

What an Actuary Should Know About

Nonparametric Regression

With Missing Data



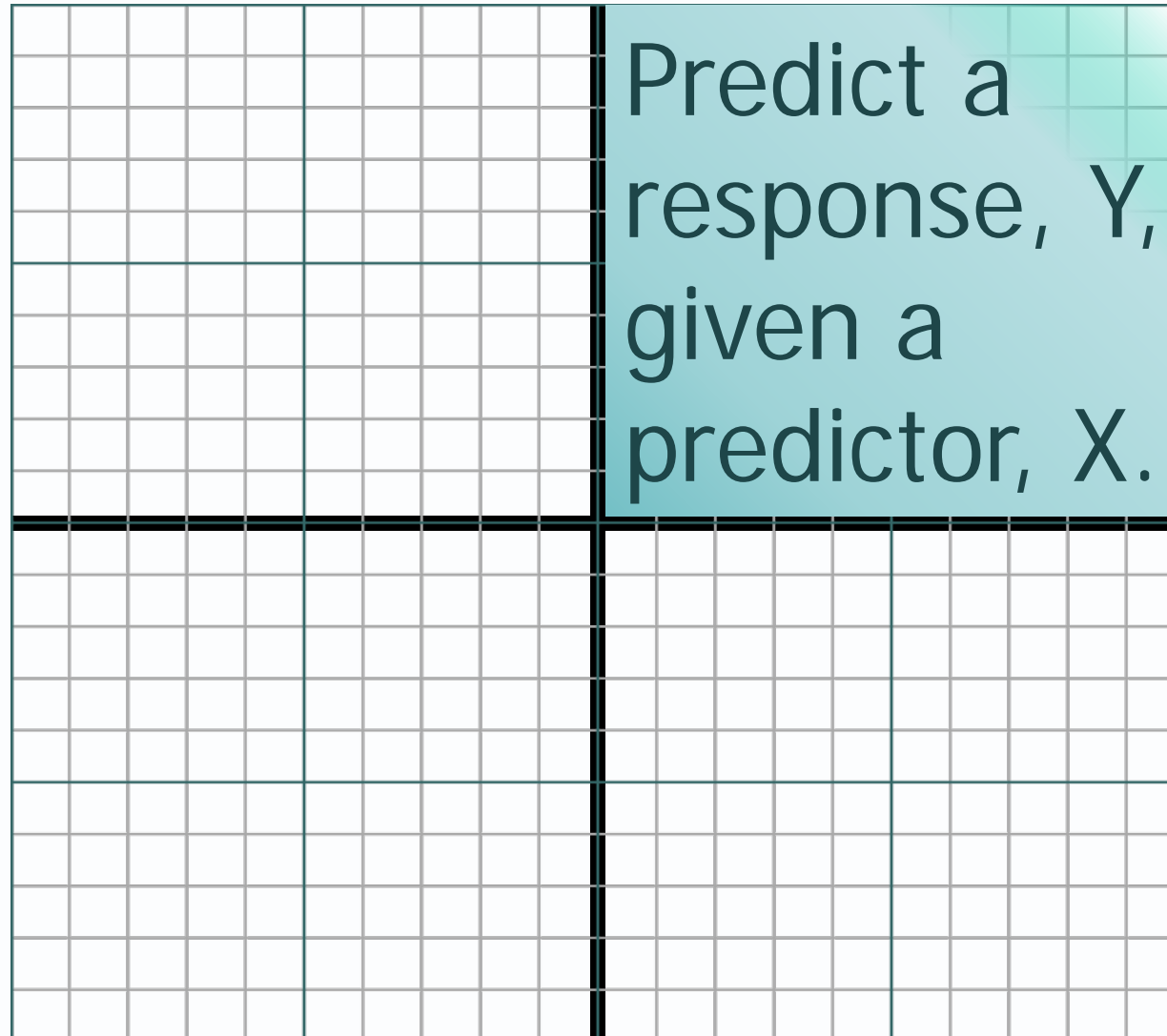
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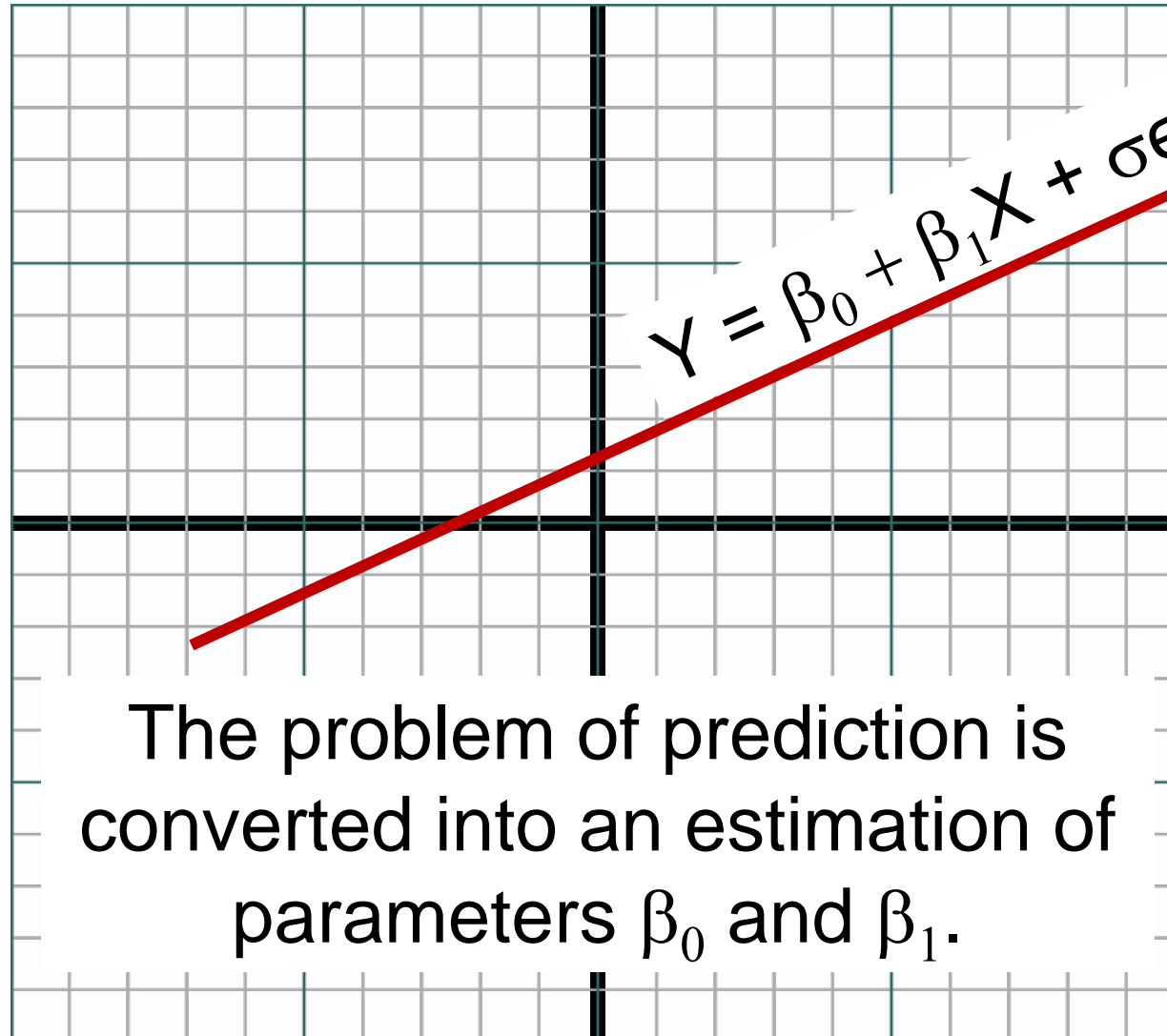
The “Whats” of Missing Data



