



GLM III

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- The Tweedie distribution
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Y variate

Link
function

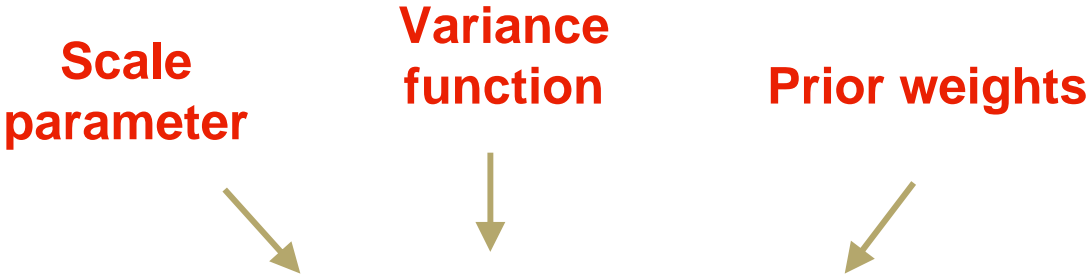
Design
matrix

Parameter
estimates

Offset

Formularization of GLMs

Scale parameter Variance function Prior weights


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Link function

Eg if $\sum X_{ij} \cdot \beta_j =$

$\alpha + \beta$ if male + γ if small car + δ if big car

$$g(x) = x \Rightarrow E[Y_i] = \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) = \ln(x) \Rightarrow E[Y_i] &= e^{\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta} \\ &= e^{\alpha} \cdot e^{\beta} \cdot e^{\gamma} \cdot e^{\delta} \\ &= A \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D \end{aligned}$$

Box-Cox link function test

$$E[Y_i] = \mu_i = g^{-1}(\sum X_{ij} \cdot \beta_j + \xi_i) \quad \text{Var}[Y_i] = \phi \cdot V(\mu_i) / \omega_i$$

Box-Cox link function defined as:

$$g(x) = (x^\lambda - 1) / \lambda \text{ for } \lambda \neq 0; \ln(x) \text{ for } \lambda = 0$$

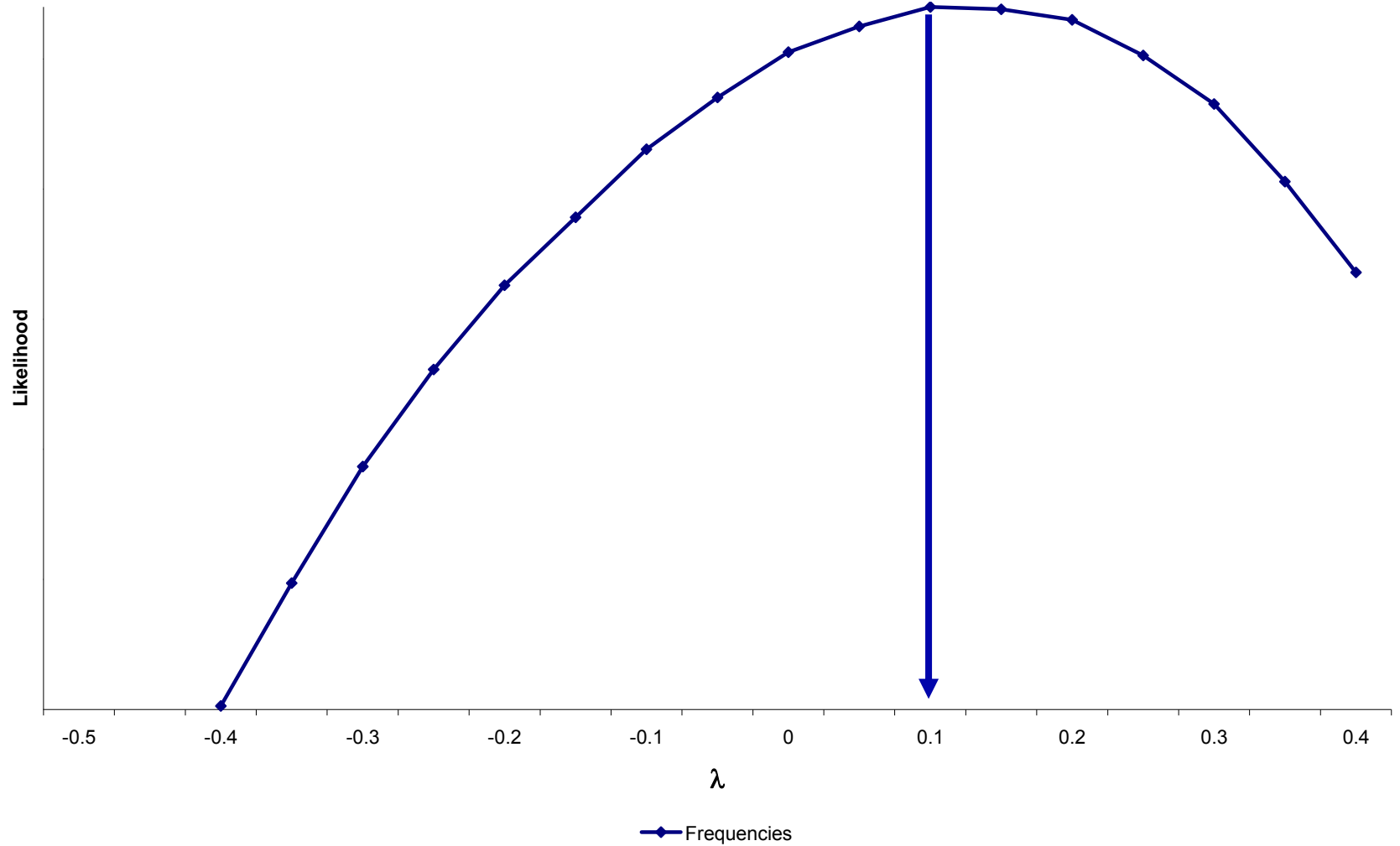
$$\lambda = 1 \quad \Rightarrow g(x) = (x - 1) \Rightarrow \text{additive (with a base level shift)}$$

$$\lambda \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow g(x) \rightarrow \ln(x) \Rightarrow \text{multiplicative (via l'Hôpital)}$$

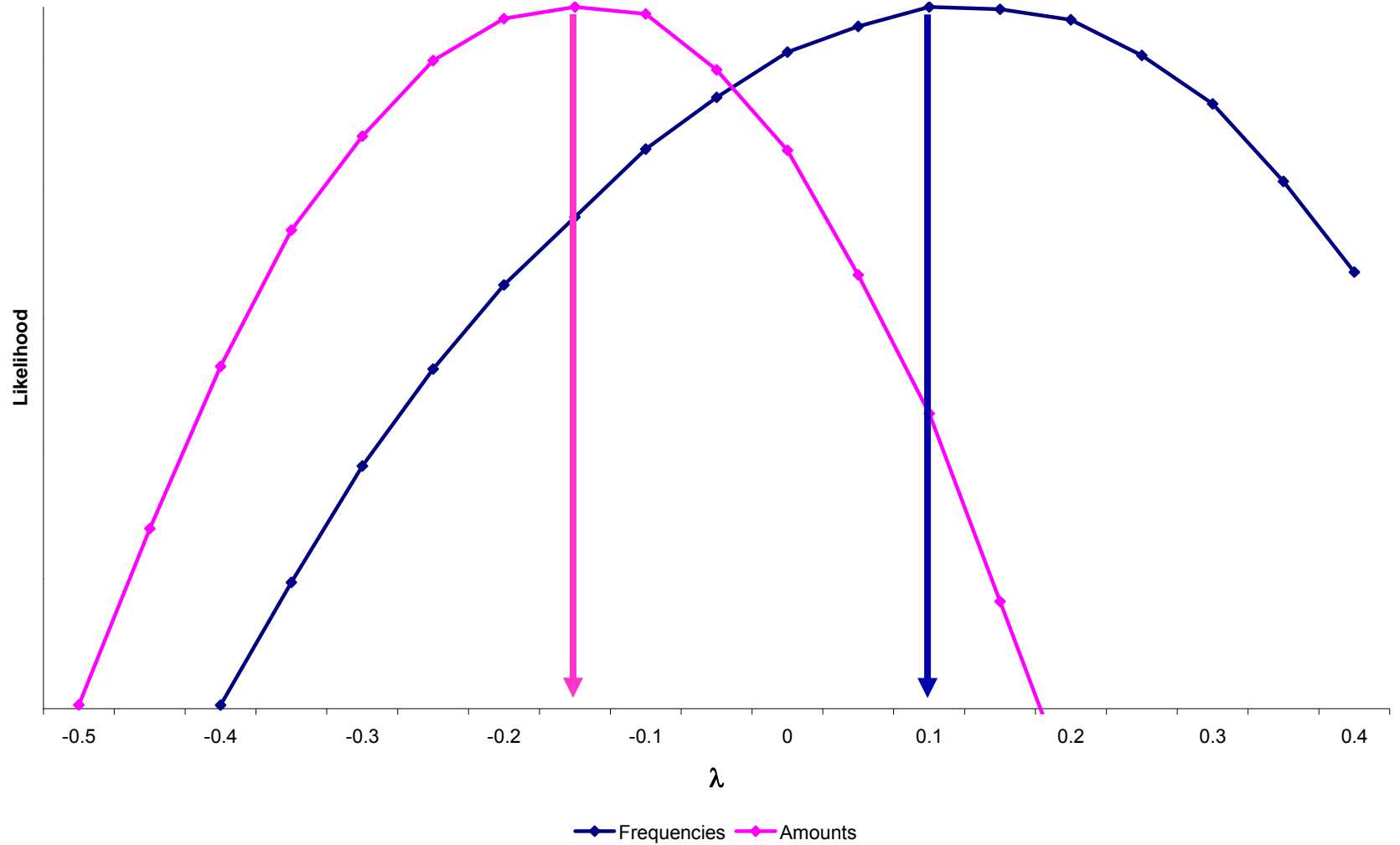
$$\lambda = -1 \quad \Rightarrow g(x) = 1 - 1/x \Rightarrow \text{inverse (with a base level shift)}$$

Test a range of values of λ and see which maximizes likelihood

Box-Cox link function test

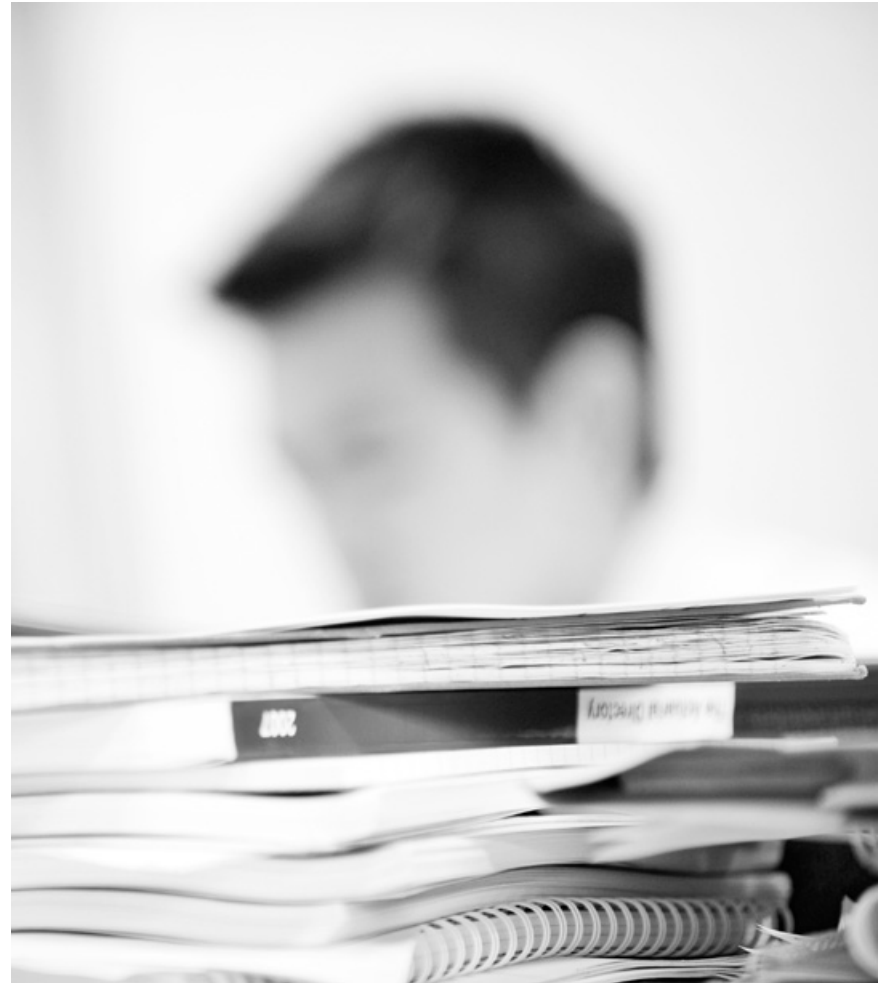


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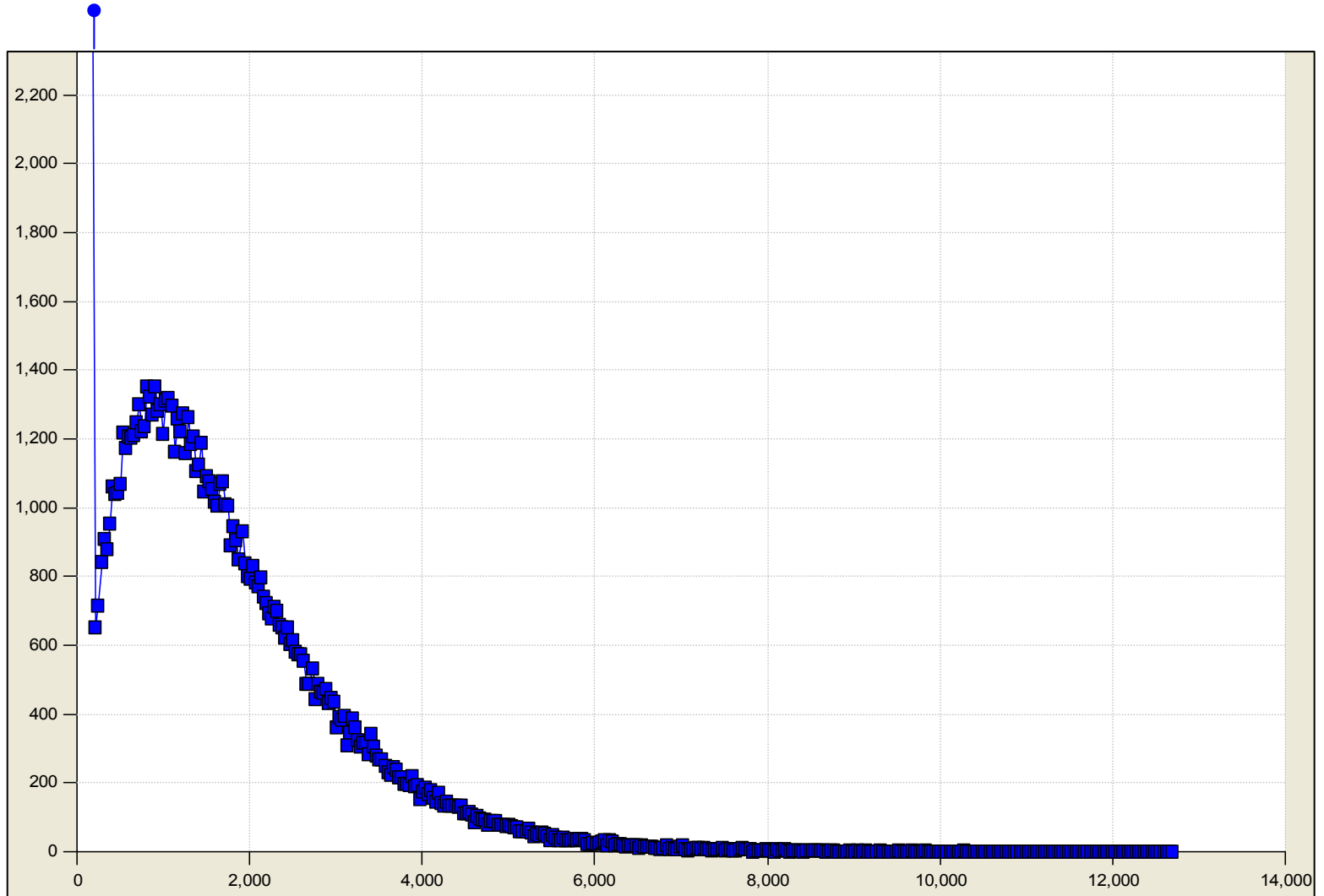


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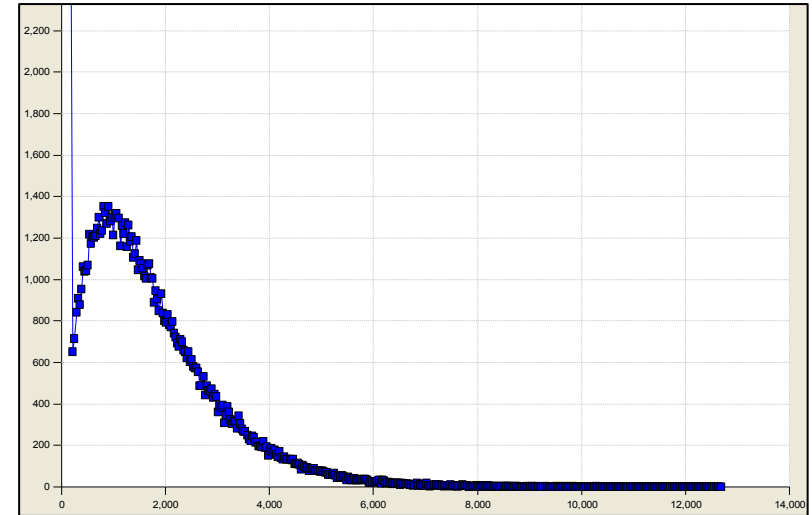


Tweedie GLMs



Tweedie GLMs

- Incurred losses have a point mass at zero and then a continuous distribution
- Poisson and gamma not suited to this
- Tweedie distribution has
 - point mass at zero
 - a parameter which changes shape above zero



$$f_Y(y; \theta, \lambda, \alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\{(\lambda \omega)^{1-\alpha} \kappa_{\alpha}(-1/y)\}^n}{\Gamma(-n\alpha) n! y} \cdot \exp\{\lambda \alpha [\theta_0 y - \kappa_{\alpha}(\theta_0)]\} \quad \text{for } y > 0$$

$$p(Y = 0) = \exp\{-\lambda \omega \kappa_{\alpha}(\theta_0)\}$$

$$E[Y_i] = \mu_i = g^{-1}(\sum X_{ij} \cdot \beta_j + \xi_i)$$

$$\text{Var}[Y_i] = \phi \cdot V(\mu_i) / \omega_i$$

Normal: $\phi = \sigma^2, \quad V[x] = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}[Y_i] = \sigma^2$

Poisson: $\phi = 1, \quad V[x] = x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}[Y_i] = \mu_i$

Gamma: $\phi = k, \quad V[x] = x^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}[Y_i] = k\mu_i^2$

Tweedie: $\phi = k, \quad V[x] = x^p \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}[Y_i] = k\mu_i^p$

Tweedie GLMs

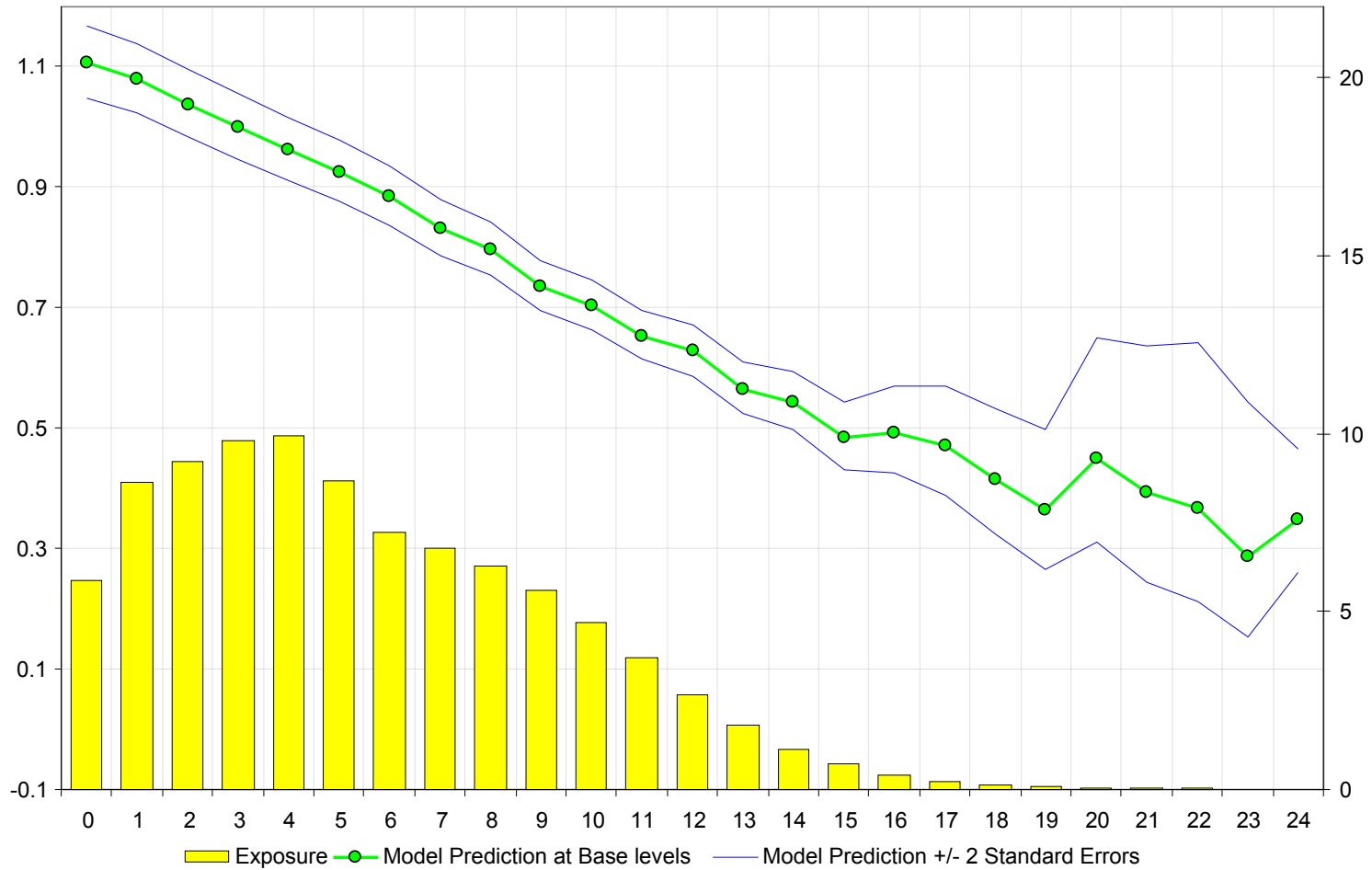
Tweedie: $\phi=k, V[x]=x^p \Rightarrow \text{Var}[Y_i] = k\mu_i^p$

- $p=1$ Poisson
- $p=2$ gamma
- $1 < p < 2$ Poisson/gamma process
(can also be < 0 or > 2)
- Need to estimate both k and p when fitting models
- Typically $p \approx 1.5$ for incurred claims

Example 1



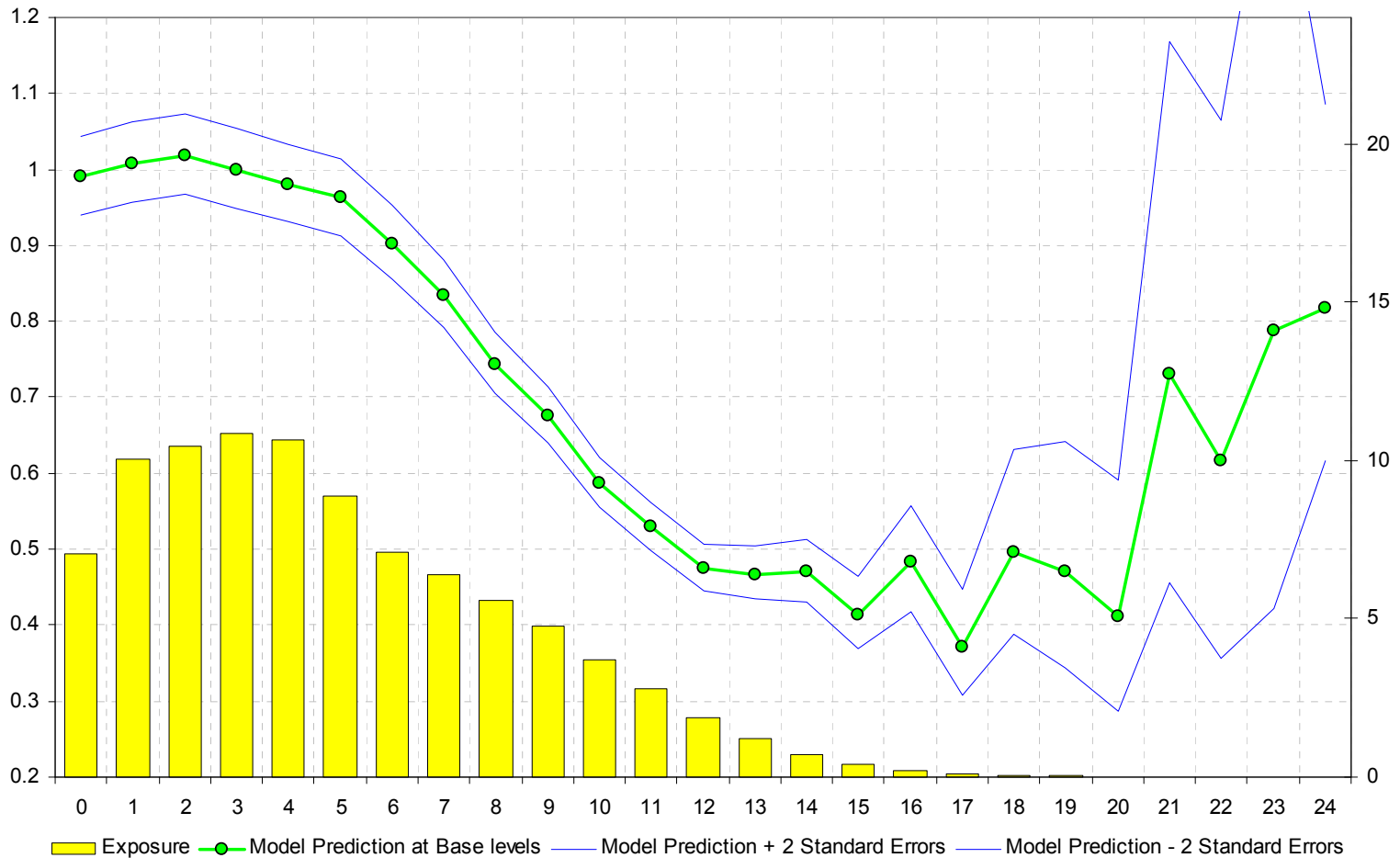
Vehicle age - frequency



Example 1

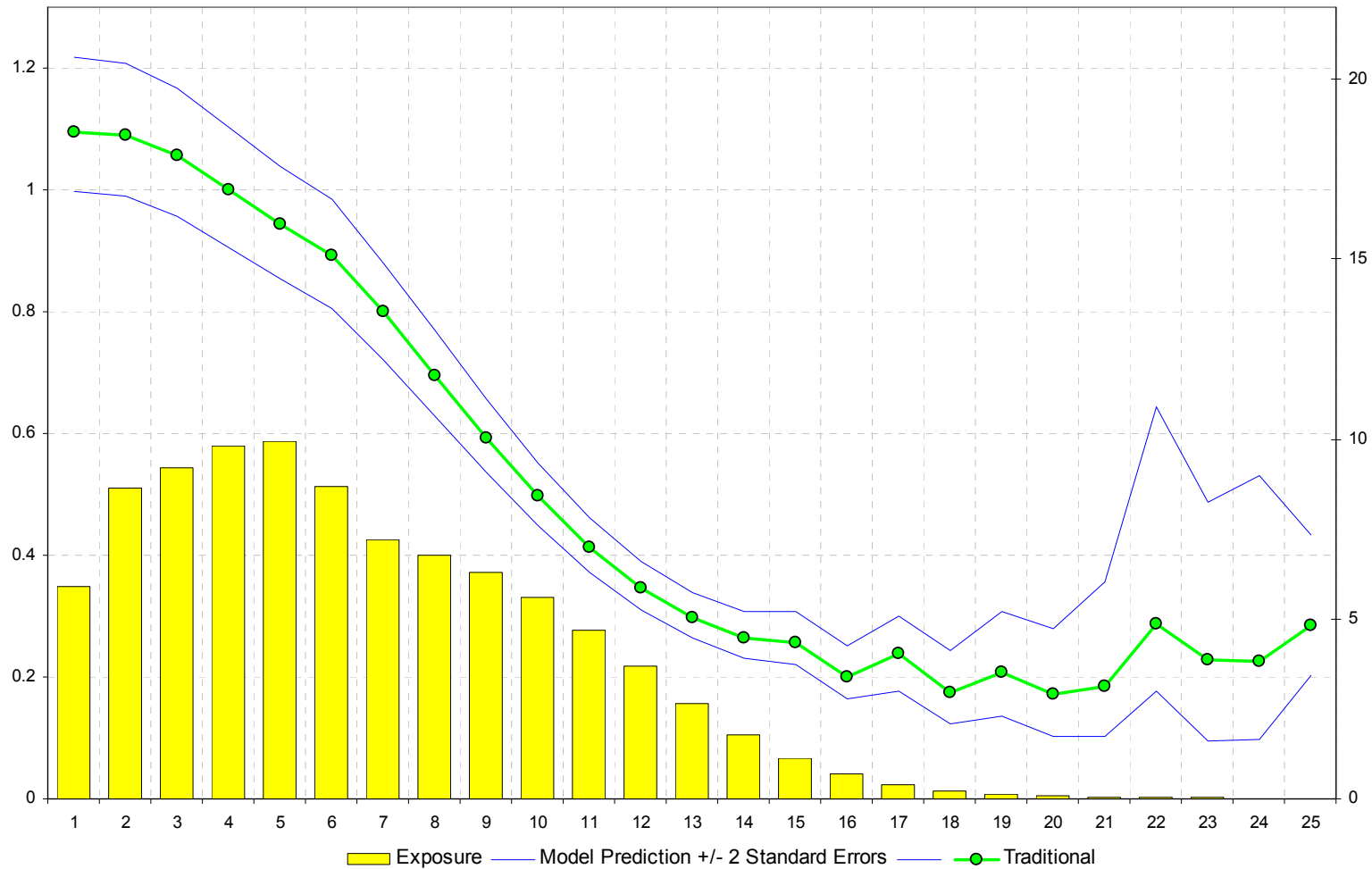


Vehicle age - amounts



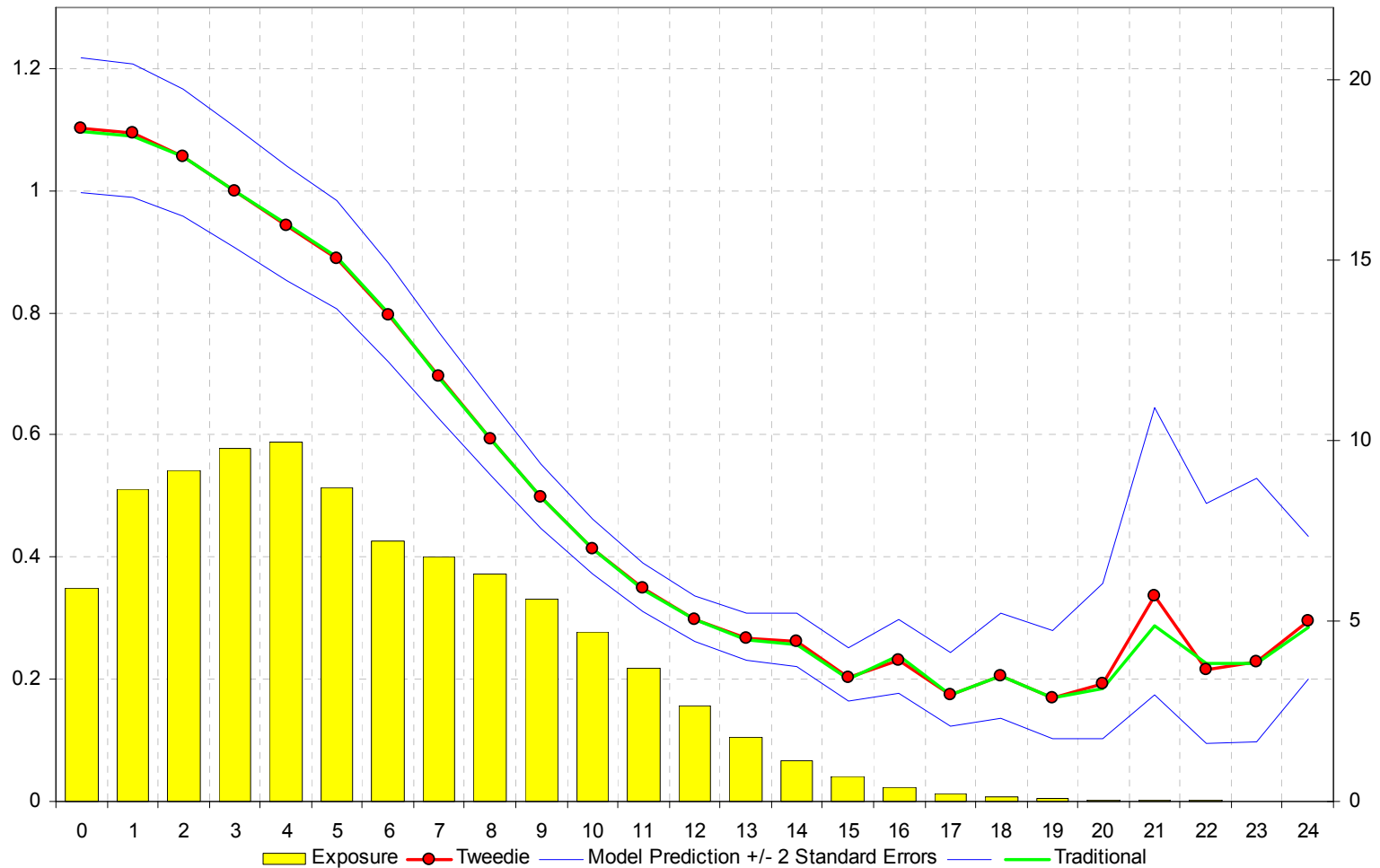
Example 1

Vehicle age - pure premium



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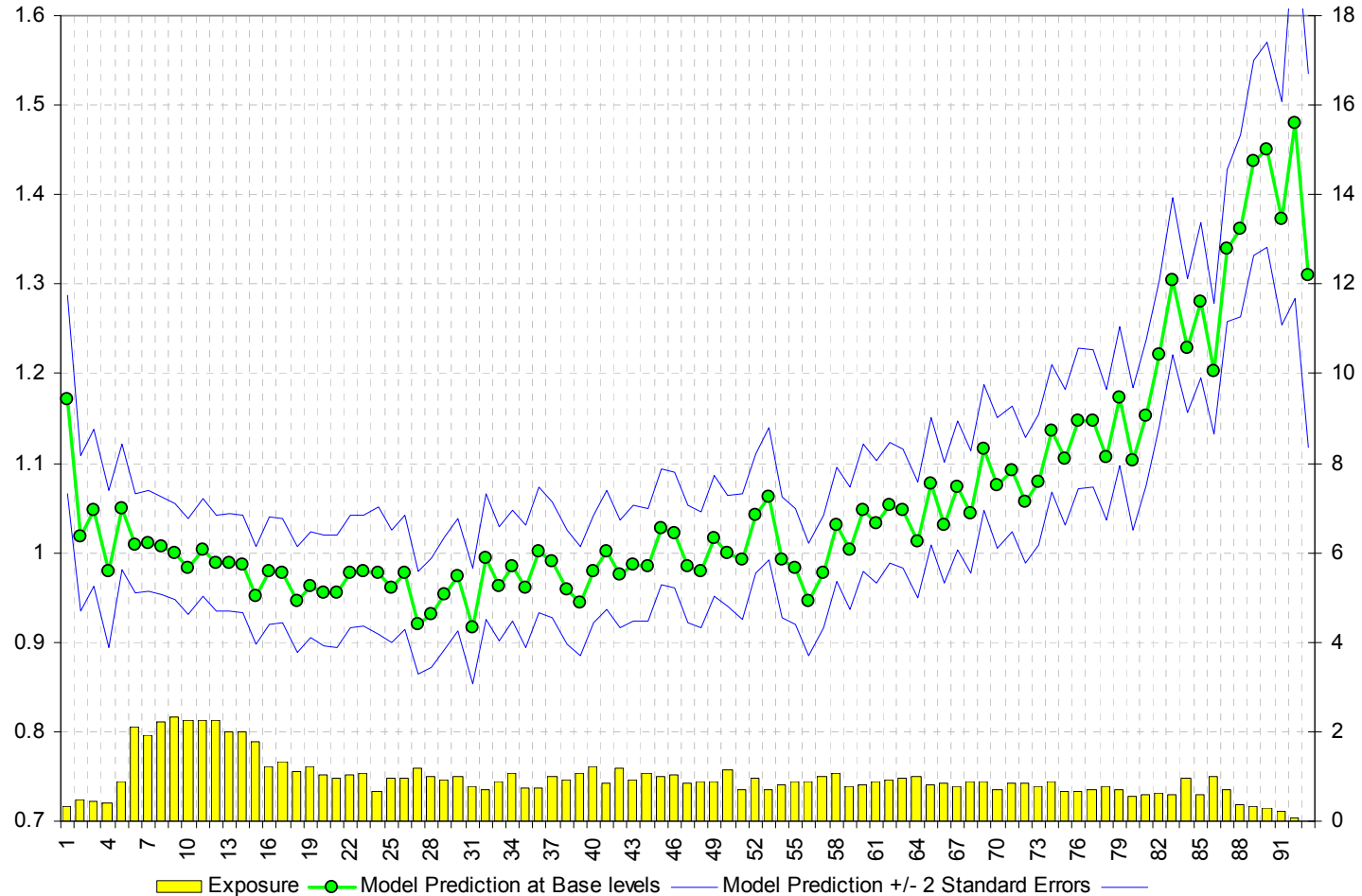
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Example 2



