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***Decision Analysis***  
(part 2 of 2)  
***Review Linear Regression***

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# Outline

- Homework clarification
- Sensitivity, specificity, prevalence
- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Discounting cost and utilities
- Review of Linear Regression

# 2 x 2 table (contingency table)

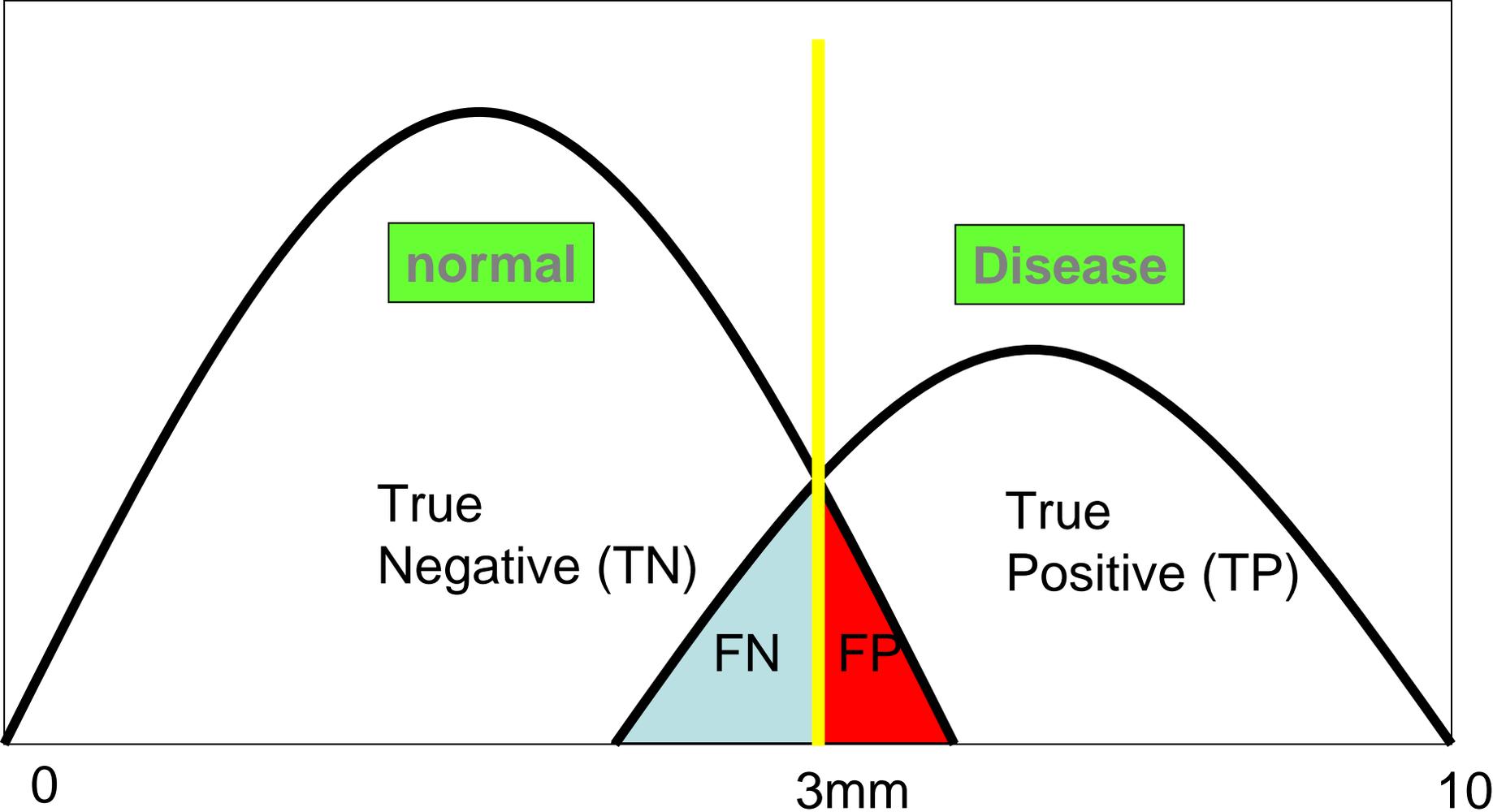
	PPD+	PPD-	
TB	8	2	10
no TB	3	87	90
	11	89	100