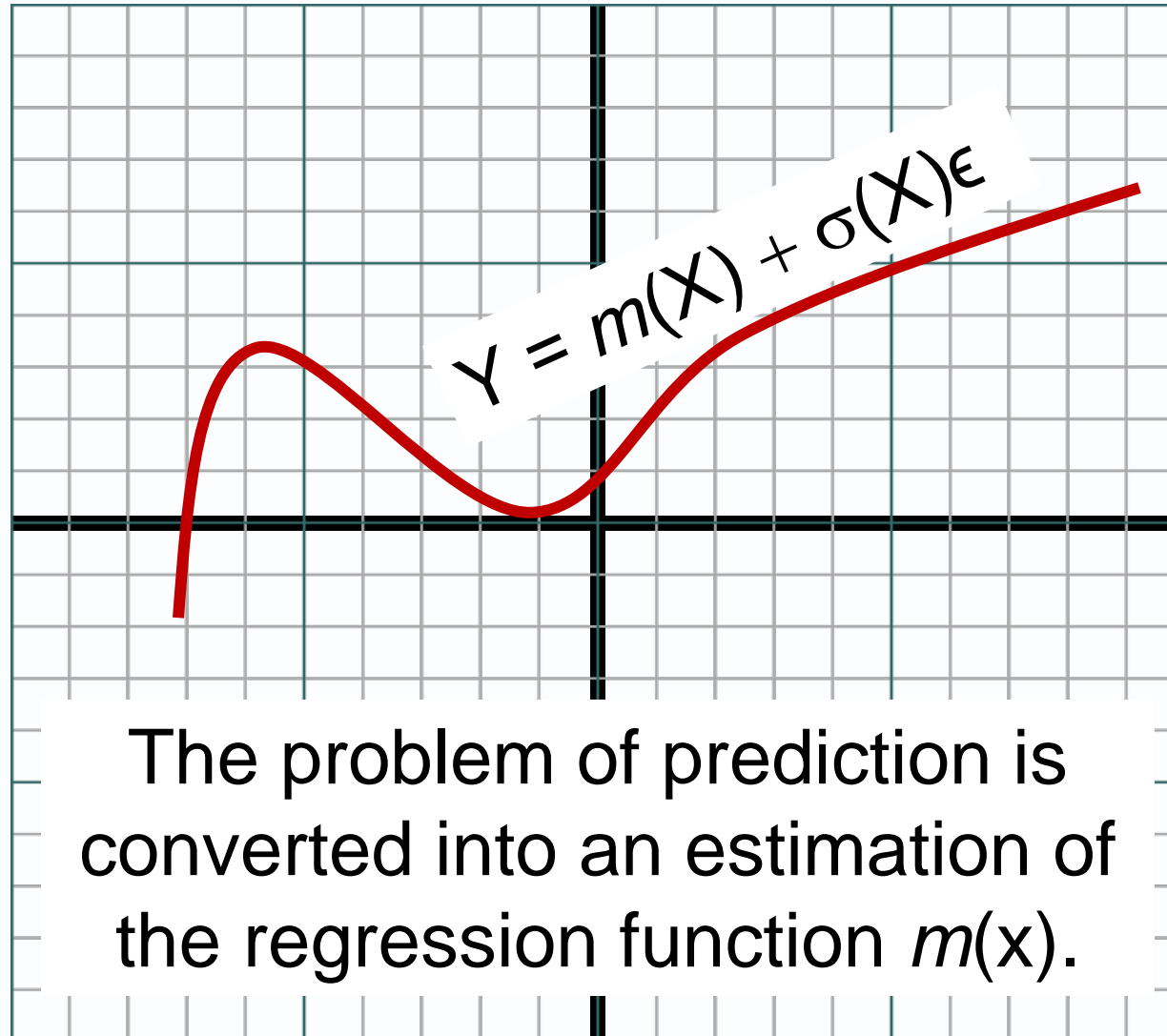
Regression



Parametric (Linear) Regression

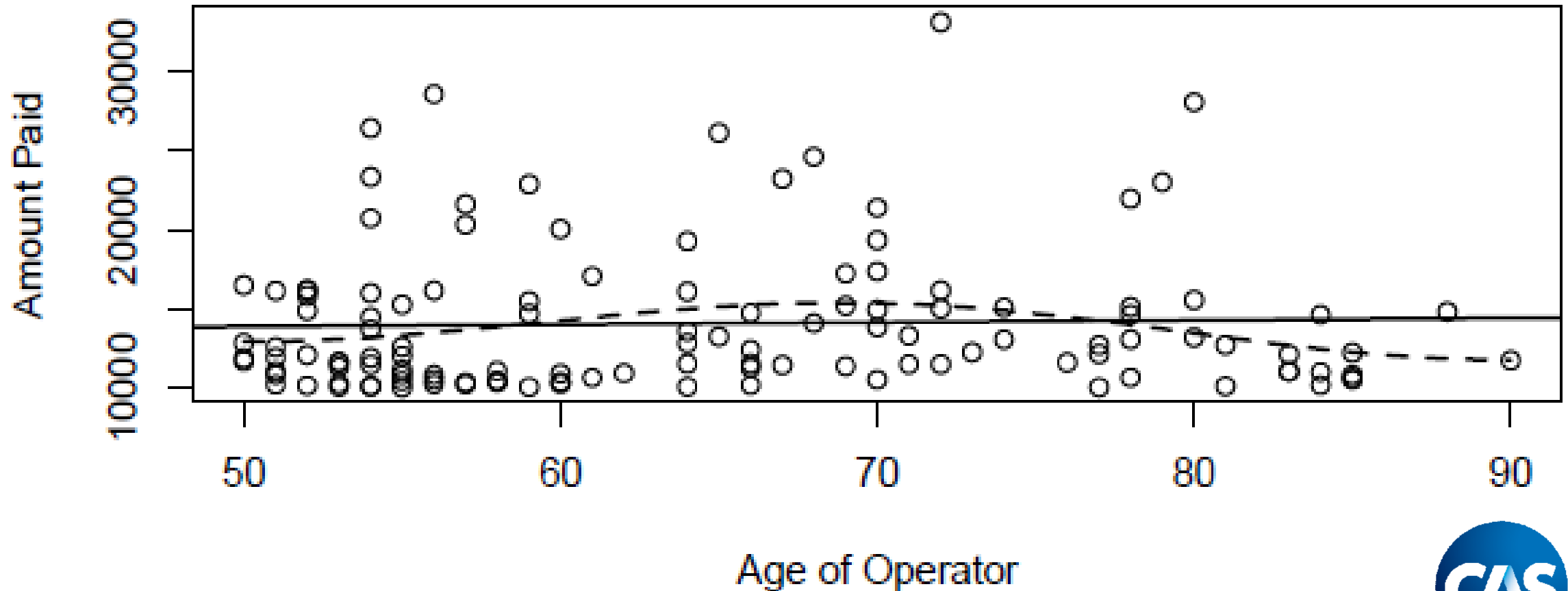


Nonparametric Regression



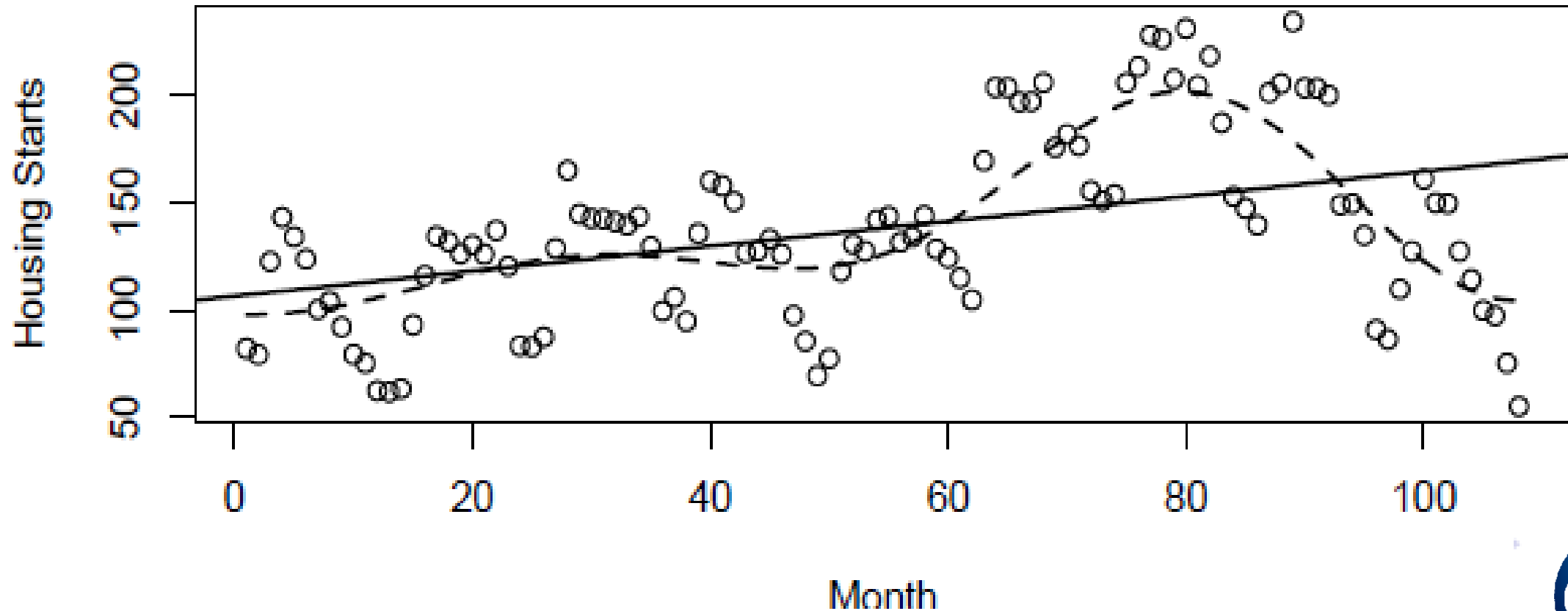