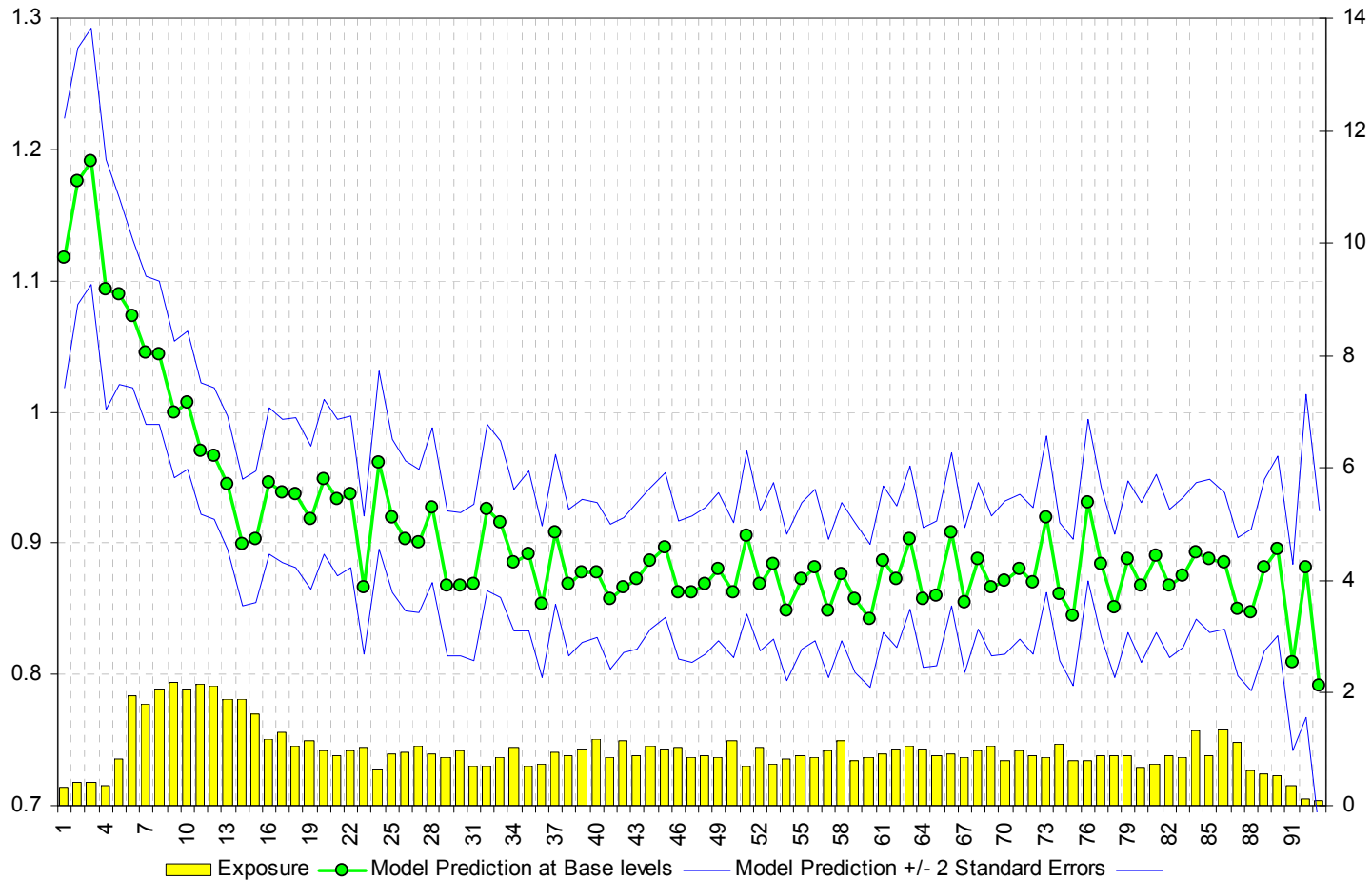
Urban density - frequency



Example 2



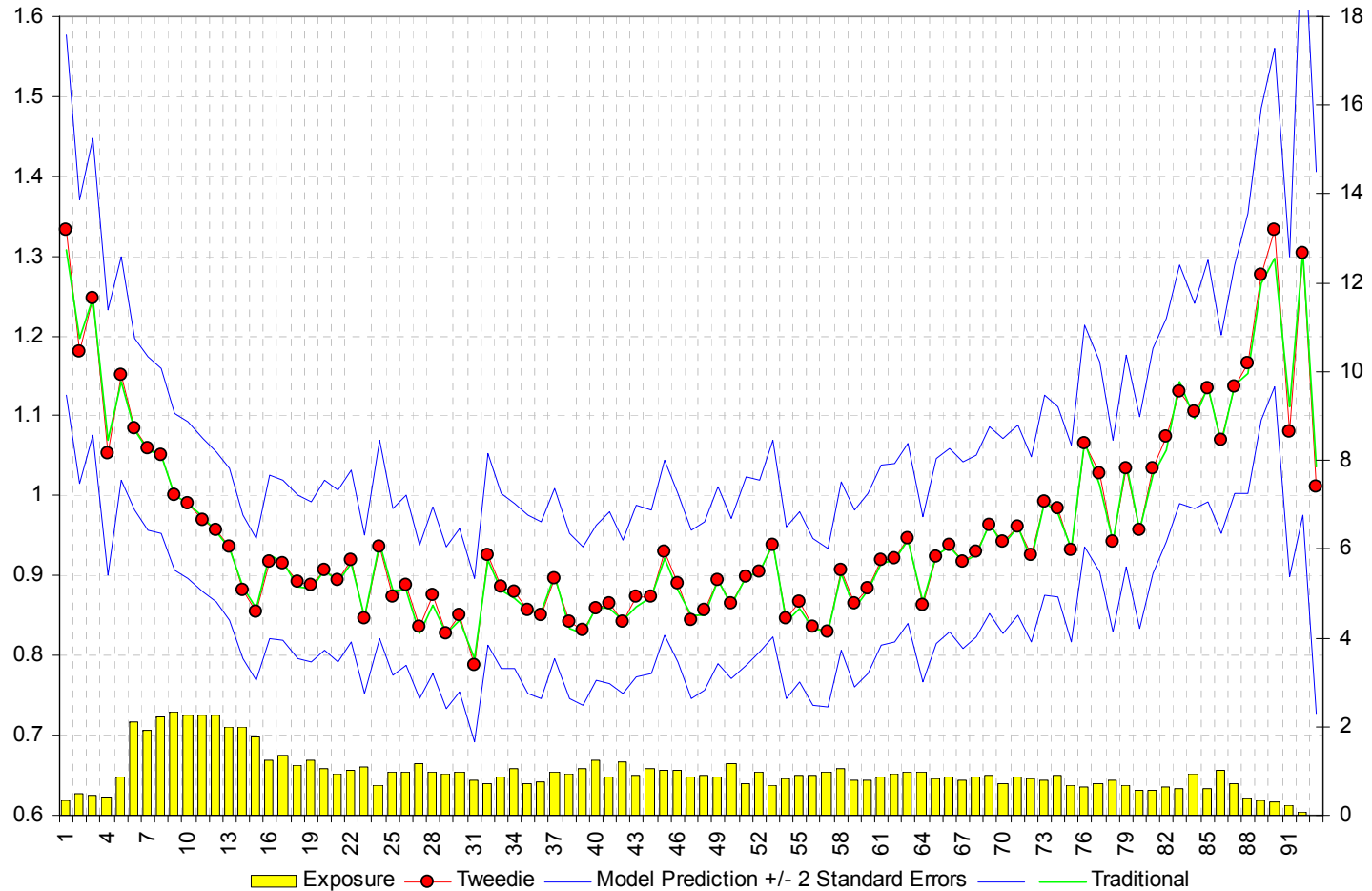
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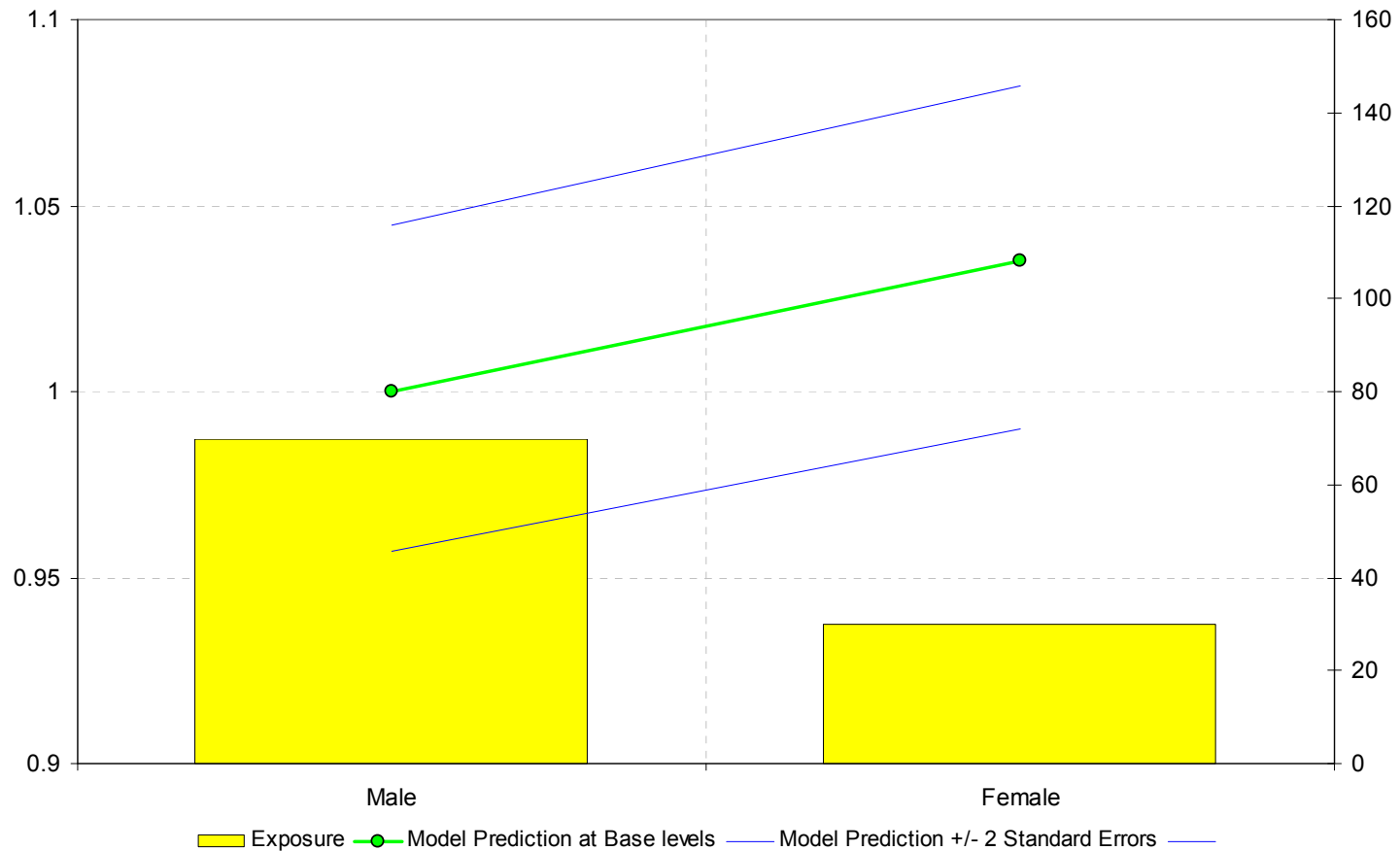


Urban density - risk premium



Example 3

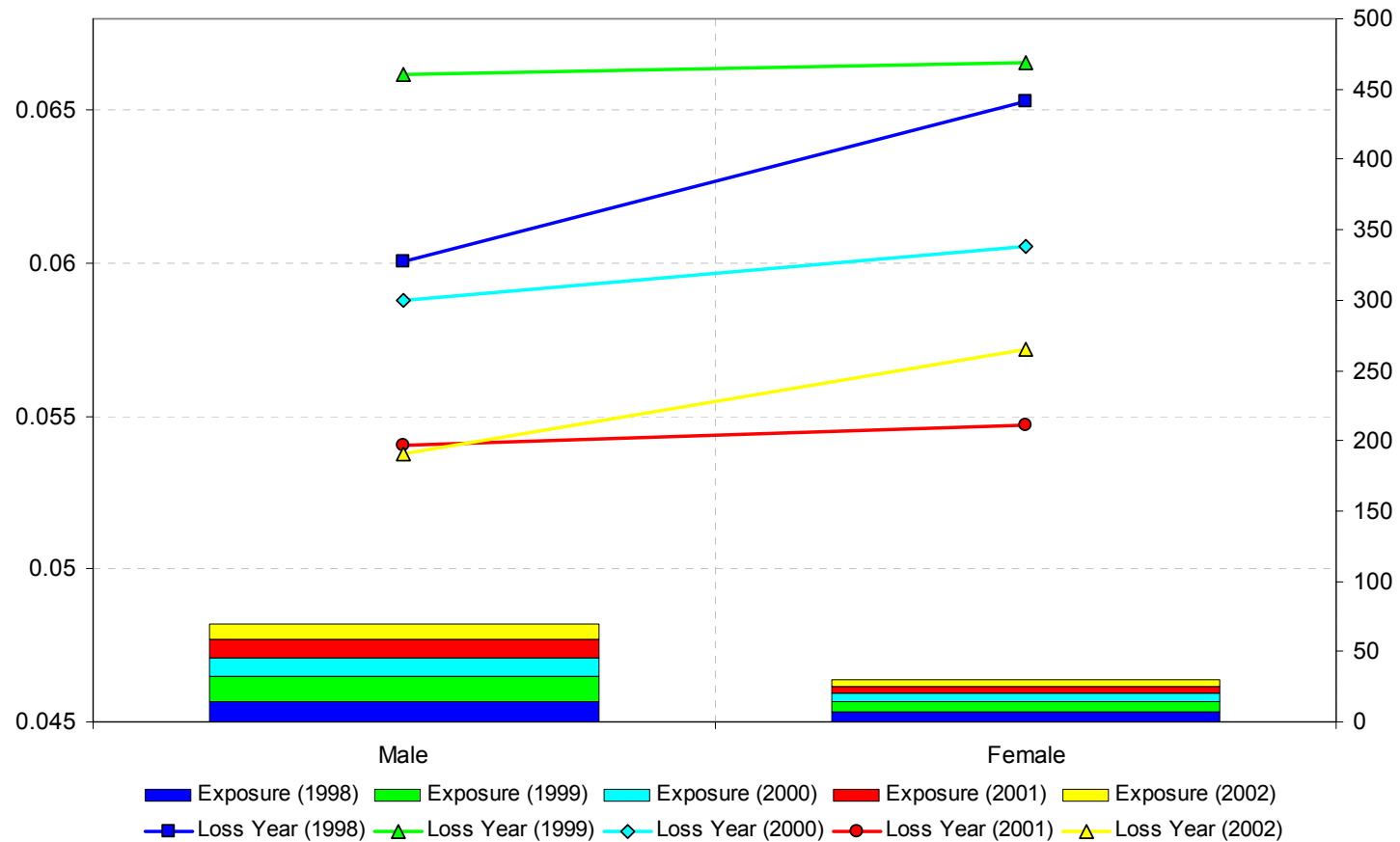
Gender - frequency



Example 3

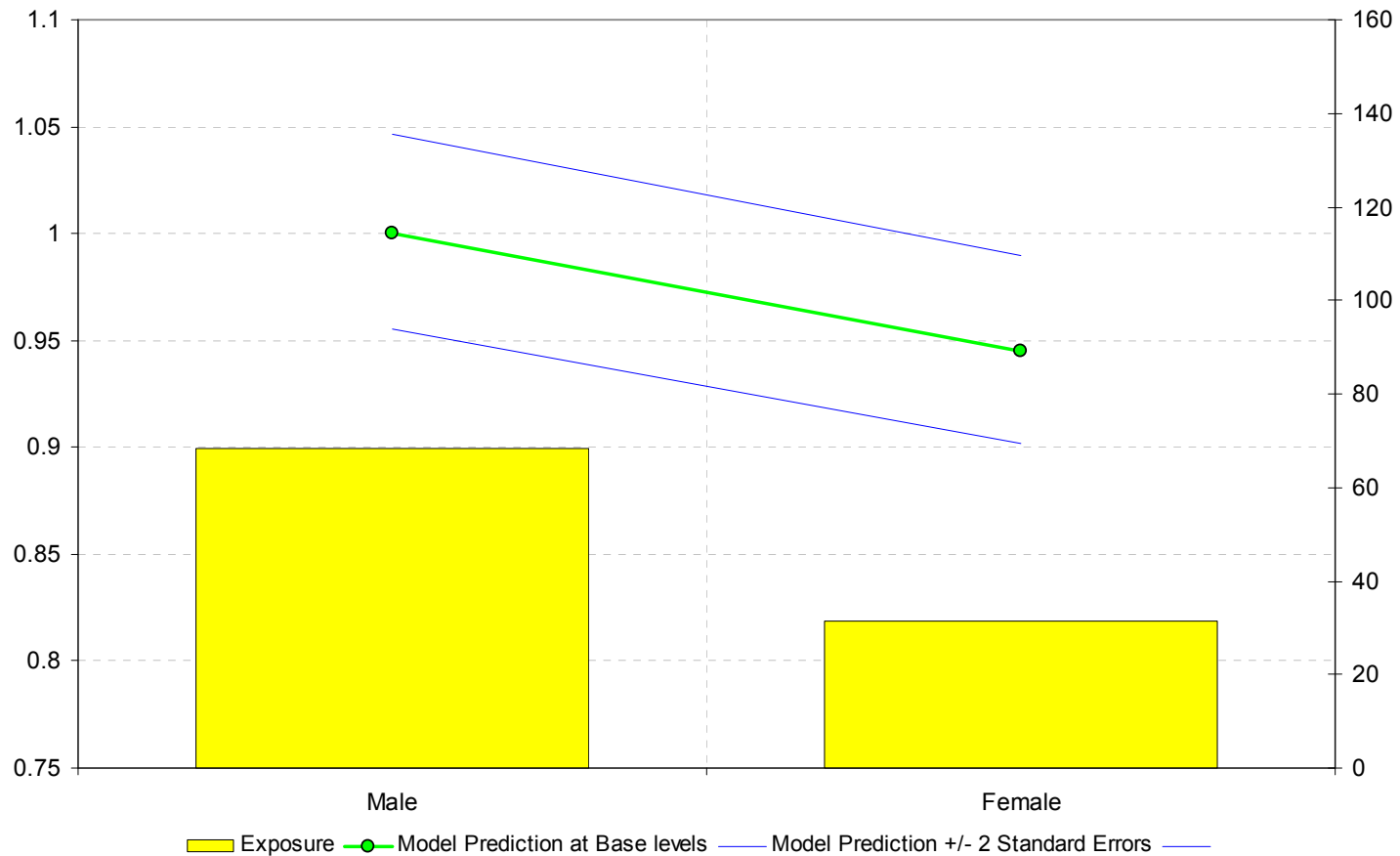


Gender - frequency



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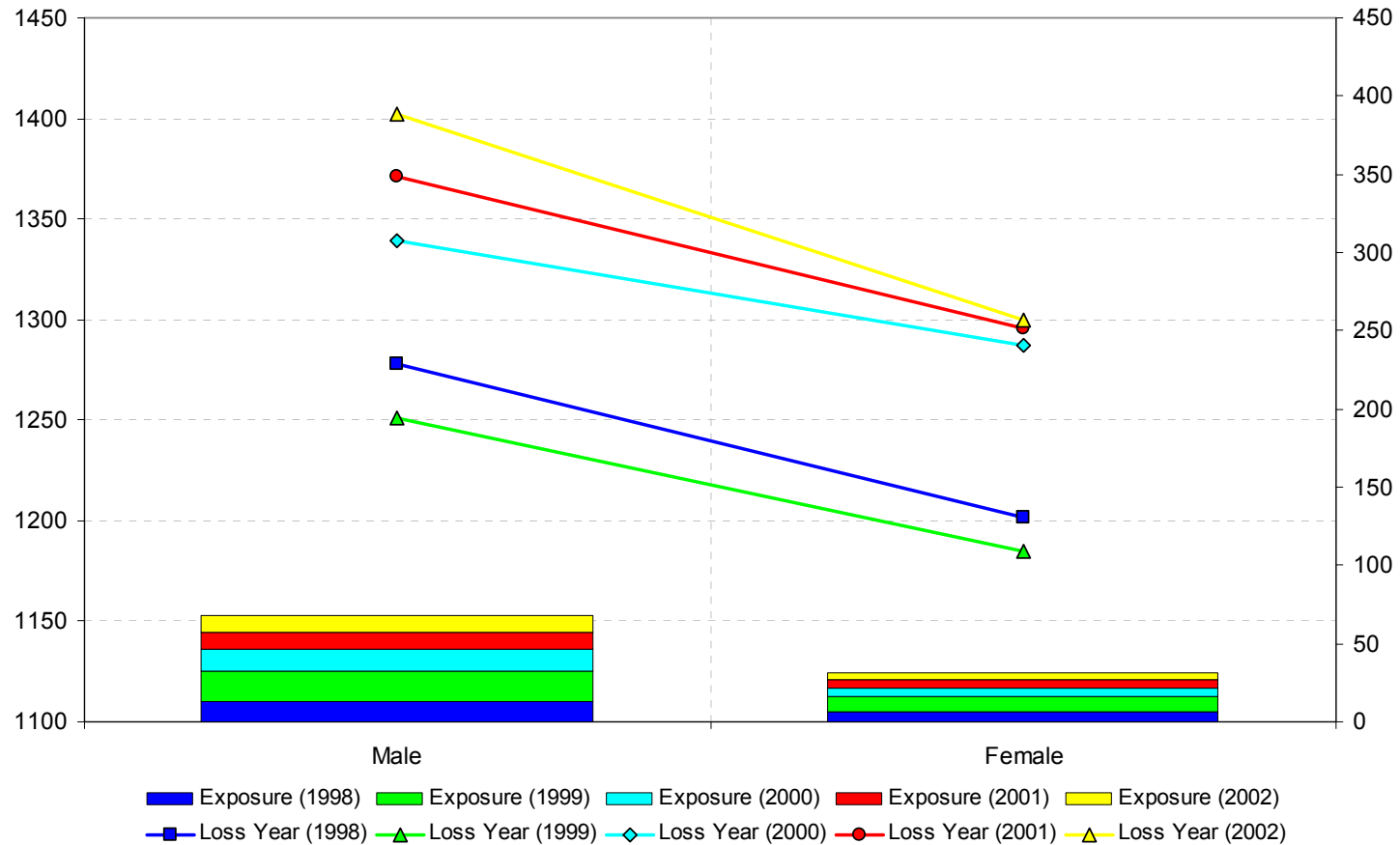
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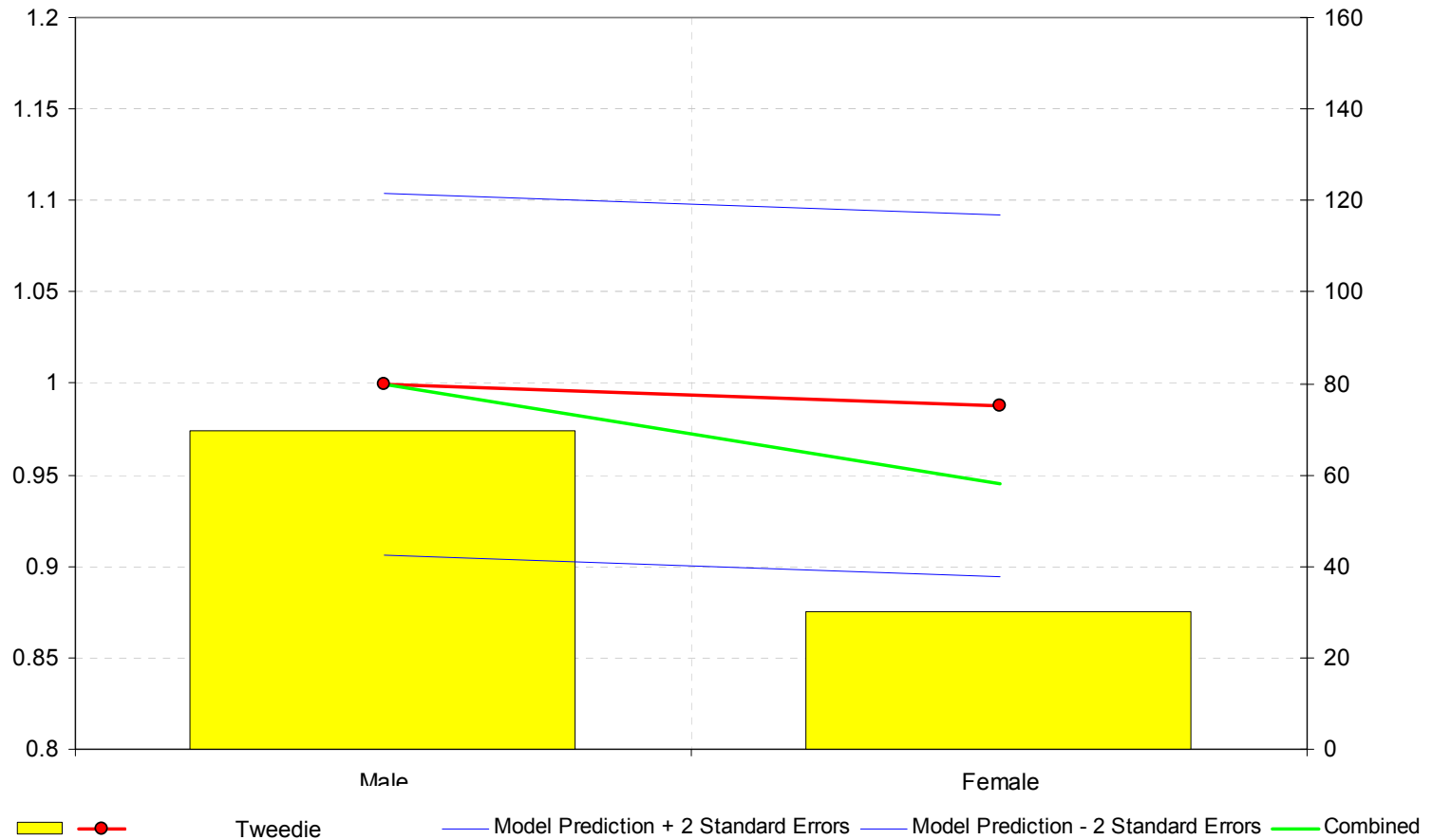
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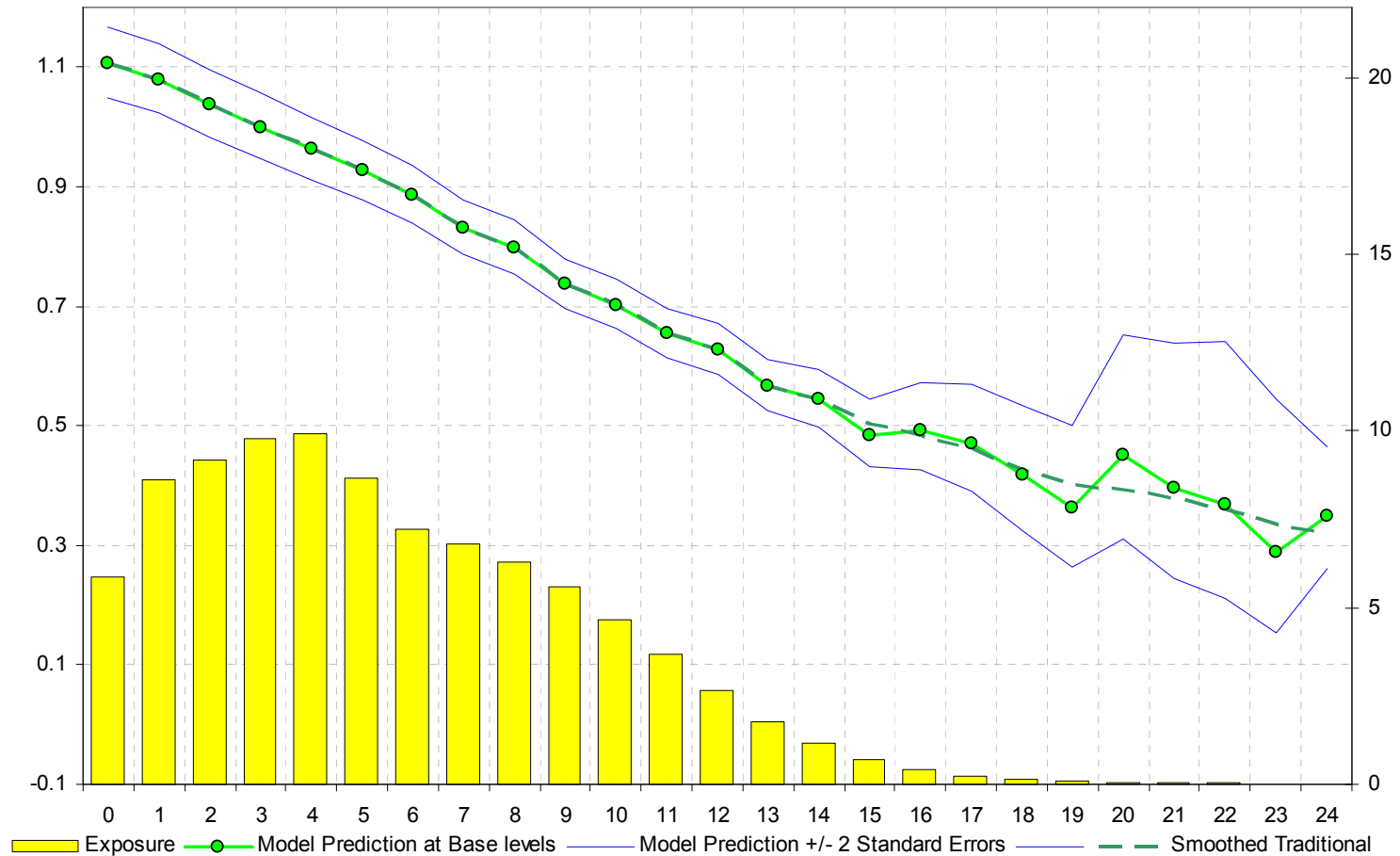
Gender - pure premium



