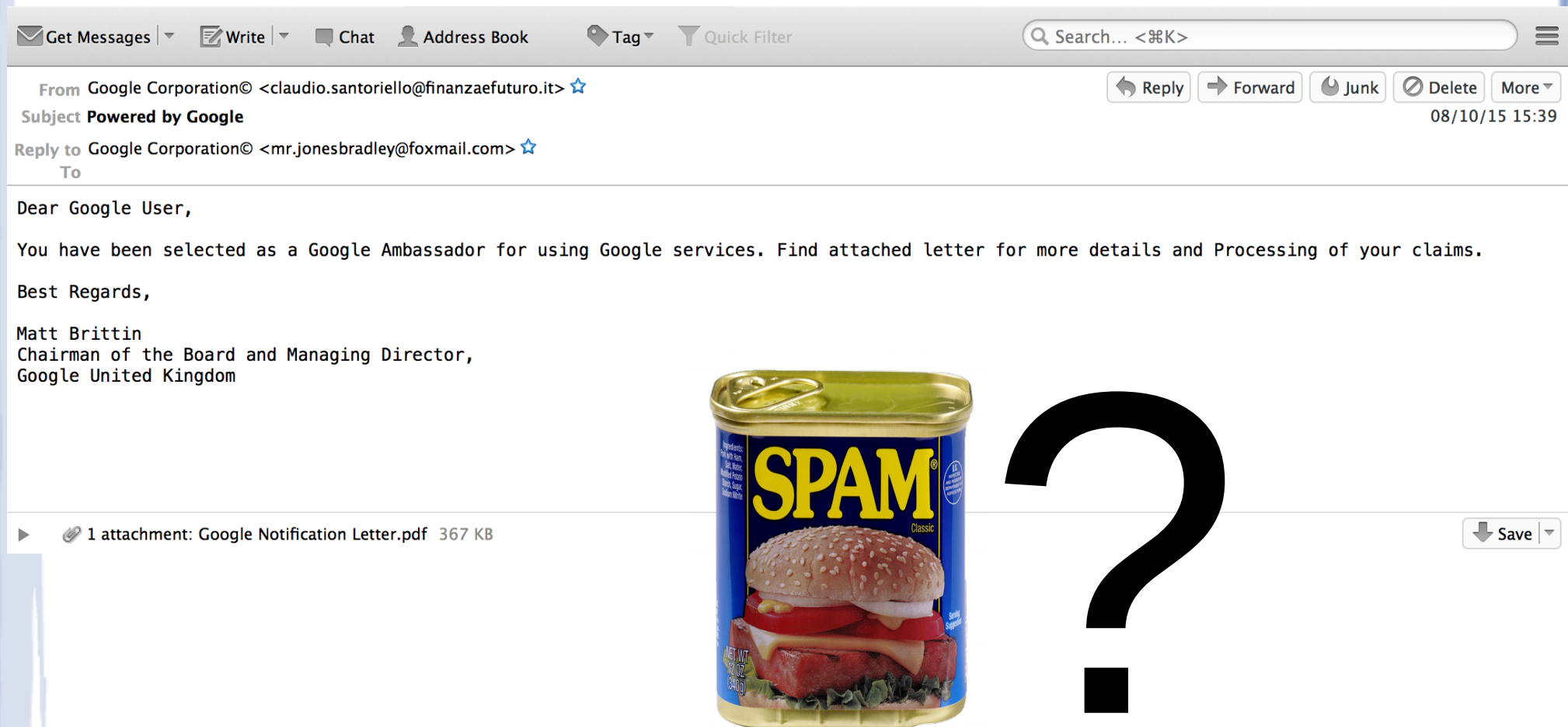


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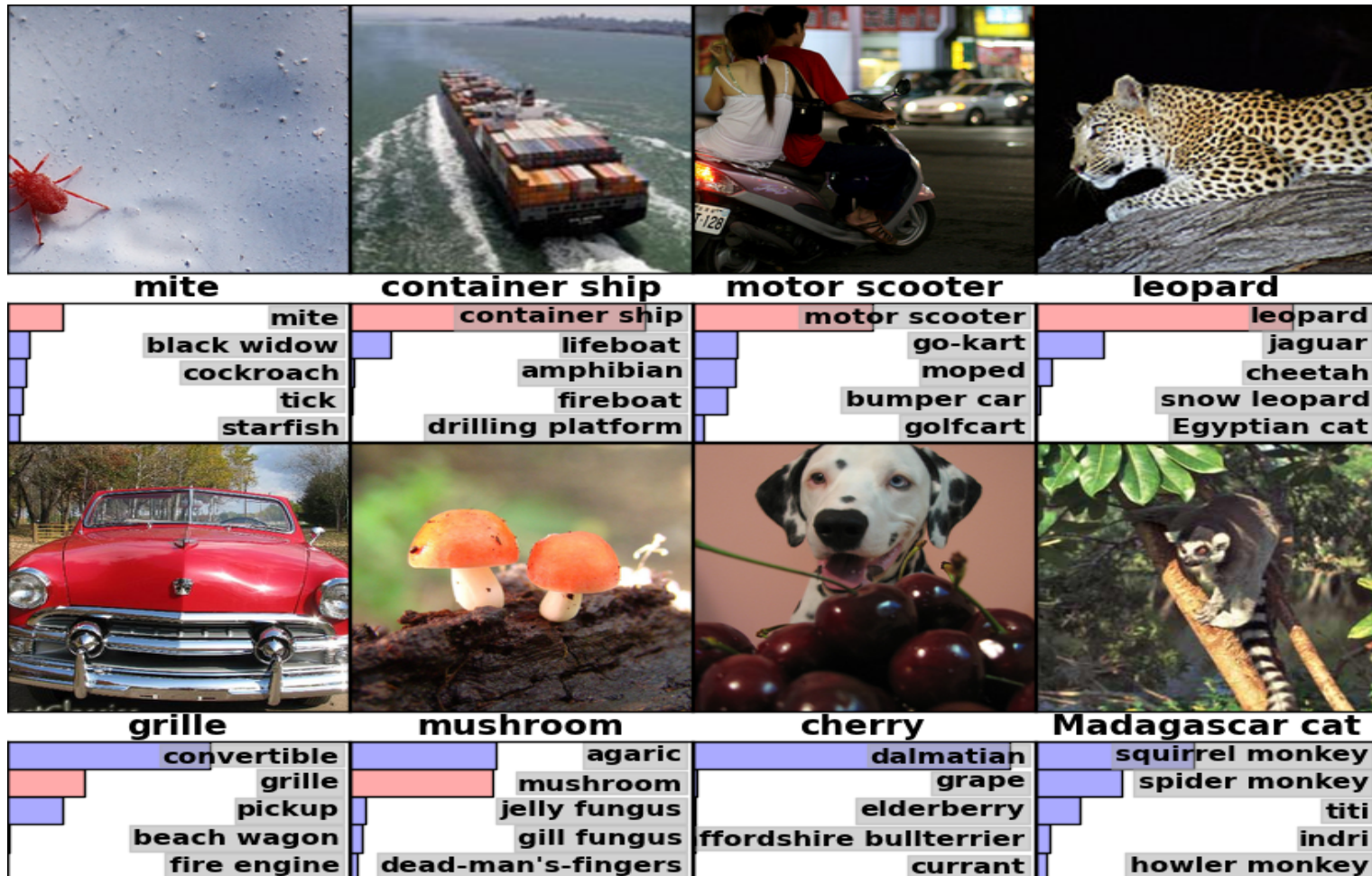
Handwritten Digit Classification

Y_i : 0, 1, 2, ..., 9

X_i : picture of one digit =
 $k \times k$ matrix of grey-values

- Nearest neighbour:
 - measure distance of new picture to all pictures in \mathcal{T}
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General Image Classification



Krizhevsky, Sutskever, Hinton, [ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks](#), NIPS 2012

