is typically not the case.

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# Fitting a linear model (sklearn)

```
>>> import faraway.datasets.galapagos ##just for the dataset
>>> galapagos = faraway.datasets.galapagos.load()
>>> galapagos.head()
```

	Species	Area	Elevation	Nearest	Scruz	Adjacent
Baltra	58	25.09	346	0.6	0.6	1.84
Bartolome	31	1.24	109	0.6	26.3	572.33
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Coamano	2	0.05	77	1.9	1.9	903.82

```
>>> X = galapagos.iloc[:, 1:]
>>> Y = galapagos.Species
>>> fit = LinearRegression().fit(X, Y)
>>> fit.coef_
array([-0.02393834,  0.31946476,  0.00914396, -0.24052423, -0.07480483])
```

 The analysis we just made is clearly too basic and we need more theory to do it properly.

 We will use statsmodels rather since sklearn is very limited

# Fitting a linear model (statsmodels)

```
>>> import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
>>> fit = smf.ols('Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scruz + Adjacent', data = galapagos).fit()
>>> fit.summary()
```

## OLS Regression Results

```
=====
Dep. Variable:          Species    R-squared:                0.766
Model:                  OLS        Adj. R-squared:           0.717
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:              15.70
Date:                  Mon, 20 Jun 2022    Prob (F-statistic):       6.84e-07
Time:                  16:28:18          Log-Likelihood:           -162.54
No. Observations:      30              AIC:                      337.1
Df Residuals:          24              BIC:                      345.5
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Covariance Type:       nonrobust
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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
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Omnibus:                12.683    Durbin-Watson:           2.476
Prob(Omnibus):          0.002    Jarque-Bera (JB):        13.498
Skew:                   1.136    Prob(JB):                 0.00117
Kurtosis:               5.374    Cond. No.                  1.90e+03
=====
```

# Fitting a linear model (R)

```
> library(faraway) ## for the dataset
```

```
> head(gala[,-2])
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```
> fit <- lm(Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scruz + Adjacent,  
data=gala)
```

```
> fit
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scruz + Adjacent,  
    data = gala)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	Area	Elevation	Nearest	Scruz	Adjacent
7.068221	-0.023938	0.319465	0.009144	-0.240524	-0.074805

## $t$ -test in linear model (statsmodels)

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- Under the null  $H_0$  (and with a gaussian noise), one can show that the **test statistic** satisfies

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> summary(fit)
```

Call:

```
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    data = gala)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-111.679	-34.898	-7.862	33.460	182.584

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Residual standard error: 60.98 on 24 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.7658, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7171

F-statistic: 15.7 on 5 and 24 DF, p-value: 6.838e-07



# Analysis of variance (ANOVA) (statsmodels)

$H_0: \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$  against  $H_1: \beta_j \neq 0$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$

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$H_0: \beta_1 = \dots = \beta_p = 0$  against  $H_1: \beta_j \neq 0$  for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$

- Under the null  $H_0$  (and with a gaussian noise), one can show that the **test statistic** statisfies

$$T = \frac{(\text{TSS} - \text{RSS}) / (p - 1)}{\text{RSS} / (n - p)} \sim F_{p-1, n-p}$$

Residual standard error: 60.98 on 24 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared: 0.7658, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7171  
F-statistic: 15.7 on 5 and 24 DF, p-value: 6.838e-07

## Anova (II) (statsmodels)

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$H_0: \beta_{\text{Area}} = \beta_{\text{Adjacent}} = 0$       against       $H_1: \text{at least one of the two is non null}$

```
>>> import faraway.datasets.galapagos
>>> import statsmodels.api as sm
>>> import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
>>>
>>> galapagos = faraway.datasets.galapagos.load()
>>>
>>> form = 'Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scruz + Adjacent'
>>> form0 = 'Species ~ Elevation + Nearest + Scruz'
>>> fit = smf.ols(form, galapagos).fit()
>>> fit0 = smf.ols(form0, galapagos).fit()