Example 4



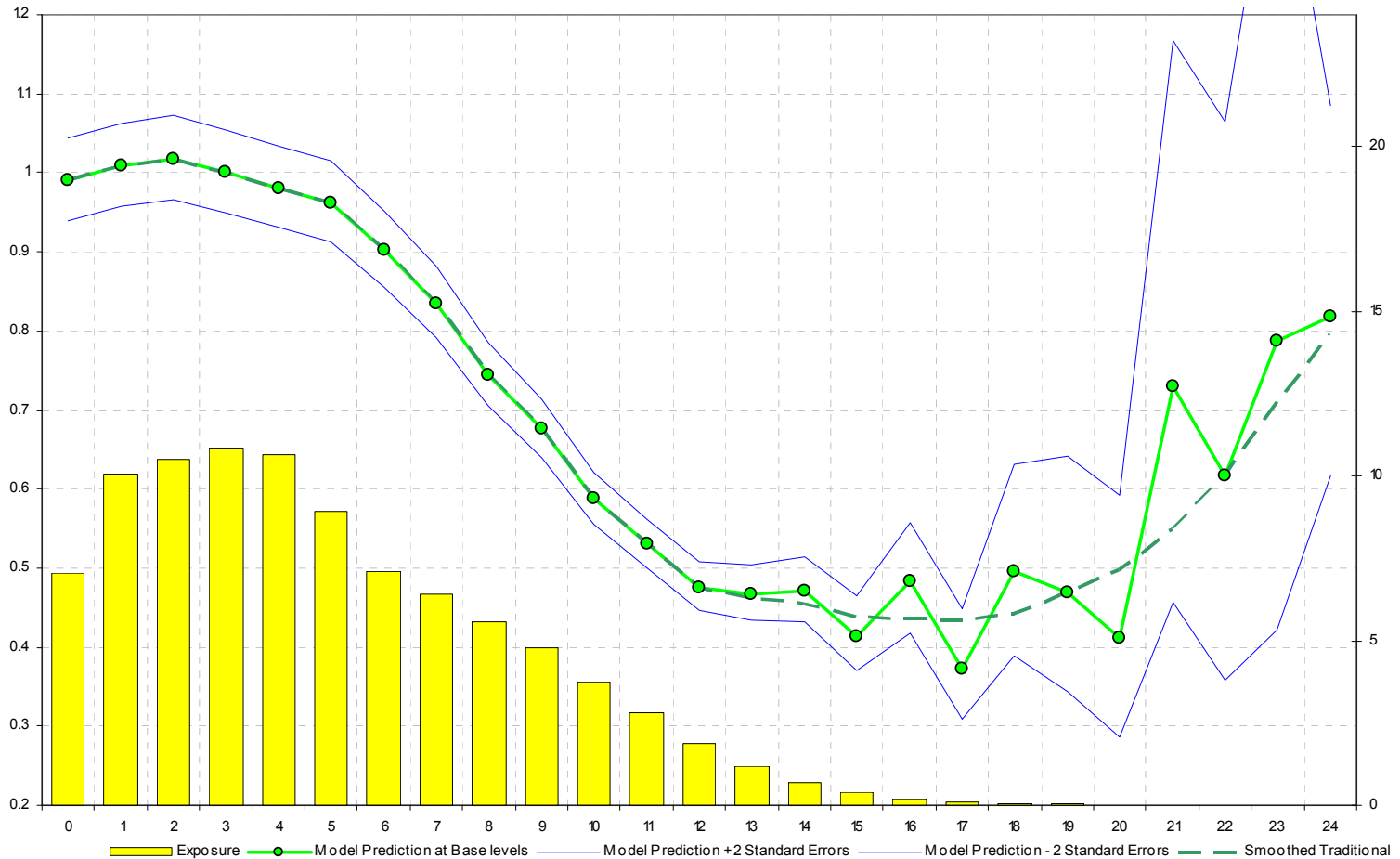
Vehicle age - frequency



Example 4

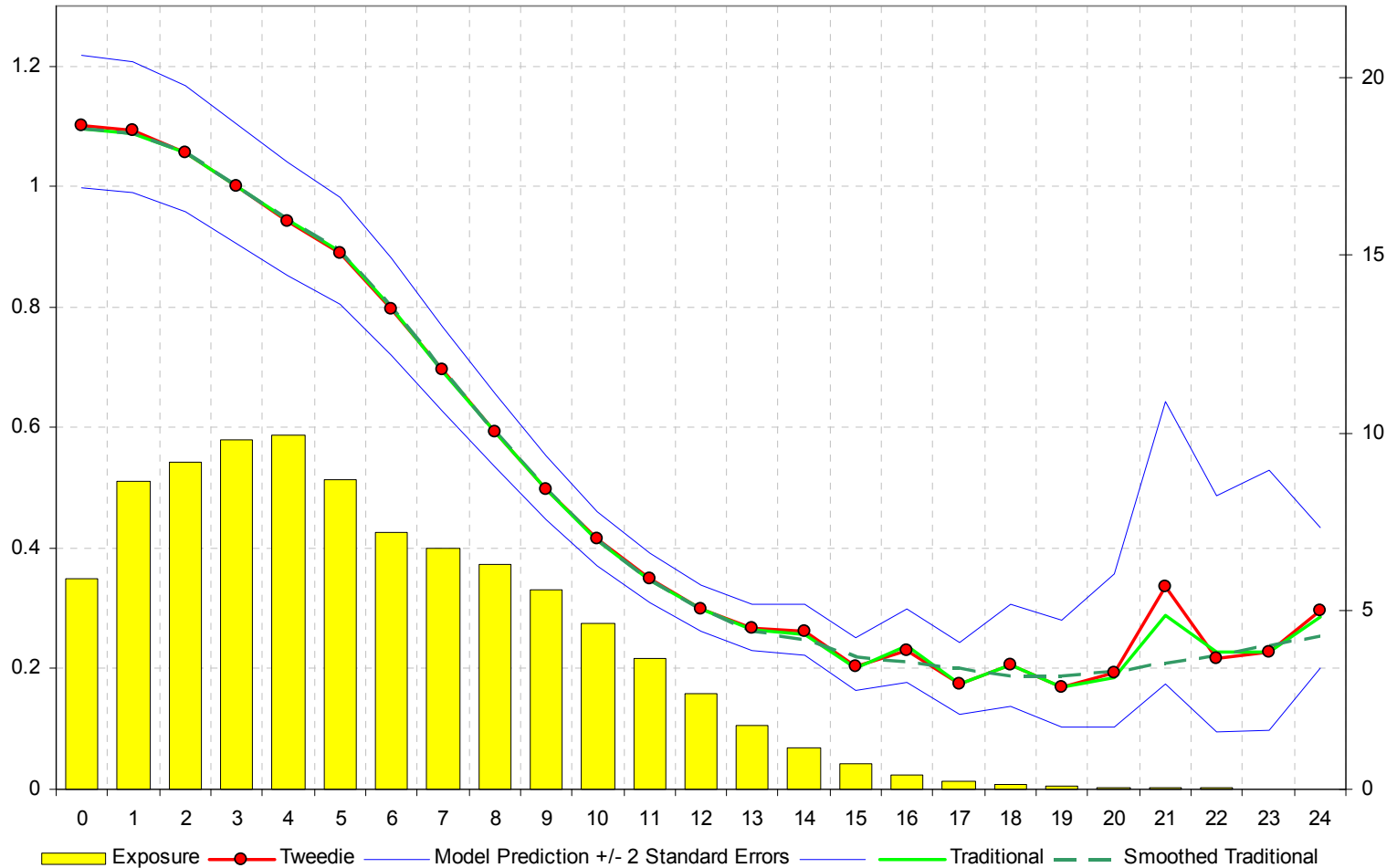


Vehicle age - amounts



Example 4

Vehicle age - pure premium



Tweedie GLMs

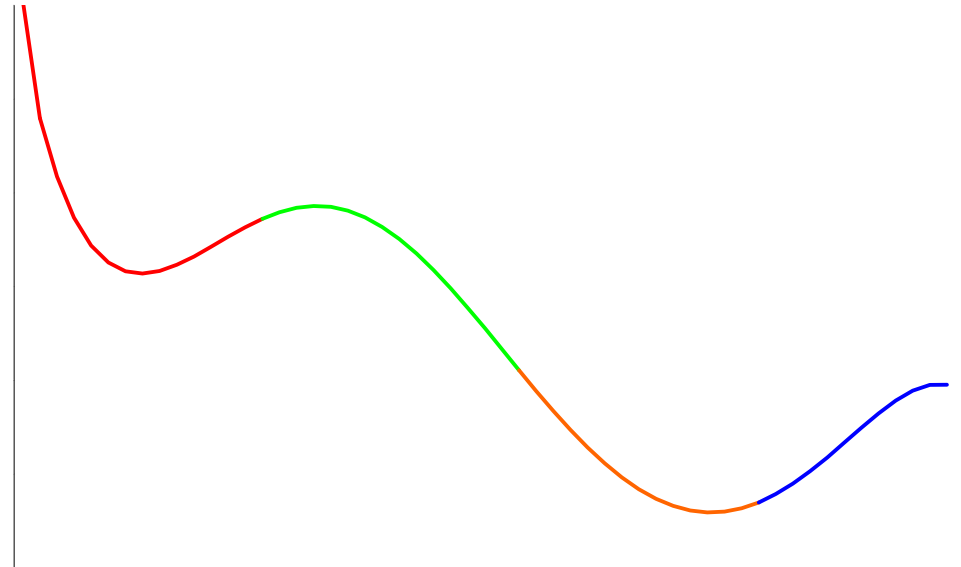
- Helpful when it's important to fit to incurred costs directly
- Similar results to frequency/severity traditional approach if frequency and amounts effects are clearly weak or clearly strong
- Distorted by large insignificant effects
- Removes understanding of what is driving results
- Smoothing harder

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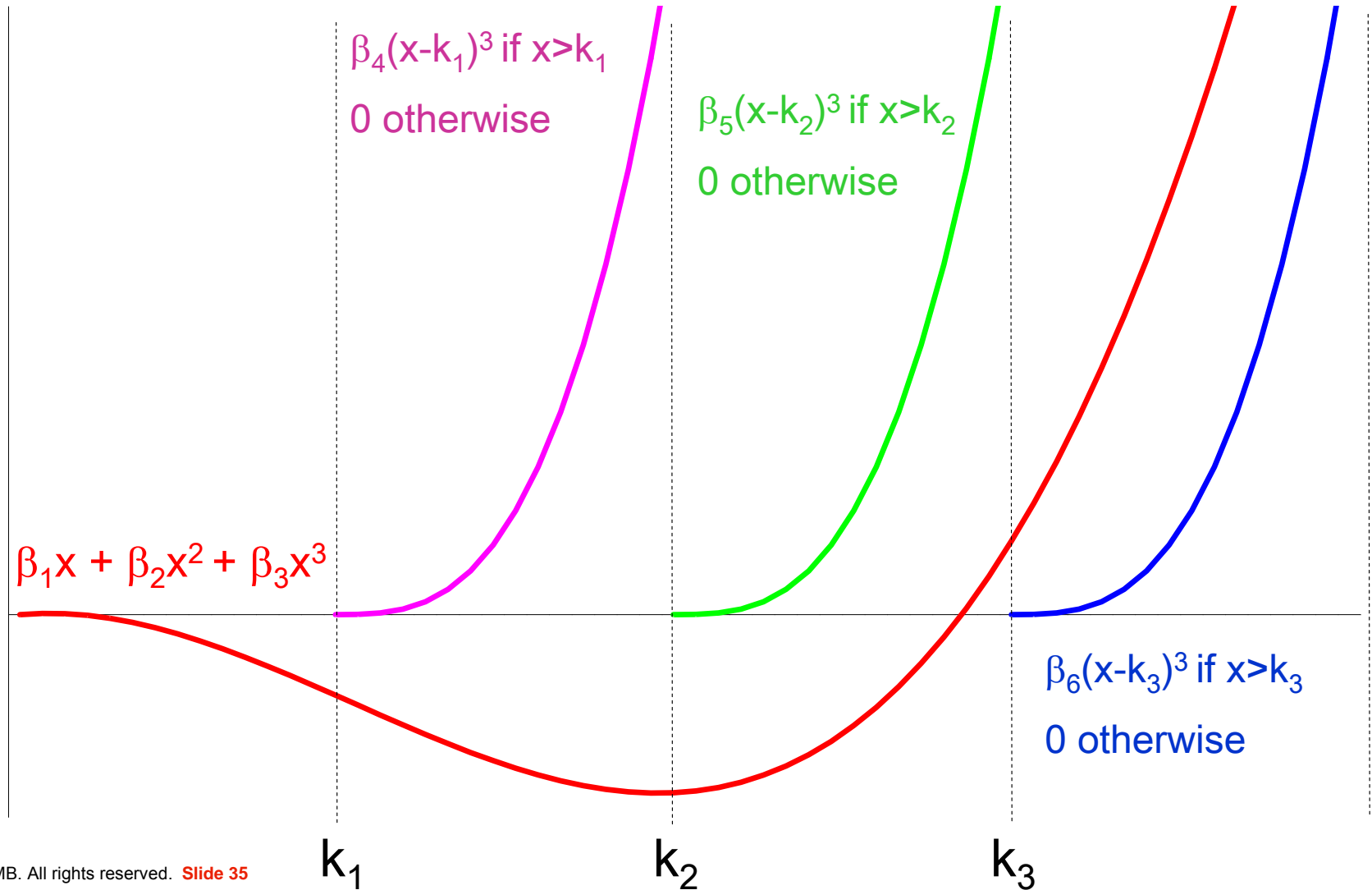
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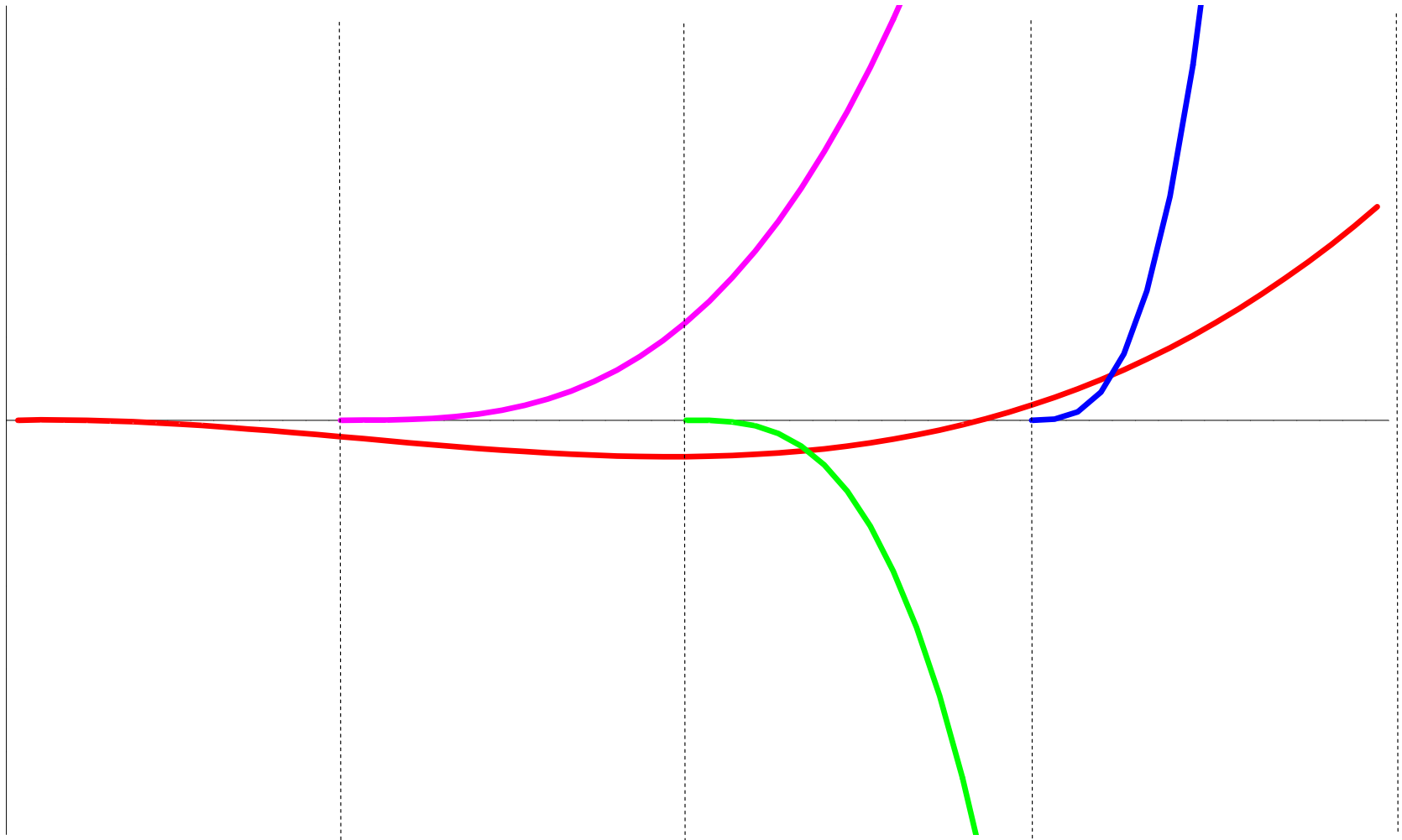
- A spline is
 - a series of polynomials...
 - ...joining at "knots"...
 - ..."smoothly"
 - (k "internal" knots and 2 extra knots at end of data range)
- A cubic spline is
 - a spline made up of cubic polynomials
 - continuous at each knot
 - first derivative continuous at each knot
 - second derivative continuous at each knot
- A regression spline is
 - a formalization which allows splines to be fitted within a GLM framework
 - requires manual selection of knots



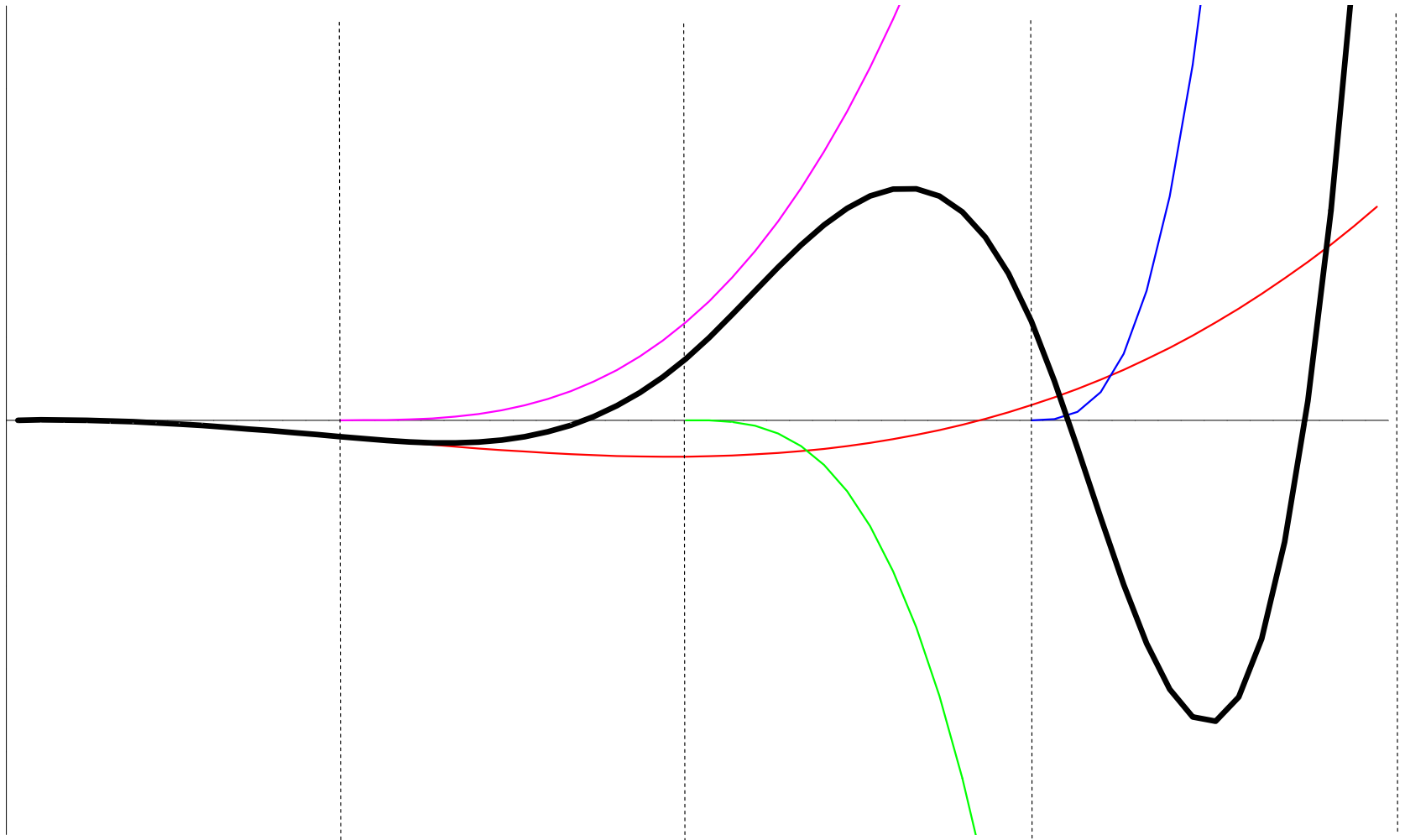
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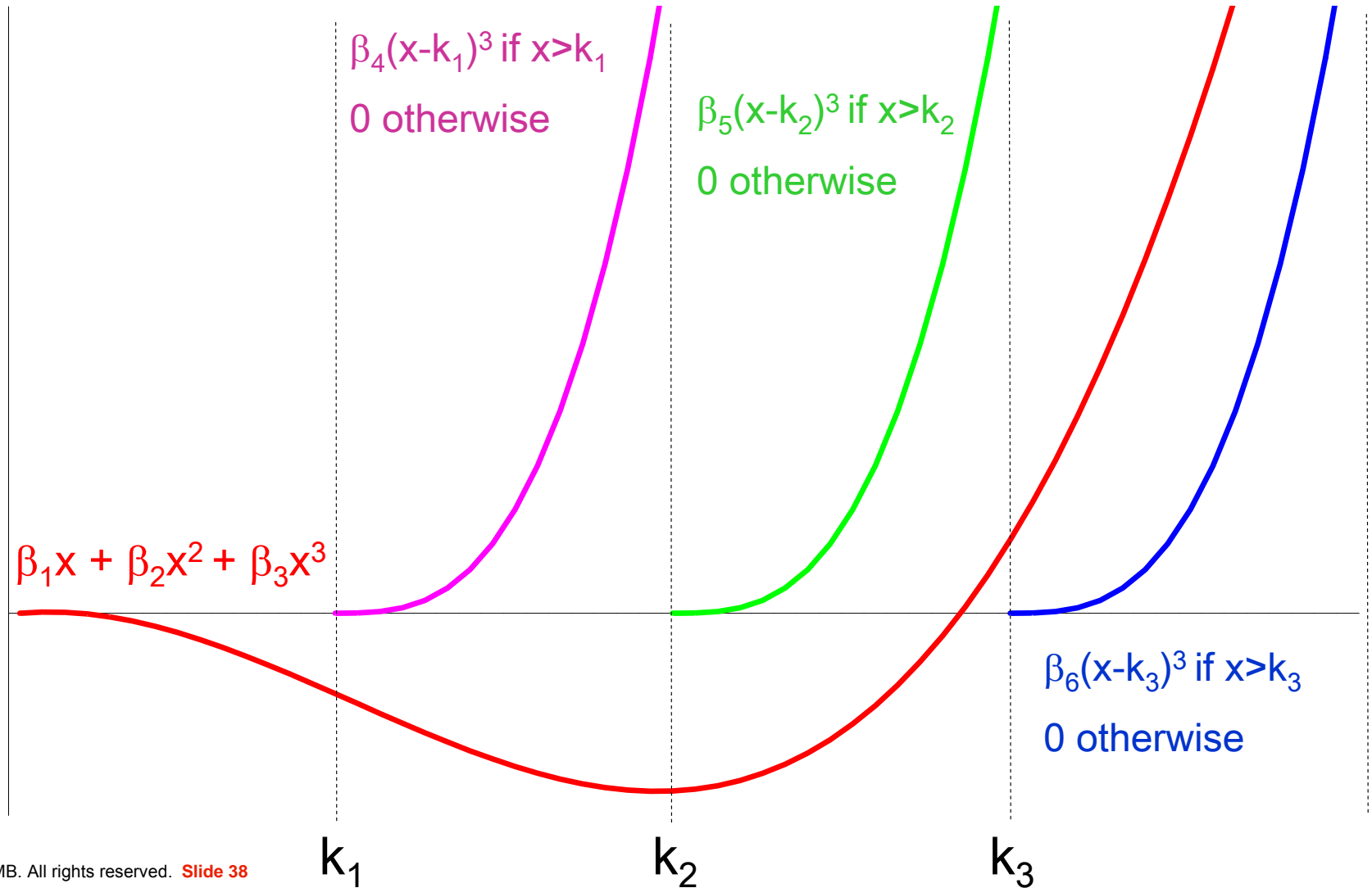
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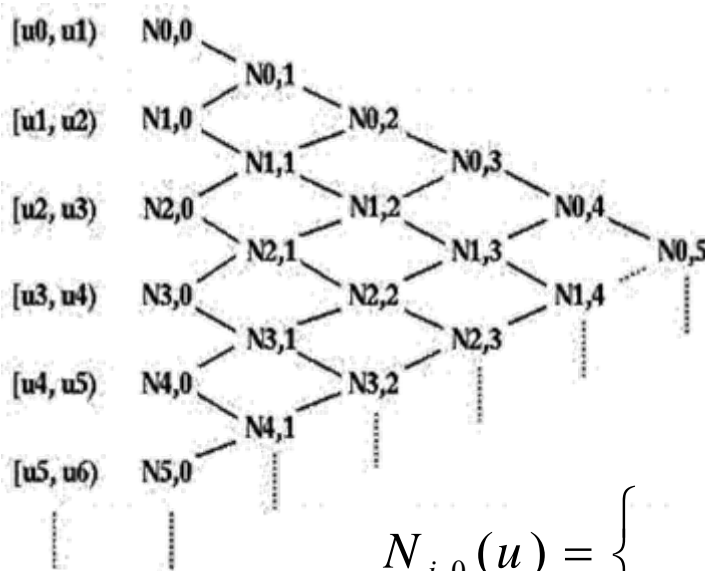


Regression slines



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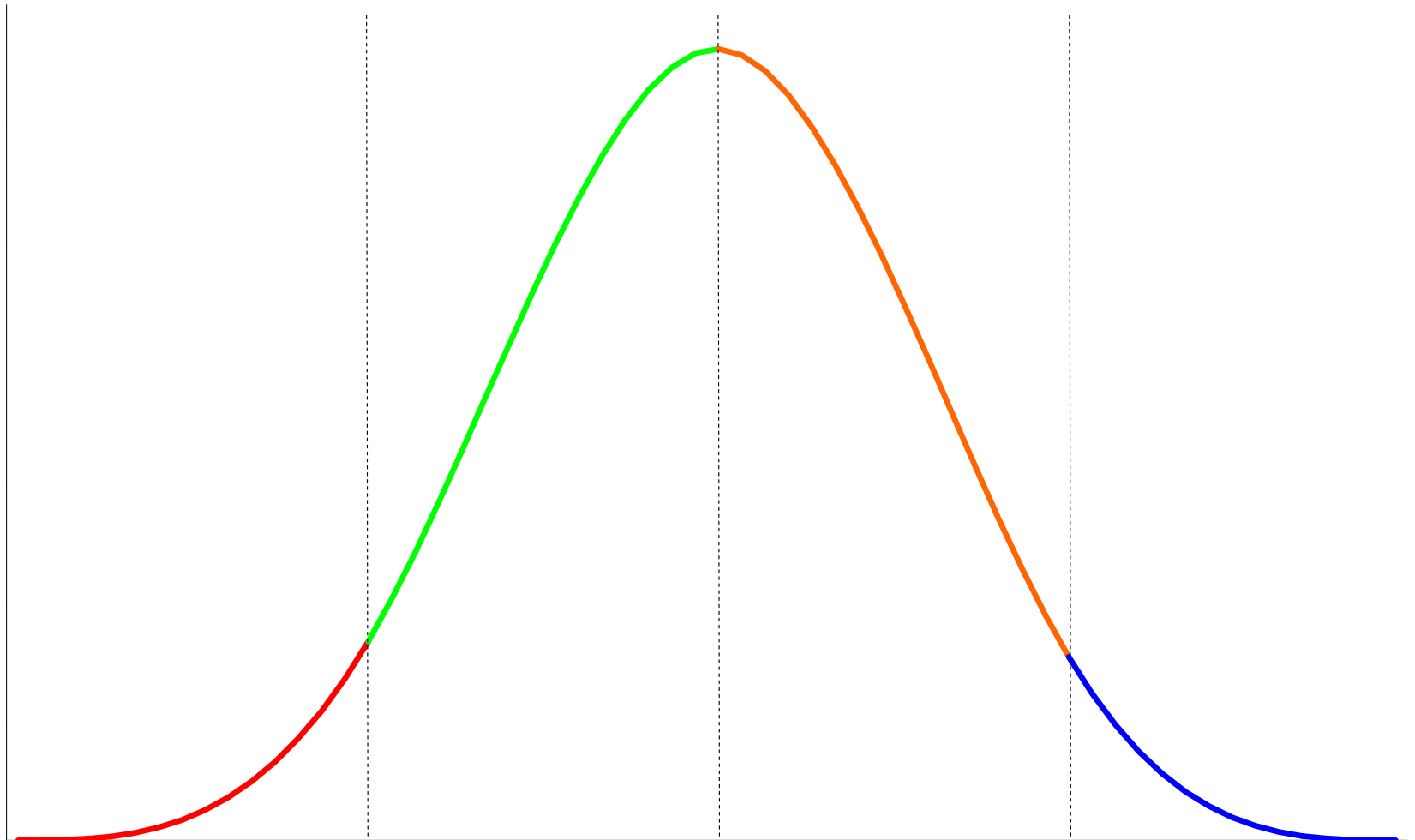




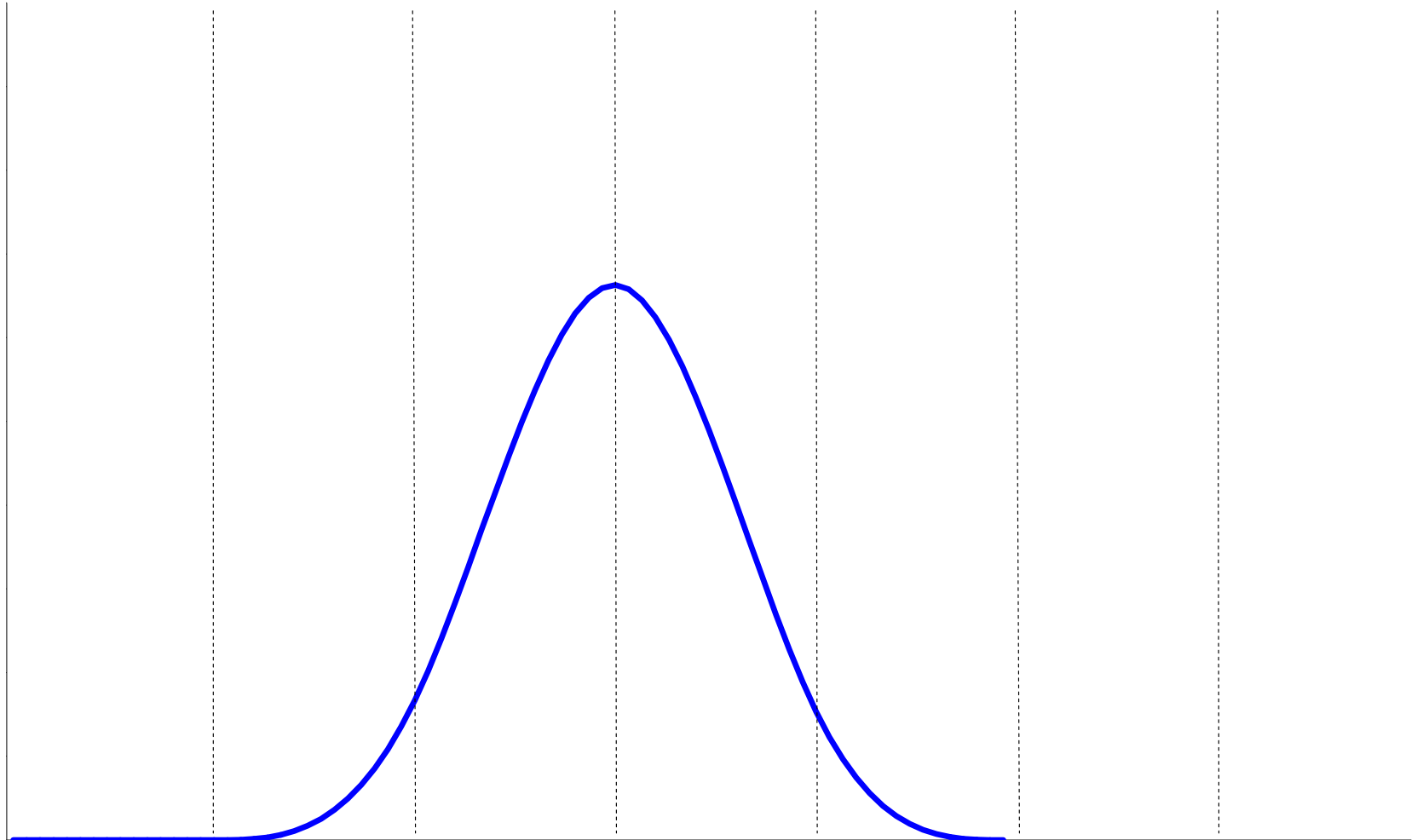
$$N_{i,0}(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u_i \leq u < u_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

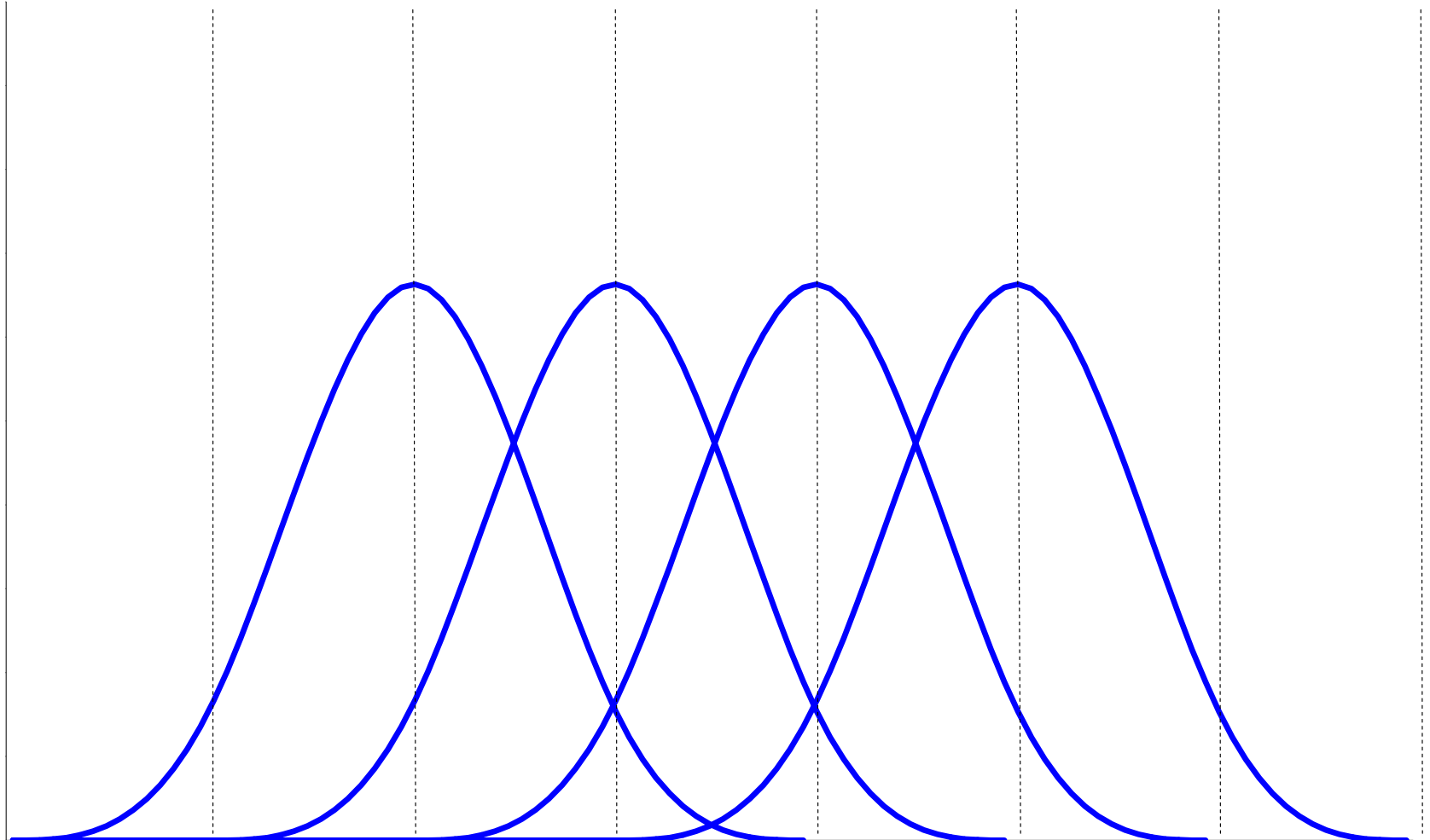
$$N_{i,p}(u) = \frac{u - u_i}{u_{i+p} - u_i} N_{i,p-1}(u) + \frac{u_{i+p+1} - u}{u_{i+p+1} - u_{i+1}} N_{i+1,p-1}(u)$$