Applications in Cancer Research

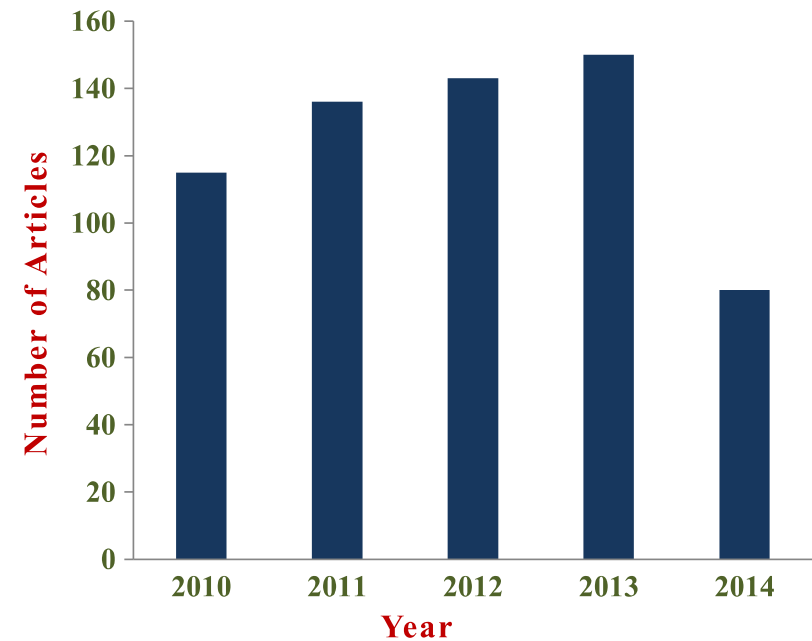
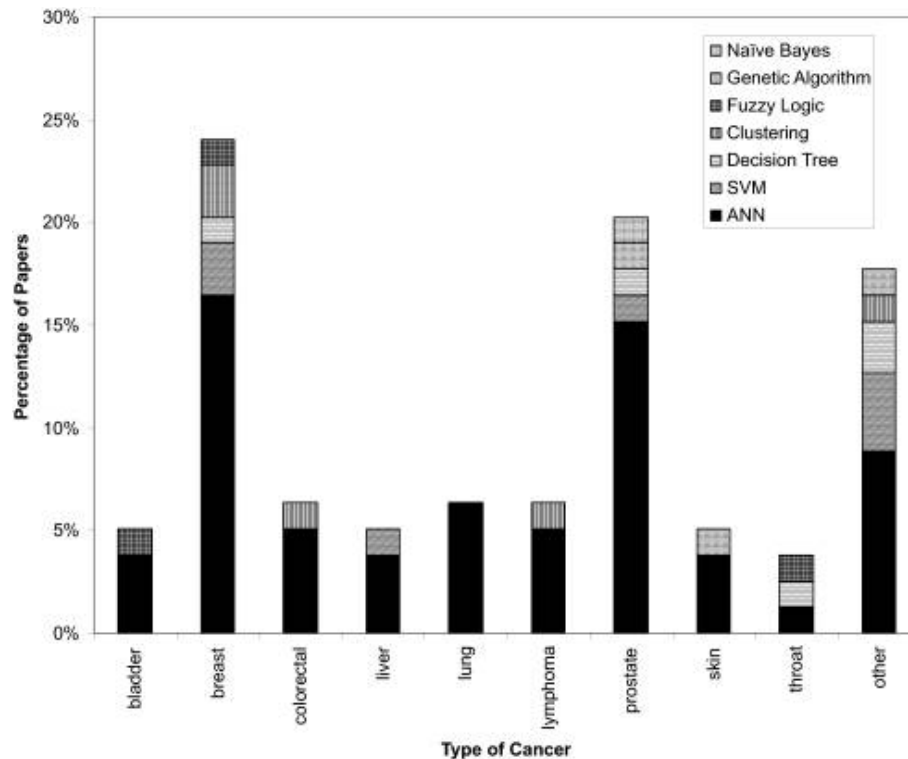


Fig. 7. Distribution of published studies, within the last 5 years, that employ ML techniques for cancer prediction.

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Regression: Prostate Cancer

- Goal: predict level of PSA (prostate specific antigen) for men with prostate cancer