>>> sm.stats.anova_lm(fit0, fit)
   df_resid      ssr  df_diff      ss_diff          F    Pr(>F)
0         26.0 158291.628568      0.0          NaN          NaN          NaN
1         24.0  89231.366330      2.0  69060.262238  9.287352  0.00103
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```
> library(faraway)
> data(gala)
> fit <- lm(Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scrutz + Adjacent, data = gala)
> fit0 <- lm(Species ~ Elevation + Nearest + Scrutz, data = gala)
> anova(fit, fit0)
Analysis of Variance Table
```

Model 1: Species ~ Area + Elevation + Nearest + Scrutz + Adjacent

Model 2: Species ~ Elevation + Nearest + Scrutz

	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	24	89231				
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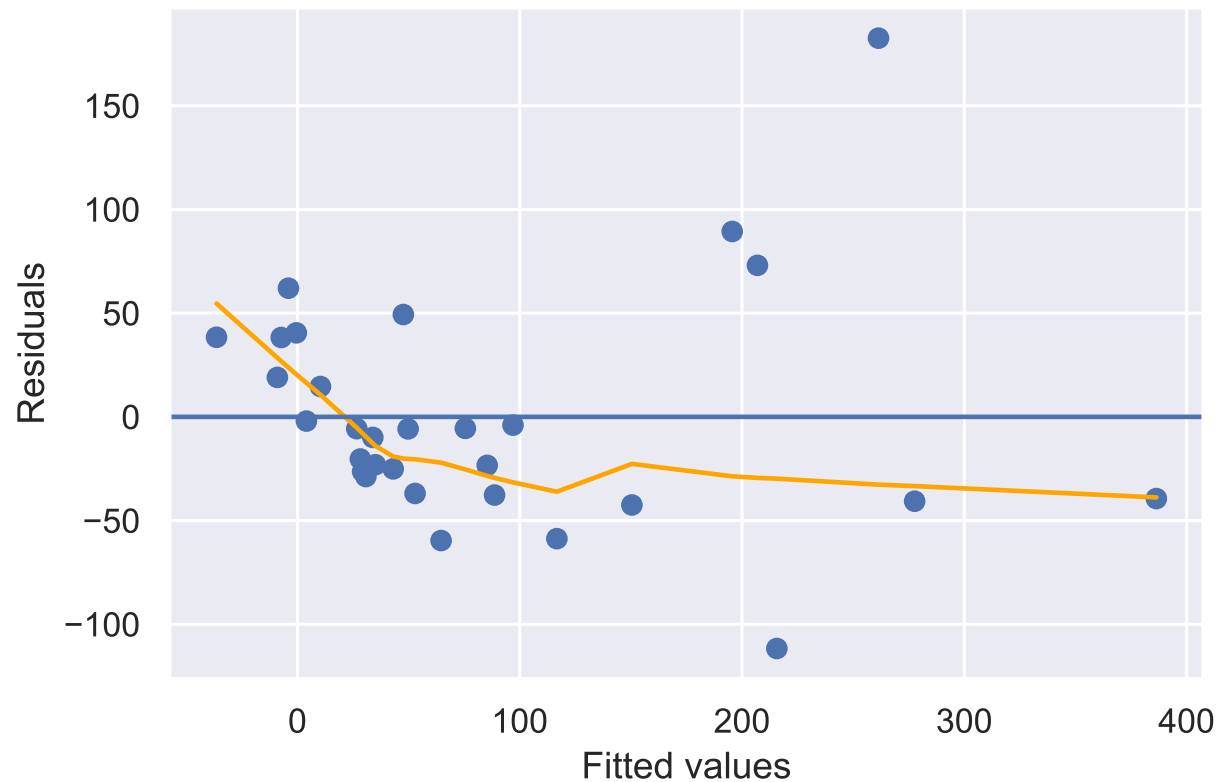
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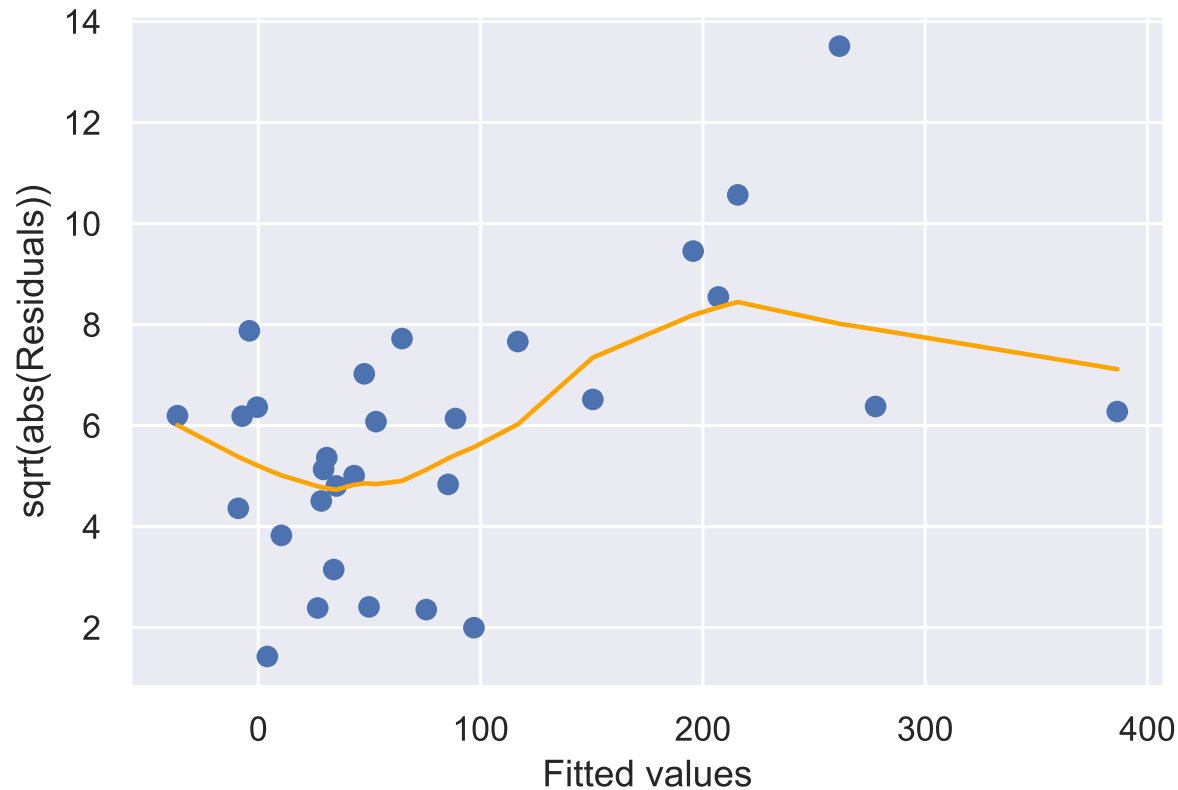
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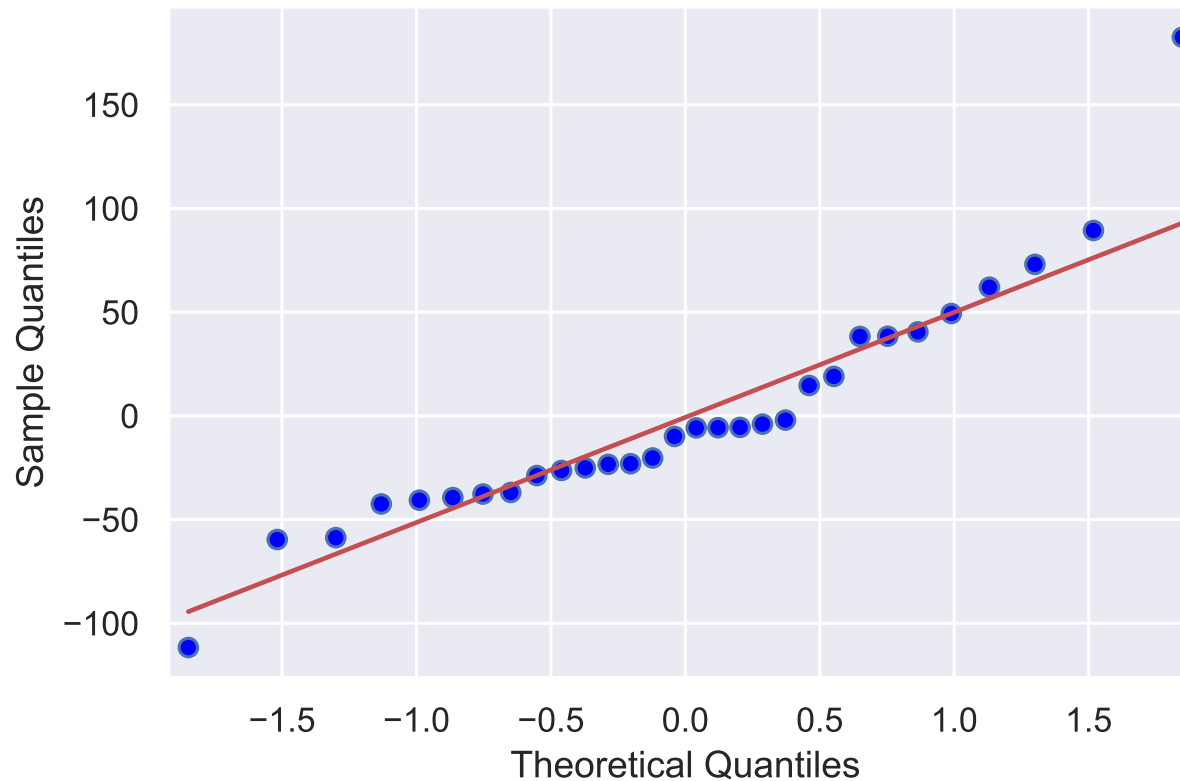
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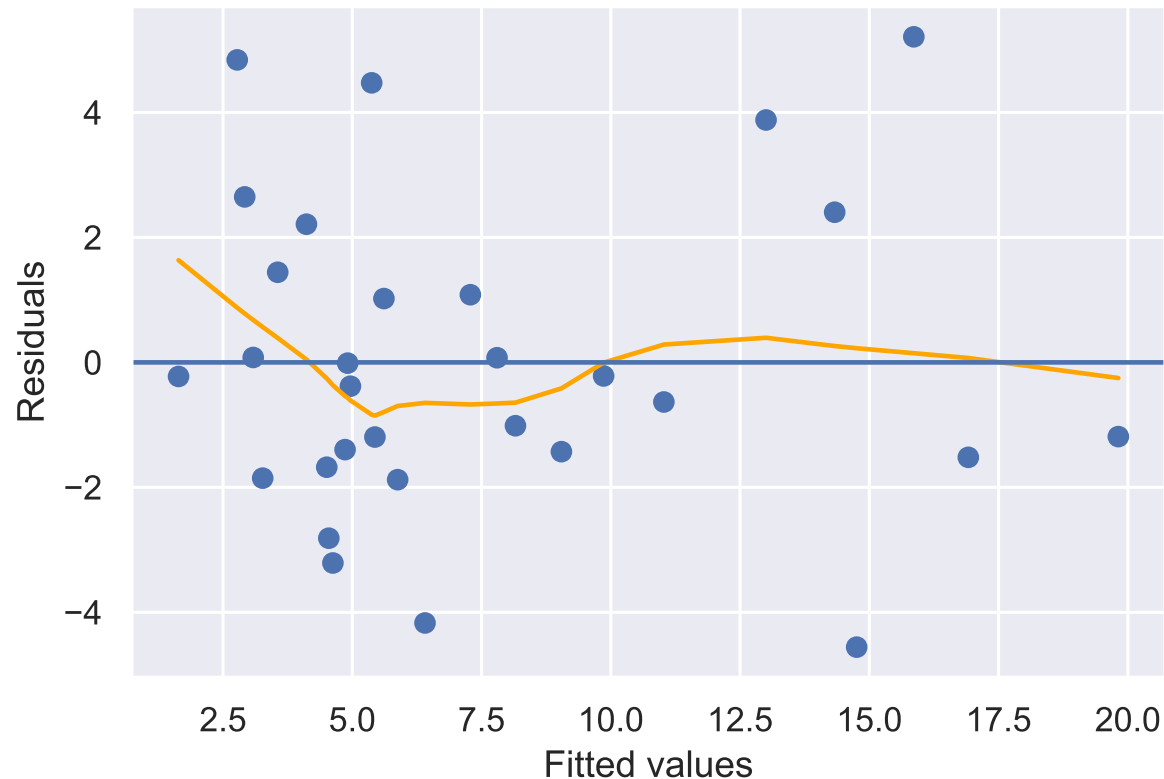
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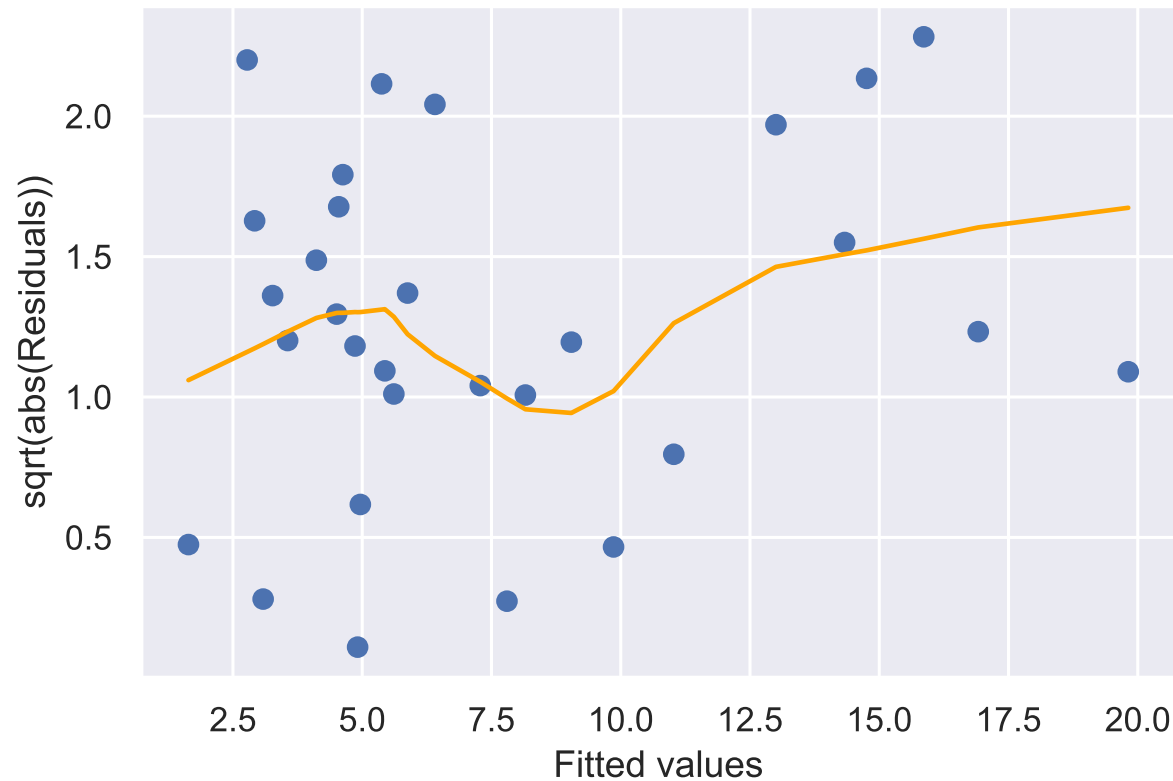
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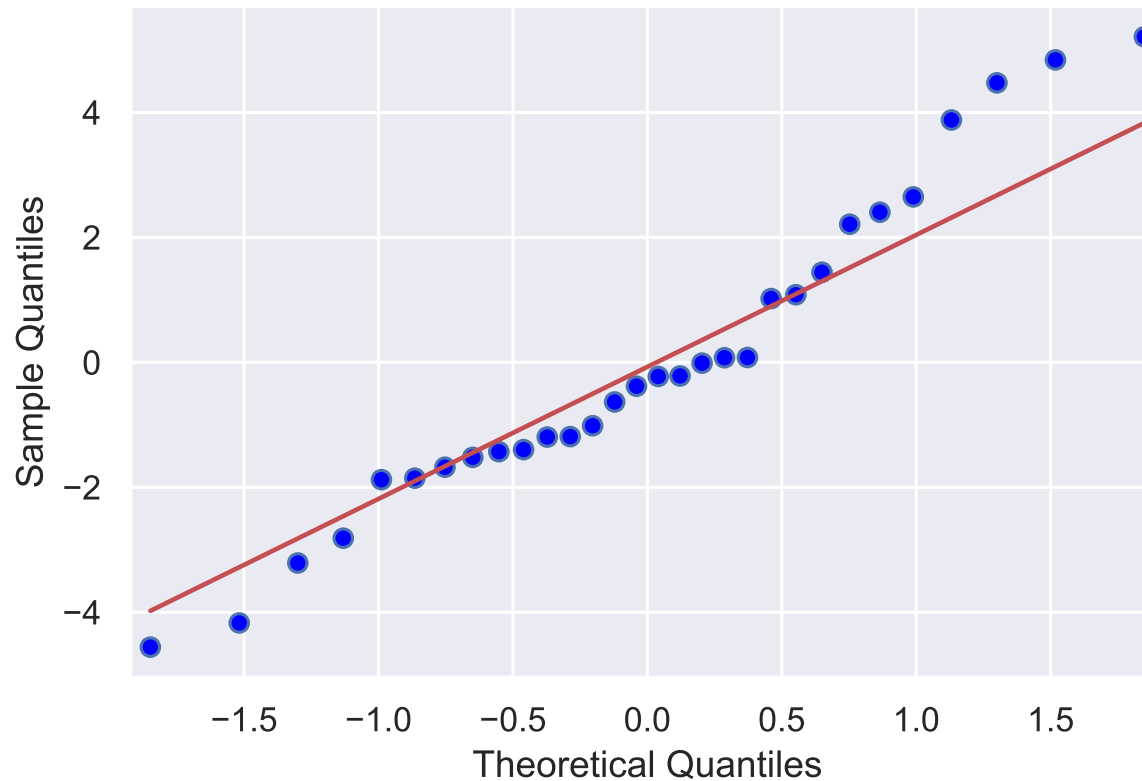
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 Logistic regression could be extended to more than 2 classes but most often different approaches are used in such situations.

## Let's build the model together

- The response  $Y$  is **binary** and a sensible choice to model  $Y$  is thus the **Bernoulli( $p$ )** distribution whose p.m.f. is