B-splines

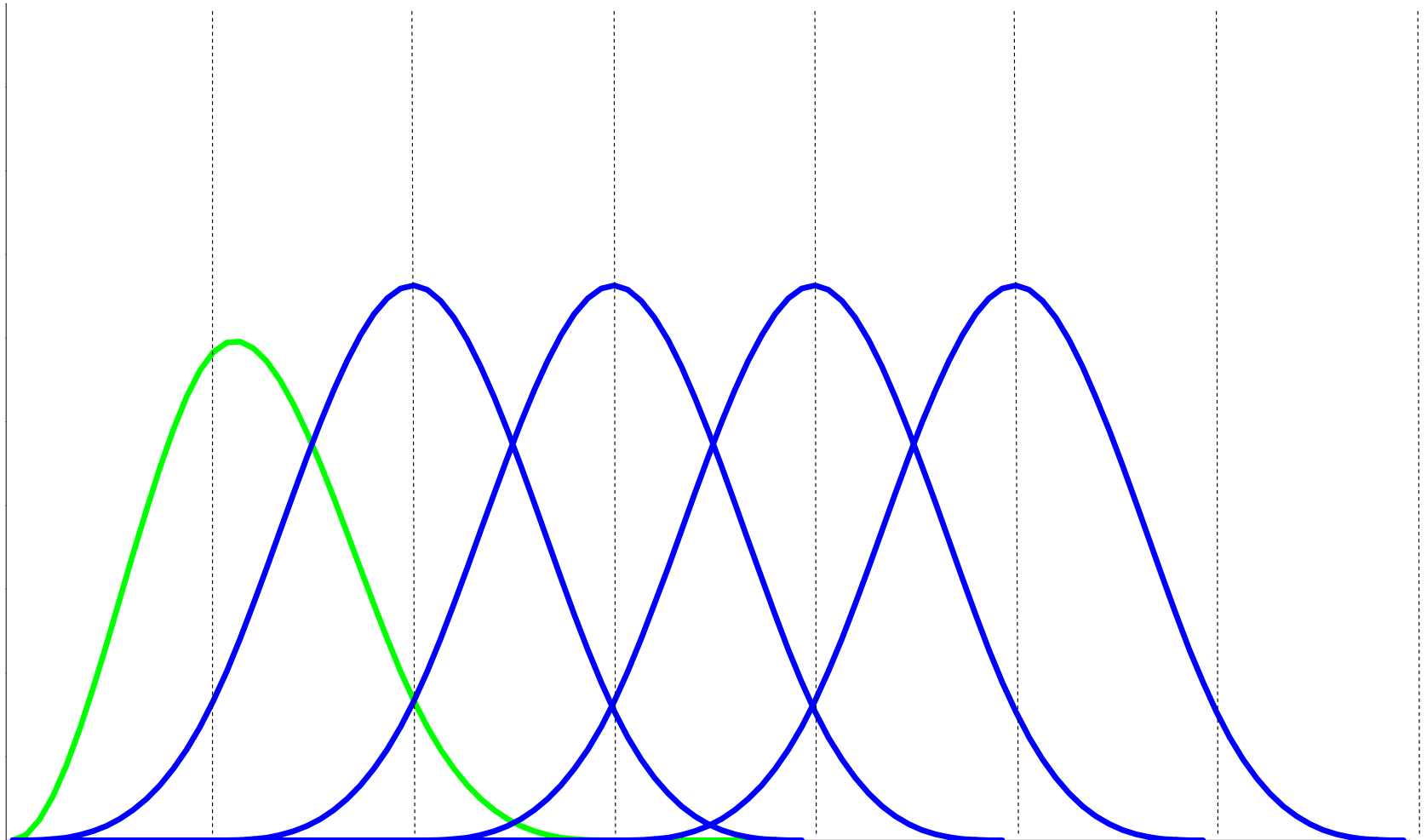


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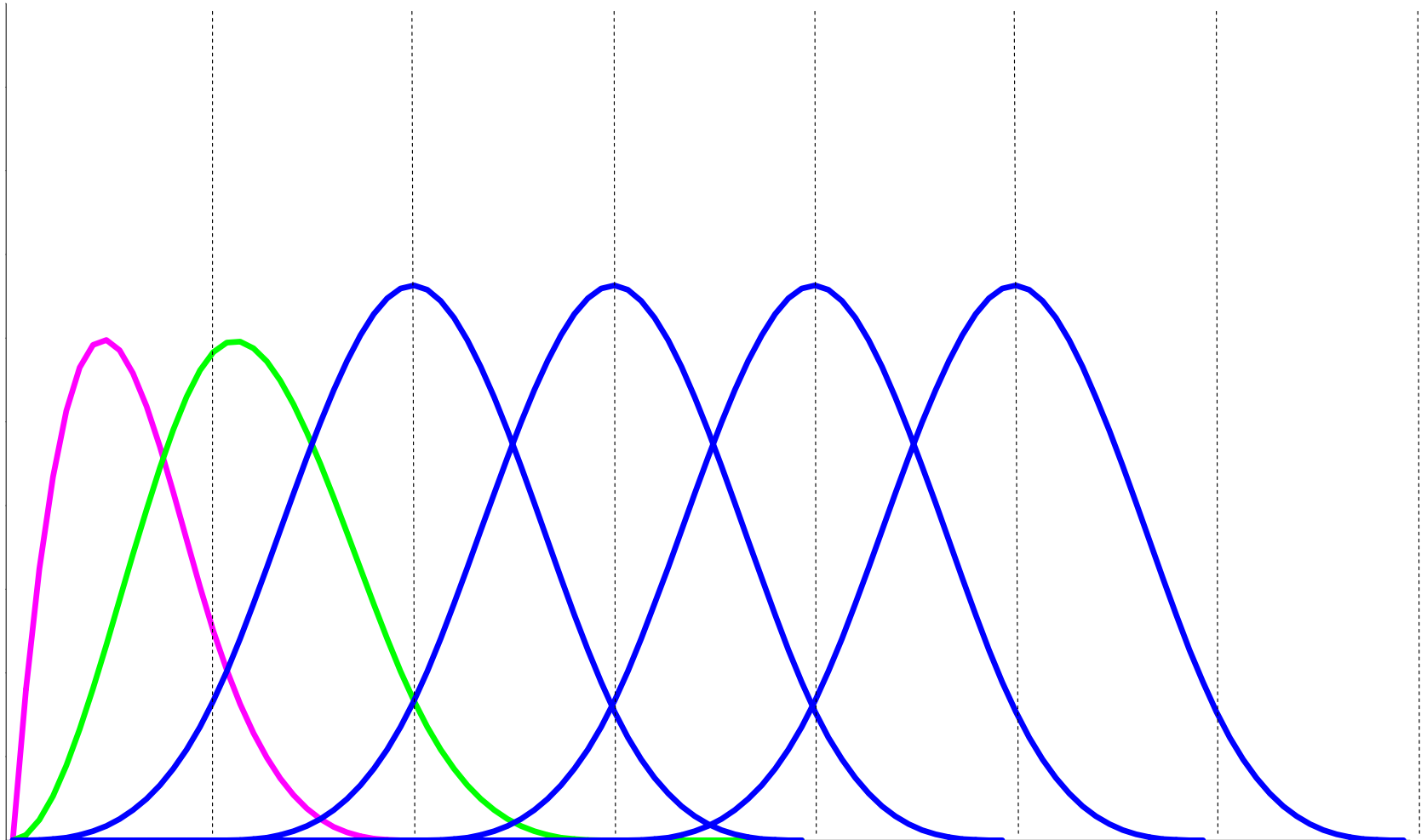




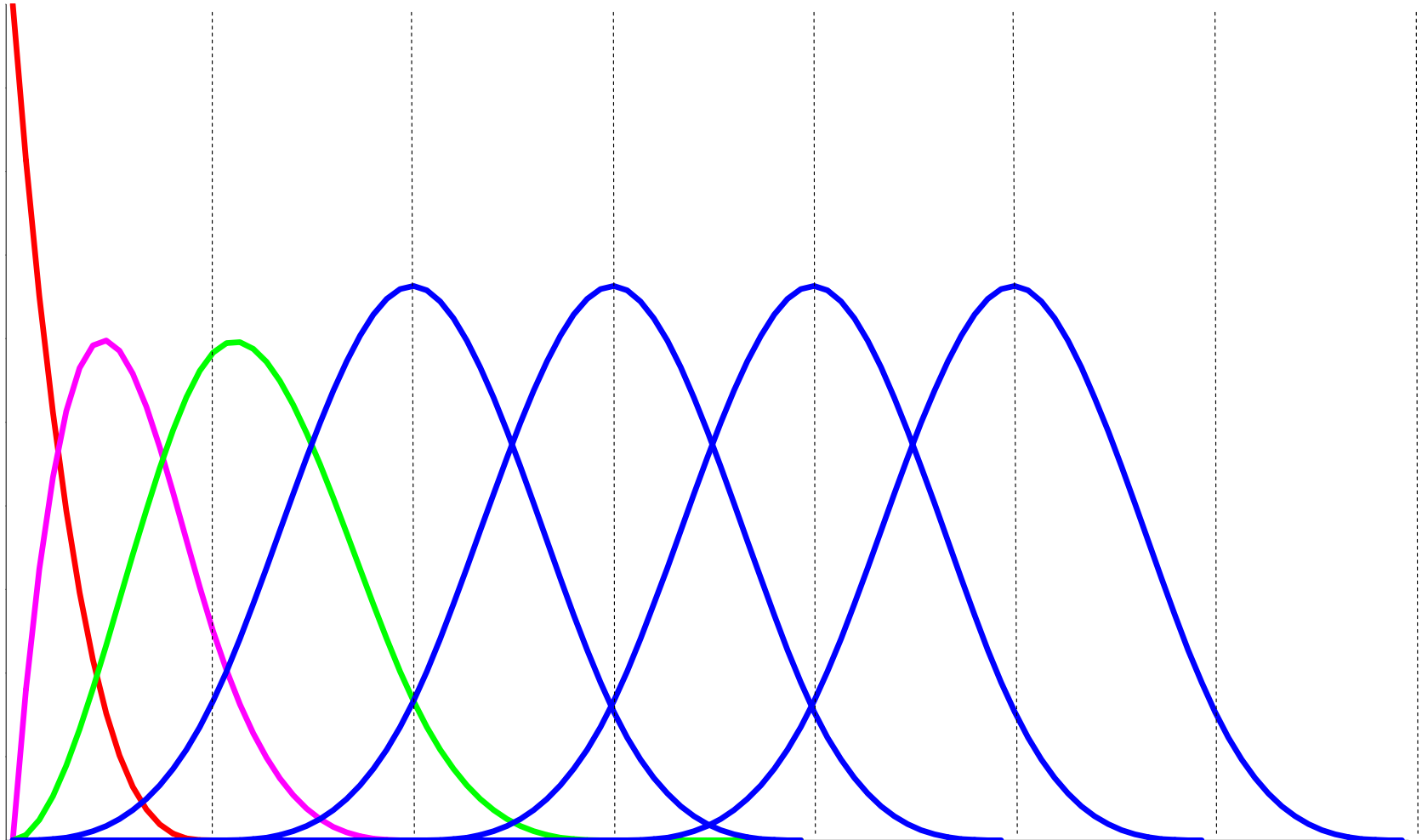
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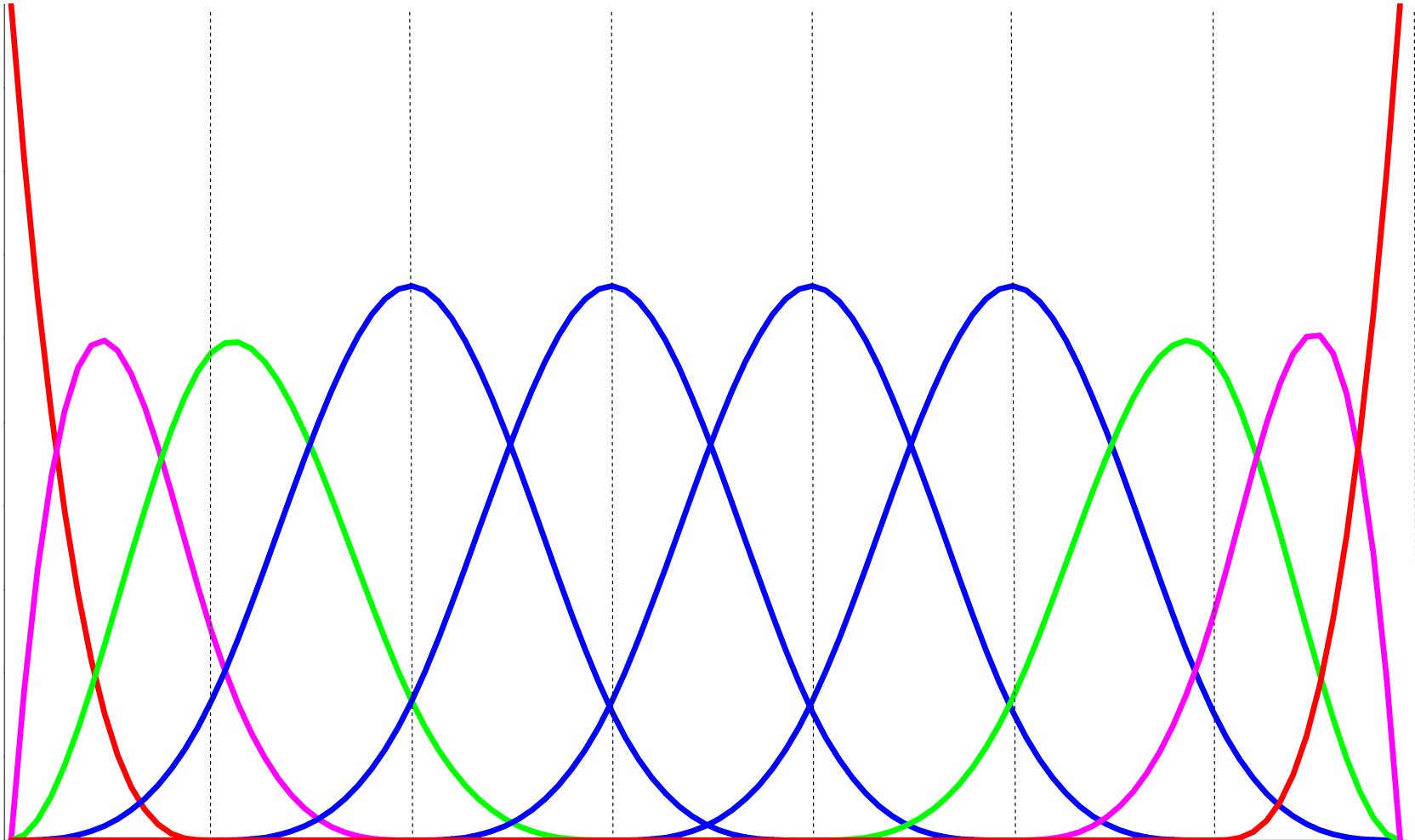
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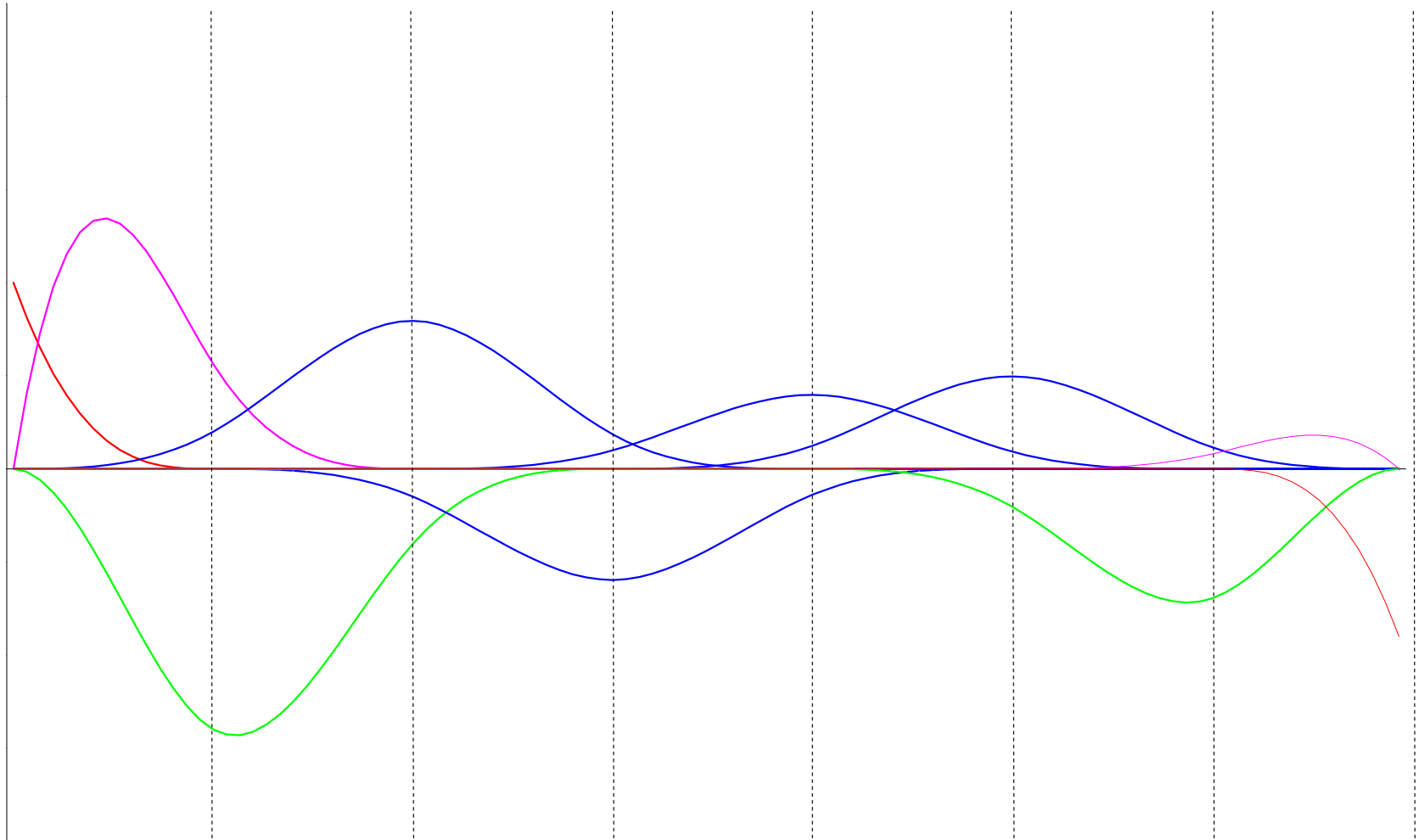
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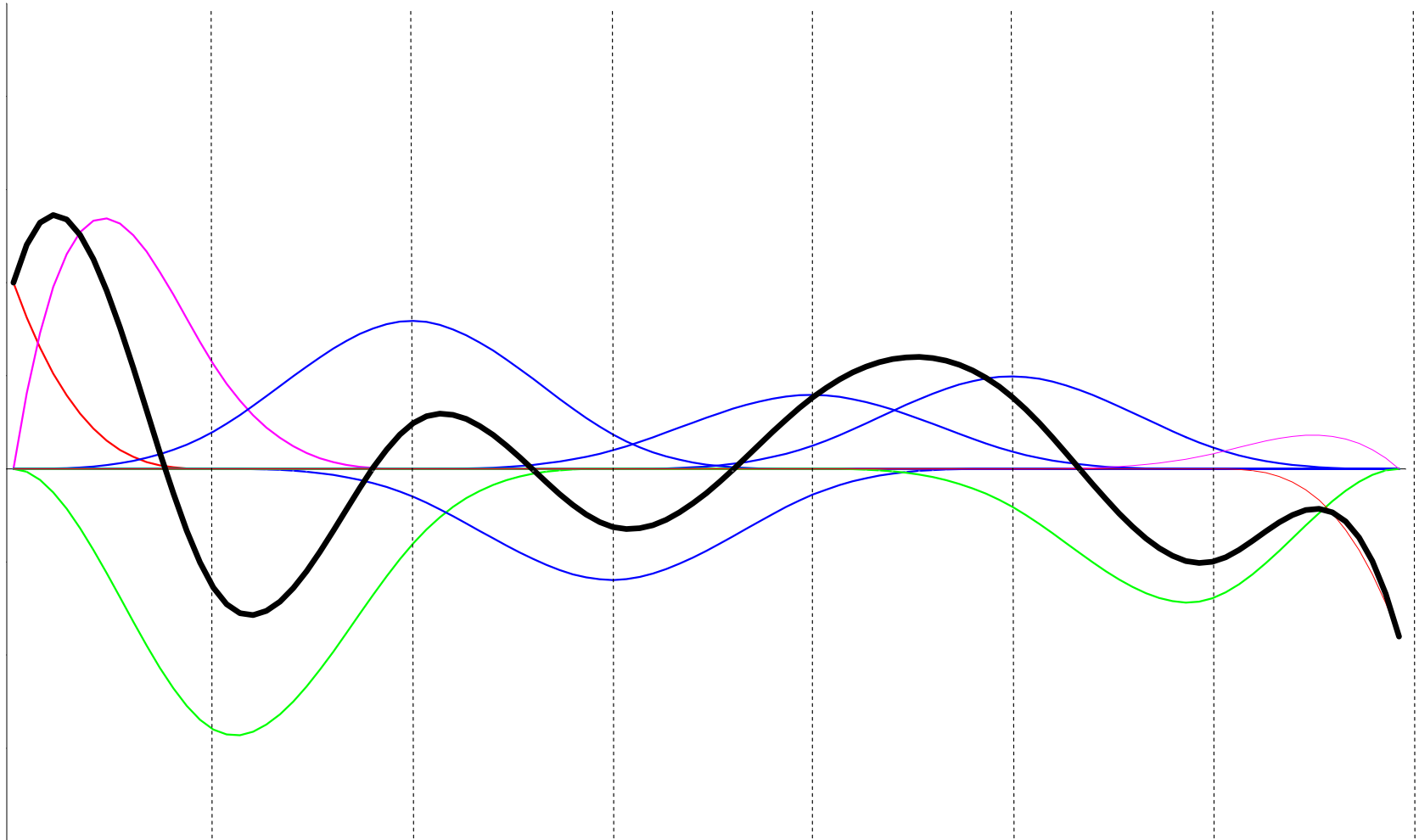
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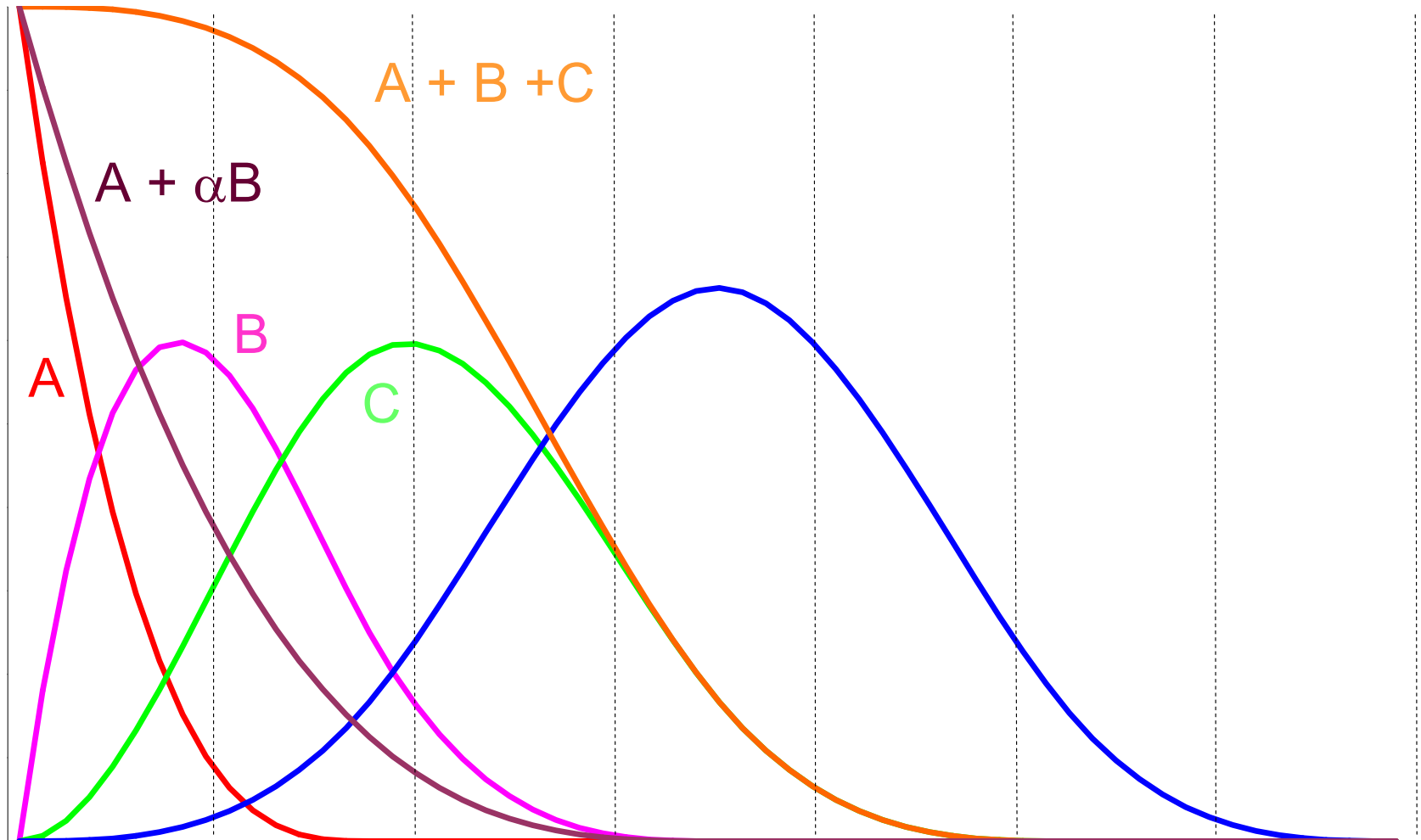
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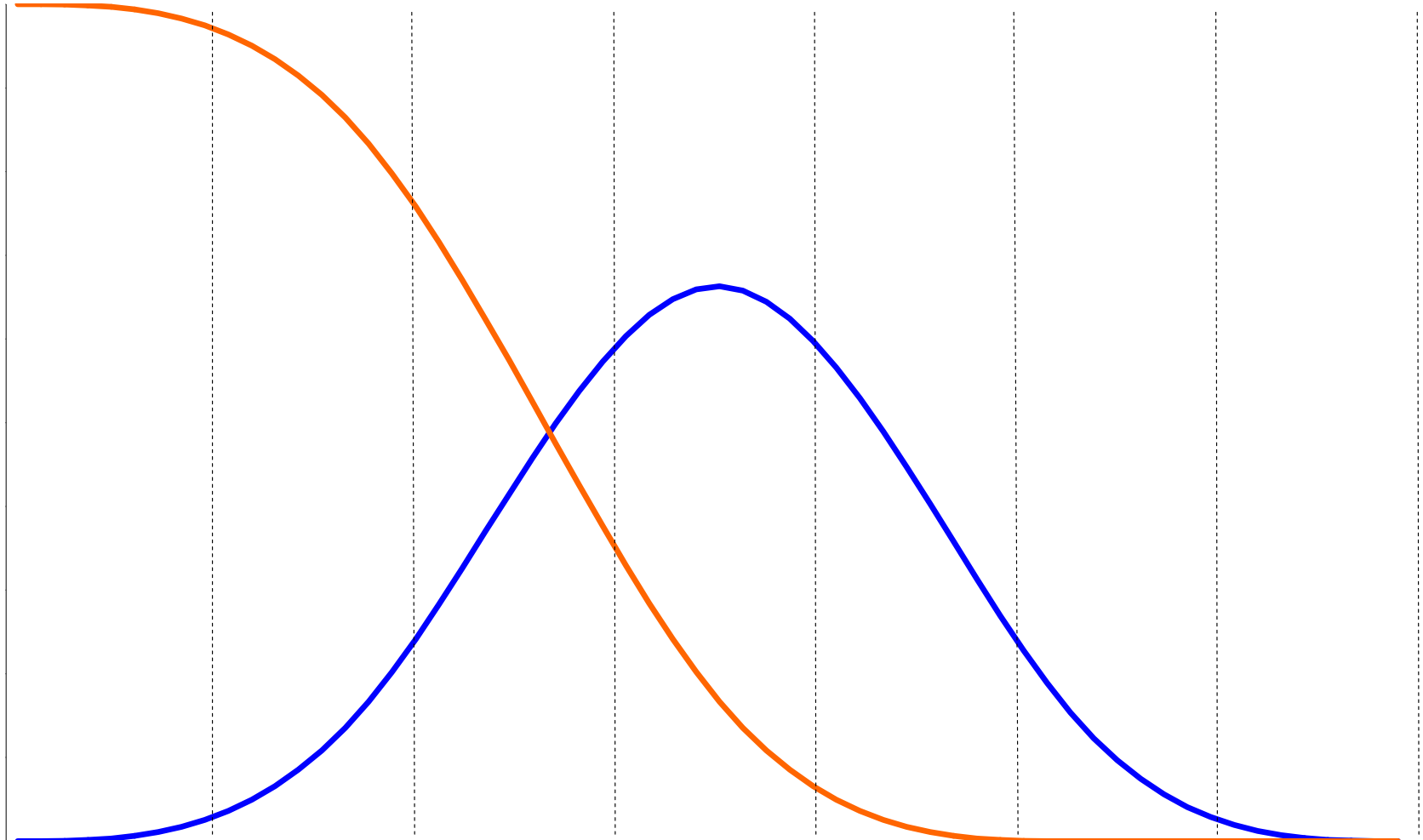
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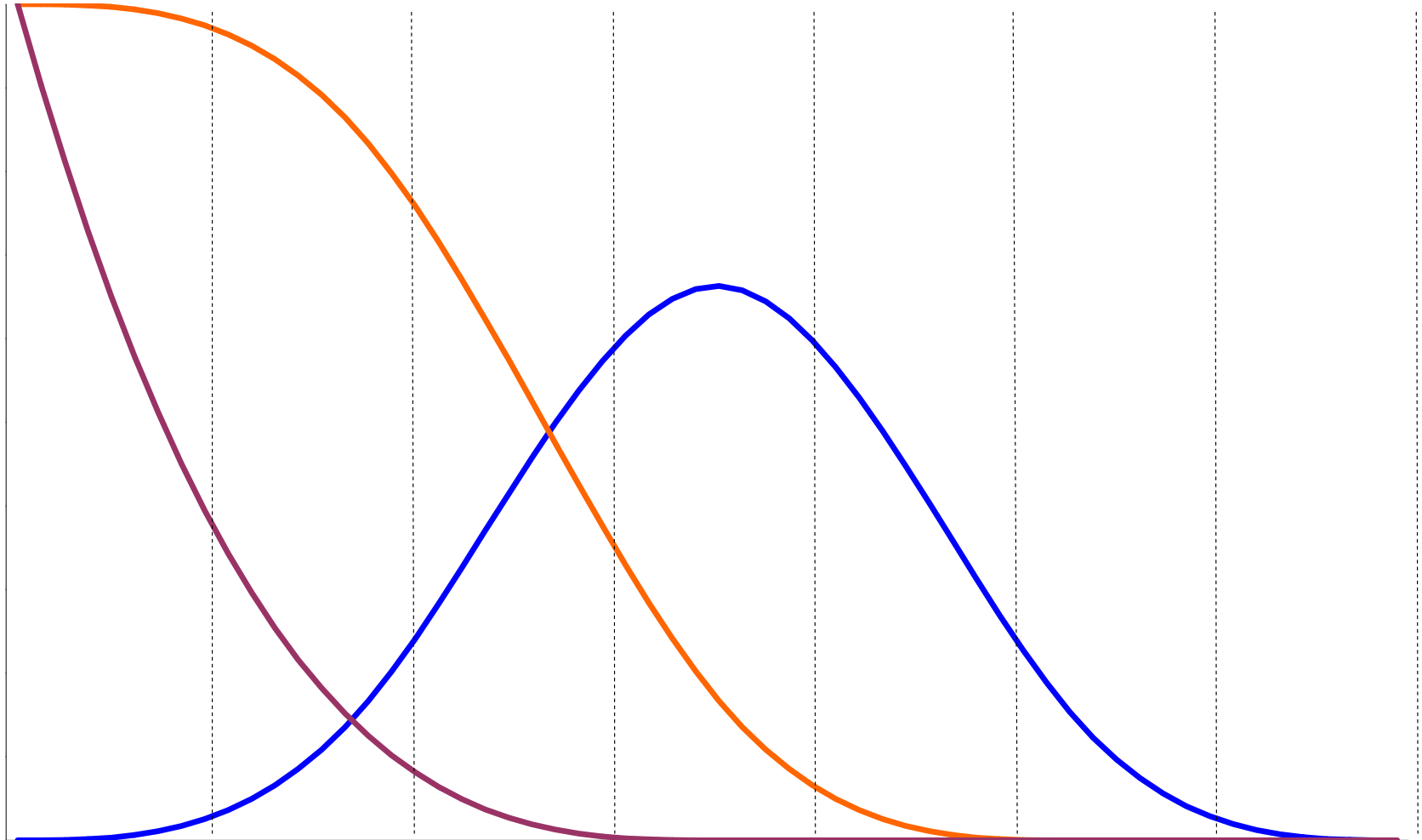
B-splines - extrapolation



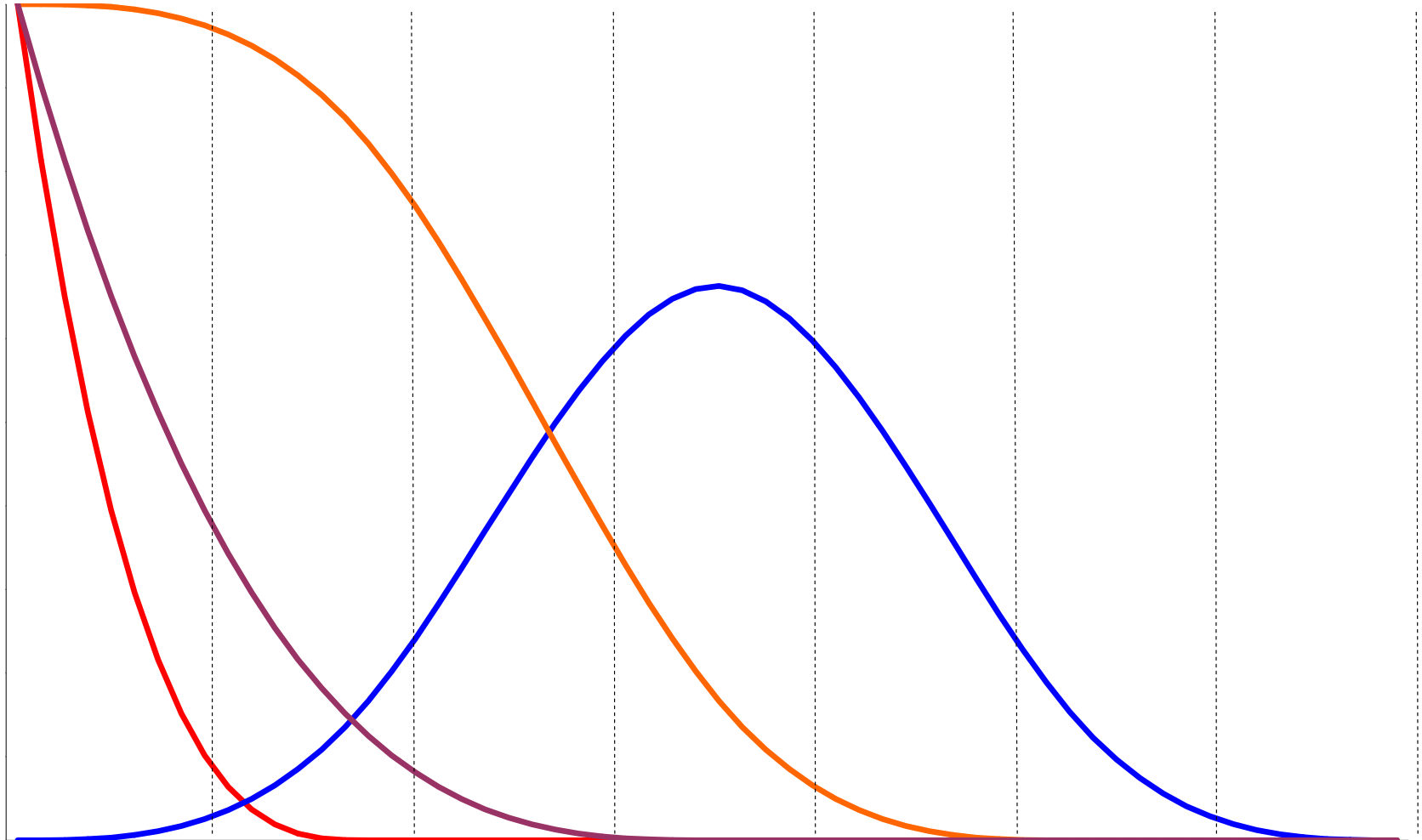
B-splines - constant extrapolation



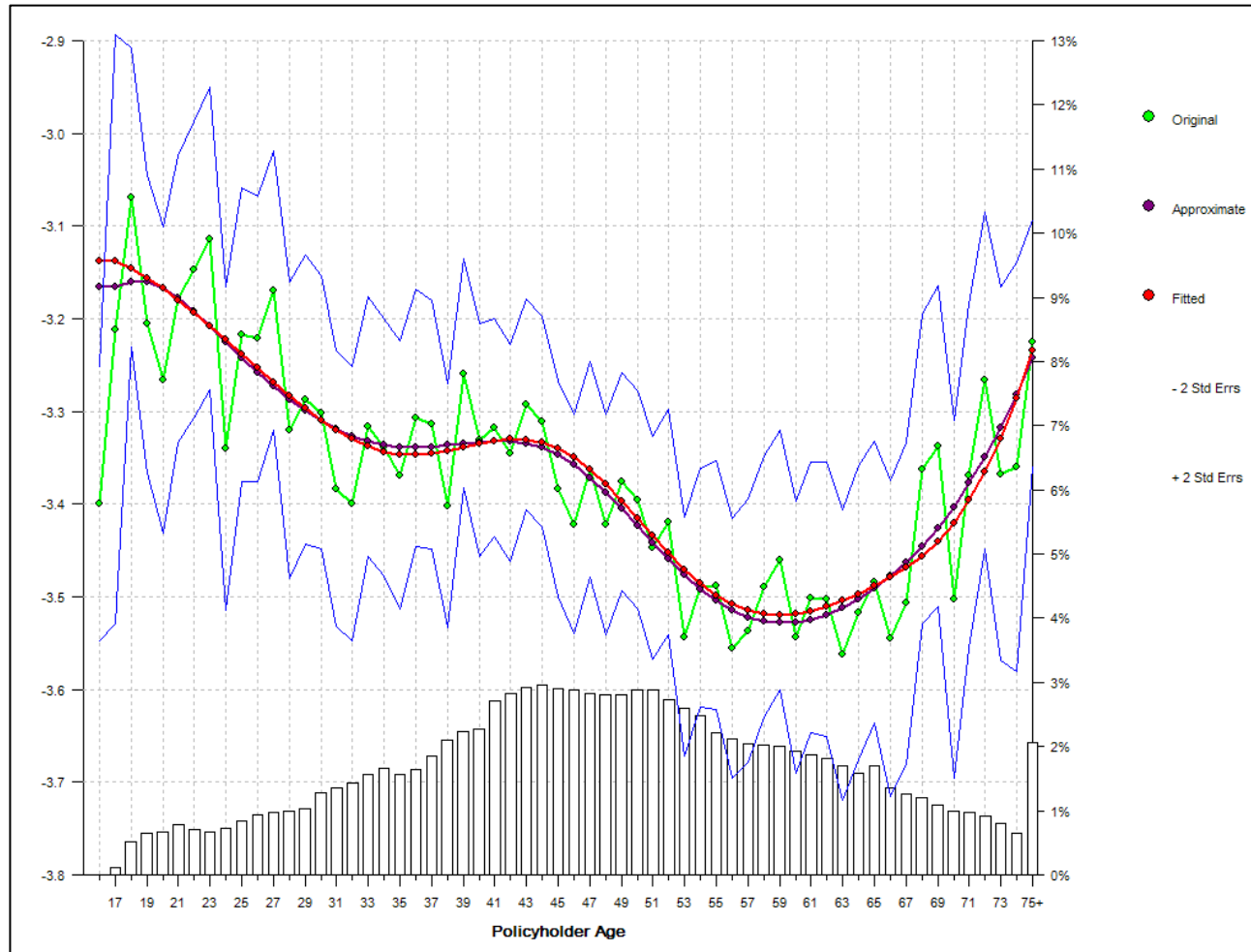
B-splines - linear extrapolation



B-splines - quadratic extrapolation



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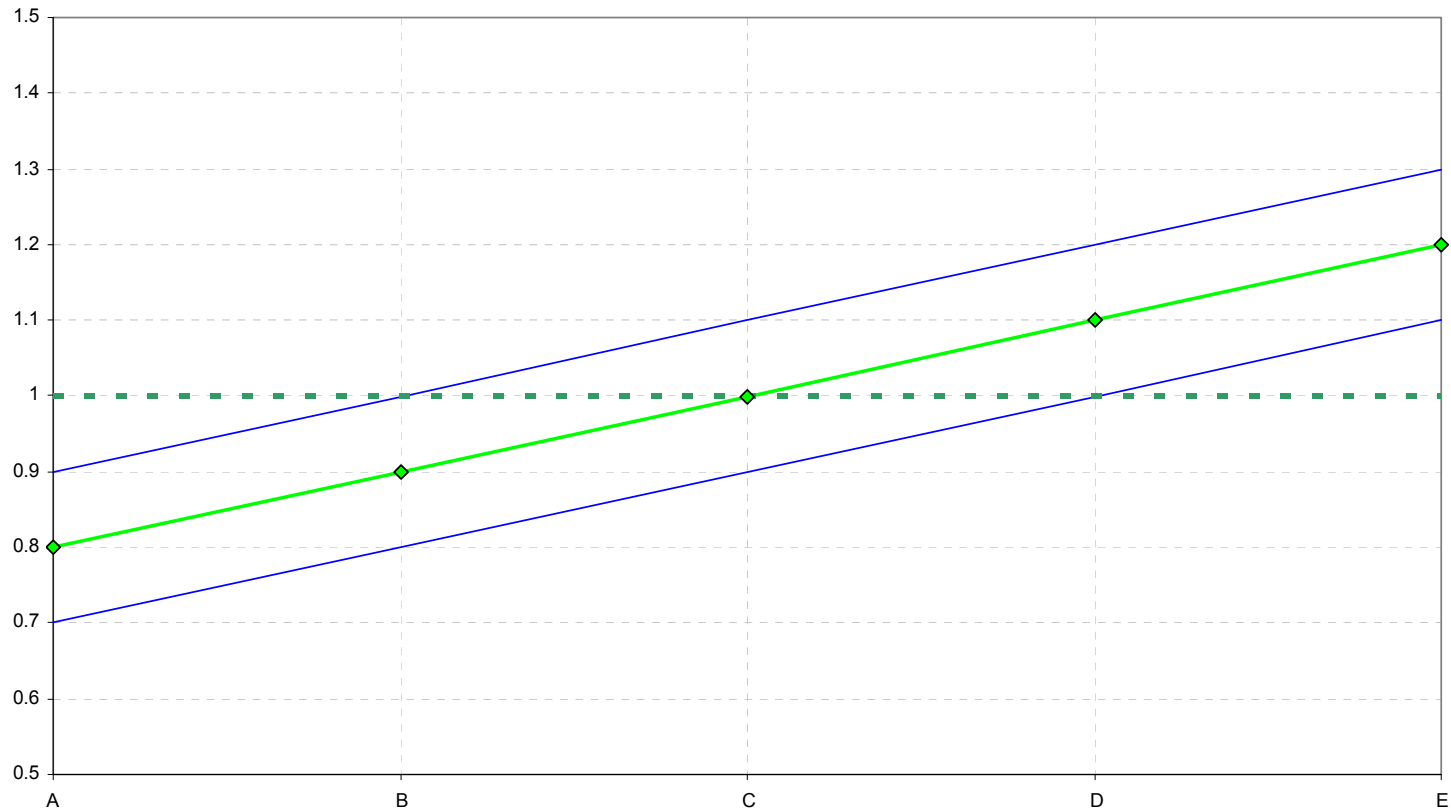
- Can be useful when continuous effect required
- Increases complexity
- Knot selection important and iterative
 - interactively select design of knot placement on curve fitted to parameter estimates and then incorporate within model
- Can be helpful when simplifying interactions