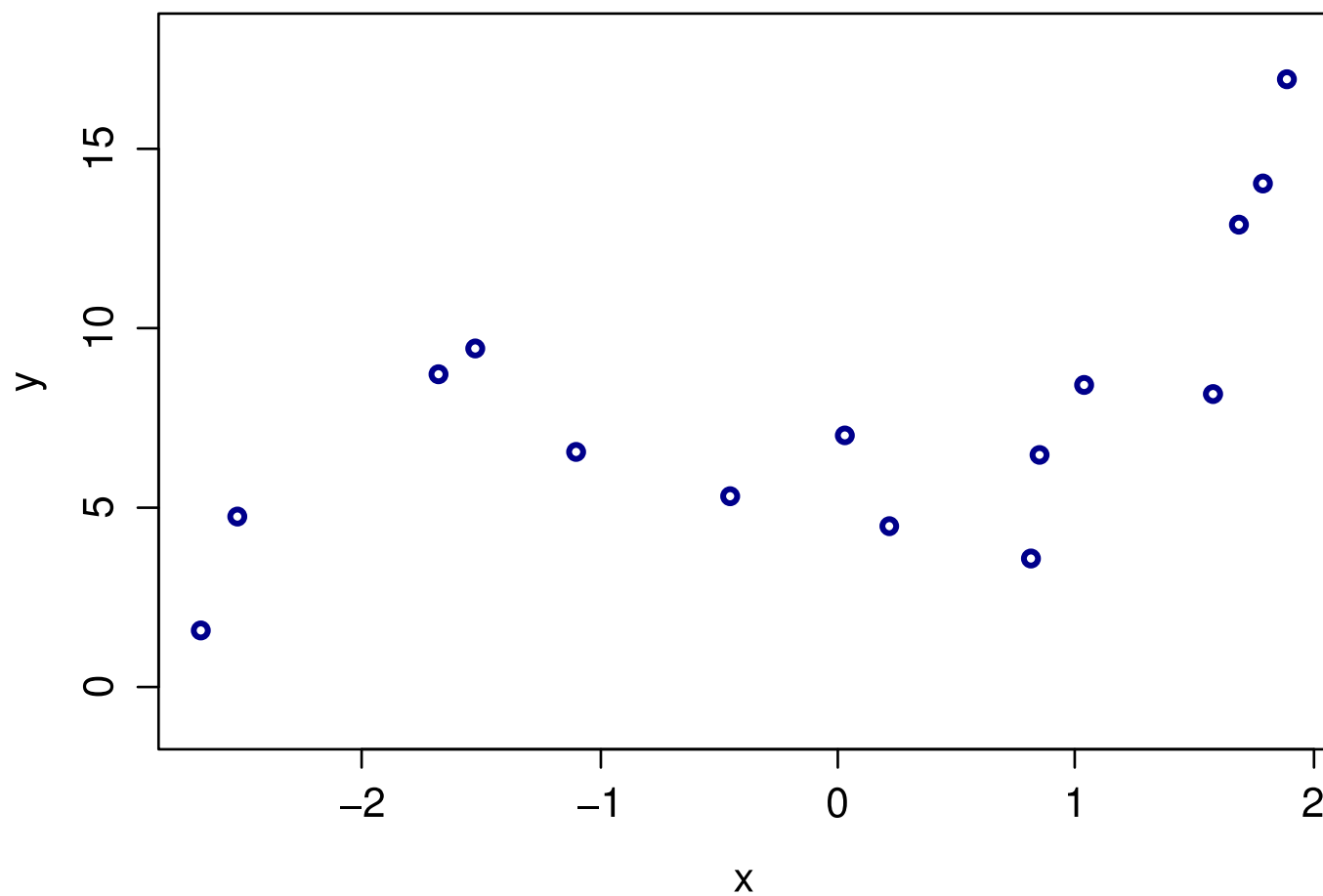
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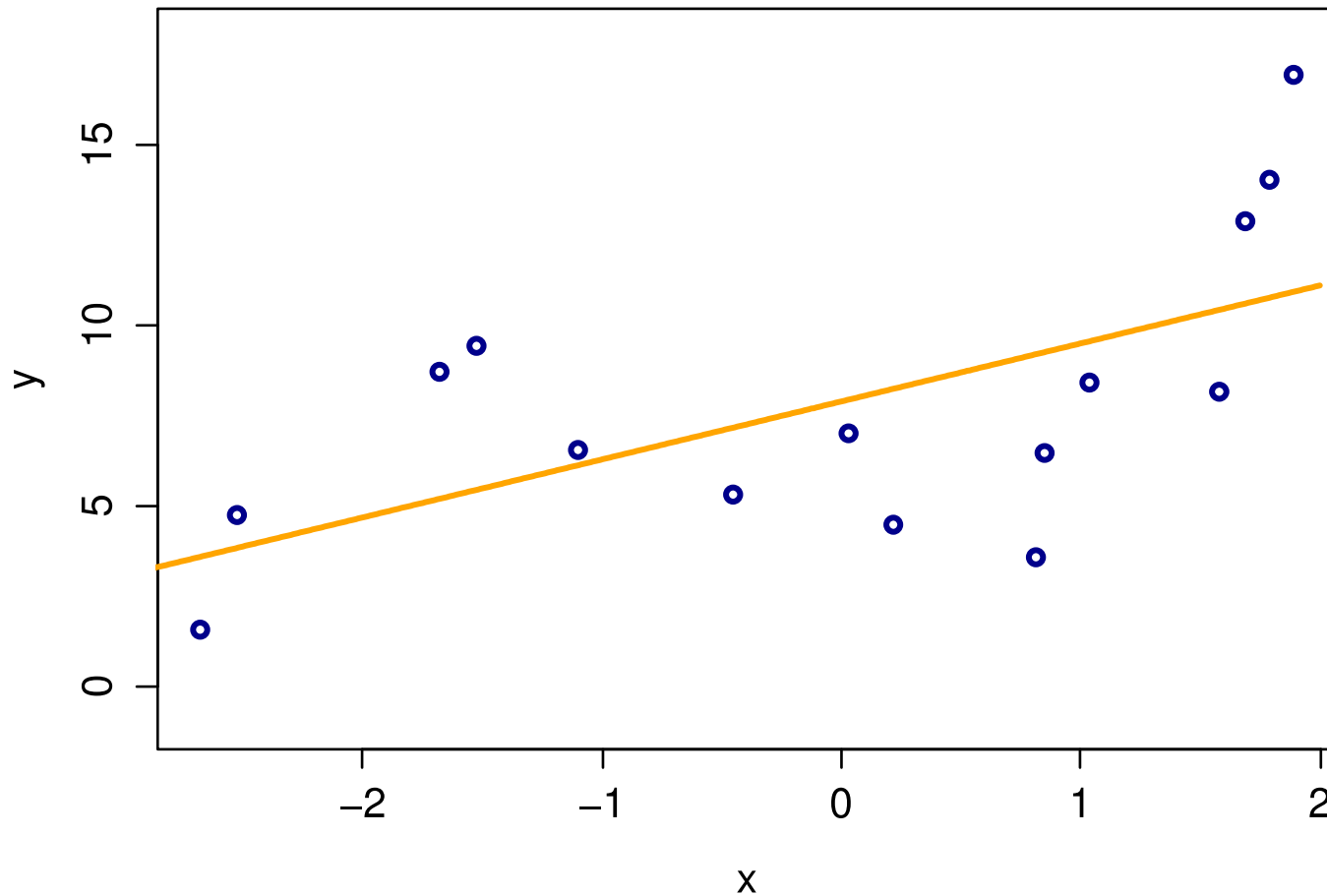
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- log prostate weight
- Gleason score
- ...