Linear vs. Nonparametric Regression

Automobile Insurance Claims



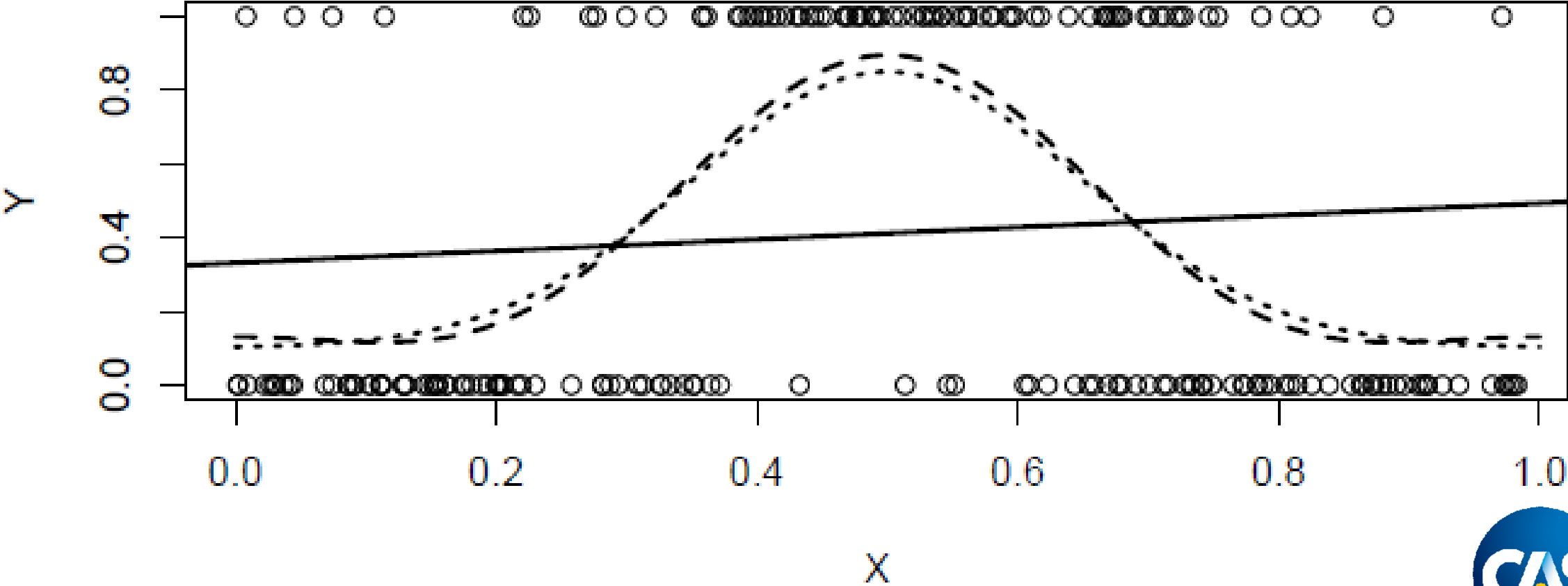
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US Monthly Housing Starts