$$m(y) = p^y(1 - p)^{1-y}, \quad y \in \{0, 1\}, \quad p = \Pr(Y = 1) = \mathbb{E}(Y) \in [0, 1]$$

- Now since it is sensible to let the probability of “success”  $p$  **depends on some covariates  $x$** , we now have

$$Y \mid X = x \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p(x)).$$

- Working in a parametric setting and paralleling the linear regression model, we may assume the linear form

$$p(x) = x^\top \beta.$$

- ☞ Clearly not relevant since  $x^\top \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ !

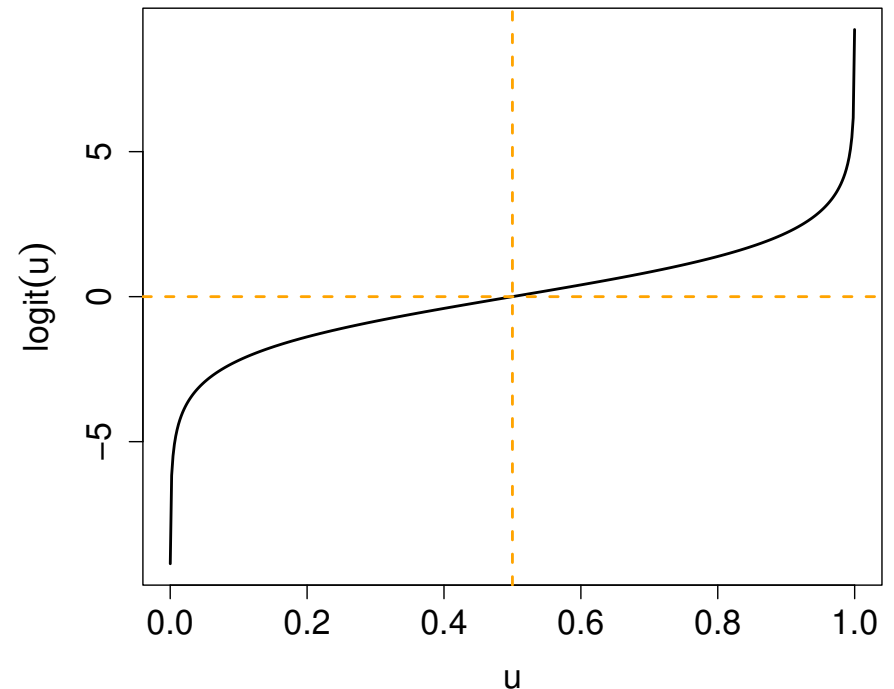
- To bypass this hurdle we thus need to define a **one-one mapping**  $\eta$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\eta: (0, 1) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u &\longmapsto \eta(u)\end{aligned}$$

and set  $\eta(p(x)) = x^\top \beta$ .

- Clearly the linear assumption on  $\eta(p(x))$  now makes sense.
- The **logistic regression model** assumes that  $\eta$  is the **logit function**, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{logit}: (0, 1) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u &\longmapsto \log \frac{u}{1-u}\end{aligned}$$



## An aside: Sigmoid function

- We just defined the logistic function

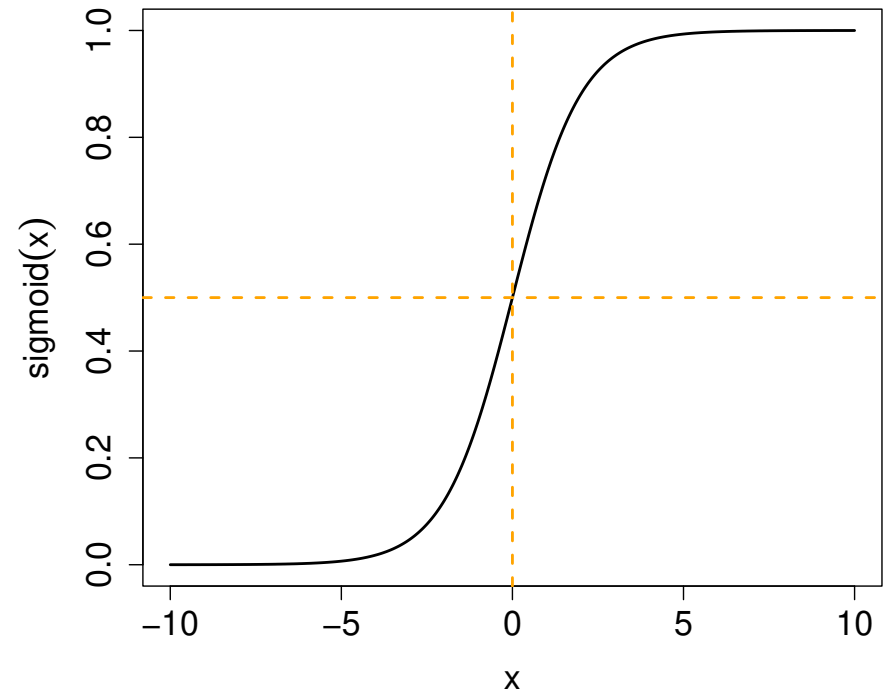
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- The reciprocal of the logit function is nowadays very popular due to the hype of Neural Networks.
- It is known as the **sigmoid function**