See book for more details

Some Data

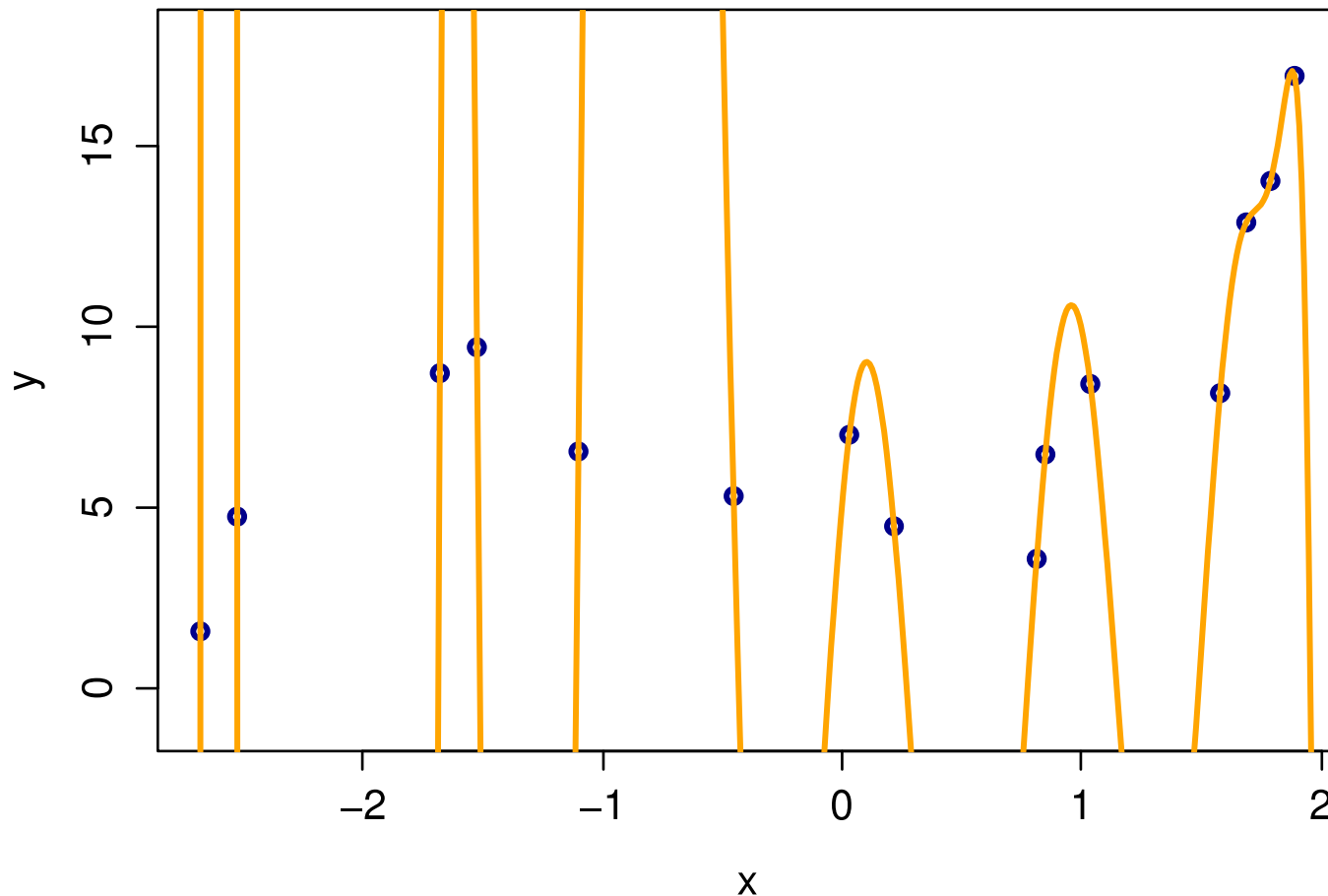


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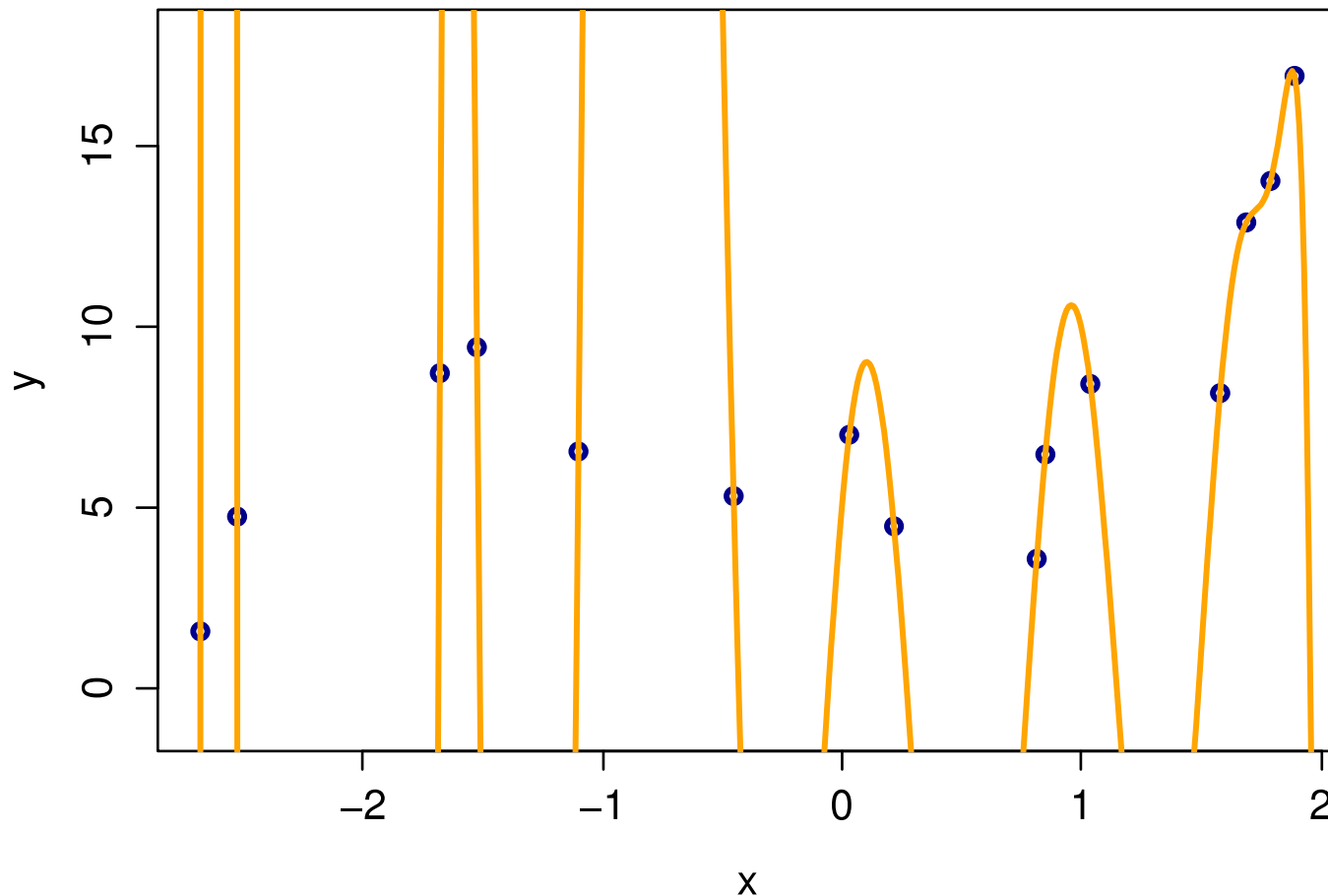