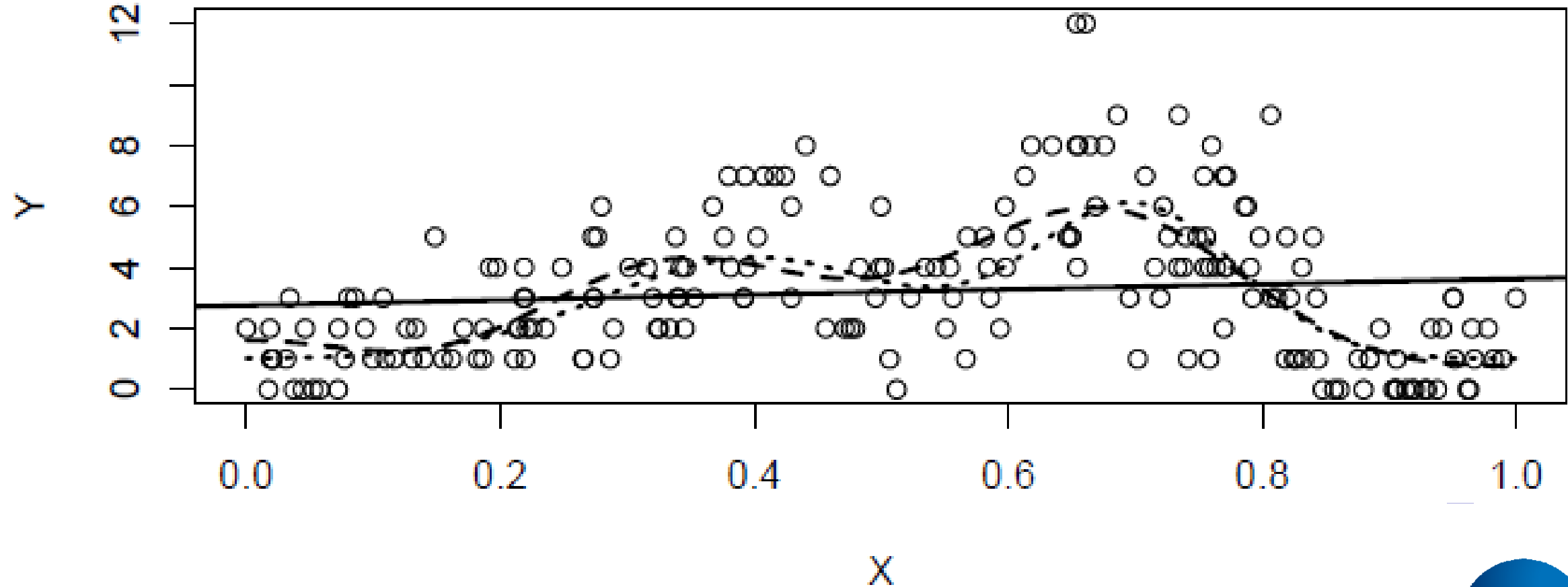
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Likelihood of Claim