**Prevalence of TB = 10/100**

**Sensitivity of test = 8/11**

**Specificity of test = 87/89**

threshold



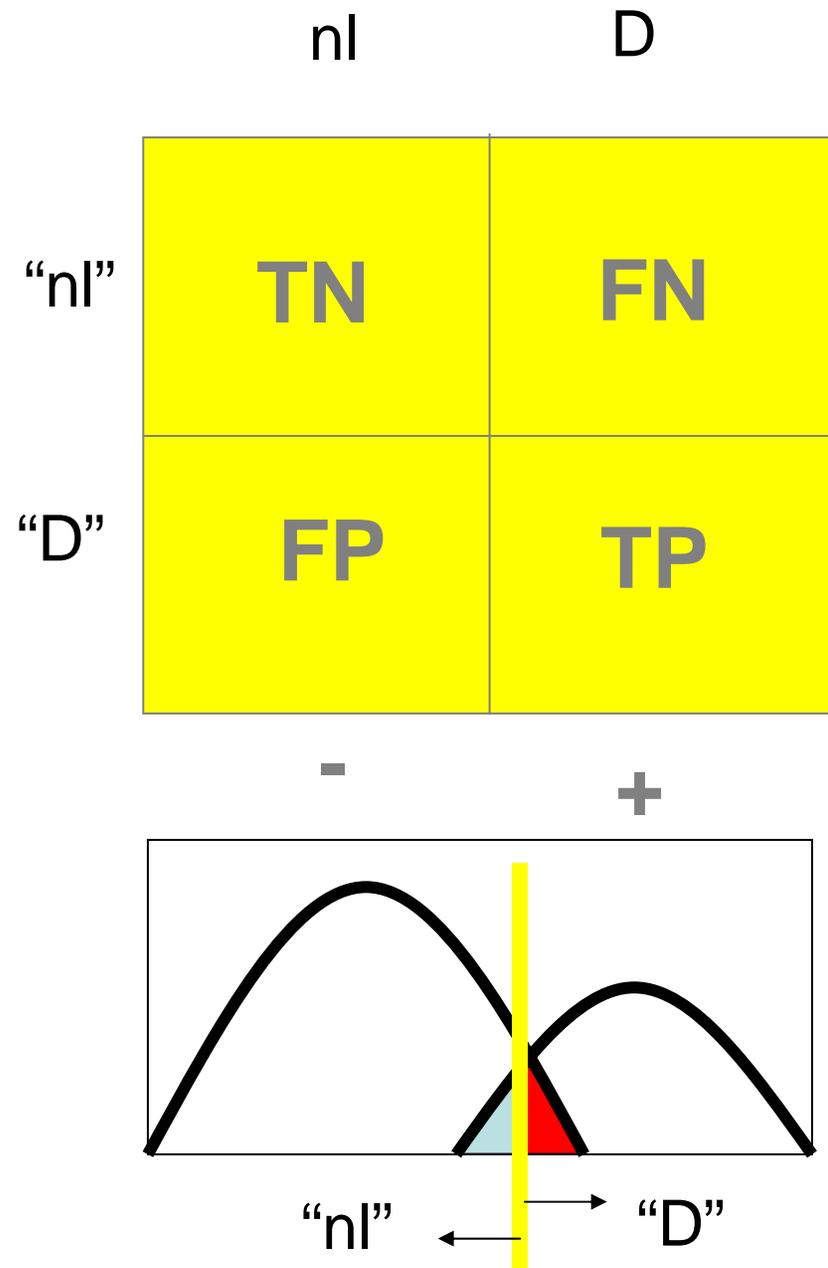
$$\text{Sens} = \text{TP} / \text{TP} + \text{FN}$$

$$\text{Spec} = \text{TN} / \text{TN} + \text{FP}$$

$$\text{PPV} = \text{TP} / \text{TP} + \text{FP}$$

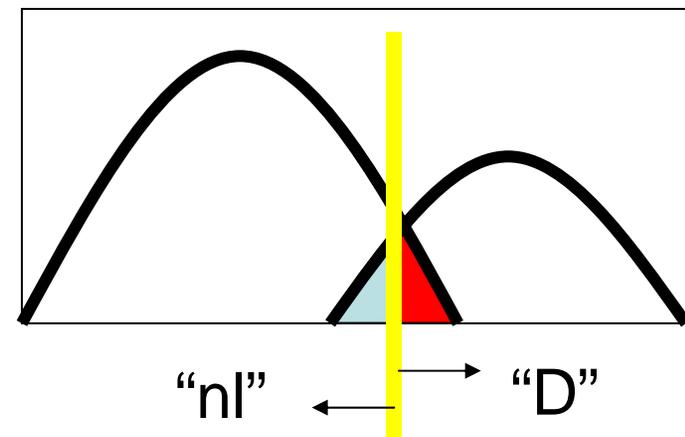
$$\text{NPV} = \text{TN} / \text{TN} + \text{FN}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \text{TN} + \text{TP}$$