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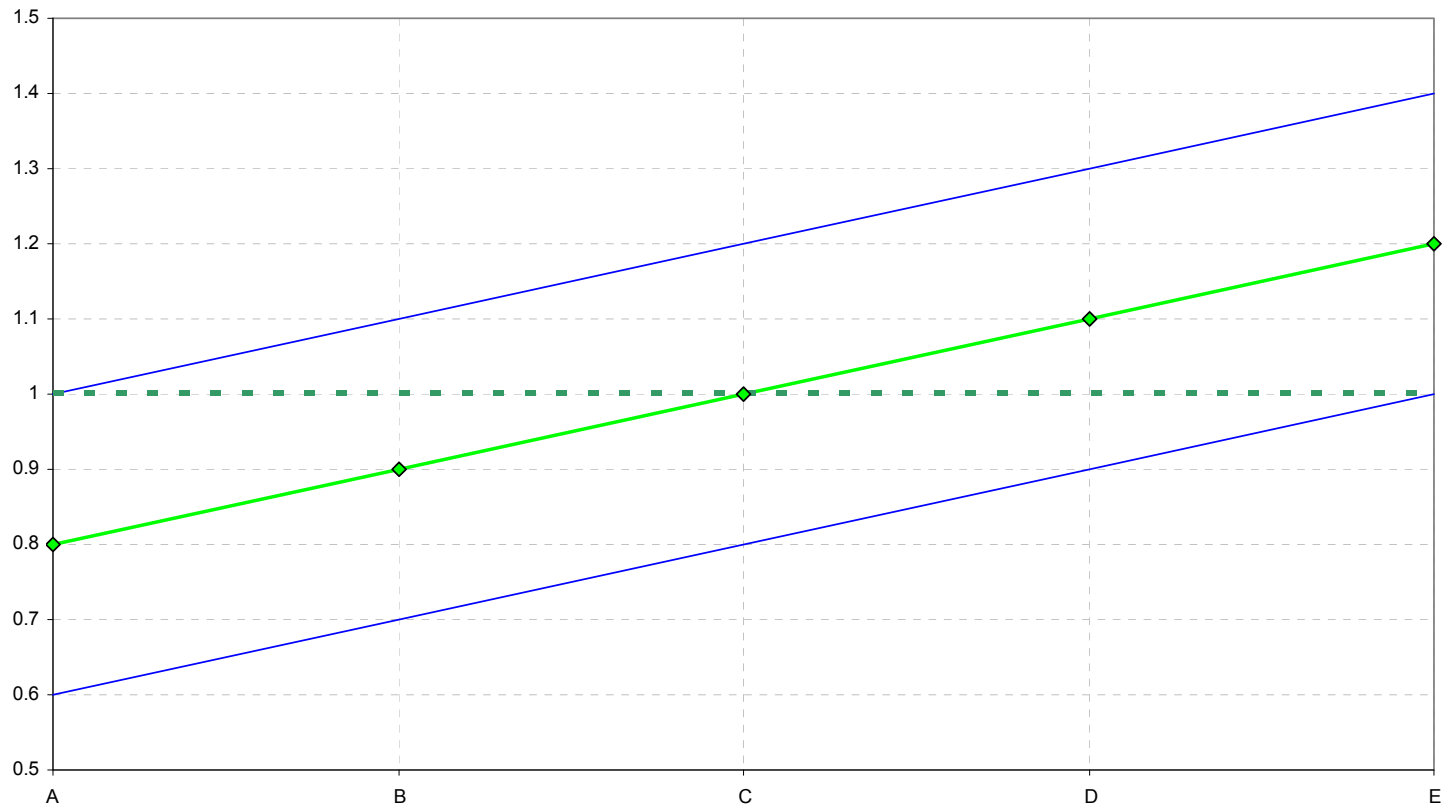
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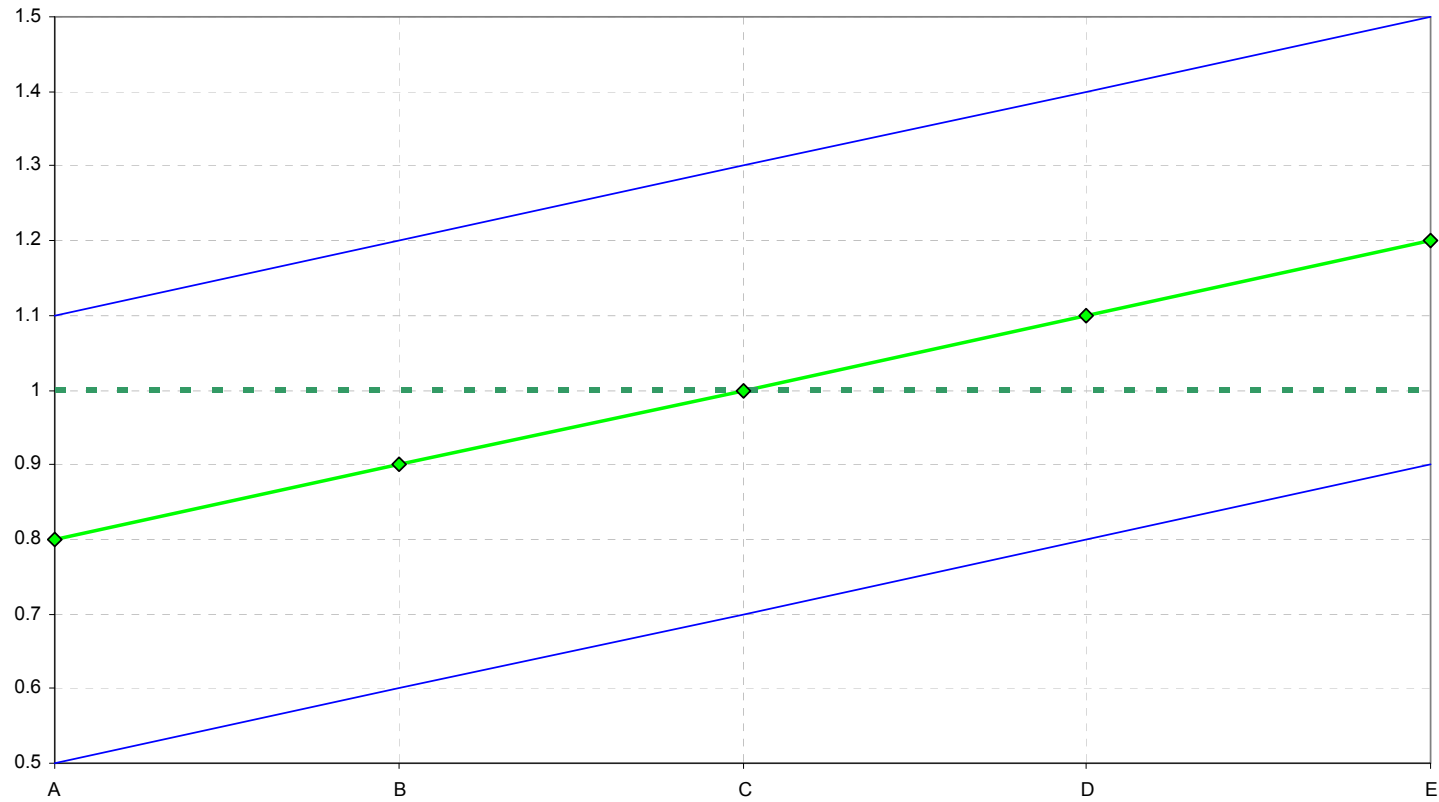
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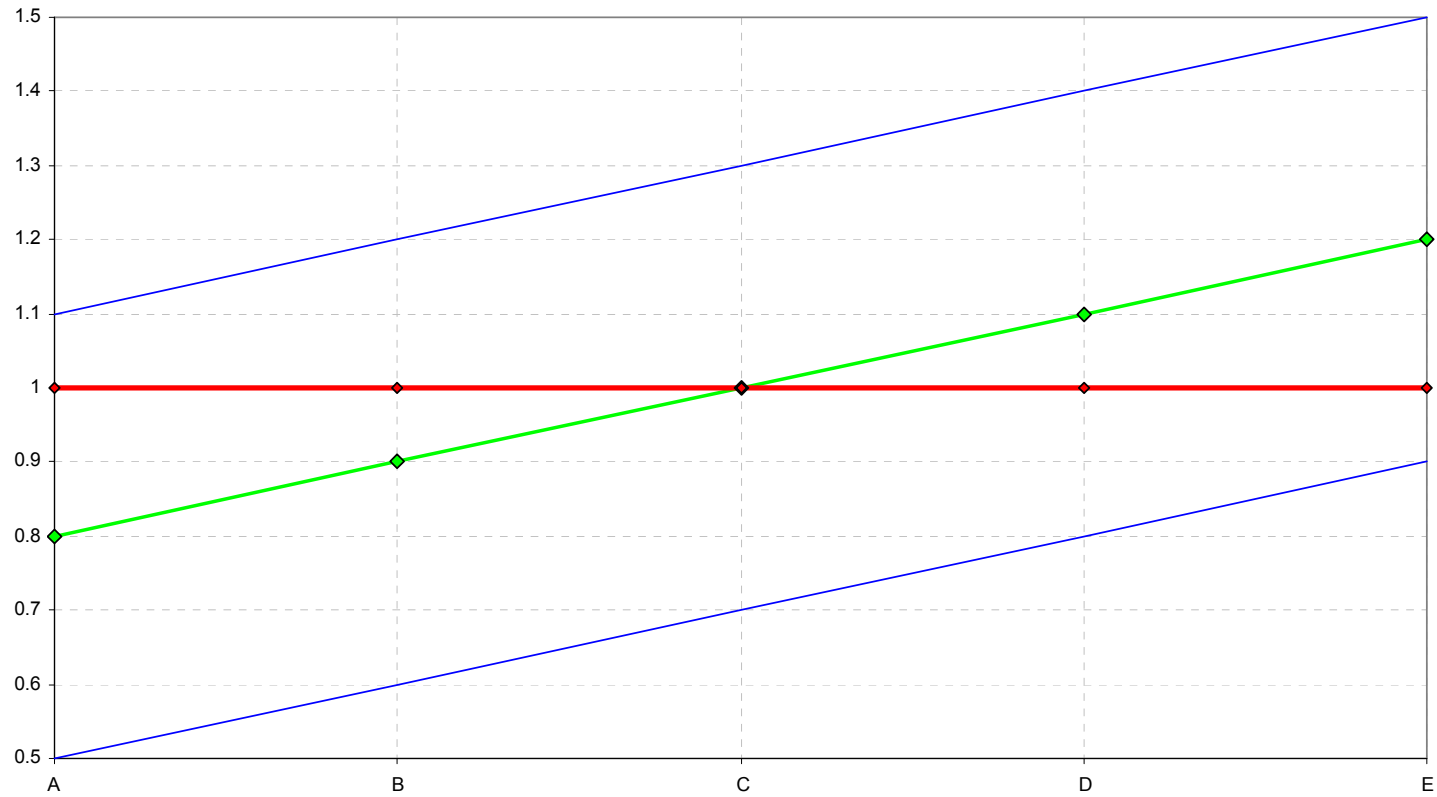
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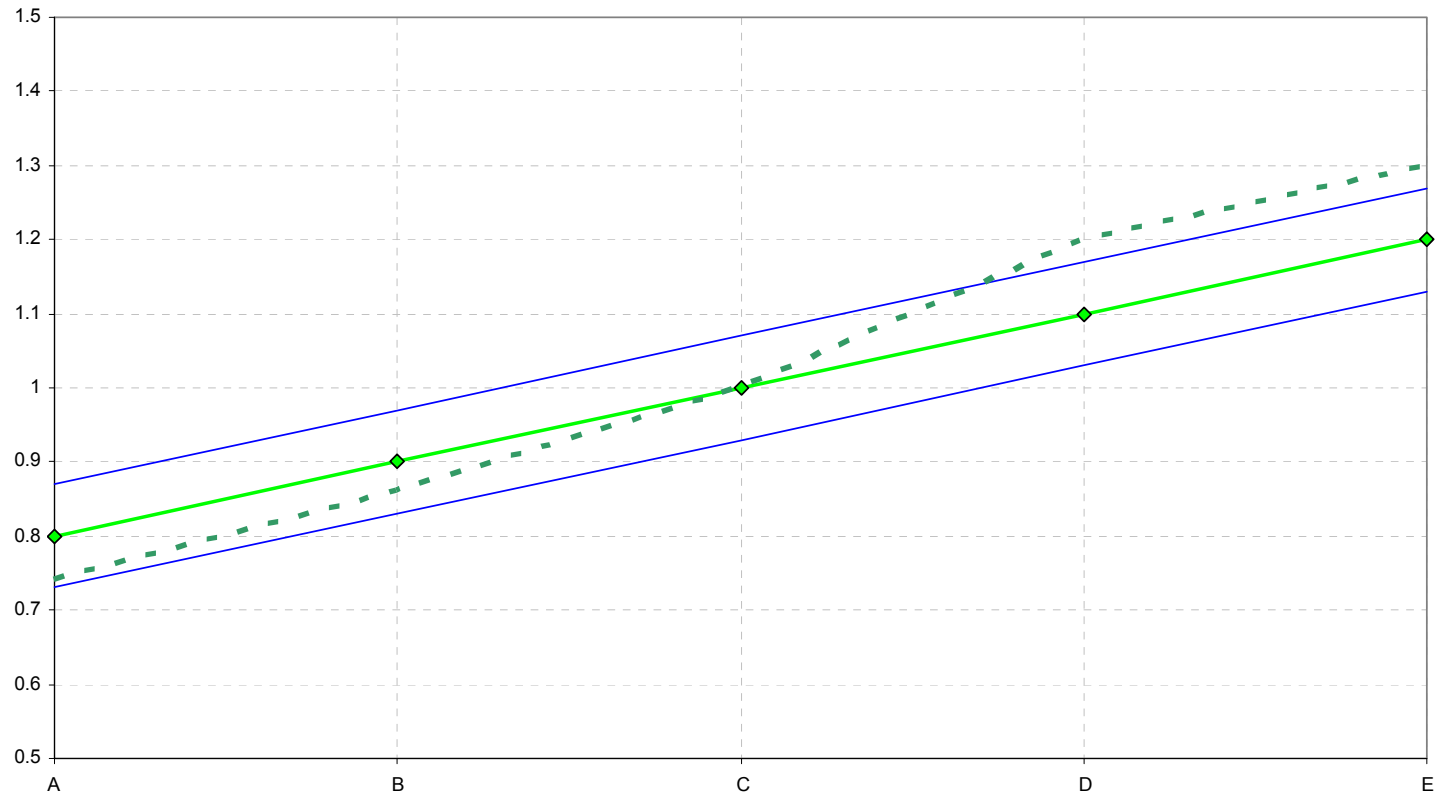
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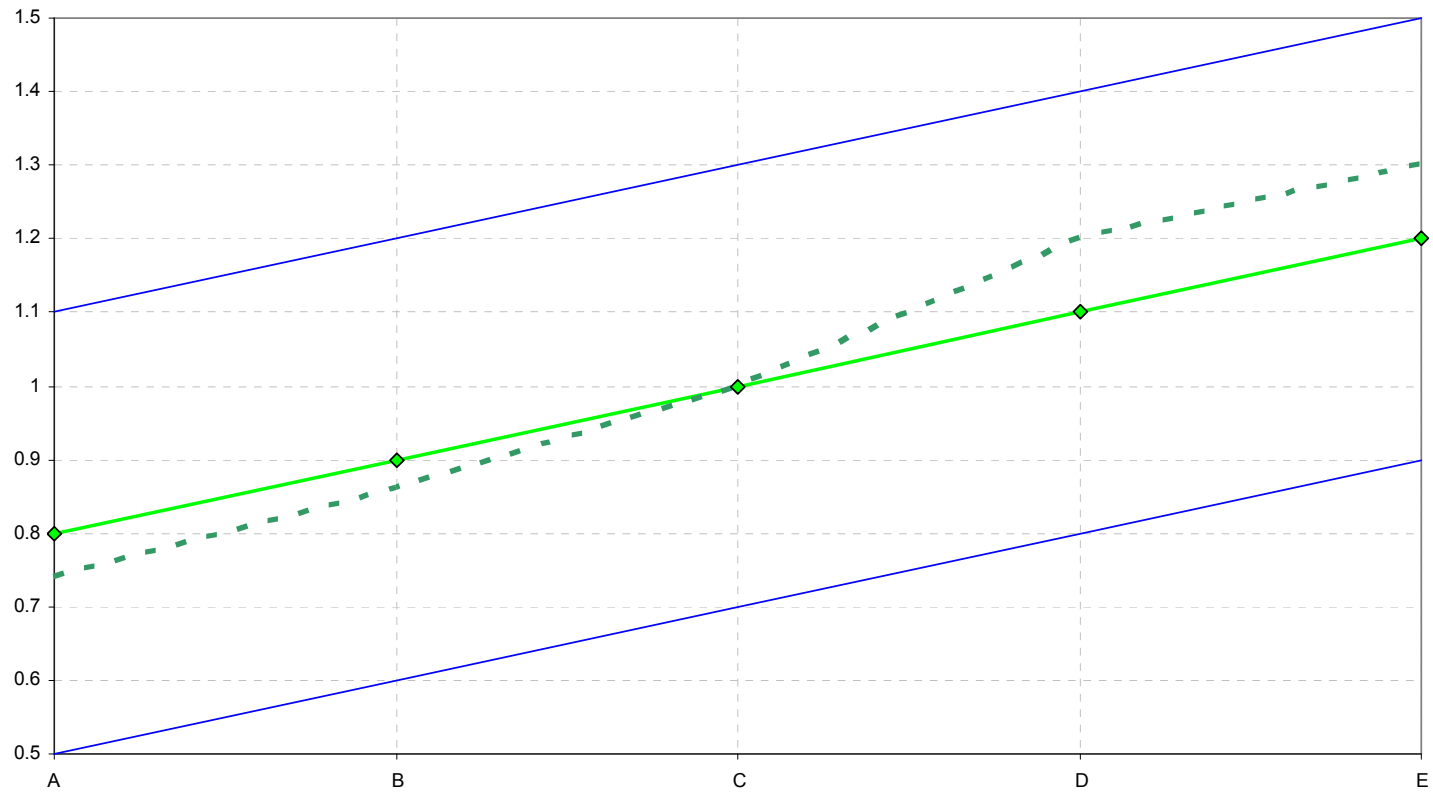
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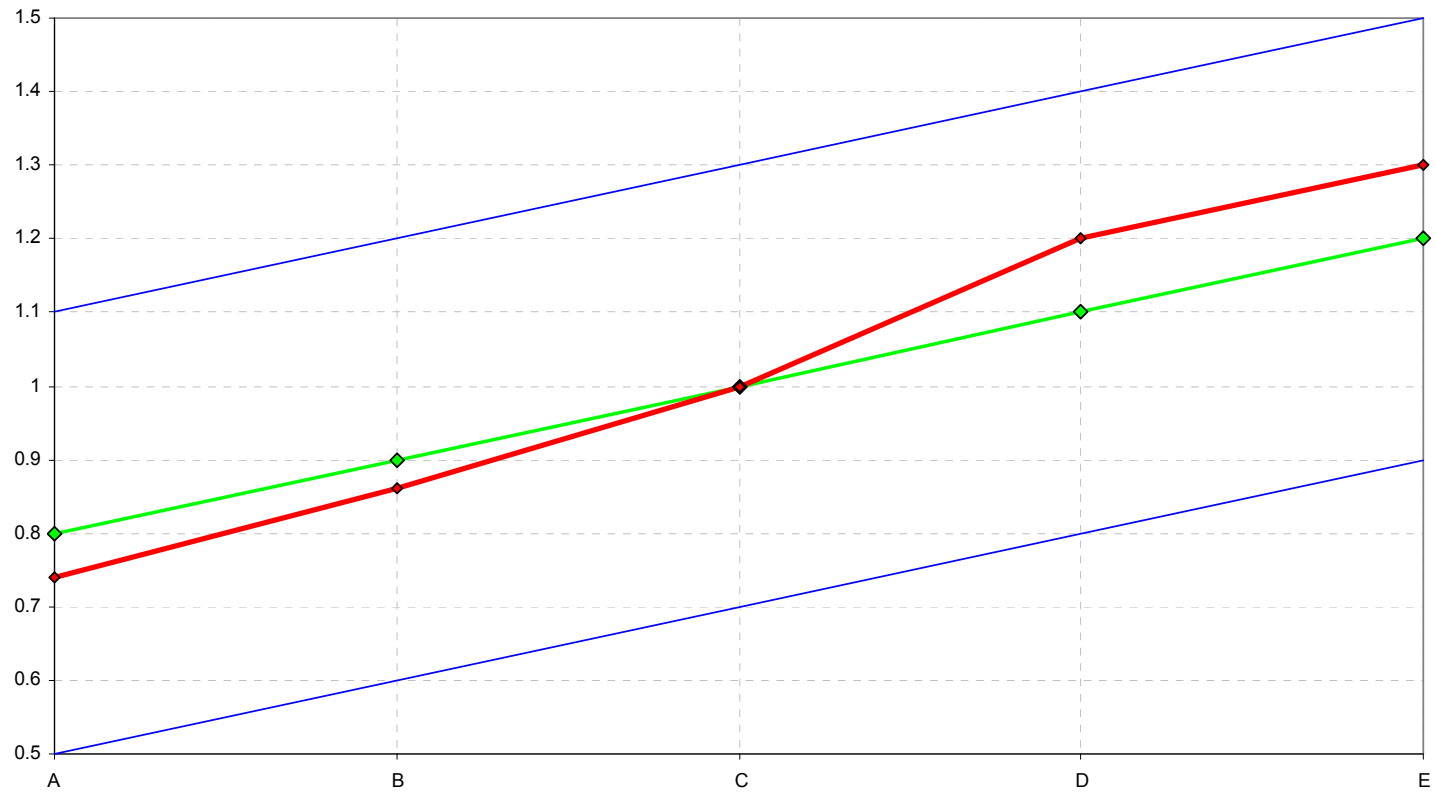
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Reference models - approach 1

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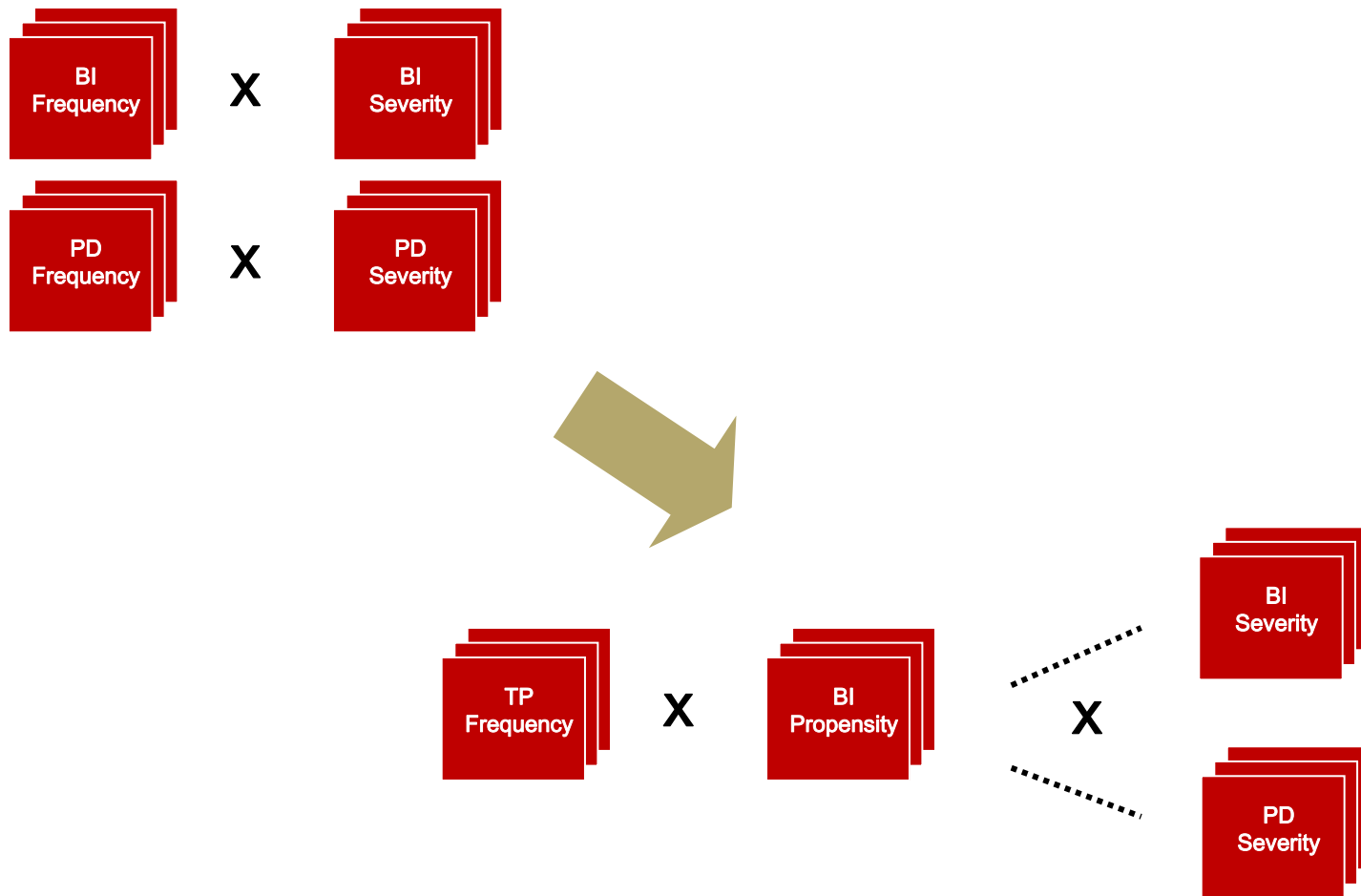
Offset term

When modeling BI

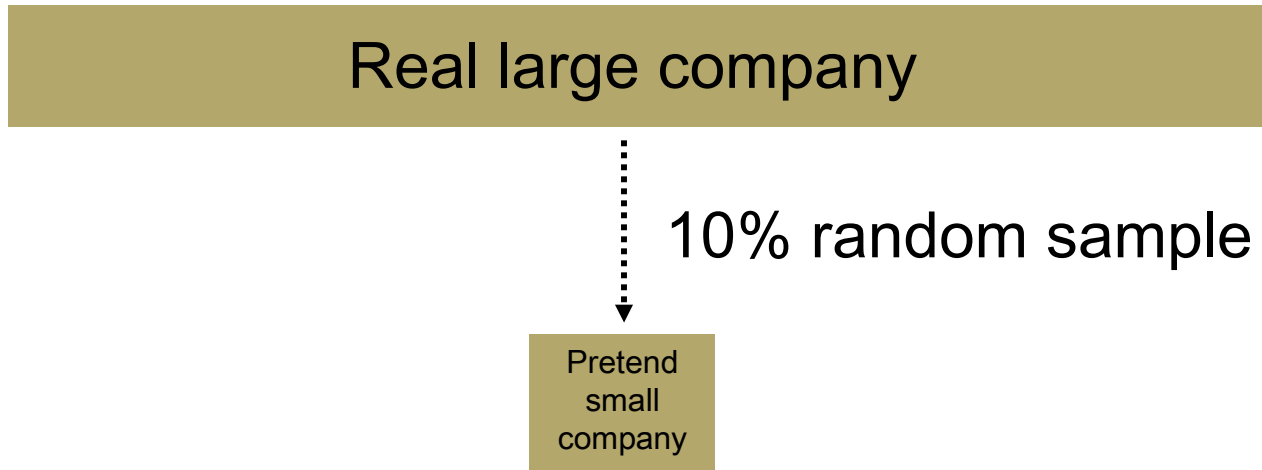
Set PD fitted values to be offset term

GLM will seek effects over and above assumed PD effect

Reference models - approach 2



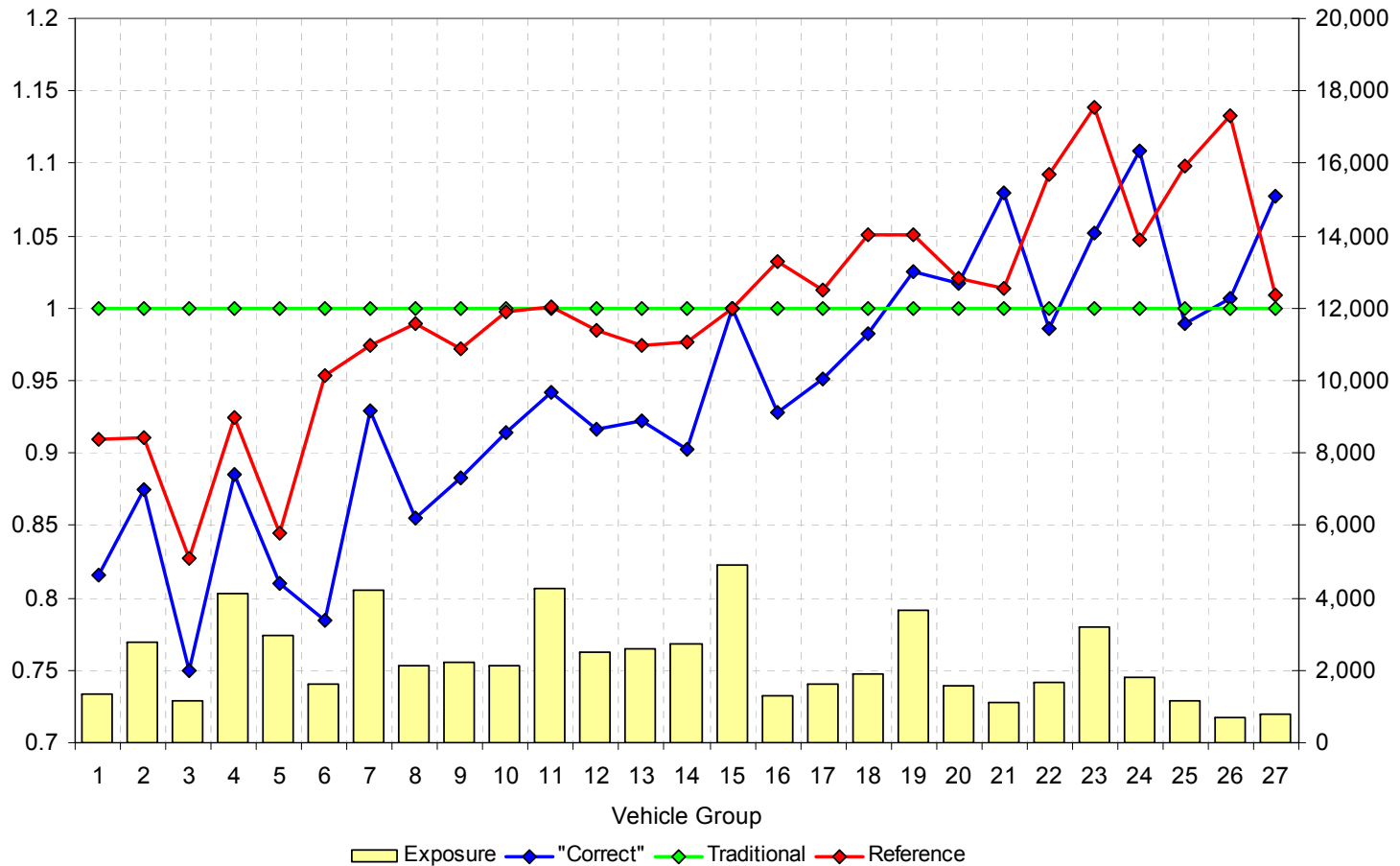
(1) GLM on BI claims on all the data - the "correct" answer