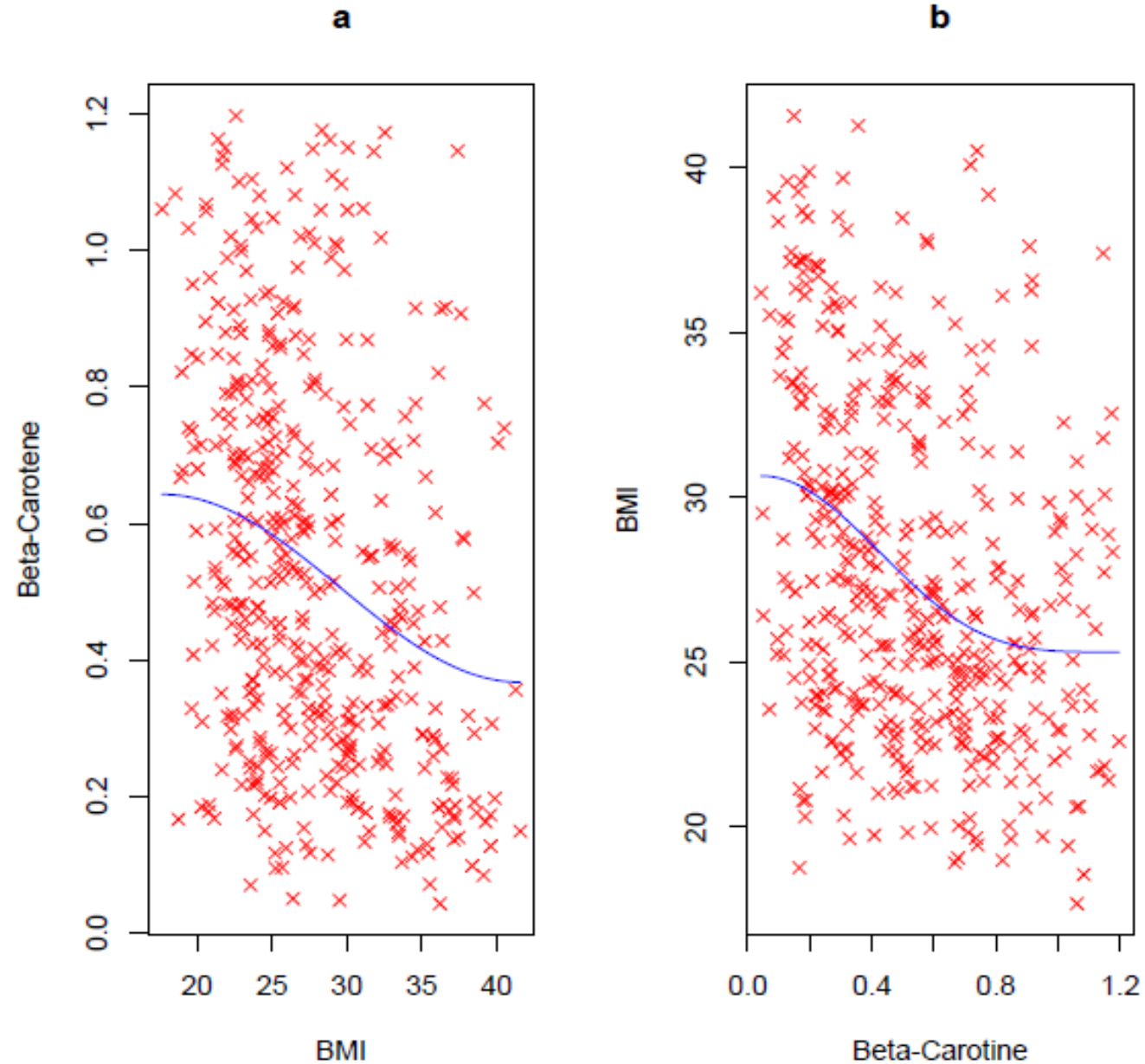


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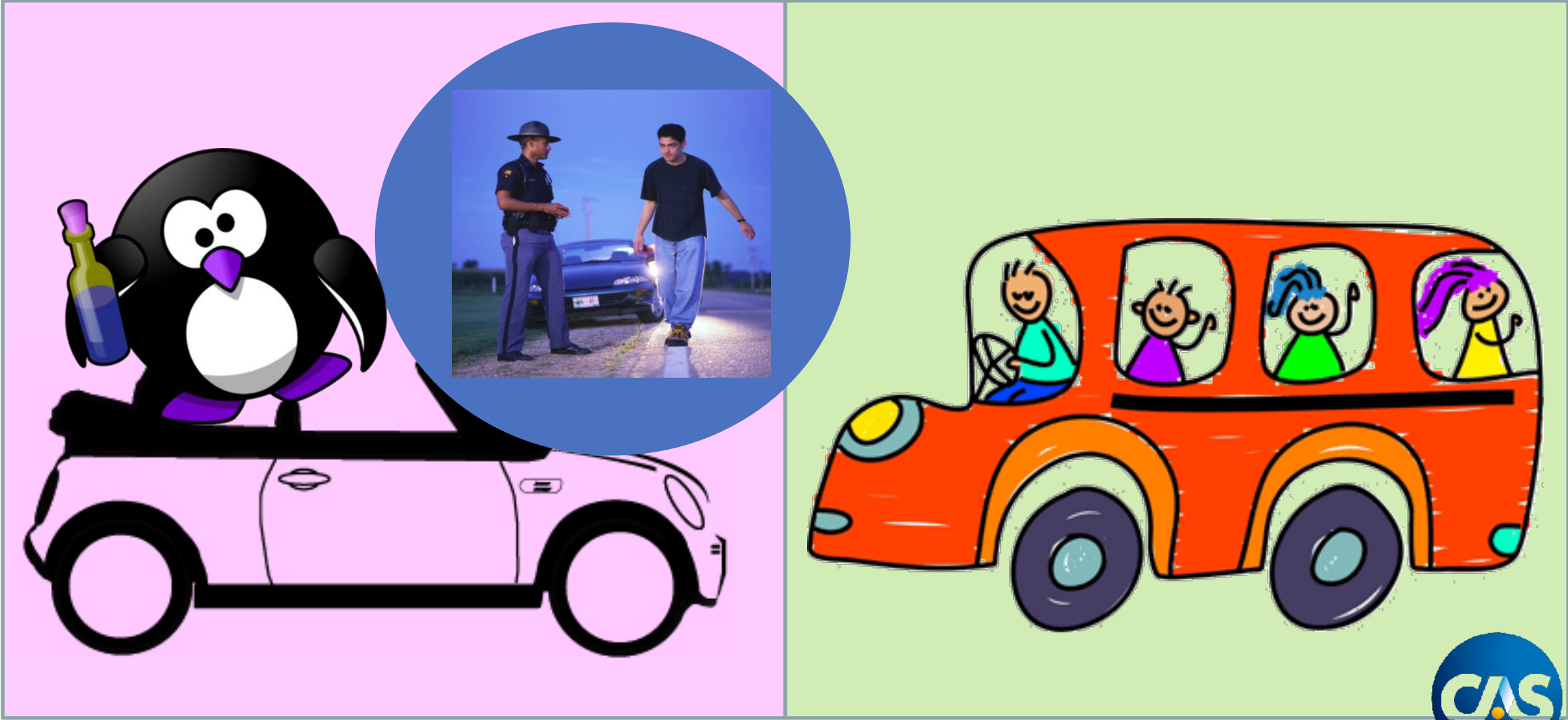
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Nonparametric Regression: Body Mass Index vs. Beta Carotene



Example of Missing that Creates Biased Data



Main Types of Missing Data

MCAR

Ignore

MAR

Depends

MNAR

Convert to MAR



Regression with Missing Responses - MNAR

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$$f^{X, AY, A}(x, ay, a) = [\psi(y, x)f^X(x)]^a \left[1 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(y, x)dy\right] f^X(x)^{1-a}$$

- We can estimate only the product $\psi(y, x) = h(y)f^{Y|X}(y|x)$, and this implies the MNAR (destructive missing) unless $h(y)$ is known.