$$\text{sigmoid}: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow (0, 1)$$

$$x \longmapsto \log \frac{\exp(x)}{1 + \exp(x)}.$$



## An aside: Generalized Linear Models

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- Actually both the linear and logistic regression models are special cases of **Generalized Linear Models (GLM)**, i.e.,

$$\eta \{ \mathbb{E}(Y | X) \} = x^\top \beta,$$

where  $\eta$  is the **link function**.

- Here are some example of link functions and the corresponding model:

**Linear**  $\eta(u) = u$

**Logistic**  $\eta(u) = \text{logit } u$

**Poisson**  $\eta(u) = \log u$

**Gamma**  $\eta(u) = -u^{-1}$

# Fitting a logistic regression model

- Apart from the trivial case  $\text{logit } p(x) = \beta_0$ , there is no closed form expression for the MLE;
- Gradient based optimization is typically used—most often Newton–Raphson that makes use of the Hessian matrix, i.e.,

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \{ \nabla_{\theta}^2 \ell(\theta_t; \mathcal{D}_n) \}^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\theta_t; \mathcal{D}_n),$$

where  $\nabla_{\theta}^2 \ell(\theta_t; \mathcal{D}_n)$  is the Hessian matrix of  $\ell(\theta_t; \mathcal{D}_n)$ .

- Where for this particular model we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\theta} \ell(\theta; \mathcal{D}_n) &= \mathbf{X}^{\top} \{ \mathbf{Y} - p(\mathbf{X}) \} \\ \nabla_{\theta}^2 \ell(\theta; \mathcal{D}_n) &= -\mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal is  $p(\mathbf{X})\{1 - p(\mathbf{X})\}$ .