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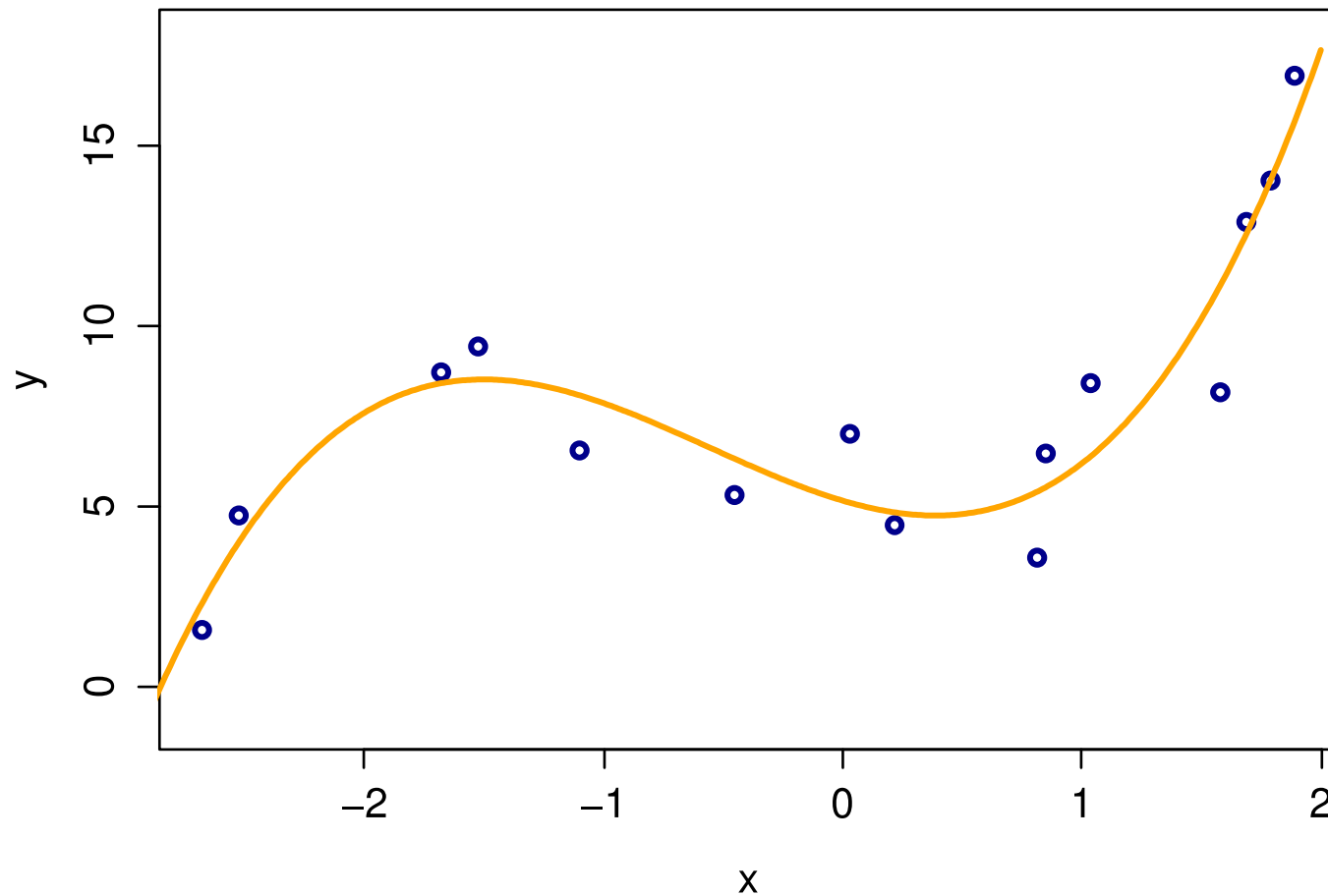
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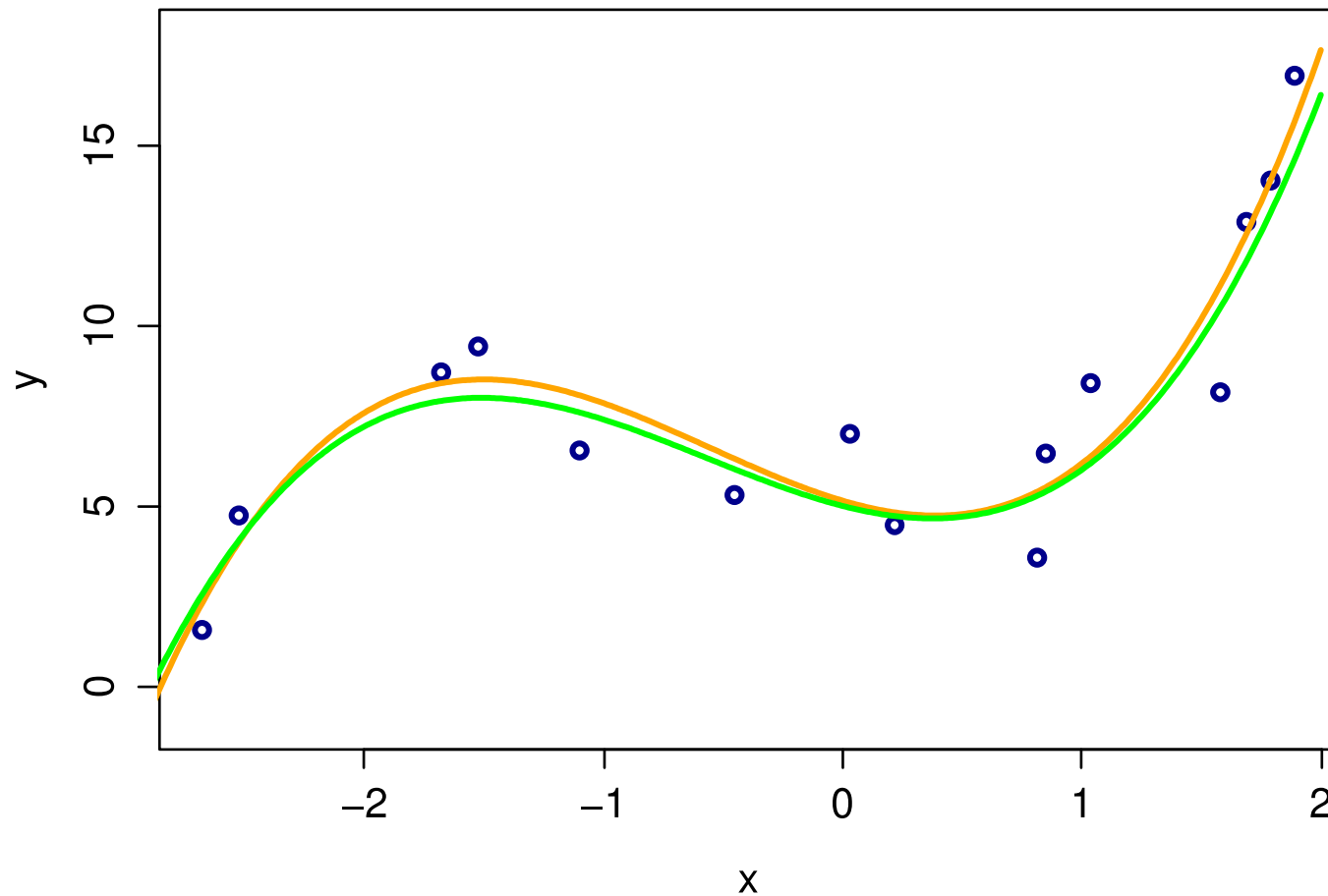
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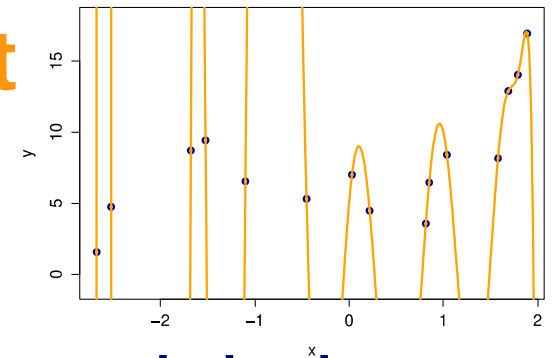
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