Regression with Missing Responses - MAR

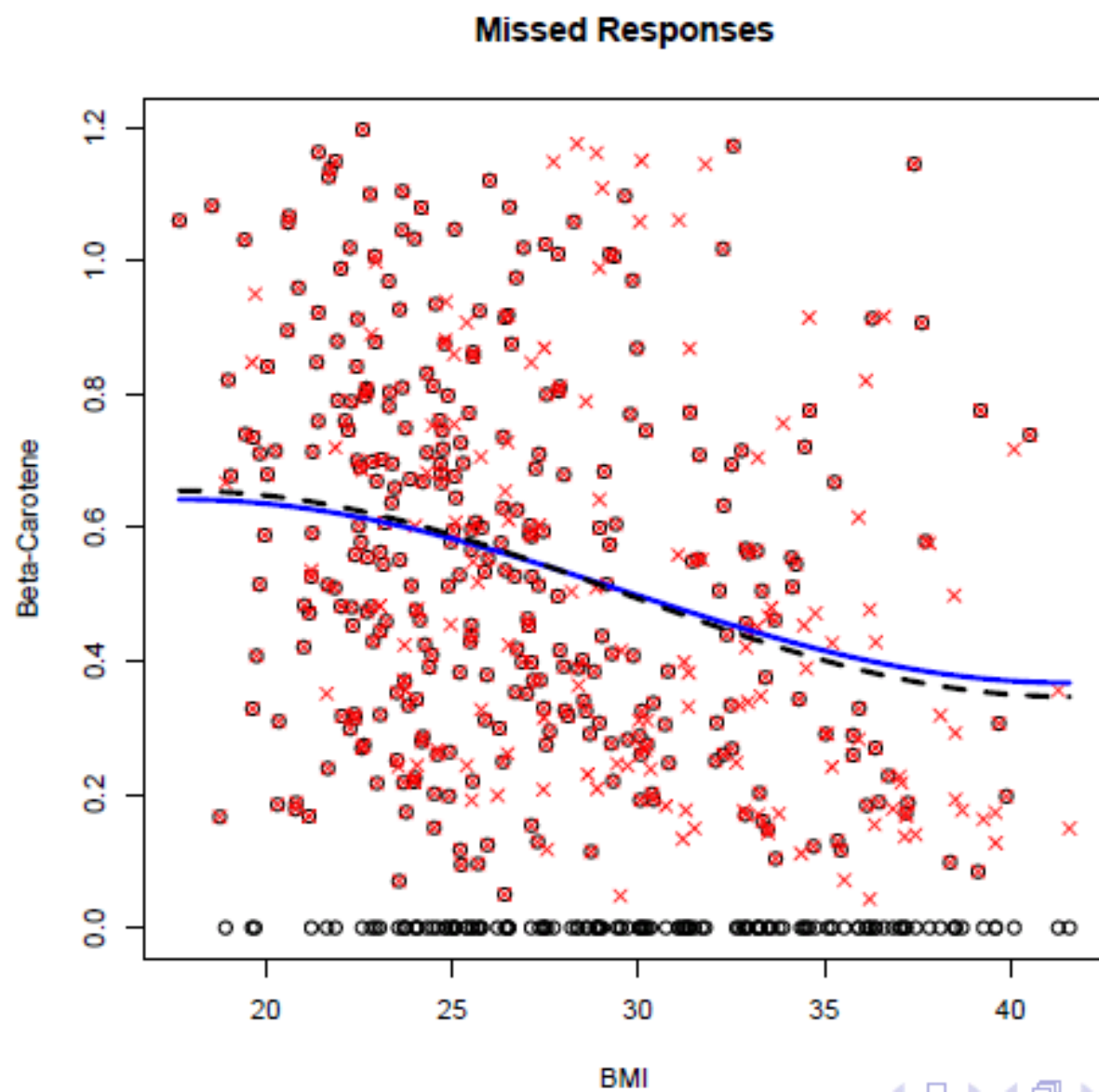
- Assume that the availability likelihood is

$$\mathbb{P}(A = 1|X, Y) = h(X).$$

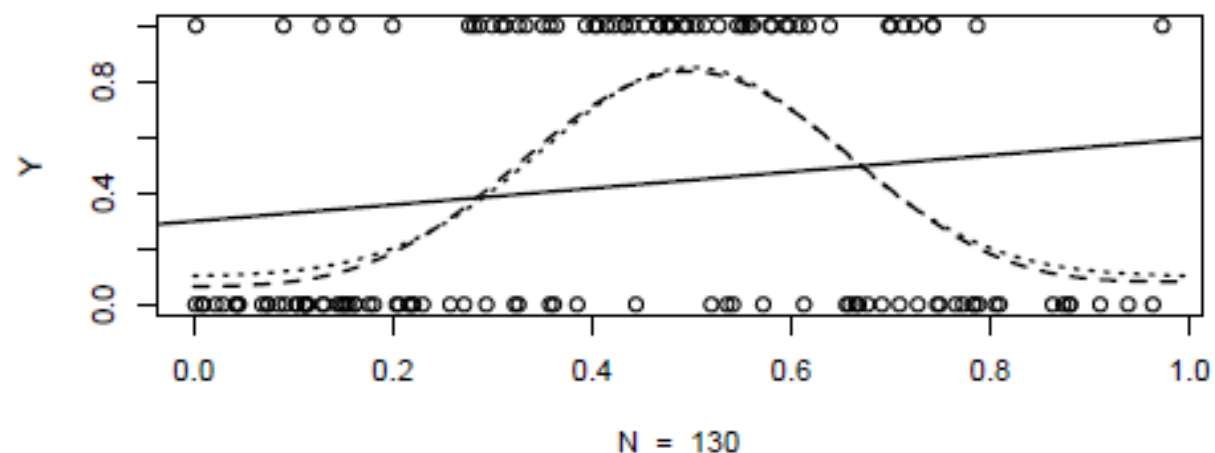
- The joint (mixed) density of the triplet is

$$f^{X,AY,A}(x, ay, a) = [f^{Y|X}(y|x)h(x)f^X(x)]^a [(1 - h(x))f^X(x)]^{1-a}.$$

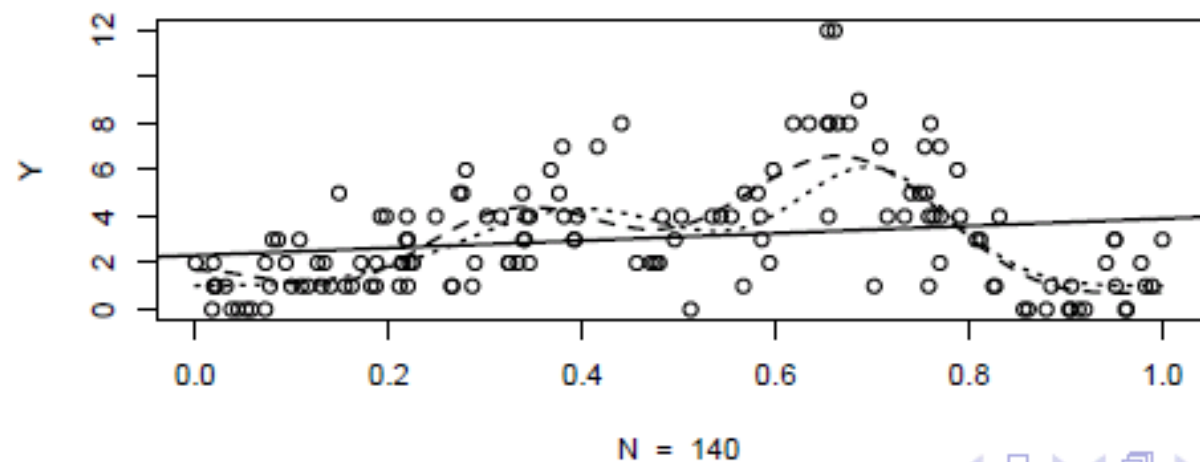
- In a subsample of complete cases the “new” design density is $g^X(x) = h(x)f^X(x)/q$, where $q := \int_0^1 h(x)f^X(x)dx = \mathbb{P}(A = 1)$. This is what allows us to use only complete cases.
- Binomial number $N := \sum_{l=1}^n A_l$ of complete cases; sequential estimation looks attractive.
- Traditional Methods: Imputation, Maximum Likelihood, EM, etc.; Vast Literature; Controversy.
- **MAR typically does not affect rate of convergence, and the rate is the only issue that the mainstream literature is concerned about.**