 The above algorithm is known as the Fisher's scoring algorithm.

# Predictions

- There are *two types of predictions* in a logistic regression model:
  - response predictor** which estimates  $p(x)$  using  $\hat{p}(x) = \text{sigmoid}(x^\top \hat{\beta})$ ;
  - linear predictor** which predicts  $\text{logit } p(x) = x^\top \beta$  using  $x^\top \hat{\beta}$ .
- Both can serve as a guideline to predict the outcome  $Y$  given  $X = x$ .
- More precisely we use the following (binary) classifier

$$\hat{Y} \mid \{X = x\} = 1_{\{\hat{p}(x) > u\}} = 1_{\{x^\top \hat{\beta} > \text{logit } u\}},$$

where  $u$  is a given threshold, i.e., most often but not invariably  $u = 0.5$ .

 In some cases you might not want to have too many “false alarms”, i.e.,  $\hat{Y} = 1$  while  $Y = 0$ . Think about a spam filter. You can achieve this by increasing  $u$ , e.g.,  $u = 0.8$ .

# Residuals analysis

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- Recall that residuals are given by

$$r_i = Y_i - \hat{Y}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- However since  $Y$  is binary, we thus have  $r_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  which is unfortunate to do diagnostic plots (but see later).
- Hence for logistic regression we rather define residuals as

$$r_i = Y_i - x^\top \hat{\beta}.$$

- Note however that there is still a side effect since

$$r_i = \begin{cases} 1 - x^\top \hat{\beta}, & Y_i = 1 \\ -x^\top \hat{\beta}, & Y_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

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and thus provides artificial patterns.