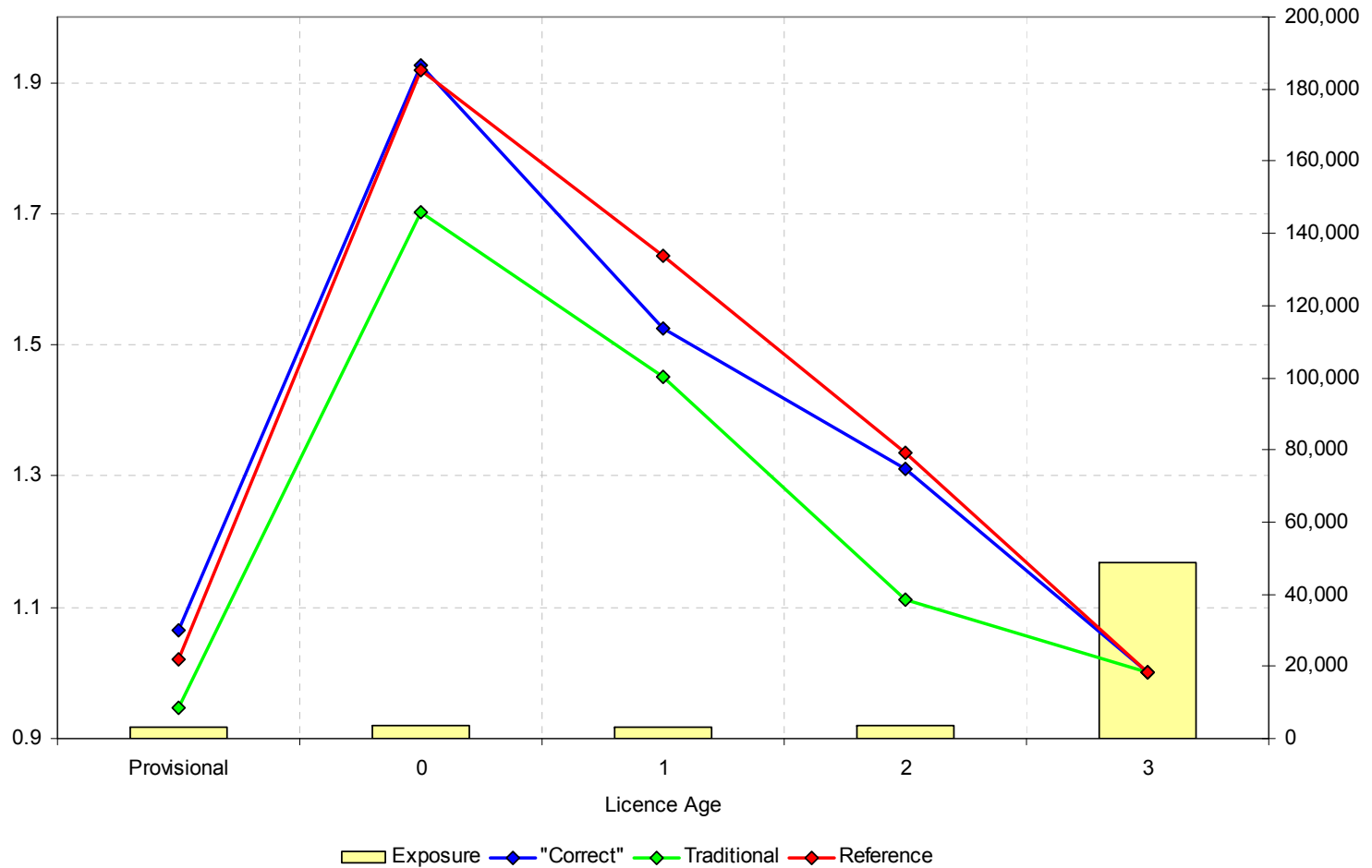
(2) Traditional GLM on BI claims on the "small company"

(3) Propensity reference model on BI claims cf PD claims

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Aliasing

- The removal of unwanted and unnecessary parameters
 - formally, linear dependencies in the design matrix
- **Intrinsic** aliasing
 - happens naturally because of the way the model is designed
- **Extrinsic** aliasing
 - happens "accidentally" because of some quirk in the data

Intrinsic aliasing

Consider model of form

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i = & \beta_1 \text{ (base level)} \\ & + \beta_2 \text{ if observation } i \text{ is male} \\ & + \beta_3 \text{ if observation } i \text{ is female} \\ & + \beta_4 \text{ if observation } i \text{ is a small car} \\ & + \beta_5 \text{ if observation } i \text{ is a medium car} \\ & + \beta_6 \text{ if observation } i \text{ is a big car}\end{aligned}$$

Intrinsic aliasing - $X\beta$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 \text{Base} & \text{Male} & \text{Female} & \text{Small} & \text{Med} & \text{Large} \\
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
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"Base levels"

Intrinsic aliasing - $X.\beta$

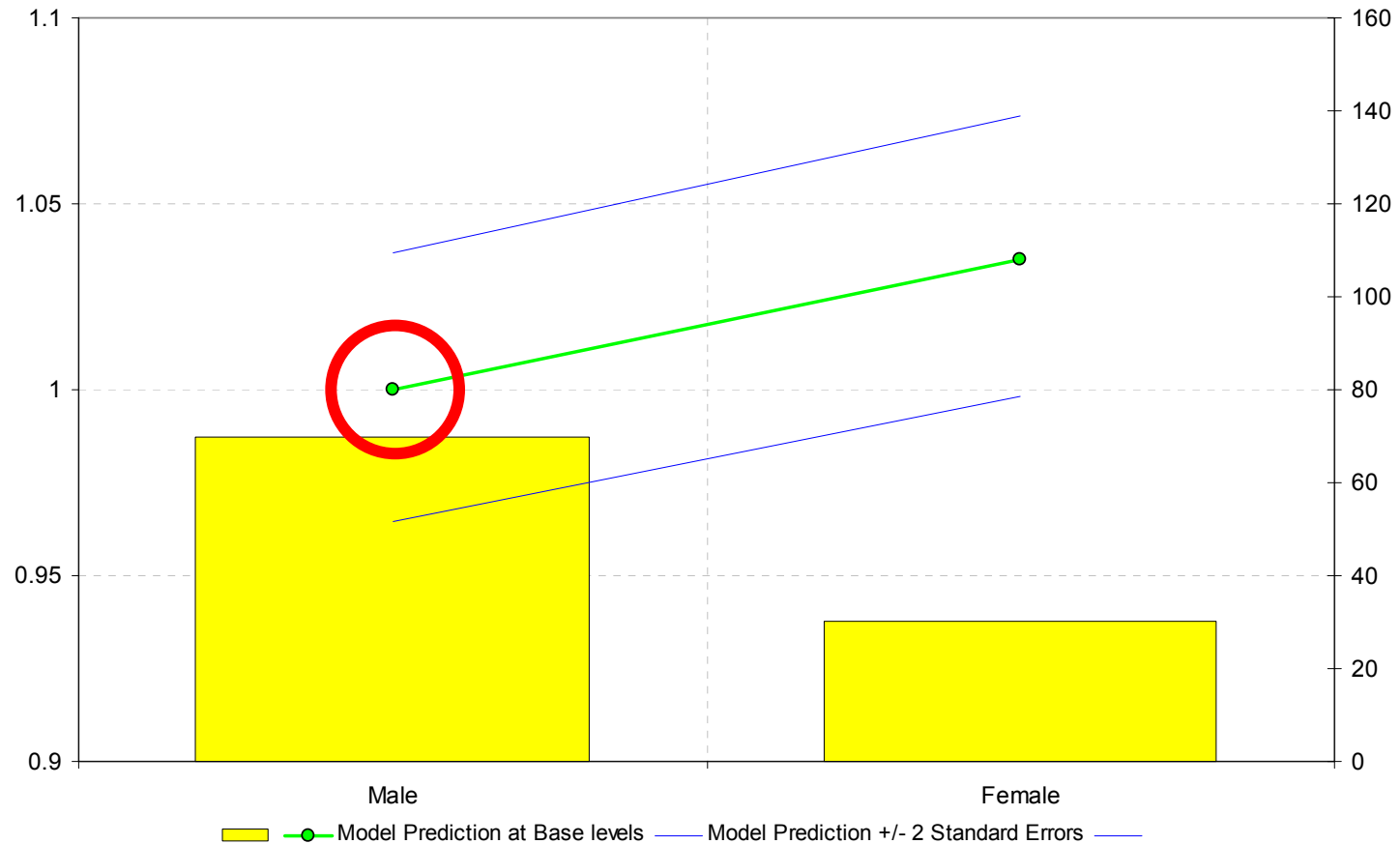
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Intrinsic aliasing - $X\beta$

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Example intrinsic aliasing

Gender - frequency

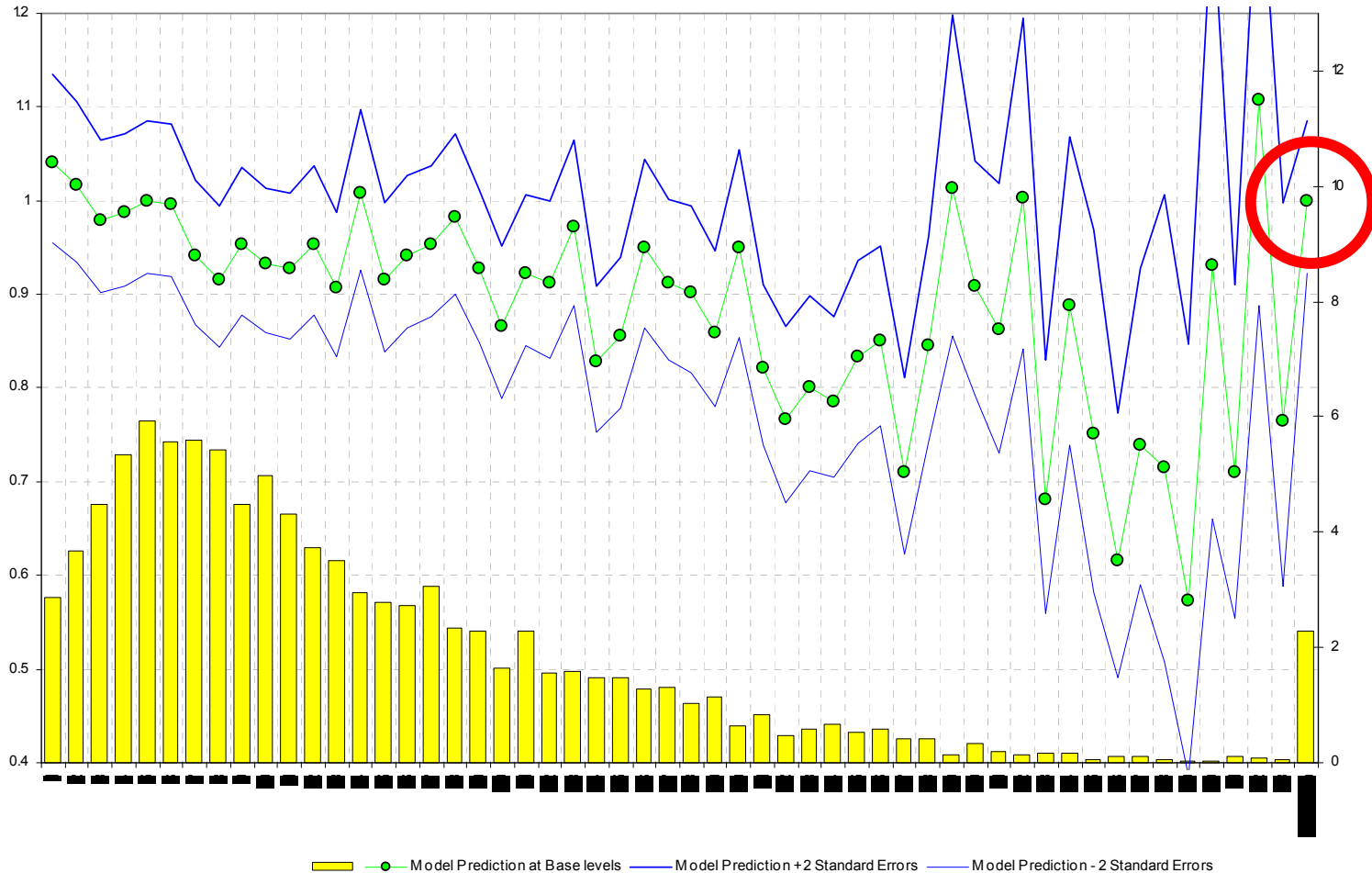


Extrinsic aliasing

Exposure

Density → ↓ Wealth	Very urban	Urban	Rural Intrinsic aliasing	Very rural	Unknown Extrinsic aliasing
Very rich	12,123	14,673	25,353	22,342	0
Rich Intrinsic aliasing	32,343	36,945	40,236	32,234	0
Poor	29,454	28,343	33,324	26,954	0
Very poor	14,343	12,456	18,343	9,934	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1,235

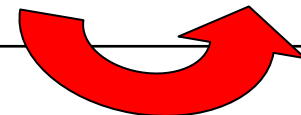
Example extrinsic aliasing



"Near" aliasing

Exposure

Density → ↓ Wealth	Very urban	Urban	Rural	Very rural	Unknown
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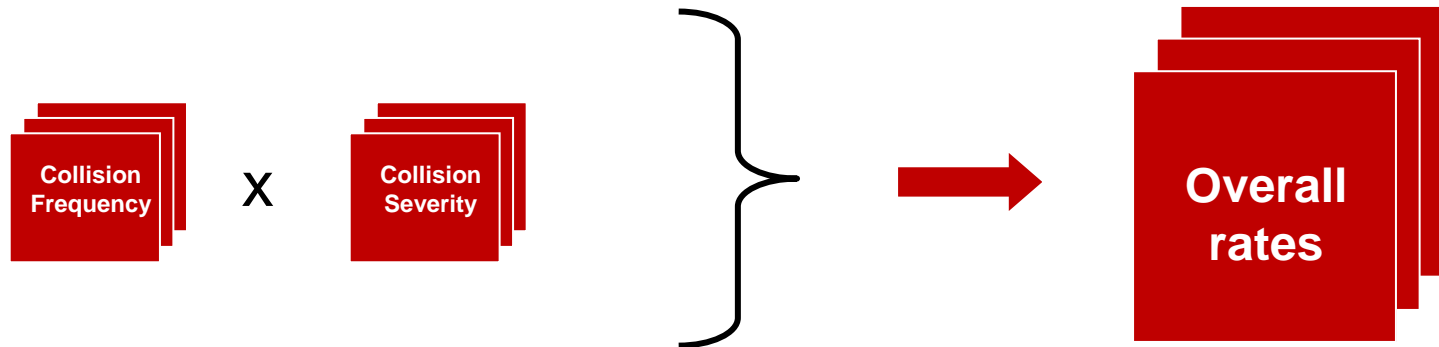


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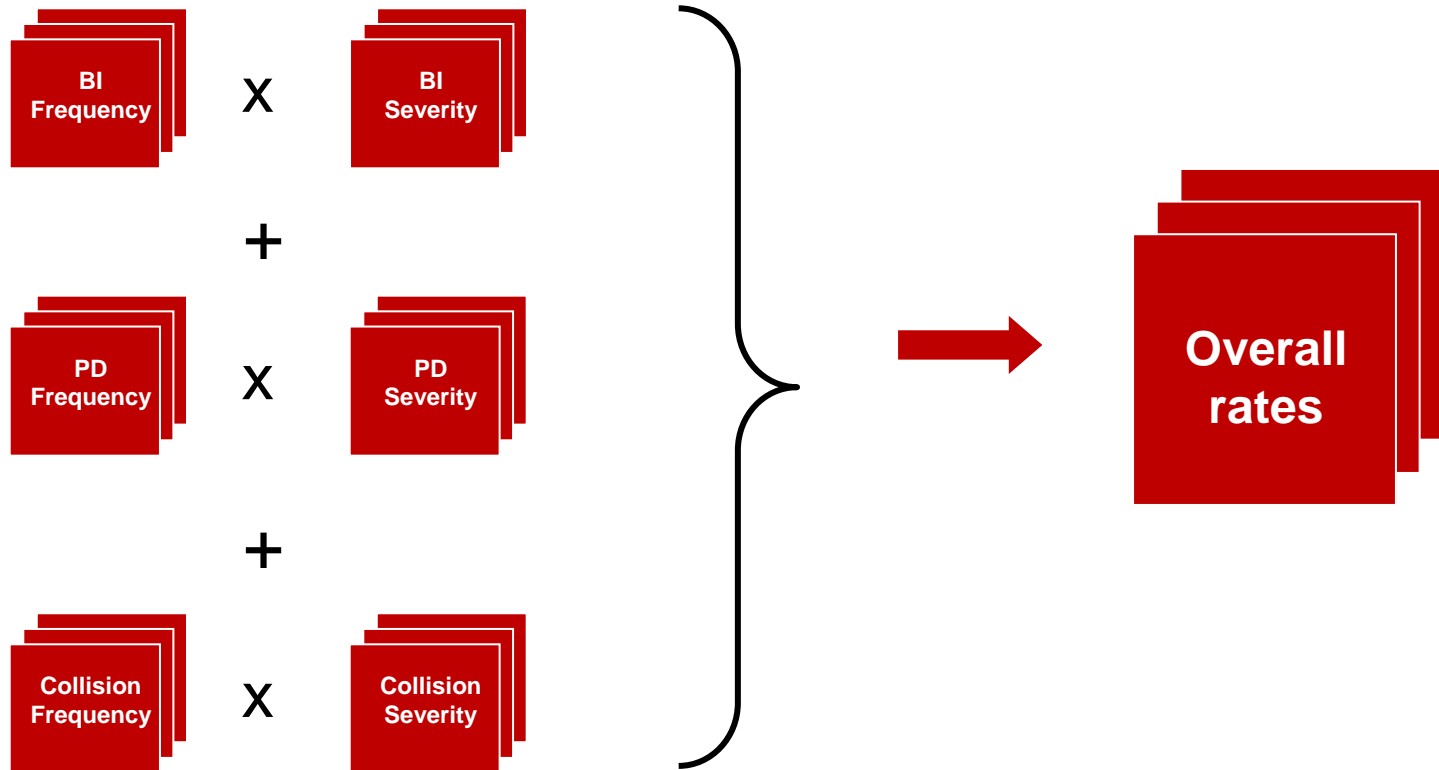
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Combining models



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Combining models

- Take models
- Take relevant mix of business
 - eg current in force policies
- For each record calculate expected frequencies and severities according to the models
- For each record, calculate expected total cost of claims "C"
- Fit a GLM to "C" using all available factors

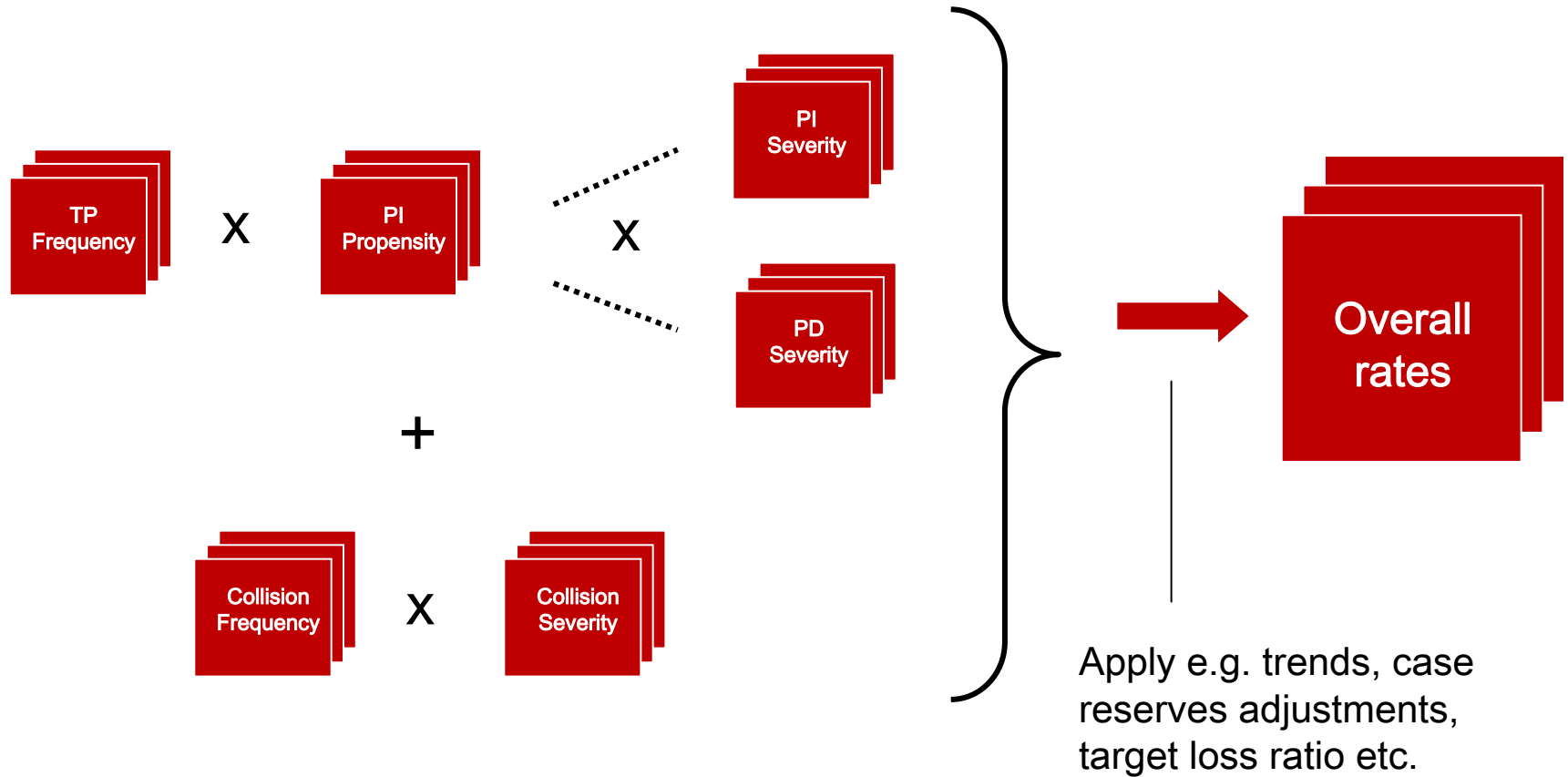
Combining models



	PD Freq	PD Sev	PI Freq	PI Sev
Base	10%	\$1500	2%	\$5000
Male	1	1	1	1
Female	0.9	0.85	0.95	0.88
Small	1.1	0.8	1.15	0.7
Medium	1	1	1	1
Large	0.9	1.3	0.95	1.25

Policy	Gender	Car	PD F	PD S	PI F	PI S	Cost
...
762374	Male	Large	9%	\$1,950	1.9%	\$6,250	294.25
762375	Male	Small	11%	\$1,200	2.3%	\$3,500	212.50
762376	Female	Medium	9%	\$1,275	1.9%	\$4,400	198.35
762377	Male	Medium	10%	\$1,500	2.0%	\$5,000	250.00
...

Combining models



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Formularization of GLMs

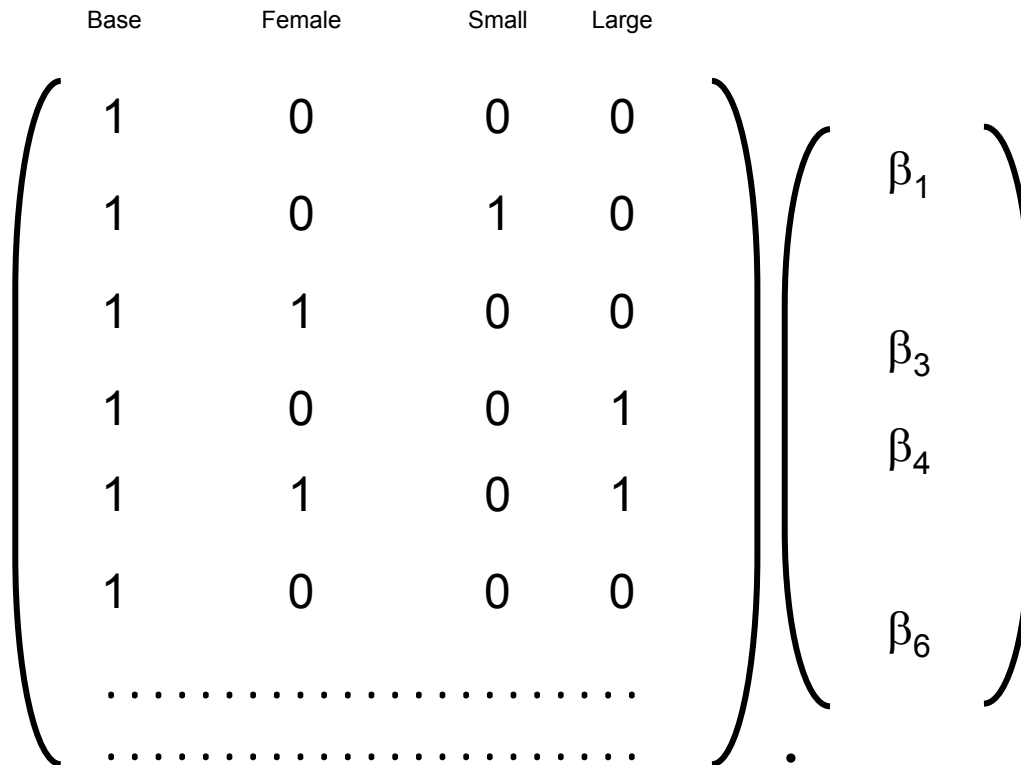
$$E[Y_i] = \mu_i = g^{-1}(\sum X_{ij} \cdot \beta_j + \xi_i)$$



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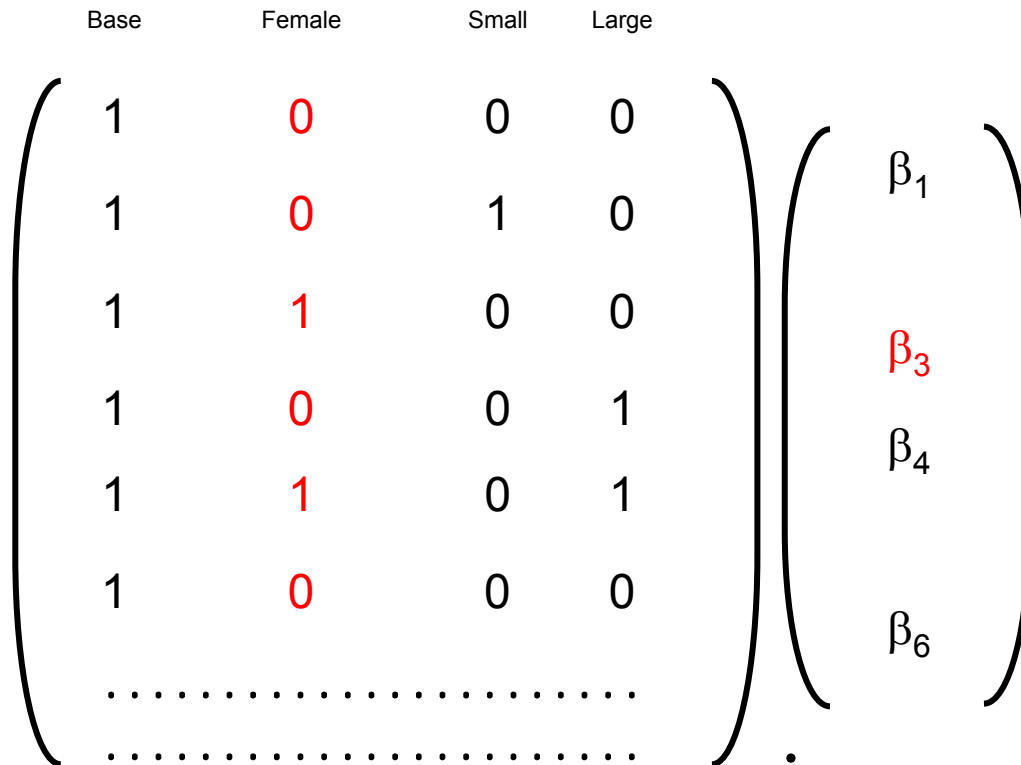
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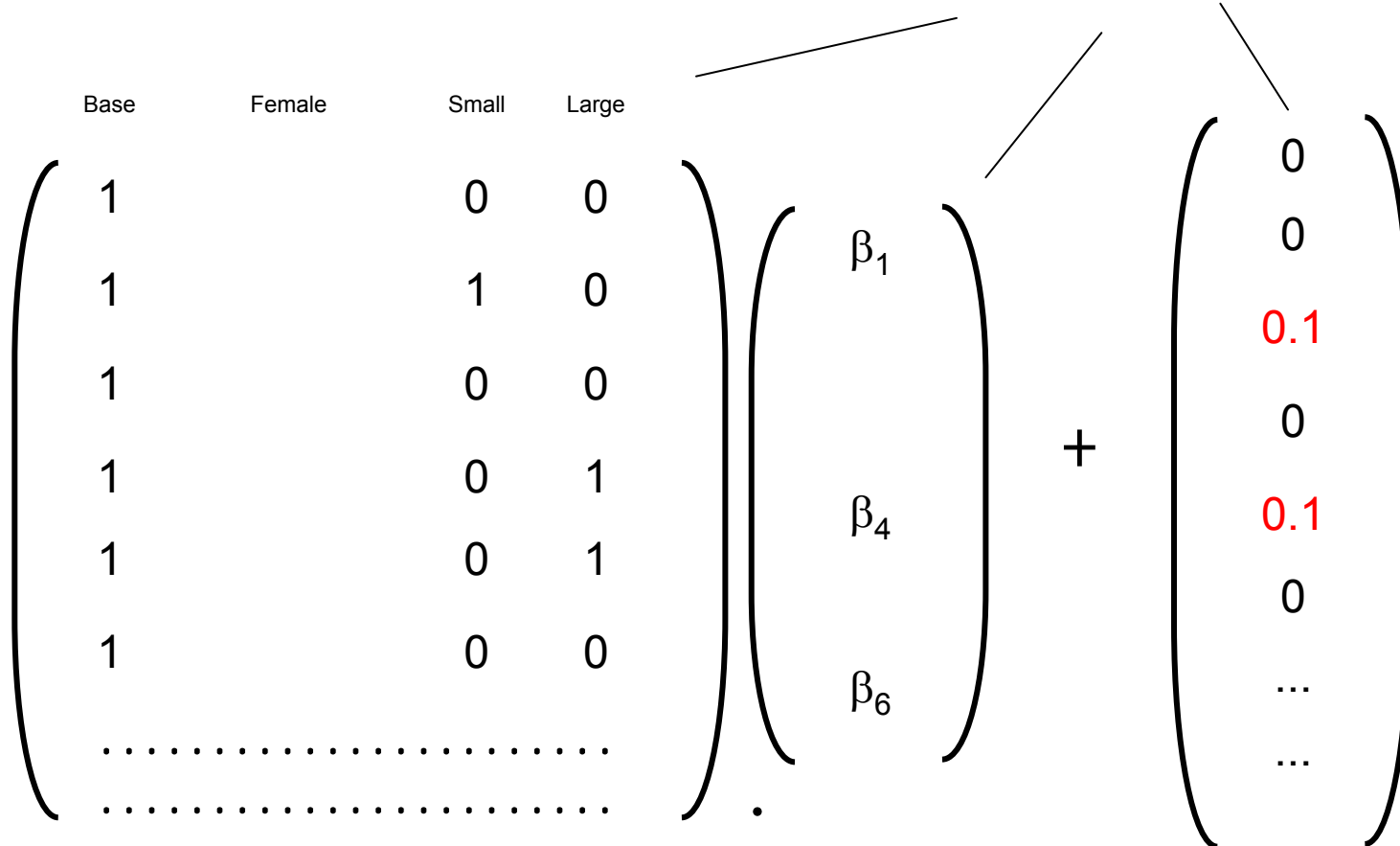
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Offset example

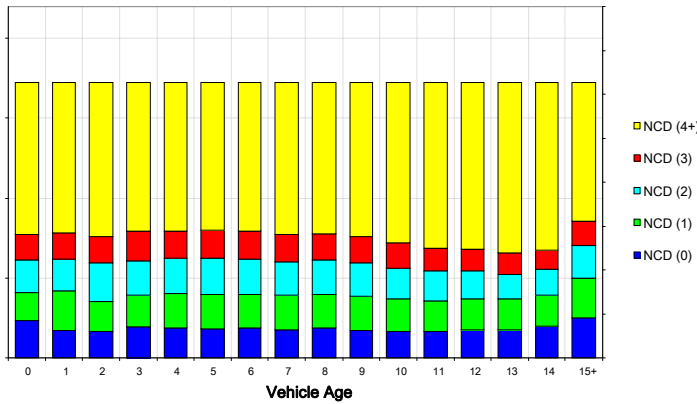
No Claims Discount



Cramer's V measures exposure correlation

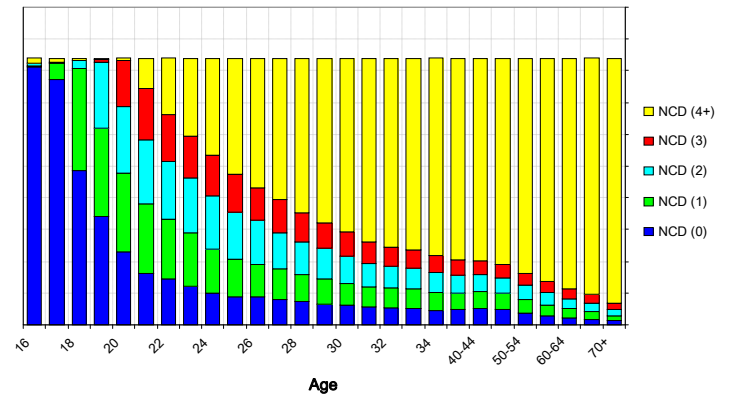
Factor (#Levels)	Gender	Rating Area	Vehicle Category	Age	No Claims Discount	Driving Restriction	Vehicle Age	LossYear
Gender	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rating Area	0.017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle Category	0.297	0.017	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age	0.182	0.035	0.087	-	-	-	-	-
No Claims Discount	0.126	0.021	0.139	0.253	-	-	-	-
Driving Restriction	0.076	0.034	0.088	0.224	0.112	-	-	-
Vehicle Age	0.044	0.016	0.068	0.025	0.025	0.041	-	-
LossYear	0.006	0.014	0.064	0.126	0.124	0.055	0.049	-

Vehicle Age x NCD



0.025 implies low correlation

Age x NCD



0.253 implies high correlation

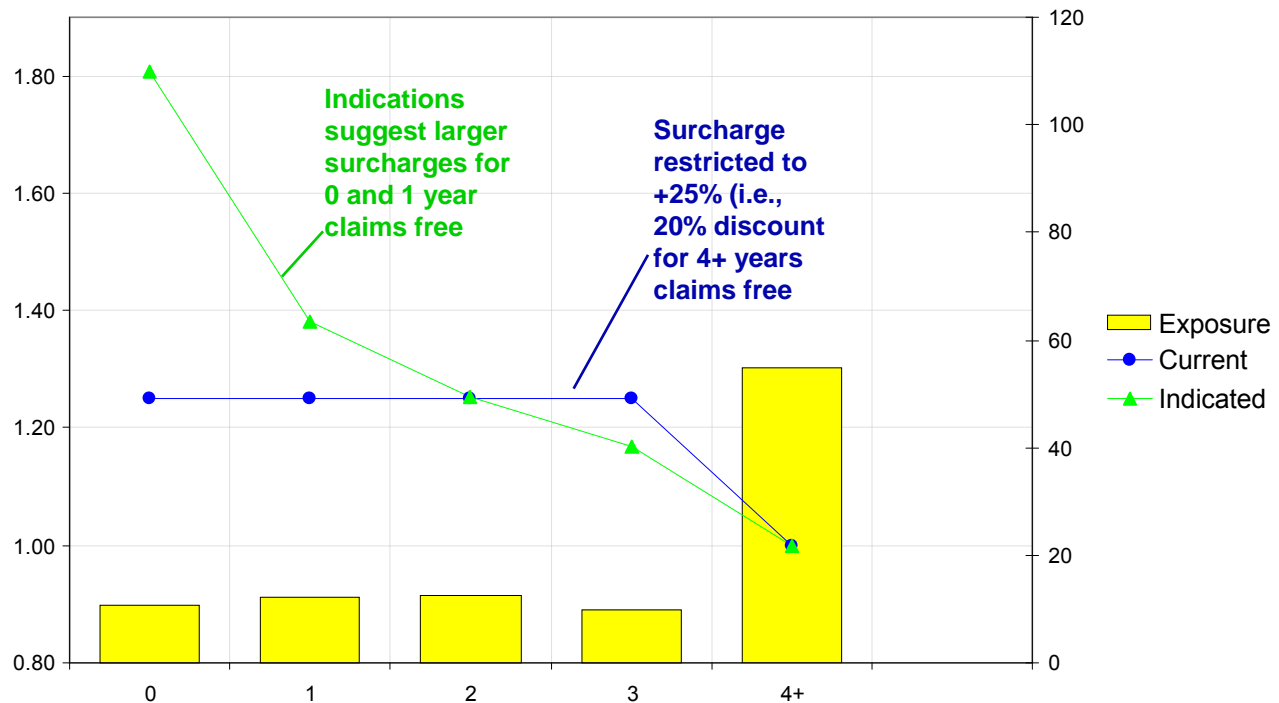
Offset Example

No Claims Discount



Company decides to maintain current NCD relativities

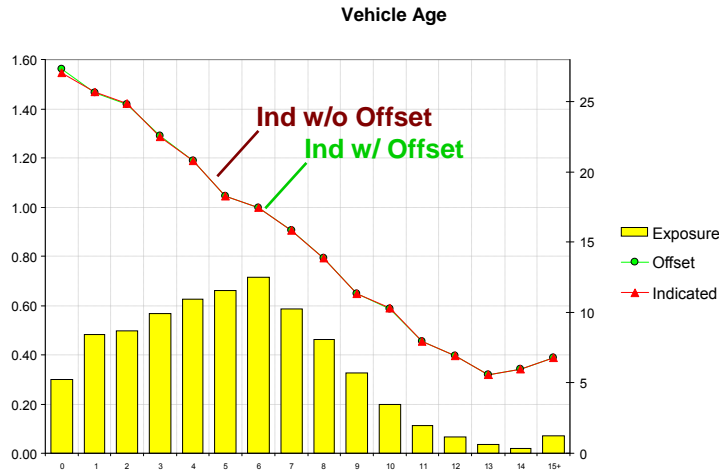
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Impact of offsetting on indications of other variables depends on exposure correlation with NCD