Likelihood of Claim



Number of Claims



Regression with MAR Predictors

- A sample is observed from (Y, AX, A) and the aim is to estimate $m(x) = \mathbb{E}\{Y|X = x\}$.

- It is assumed that the availability likelihood is (MAR)

$$\mathbb{P}(A = 1|X, Y) = \mathbb{P}(A = 1|Y) = h(Y).$$

- The joint density is

$$f^{AX, Y, A}(ax, y, a) = [f^{Y|X}(y|x)h(y)f^X(x)]^a [(1-h(y))f^Y(y)]^{1-a}, a \in \{0, 1\}.$$

- We could use only complete cases if $h(y)$ and $f^X(x)$ were known.

Regression Estimation for MAR Predictors

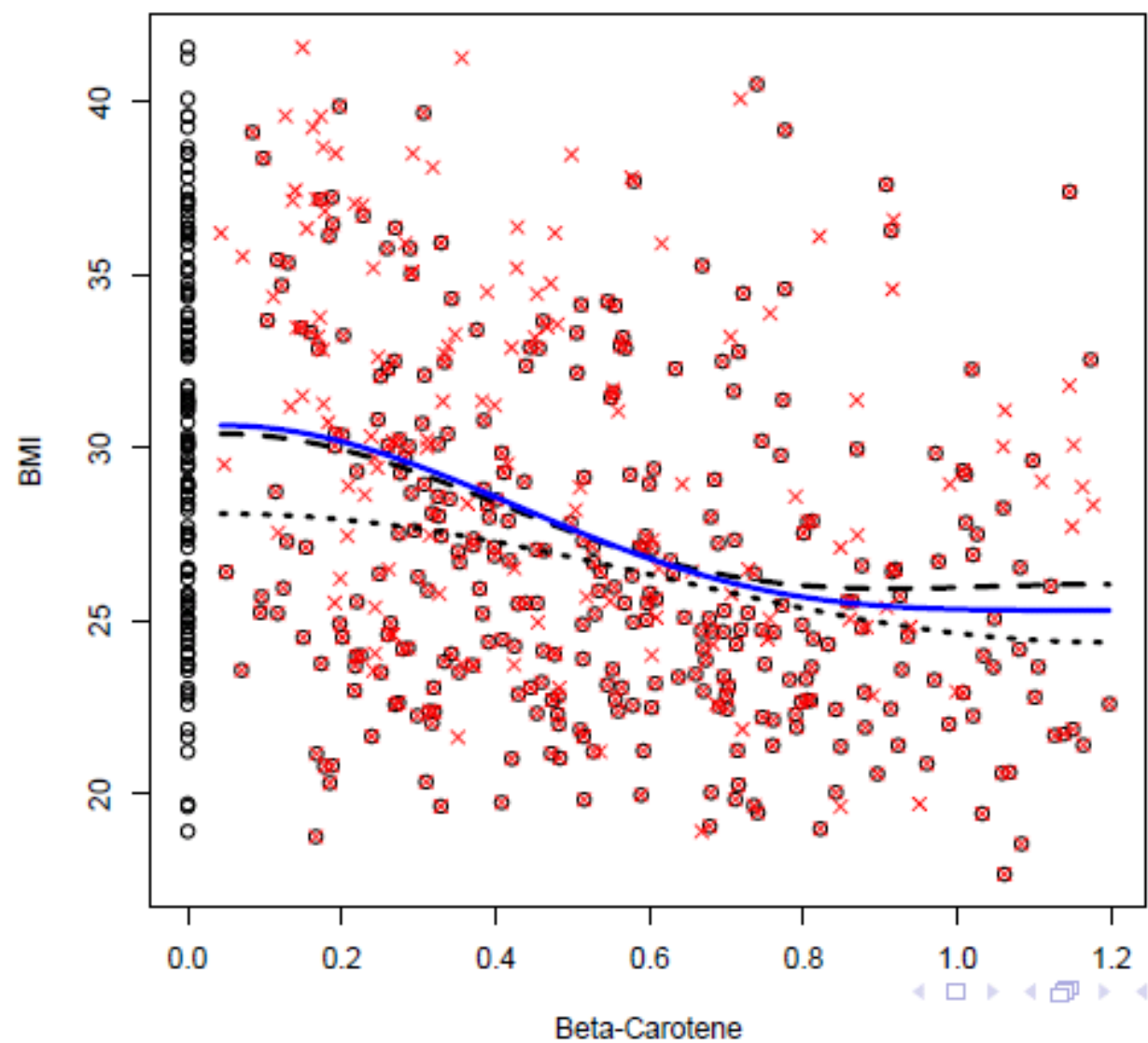
For the case of a complete case when $A = 1$,