# What are the odds?

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**Definition 9.** Given a probability  $p$  of some events, the associated **odds** are given by

$$\text{odds}(p) = \frac{p}{1-p} \in (0, \infty).$$

- The odds helps in dermining if an event having probability  $p$  to occur is likely or not.
- More precisely,
  - $\text{odds}(p) > 1$  indicates the event is **more** likely to occur than it does not;
  - $\text{odds}(p) < 1$  indicates the event is **less** likely to occur than it does not.

## Odds in a logistic regression model: quantitative case

- Recall that in logistic regression we have  $p(x) = \Pr(Y = 1 \mid X = x)$ .
- Hence

$$\text{odds}(p(x)) := \text{odds}(x) = \frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)} = \exp \{ \text{logit } p(x) \} = x^\top \beta.$$

- A typical interpretation of odds is when you add a “one unit increase” in quantitative covariate  $x_j$  and state how increased/decreased the odds.
- Indeed let  $x_* = x$  except for, say, the  $p$ -th element which is  $x_{*,p} = x_p + 1$ . We get

$$\text{odds}(x_*) = \exp \left( x_*^\top \beta \right) = \exp \left( x^\top \beta + \beta_p \right) = \text{odds}(x) \exp(\beta_p).$$

👉 Depending on the sign of  $\beta_p$ , and all other covariates being fixed, we can tell if one unit increase in  $x_p$  increases the odds or not and even quantify the change from  $\exp(\beta_p)$ .

## Odds in a logistic regression model: qualitative case

- For **categorical variables** the “one unit increase” has no sense, think about “blue + 1”!