Offset Example

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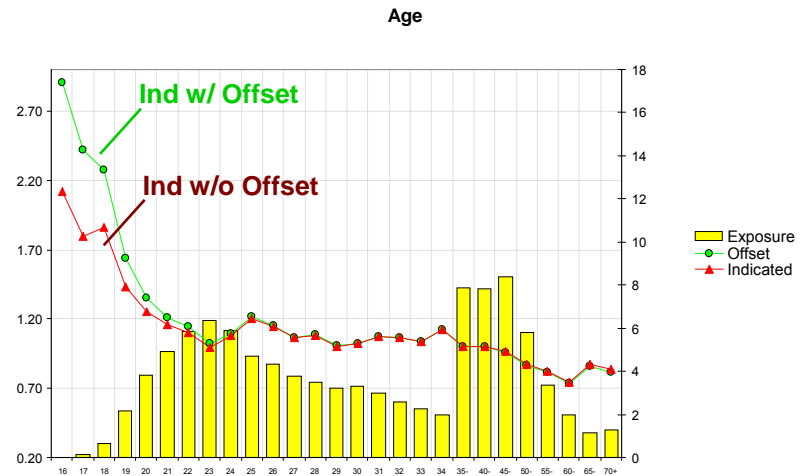


Cramers V=.025 (Low)

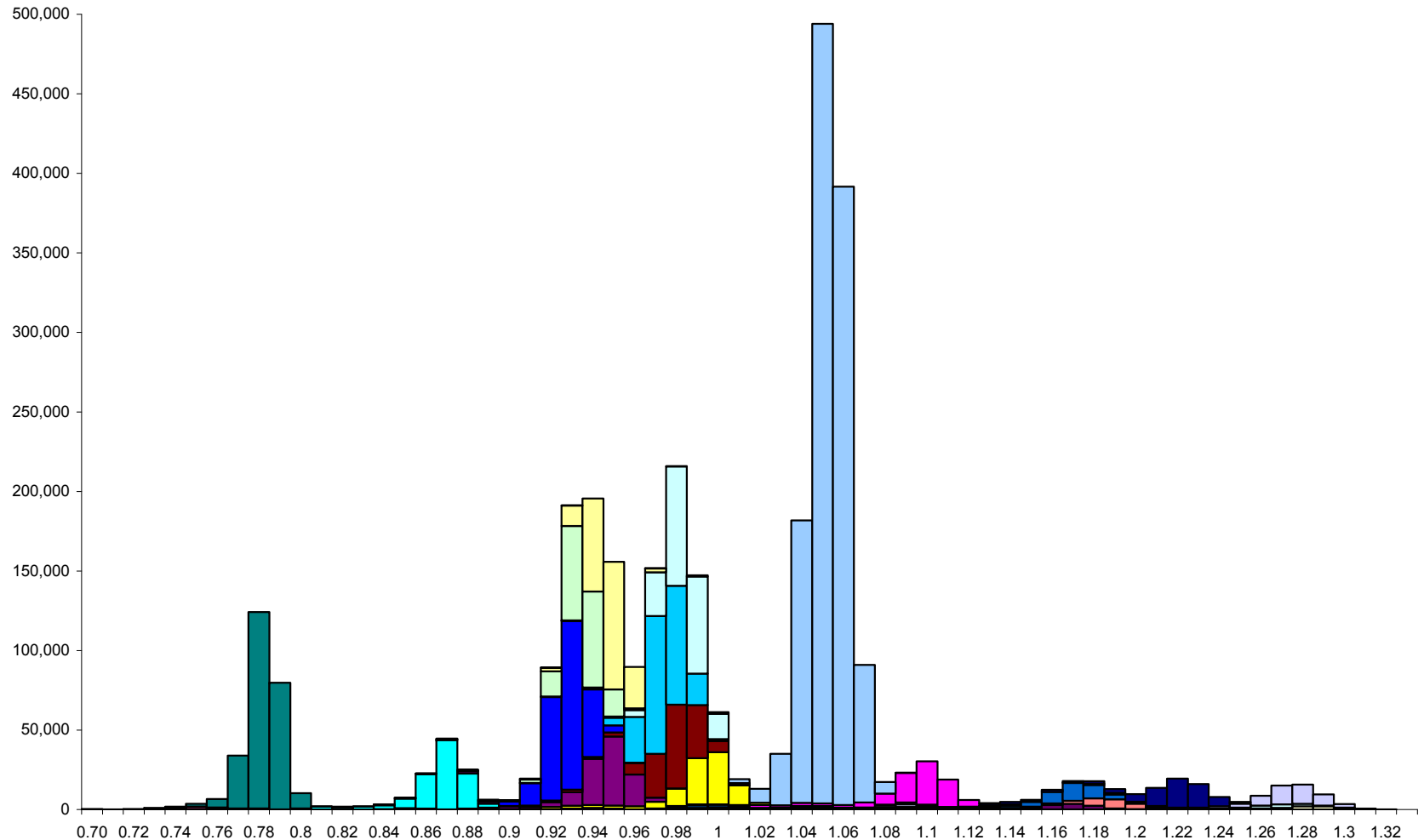
No material difference between model with and without the offset for “NCD”

Cramers V=.253 (High)

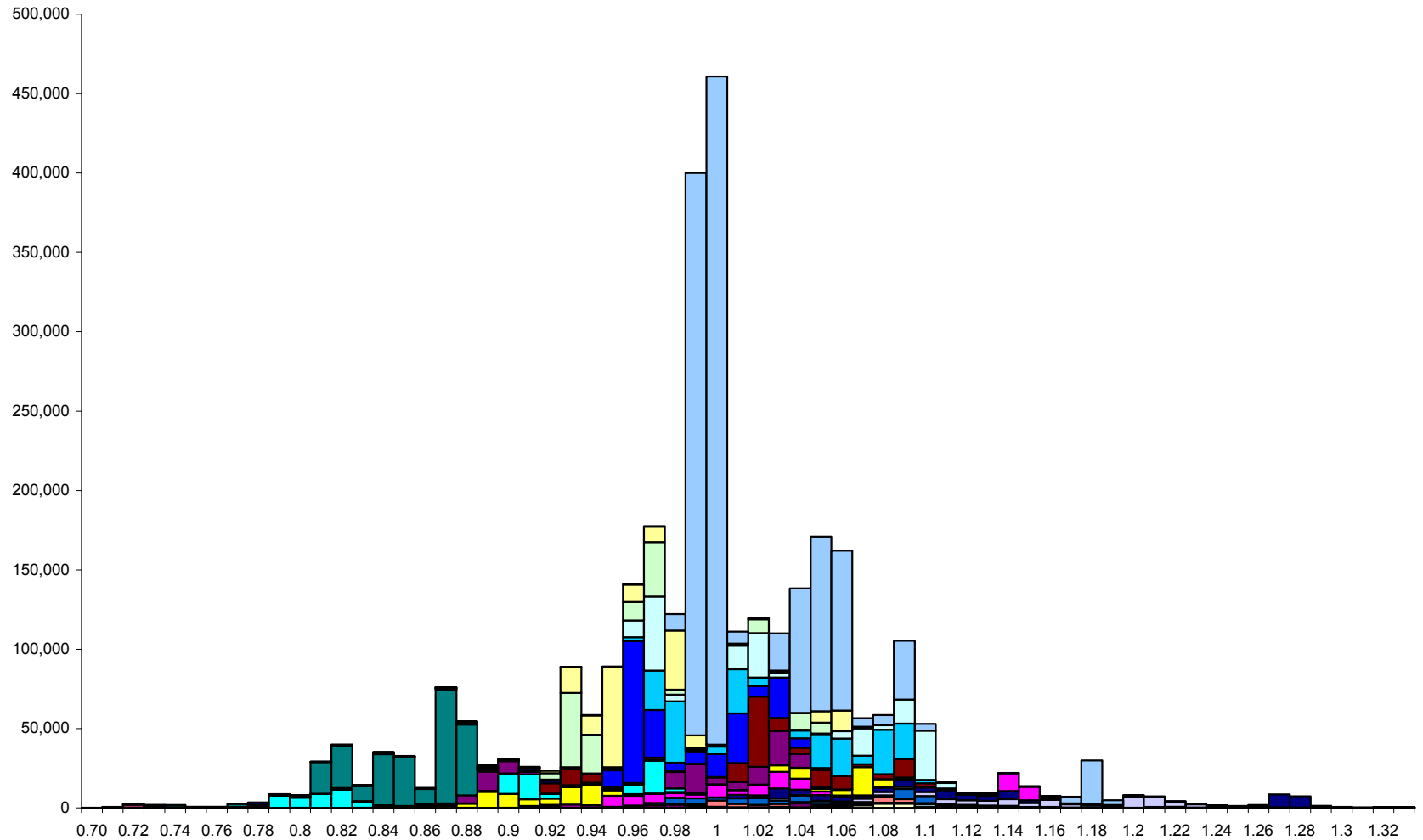
Youthful relativities increased to account for premiums lost by dampening surcharges for policies with less than 4 years clean



Checking the effectiveness of compensating factors



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Using restrictions

- Apply at risk premium (model combining) stage
- Other factors will compensate - use to restrict the multivariate effect, not the overall effect

	Desirable Subsidy	Undesirable Subsidy
Example	Sr. Mgmt wants subsidy to attract drivers 65+	Regulators force subsidy of drivers 65+
Result of Offset	Correlated factors will adjust to make up for the difference. For example, territories with retirement communities will increase	
Recommendation	Do Not Offset	Offset

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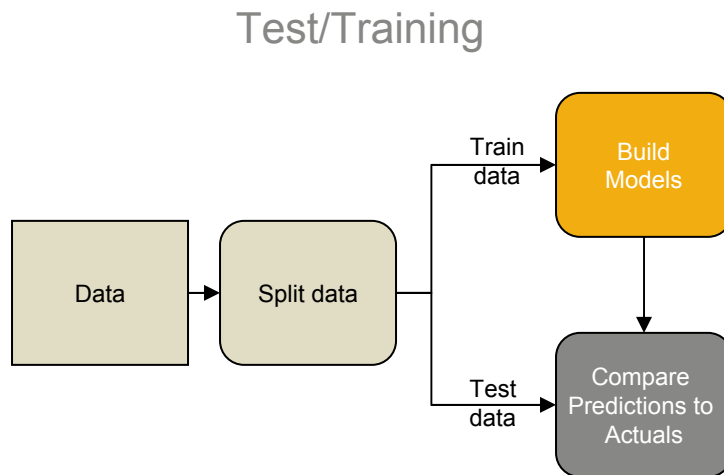
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Model validation: holdout samples

Hold-out samples are effective at validating model

- Determine estimates based on part of dataset
- Uses estimates to predict other part of dataset

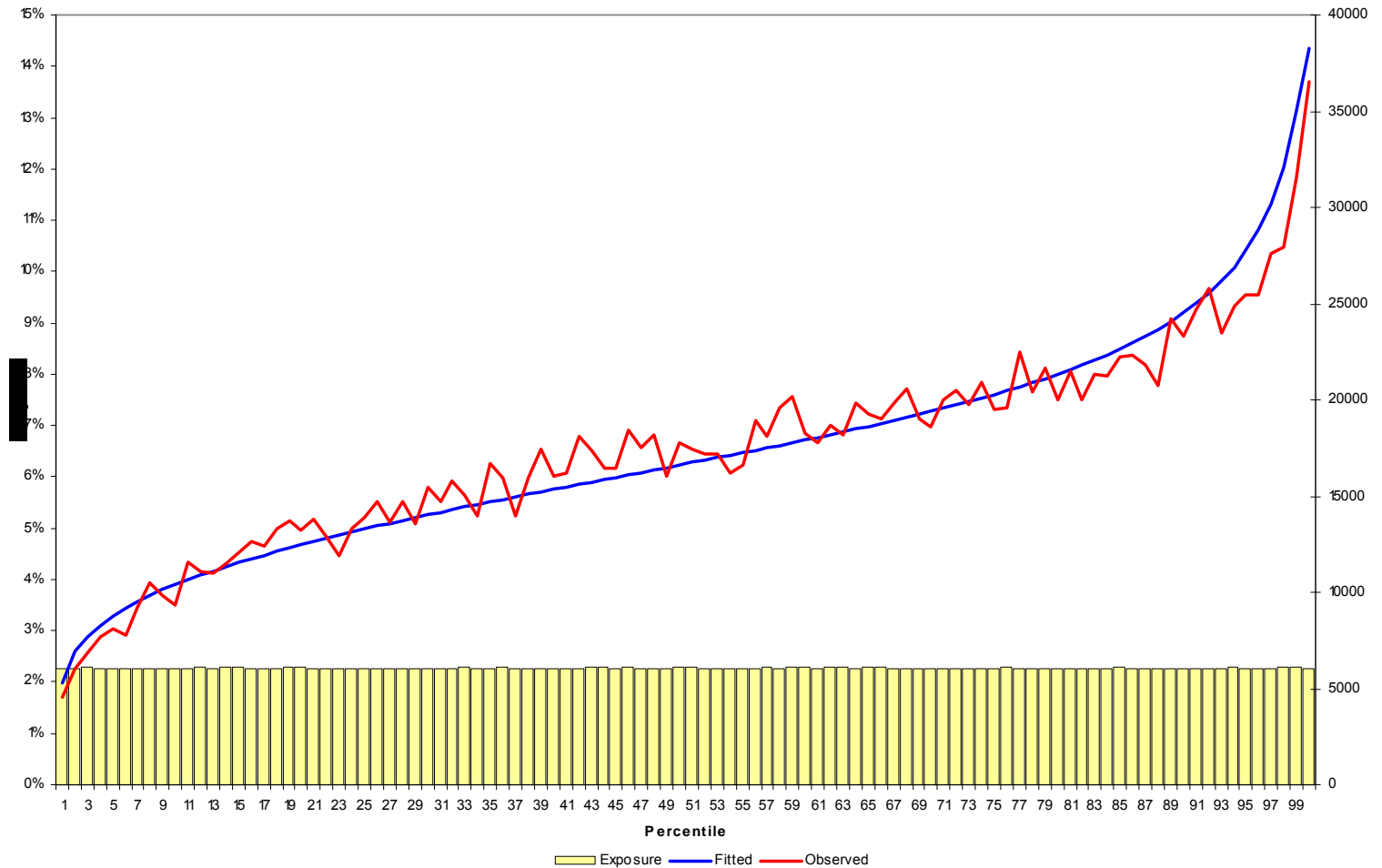


Larger companies may consider 3 splits

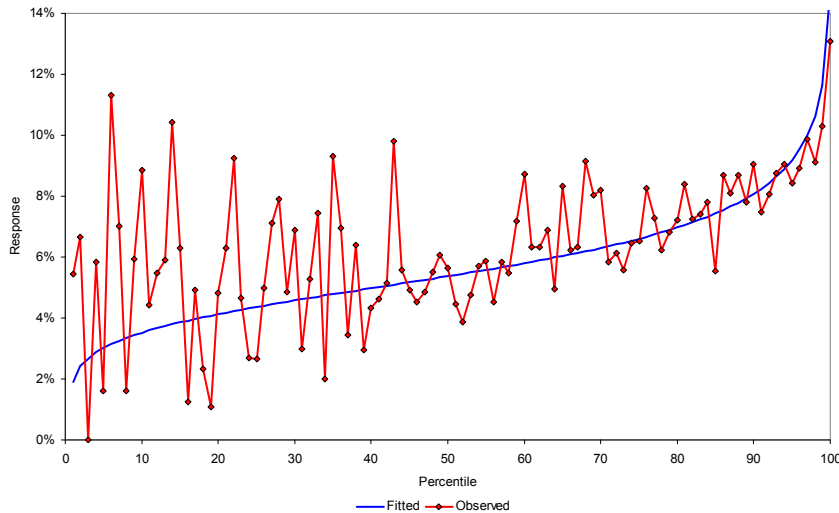
1. Build models
2. Fit parameters
3. Validate models/parameters

Predictions should be close to actuals for populated cells

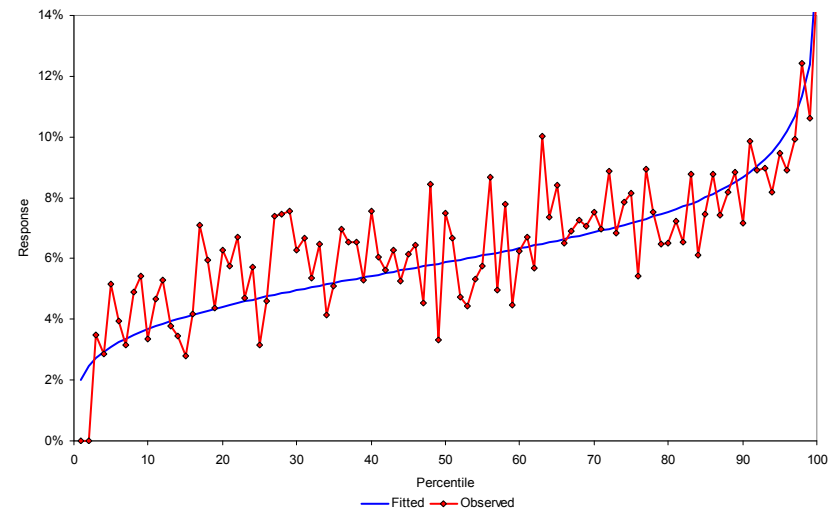
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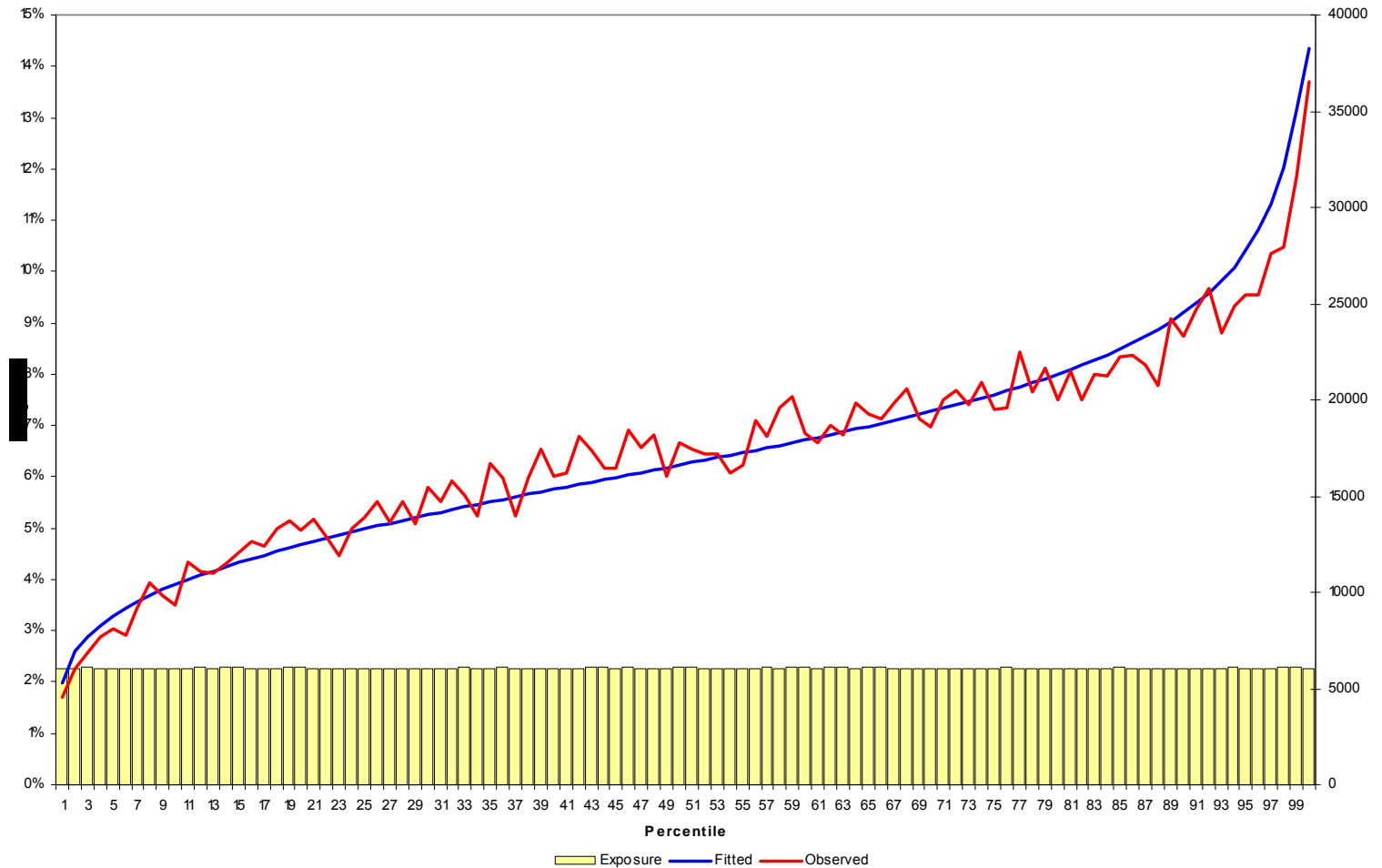


- Auto own damage frequency
- Many rating factors
- Just a few interactions
- For under 30s segment, model is not predictive in the future



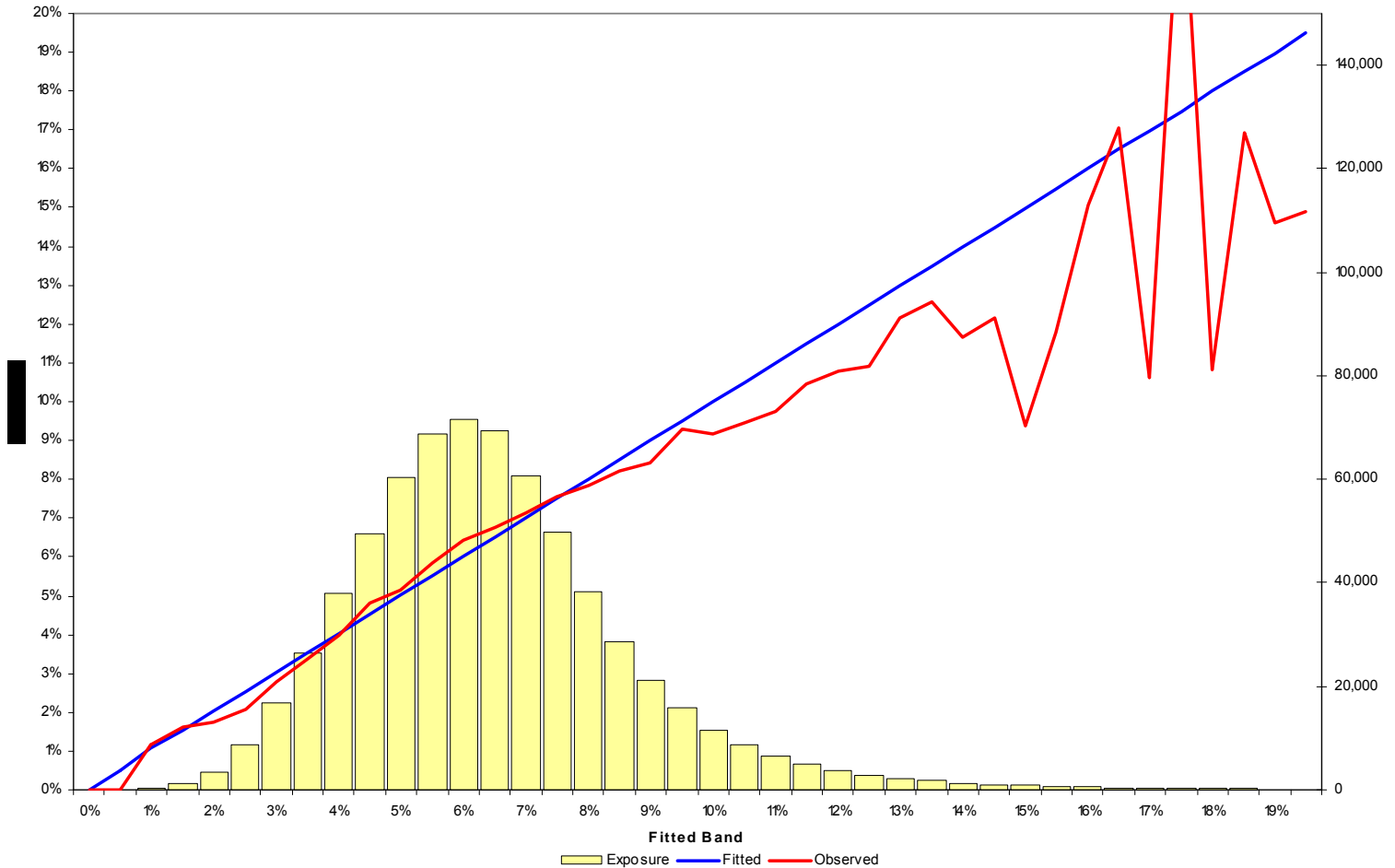
- Auto own damage frequency
- Many rating factors
- Many interactions
- Model can predict well in the future, even for small segments

Model validation



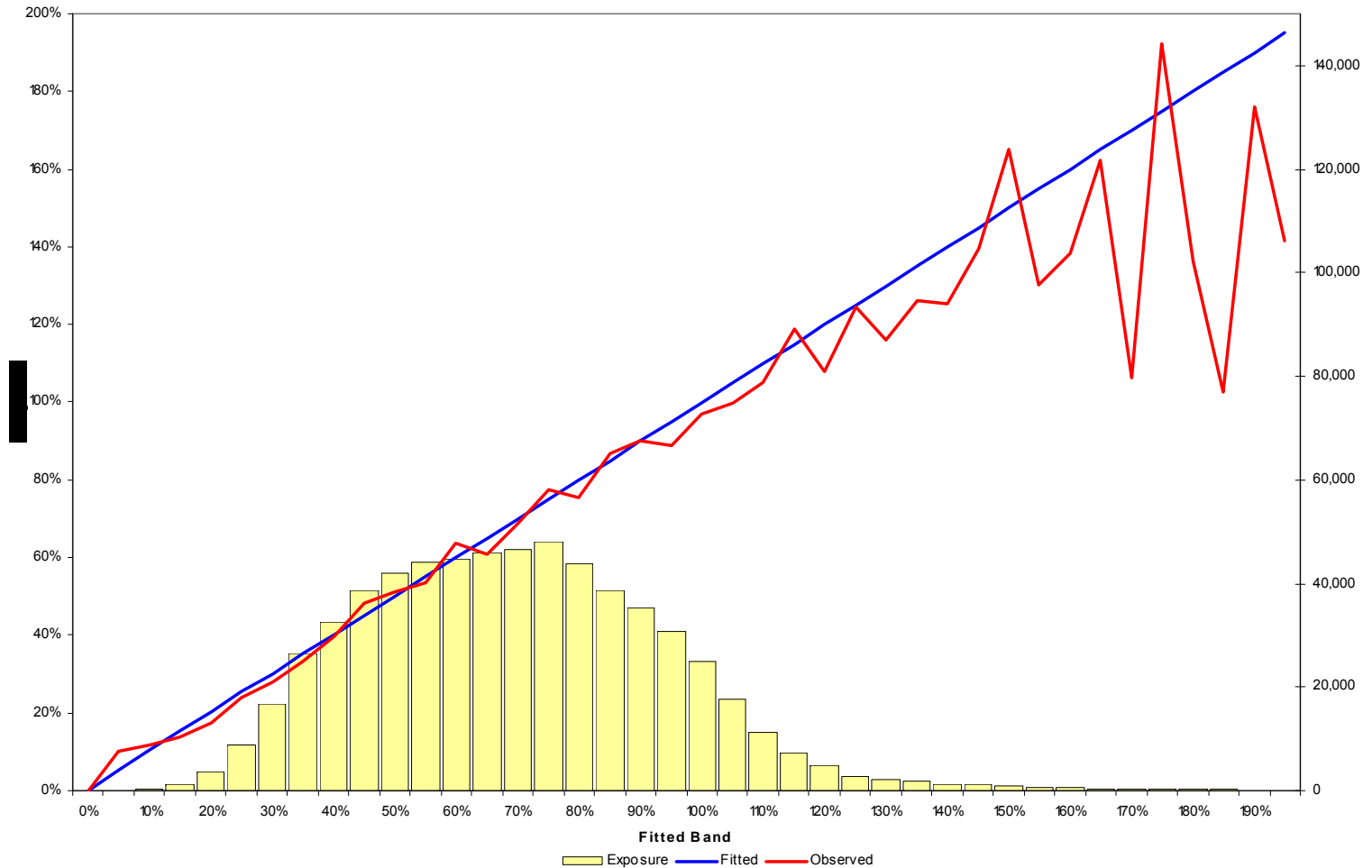
Model validation

Test of statistical validity



Model validation

Demonstration of financial materiality



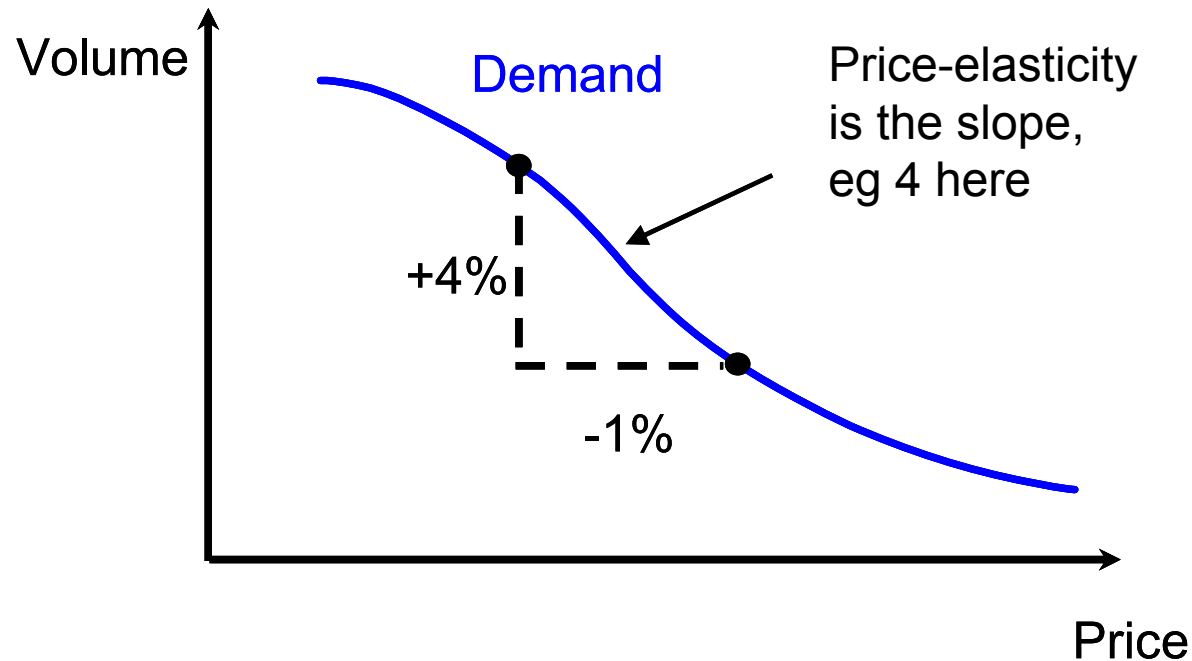
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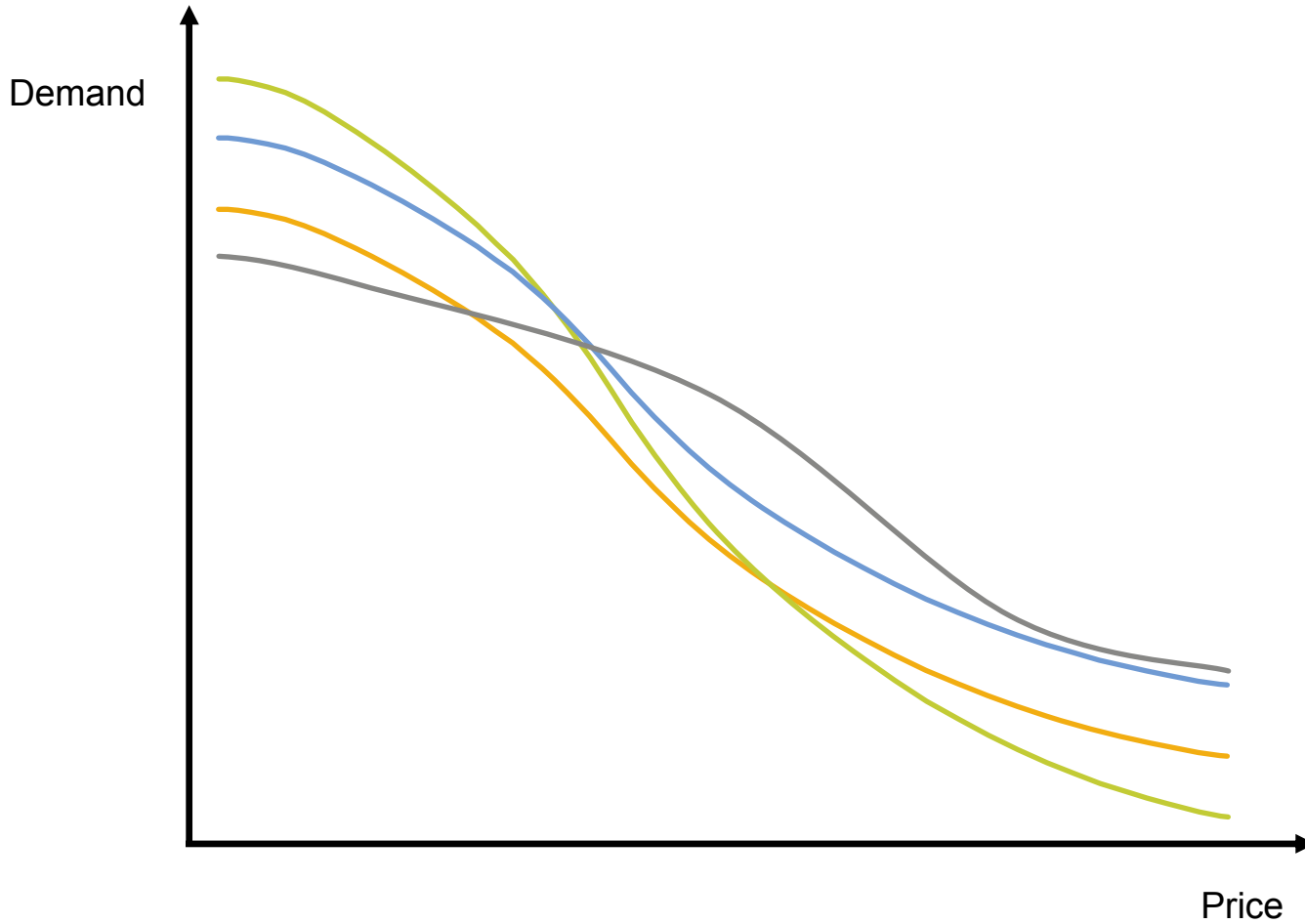