$$f^{AX,Y,A}(x, y, 1) = f^{Y|X}(y|x)h(y)f^X(x).$$

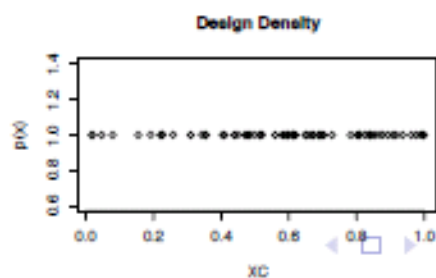
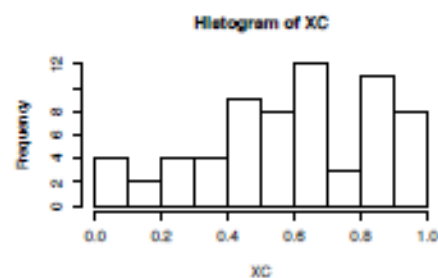
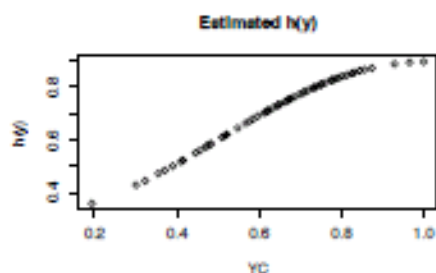
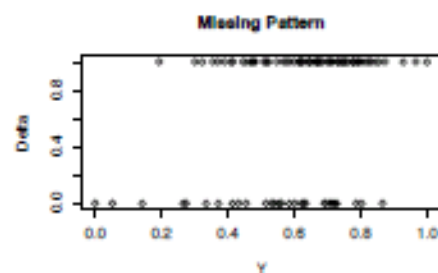
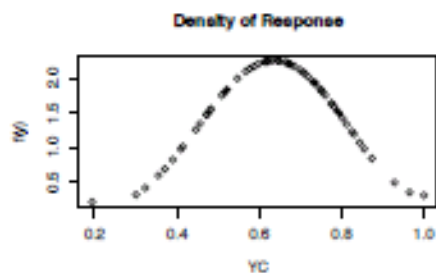
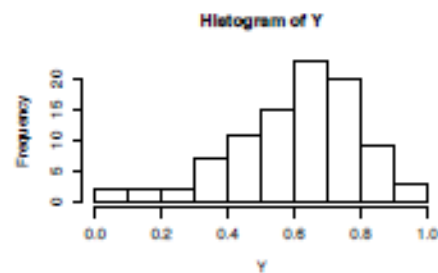
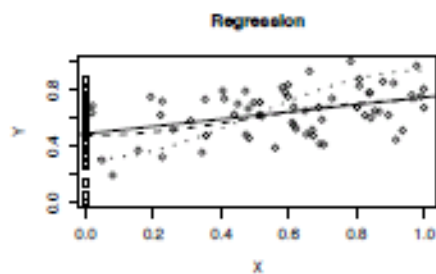
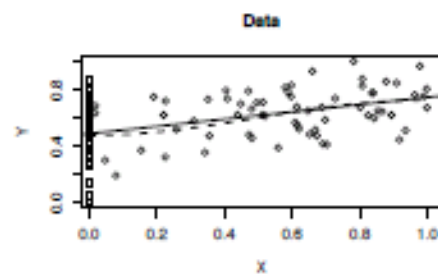
Steps in regression estimation:

- 1 Estimate the density of response $f^Y(y)$ for $y = Y_i$ where $A_i = 1$.
Note: This is the only place where we need all n observations!
(May use a smaller extra sample from Y .)
- 2 Estimate the availability likelihood $h(y)$ for $y = Y_i$ where $A_i = 1$.
- 3 Estimate the design density $f^X(x)$ for $x = X_i$ where $A_i = 1$.
- 4 Estimate the regression function based on complete cases.

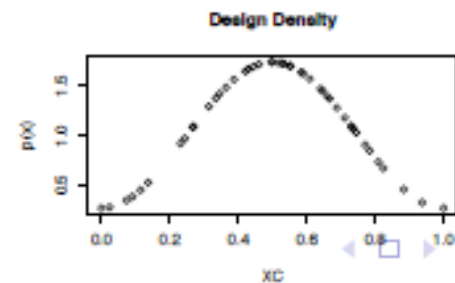
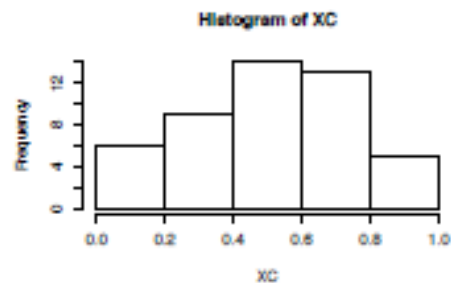
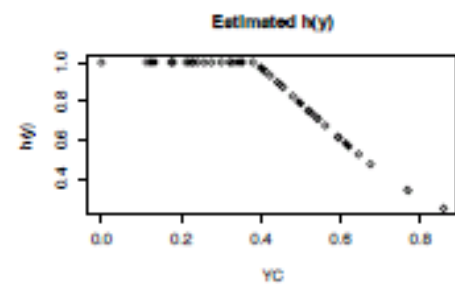
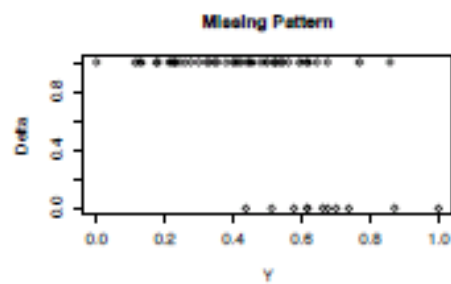
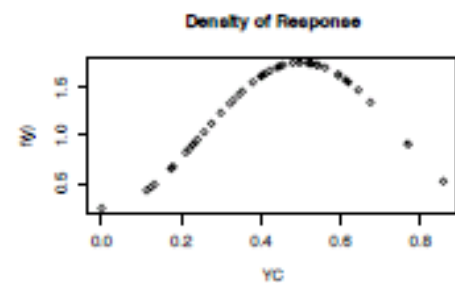
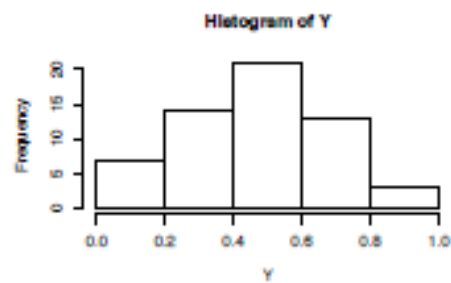
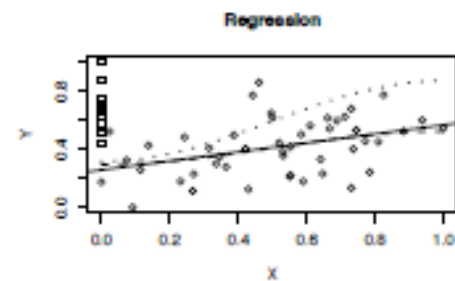
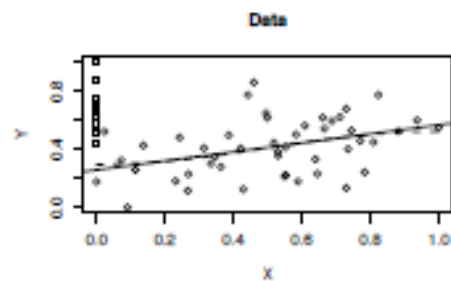
Missed Predictors



GPA (Y) versus Credit Score (X), Class A: $n = 94, N = 65$.



GPA (Y) versus Credit Score (X), Class B: $n = 58, N = 47$.



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