- We can however still interpret the effect of a categorical variable, say  $x_p$ , on the odds.
- To this aim we first fix a **reference level** for  $x_p$ , e.g., blue.<sup>7</sup>
- Recall that if  $x_p$  has  $m$  levels, i.e.,  $x_p \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $x^\top \beta_p$  actually reads

$$\beta_{p,2}1_{\{x_p=2\}} + \dots + \beta_{p,m}1_{\{x_p=m\}}.$$

- In the above expression **level 1 is the baseline level**.

 As previously,  $\exp(\beta_{p,\ell})$  quantify the changes on the odds as we switch from baseline level to the  $\ell$ -th one.

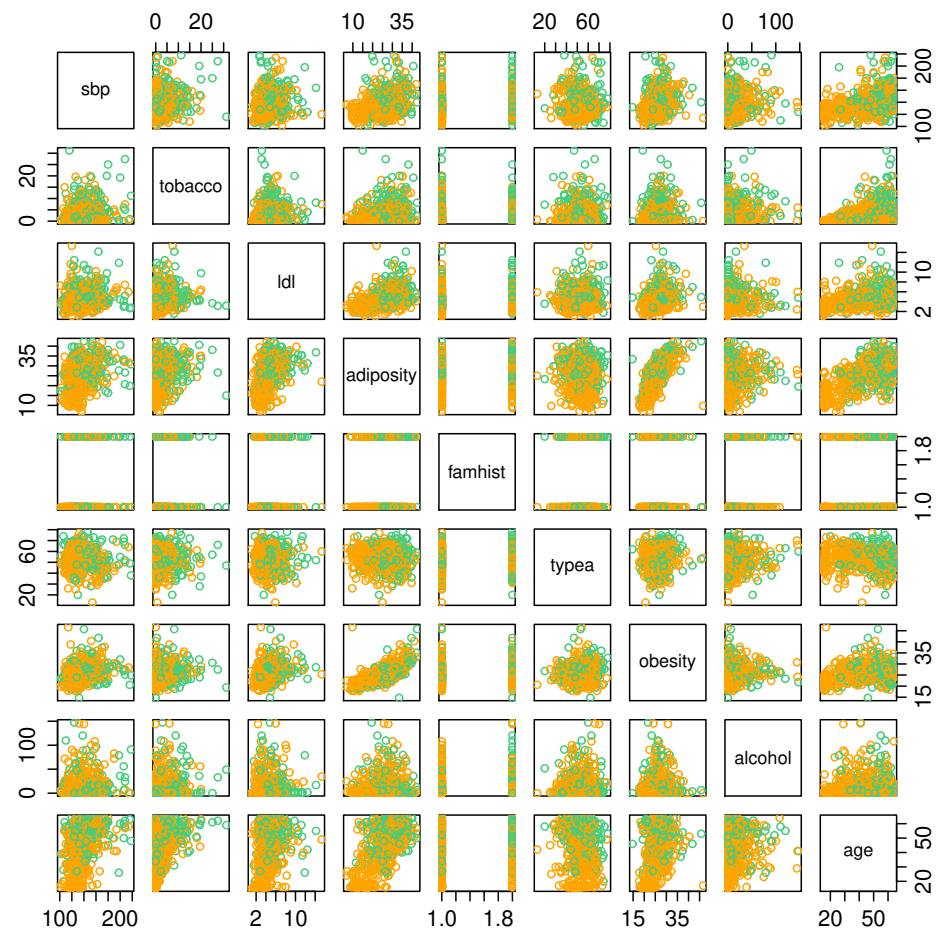
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<sup>7</sup>It is also needed to ensure identifiability of the model parameters.

# South African Heart Disease (Rousseauw et al., 1983)

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- Coronary risk factor study survey carried out in 3 rural areas of the Western Cape in South Africa
- Aim: Establish the intensity of coronary heart disease (chd) factors in that [high incidence region](#)
- Data : While males between 15 and 64 and response variable is the presence or absence of myocardal infarction (MI)
- Overall prevalence in this region is 5.1%
- There are 160 cases in our data set and a sample of 302 controls.
- The main motivation with this study was to educate people to have a balanced diet



**Figure 23:** Scatterplot of the South African heart disease dataset. Green: MI; col1: Control; famhist: 1 if family history of heart disease.