$Sens = TP/TP+FN$   
 $40/50 = .8$   
 $Spec = TN/TN+FP$   
 $45/50 = .9$   
 $PPV = TP/TP+FP$   
 $40/45 = .89$   
 $NPV = TN/TN+FN$   
 $45/55 = .81$   
 $Accuracy = TN + TP$   
 $85/100 = .85$

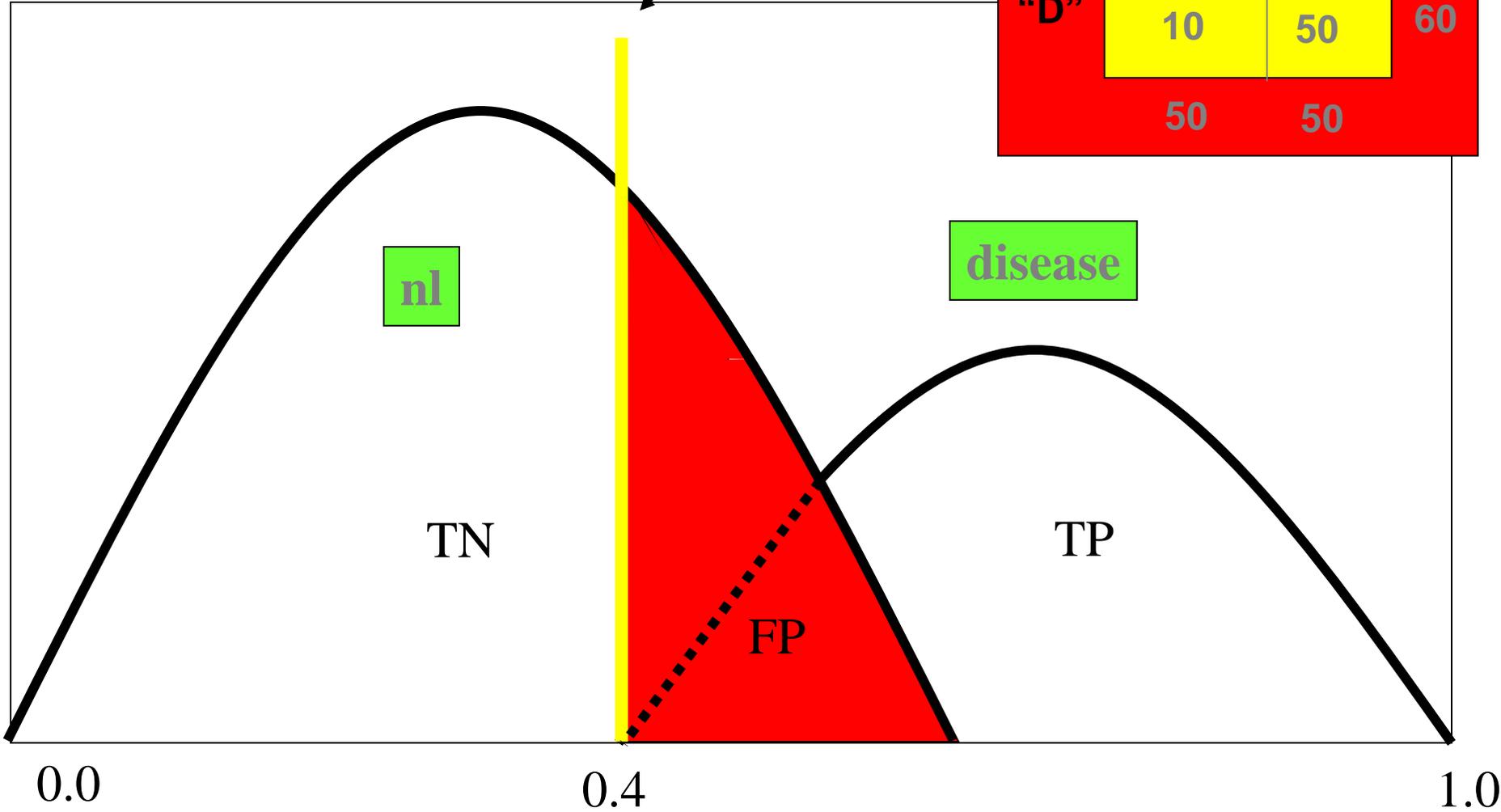
	nl	D