Demand models

- Demand models are a key ingredient to price optimization
- Elasticity is (minus) the slope of the curve



Price demand elasticity



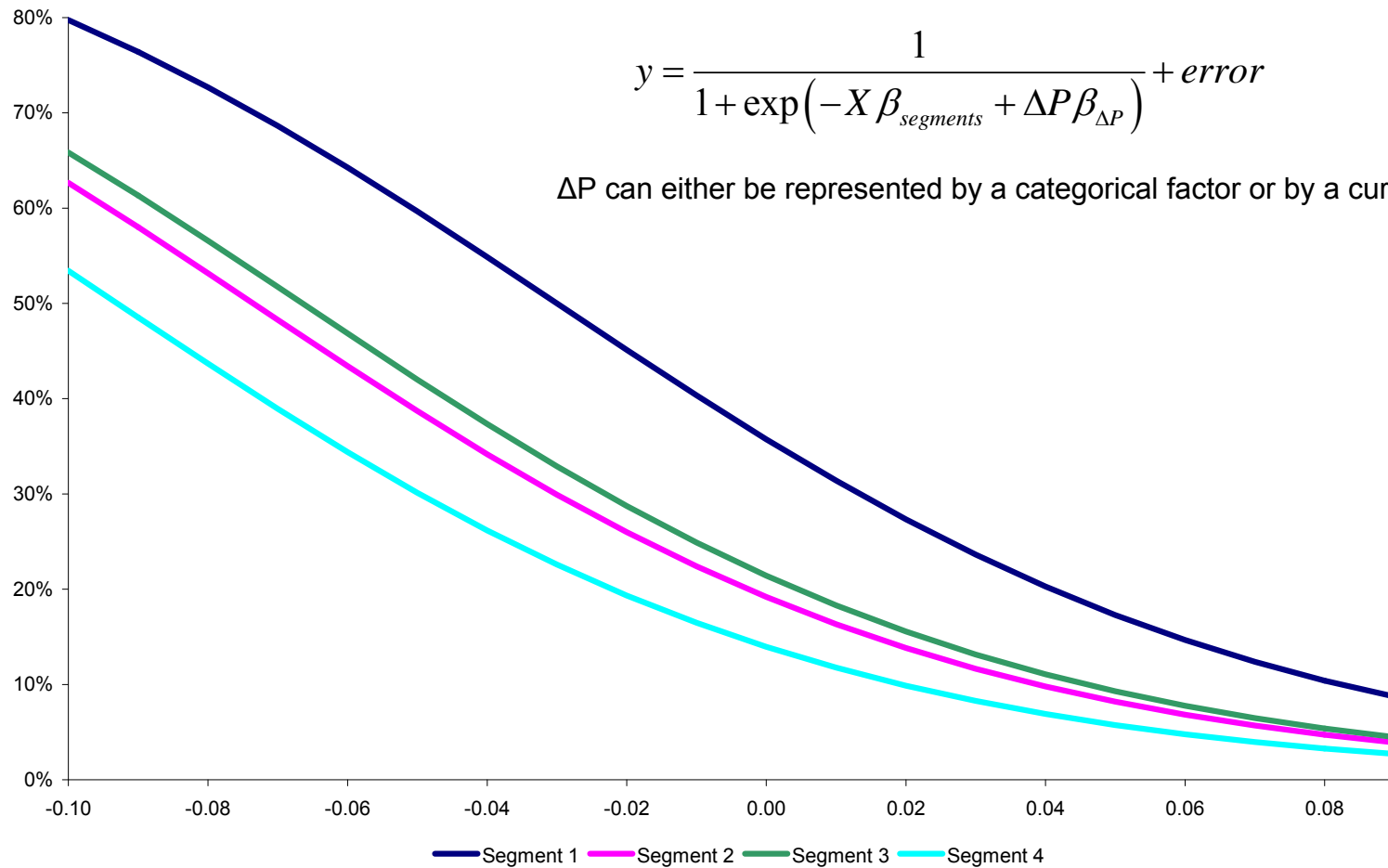
Model Forms - Simple GLMs

0/1 response

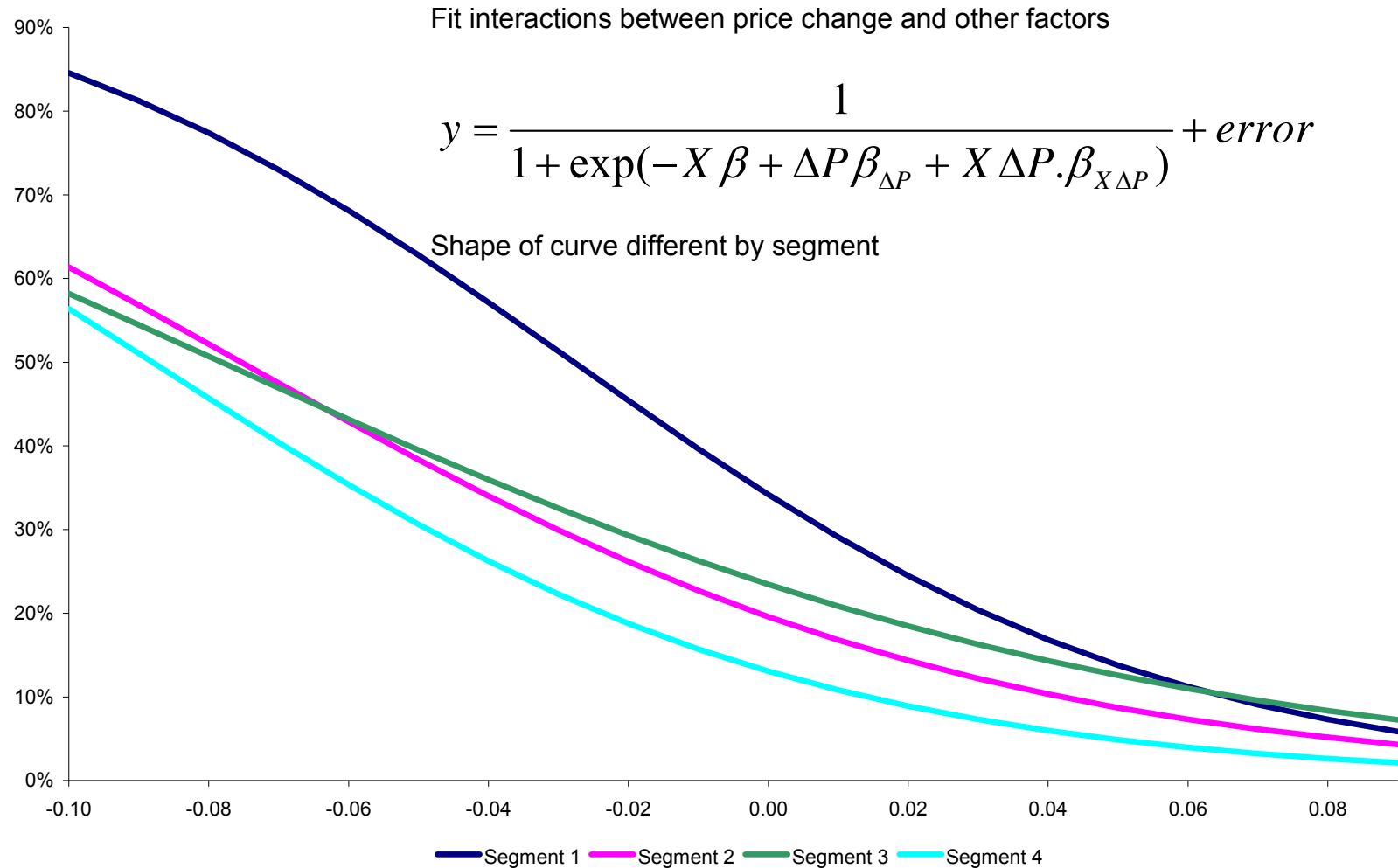
Logit link function with binomial response

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-X \beta_{segments} + \Delta P \beta_{\Delta P})} + error$$

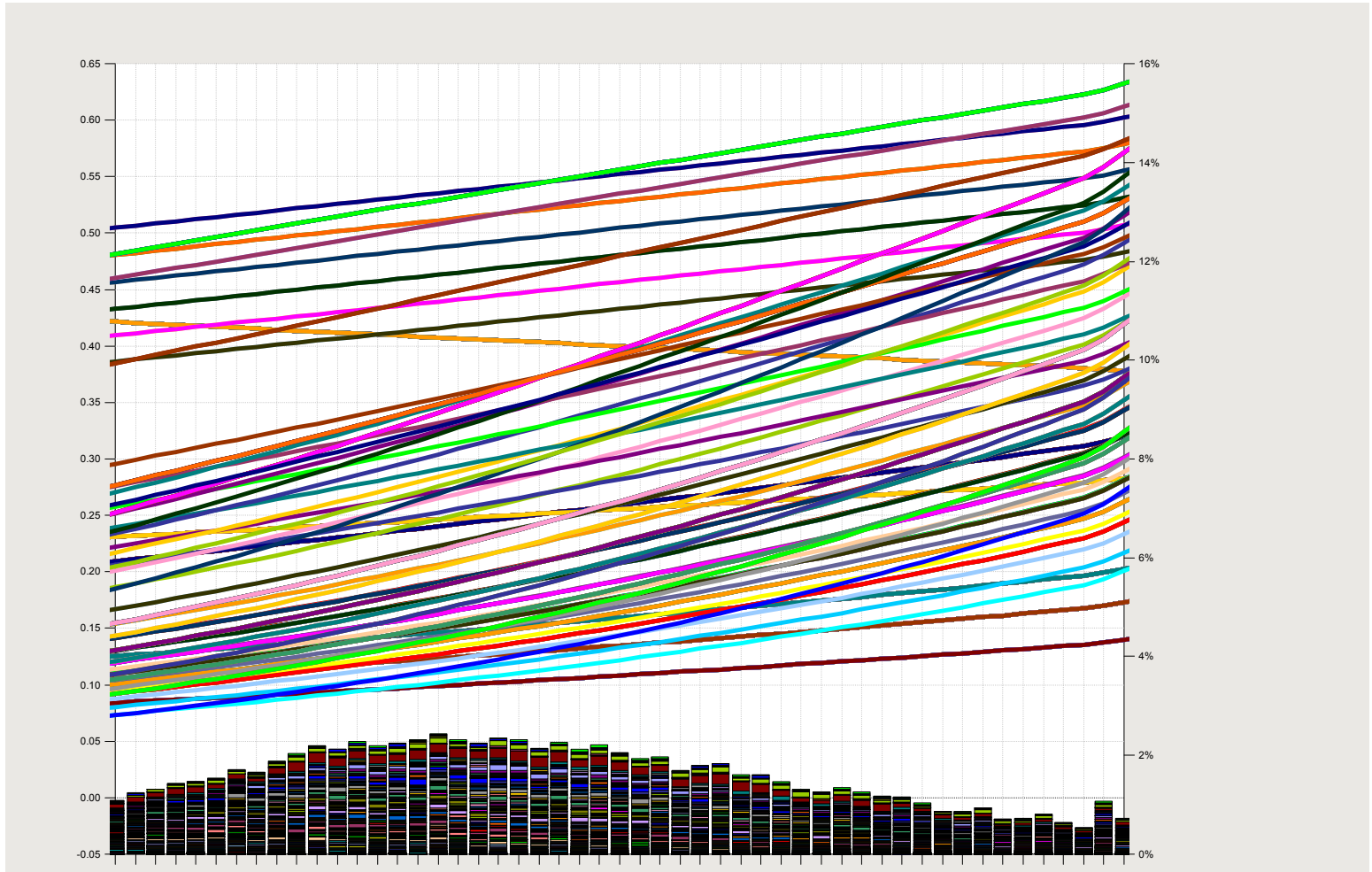
ΔP can either be represented by a categorical factor or by a curve



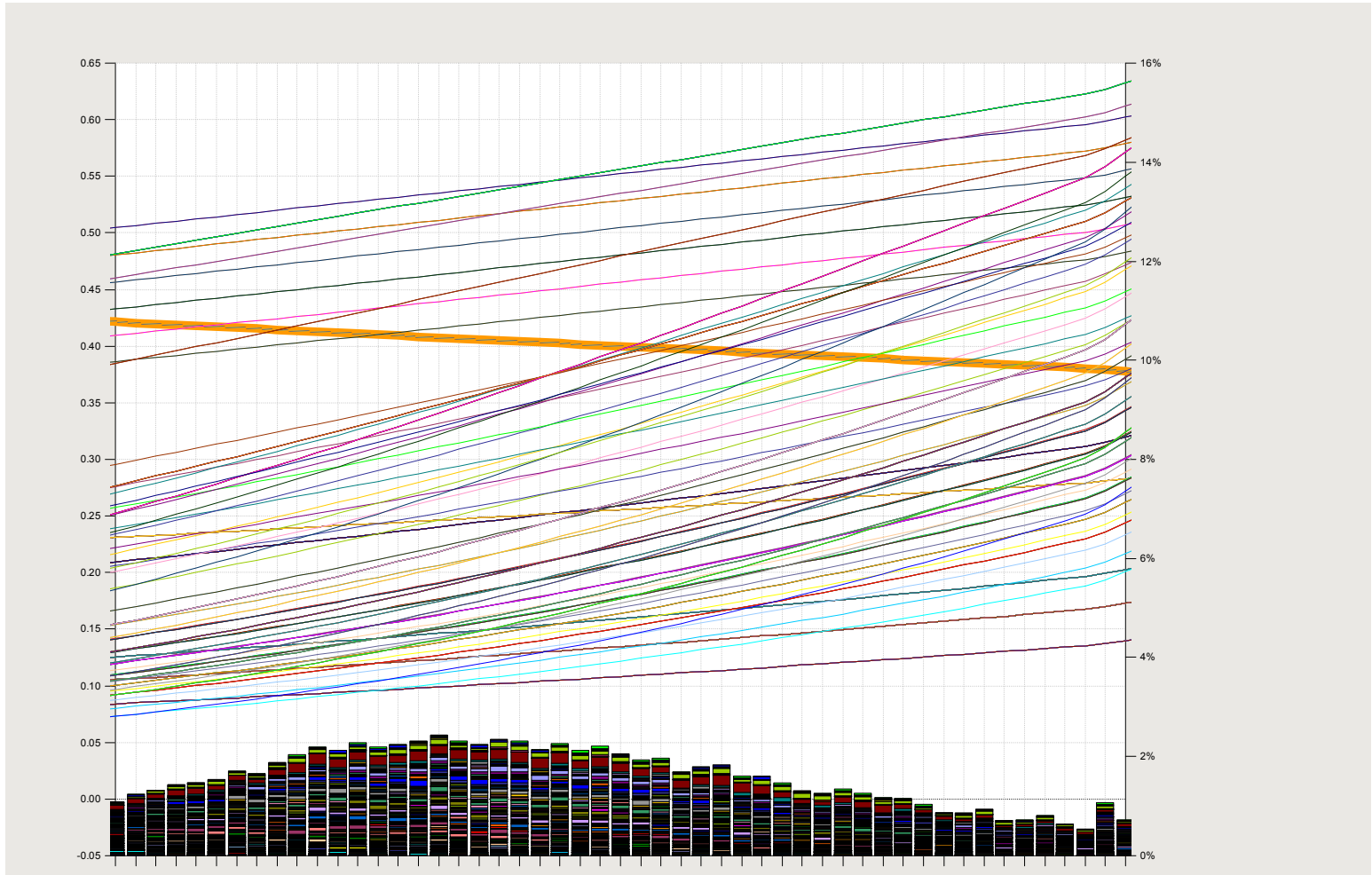
GLMs with Interactions



GLM with interactions



GLM with interactions



Generalized Non-Linear Models

➤ GLM

➤ $E[Y] = \underline{\mu} = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X} \cdot \underline{\beta} + \xi)$

➤ GNM

➤ many forms, eg

➤ $E[Y] = \underline{\mu} = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X} \cdot \underline{\beta} + e^{\mathbf{Z} \cdot \gamma})$

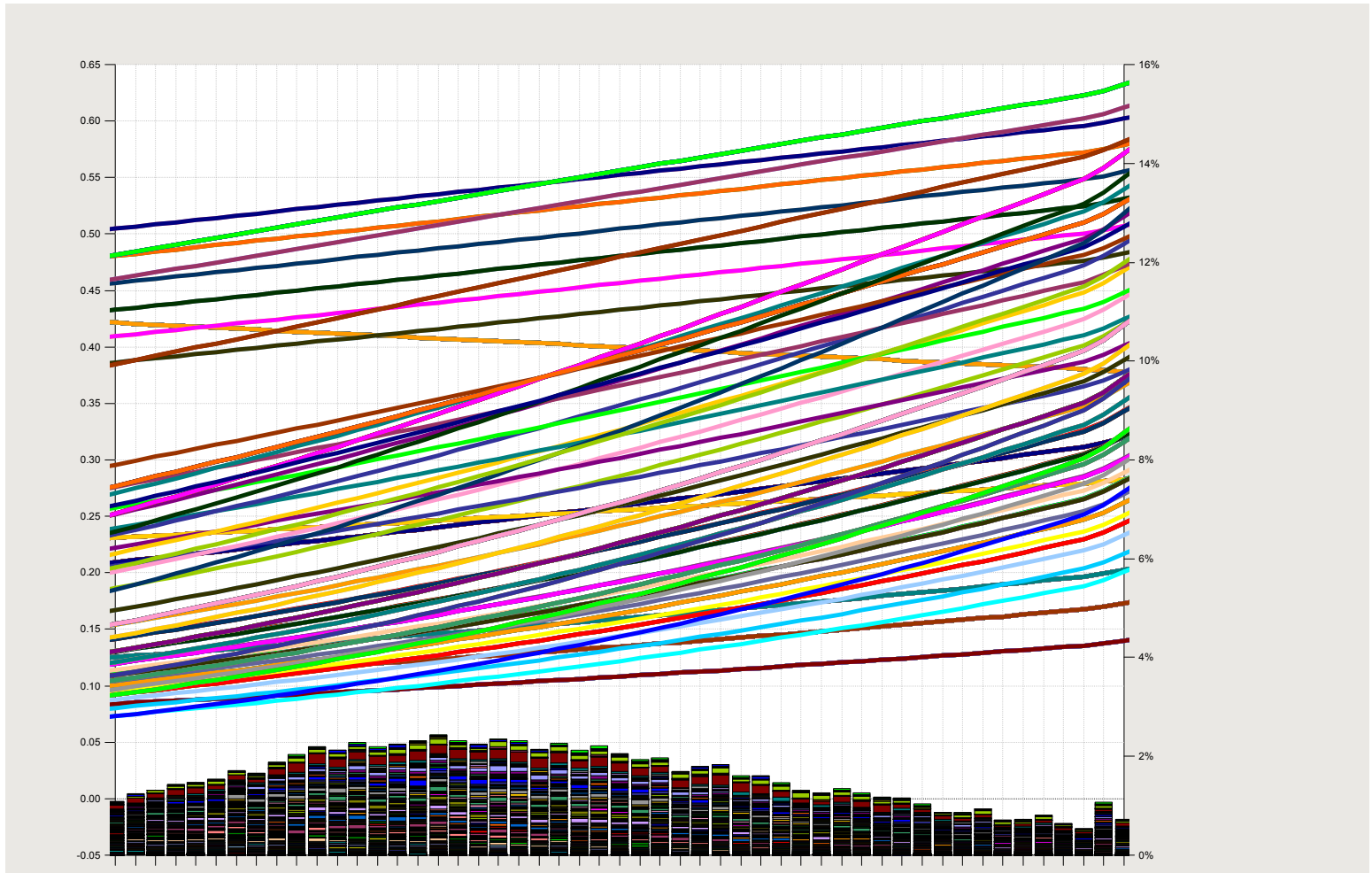
➤ $E[Y] = \underline{\mu} = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X} \cdot \underline{\beta} + Y \cdot \underline{\zeta} \cdot e^{\mathbf{Z} \cdot \gamma})$

➤ A potentially useful form for demand modeling:

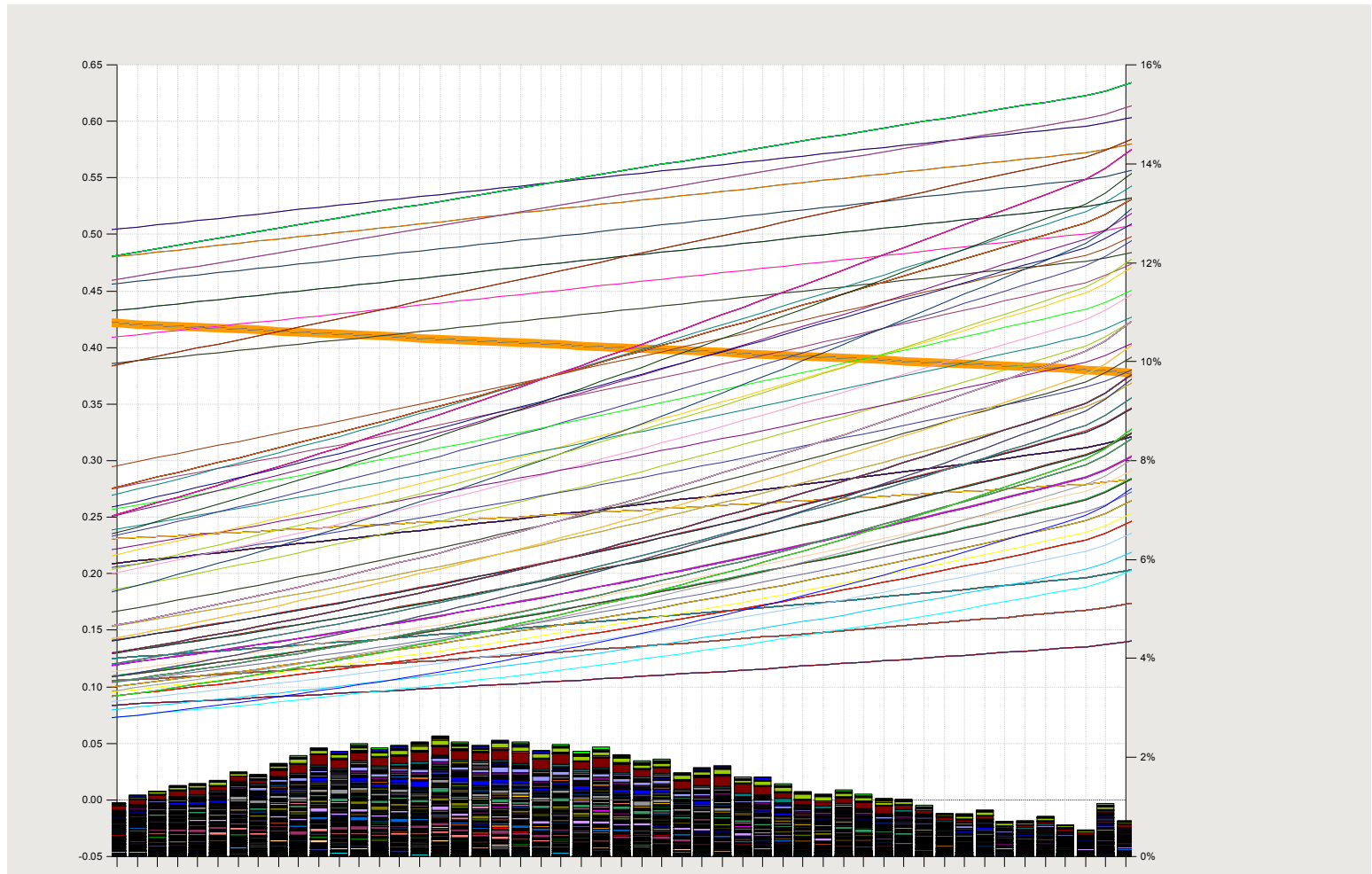
➤ $E[Y] = \underline{\mu} = 1 / (1 + \exp(\mathbf{X} \cdot \underline{\beta} + \underbrace{\Delta P \cdot e^{\mathbf{Z} \cdot \gamma}}))$

Forces elasticity to be positive

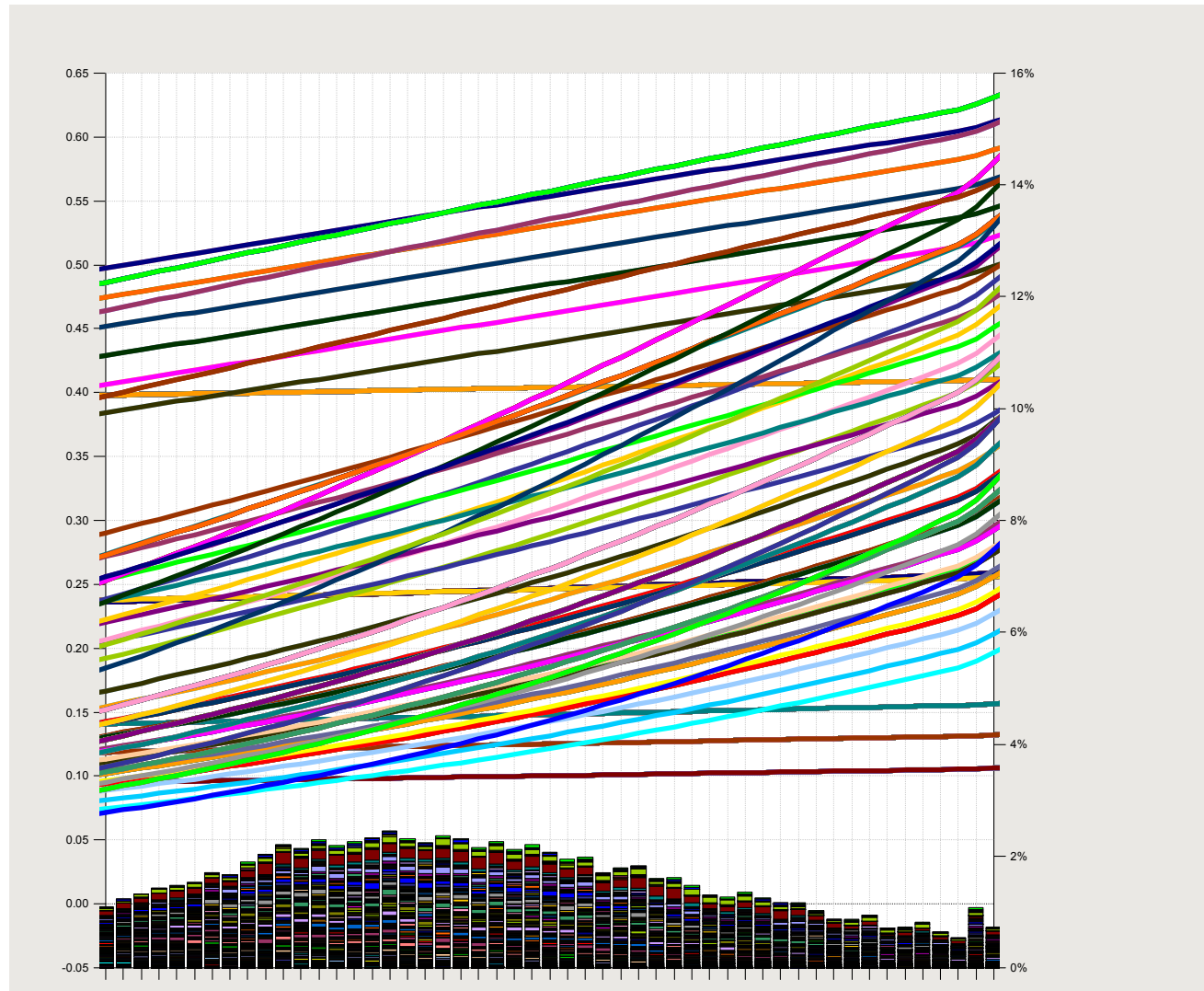
GLM with interactions



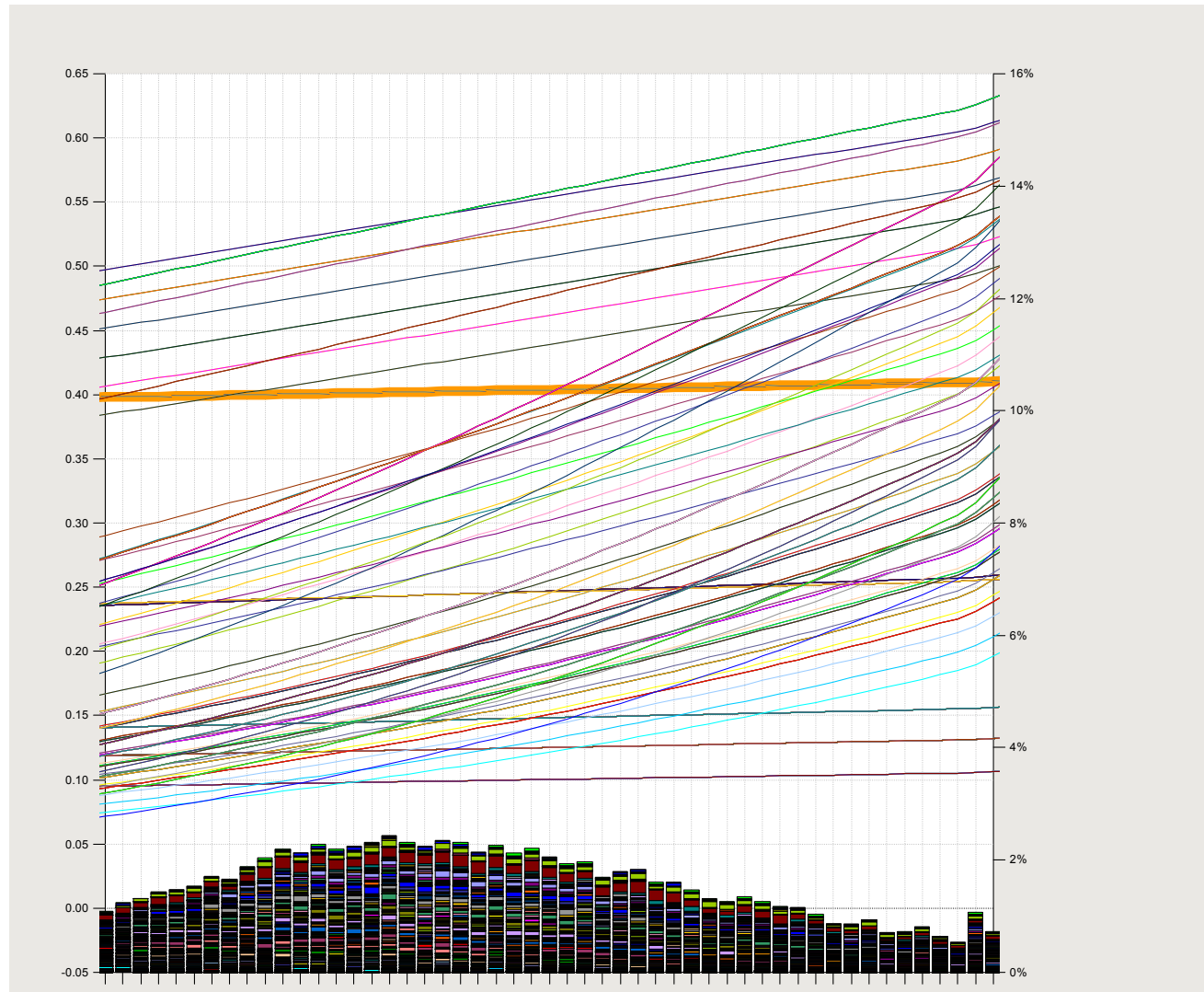
GLM with interactions



Generalized Non-Linear Model



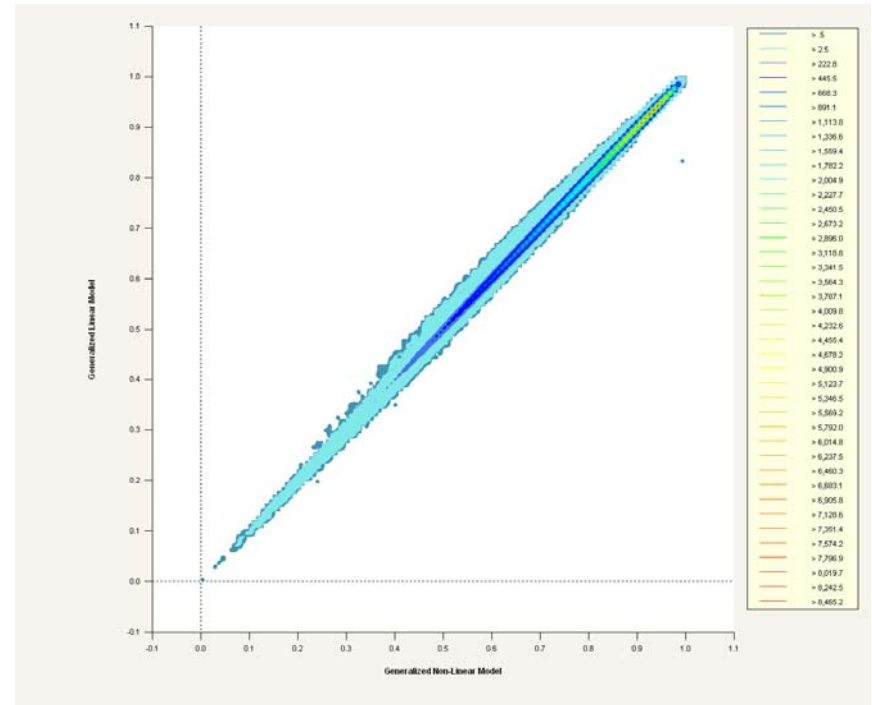
Generalized Non-Linear Model



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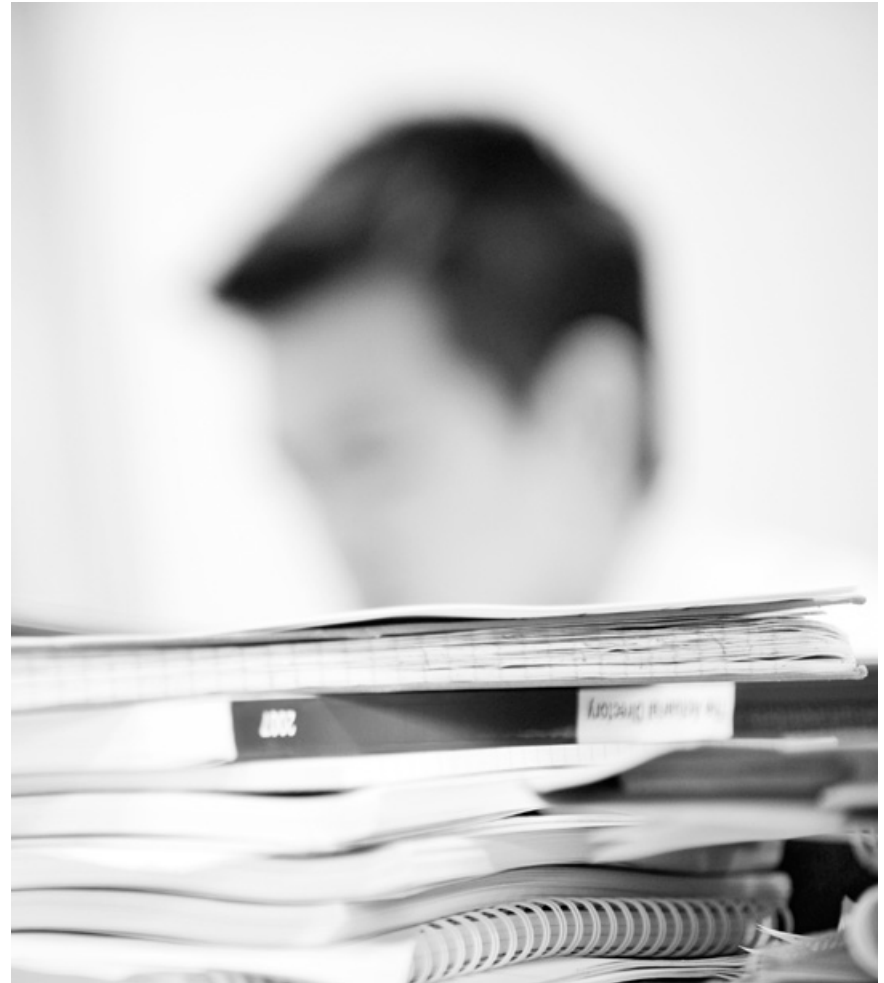
Often only relevant if models are complex

Number of interactions	% records with GLM negative elasticity
0	0%
1	0.04%
2	0.3%
3	0.8%
4	1.5%



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GLM III

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