```
> fit <- glm(chd ~ ., data = data, family = binomial)
> summary(fit)
```

```
Call:
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```

```
Deviance Residuals:
```

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.7781	-0.8213	-0.4387	0.8889	2.5435

```
Coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	-6.1507209	1.3082600	-4.701	2.58e-06	***
sbp	0.0065040	0.0057304	1.135	0.256374	
tobacco	0.0793764	0.0266028	2.984	0.002847	**
ldl	0.1739239	0.0596617	2.915	0.003555	**
adiposity	0.0185866	0.0292894	0.635	0.525700	
famhistPresent	0.9253704	0.2278940	4.061	4.90e-05	***
typea	0.0395950	0.0123202	3.214	0.001310	**
obesity	-0.0629099	0.0442477	-1.422	0.155095	
alcohol	0.0001217	0.0044832	0.027	0.978350	
age	0.0452253	0.0121298	3.728	0.000193	***

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AIC: 492.14
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(Intercept)	-1.92831	0.61692	-3.126	0.00177 **
obesity	0.04942	0.02318	2.132	0.03302 *

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# Lesson to be learned

- You should interpret with caution non-significance of `group` of covariates.
- Ideally you should remove sequentially the least significant covariate until you couldn't drop anything
- Or, if you're a bit reckless, use `stepAIC` or variants

```
> library(MASS)
> fit.step <- stepAIC(fit)
> summary(fit.step)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = chd ~ tobacco + ldl + famhist + typea + age, family = binomial,
     data = data)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.9165	-0.8054	-0.4430	0.9329	2.6139

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	-6.44644	0.92087	-7.000	2.55e-12	***
tobacco	0.08038	0.02588	3.106	0.00190	**
ldl	0.16199	0.05497	2.947	0.00321	**
famhistPresent	0.90818	0.22576	4.023	5.75e-05	***
typea	0.03712	0.01217	3.051	0.00228	**
age	0.05046	0.01021	4.944	7.65e-07	***

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- How do we interpret for instance famhistPresent?
- If a patient has a family history heart disease, it **increases the odds** of coronary heart disease of  $\exp(0.90818) \approx 2.5$  or equivalently 150%.
- And a 95% confidence interval for this odds ratio is

$$\exp(0.90818 \pm 1.96 \times 0.22576) \approx [2, 3].$$

# Logistic regression as a binary classifier

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- Remember that the outcome  $Y$  for the logistic regression is binary.
- We suppose as well as the probability of “success”, i.e., having  $Y = 1$ , depends on some covariates  $x$  as follows

$$\text{logit } p(x) = x^T \beta, \quad p(x) = \Pr(Y = 1 \mid X = x).$$

- Given some features  $x_*$ , how could we say that  $Y$  should be 1 or 0?
- One widely used way is to take

$$\hat{Y} = \begin{cases} 1, & p(x) \geq 0.5 \\ 0, & p(x) < 0.5. \end{cases}$$

*Remark.* The cutoff value  $u = 0.5$  is arbitrary<sup>8</sup> and, depending on the application, one could use different levels  $u \in (0, 1)$ . Think about fraud detection.

<sup>8</sup>but has theoretical justifications