"nl"	45	10
"D"	5	40



Sensitivity =  $50/50 = 1$   
Specificity =  $40/50 = 0.8$

threshold

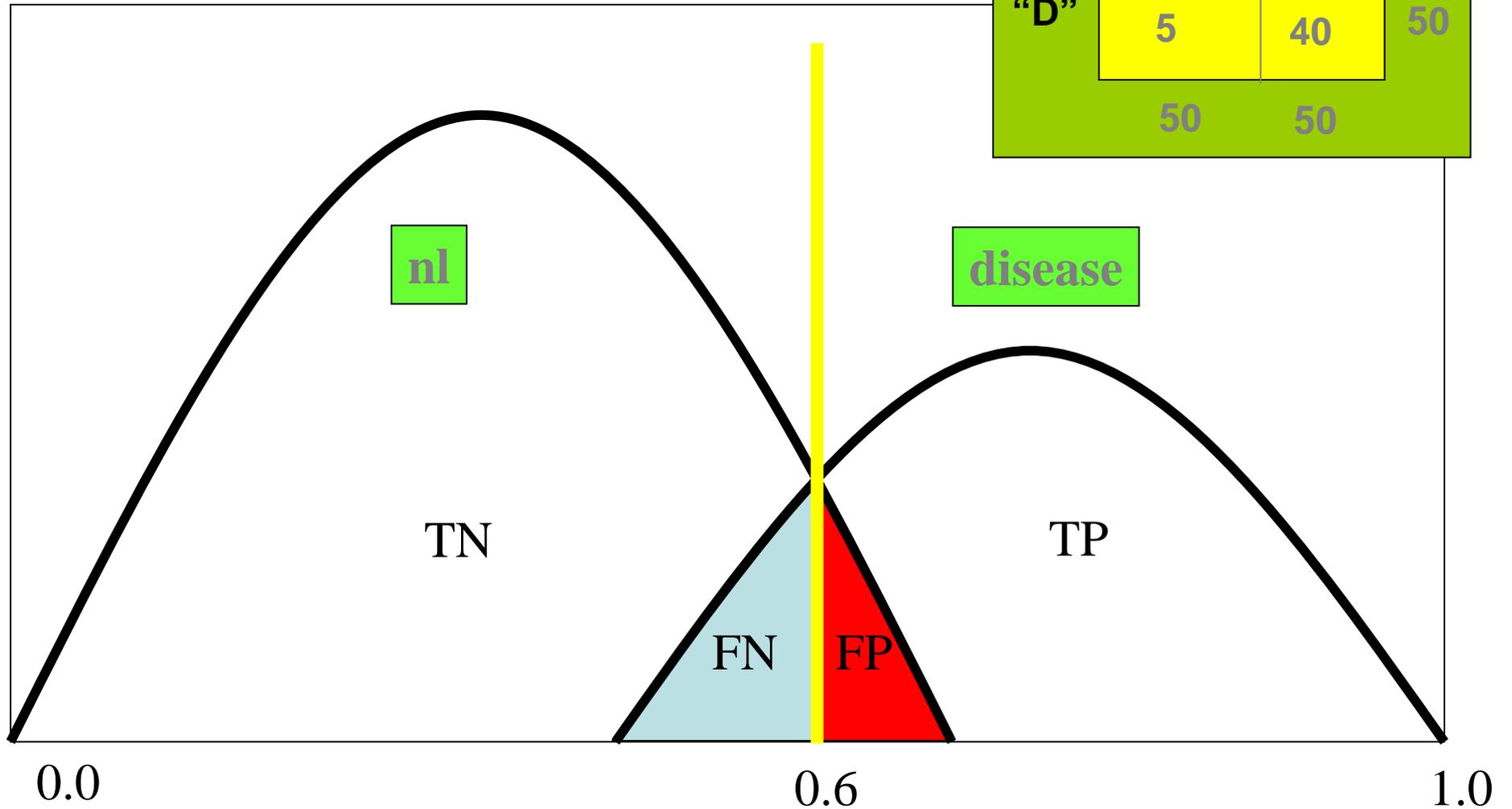
	nl	D	
"nl"	40	0	40
"D"	10	50	60
	50	50	



Sensitivity =  $40/50 = .8$   
Specificity =  $45/50 = .9$

threshold

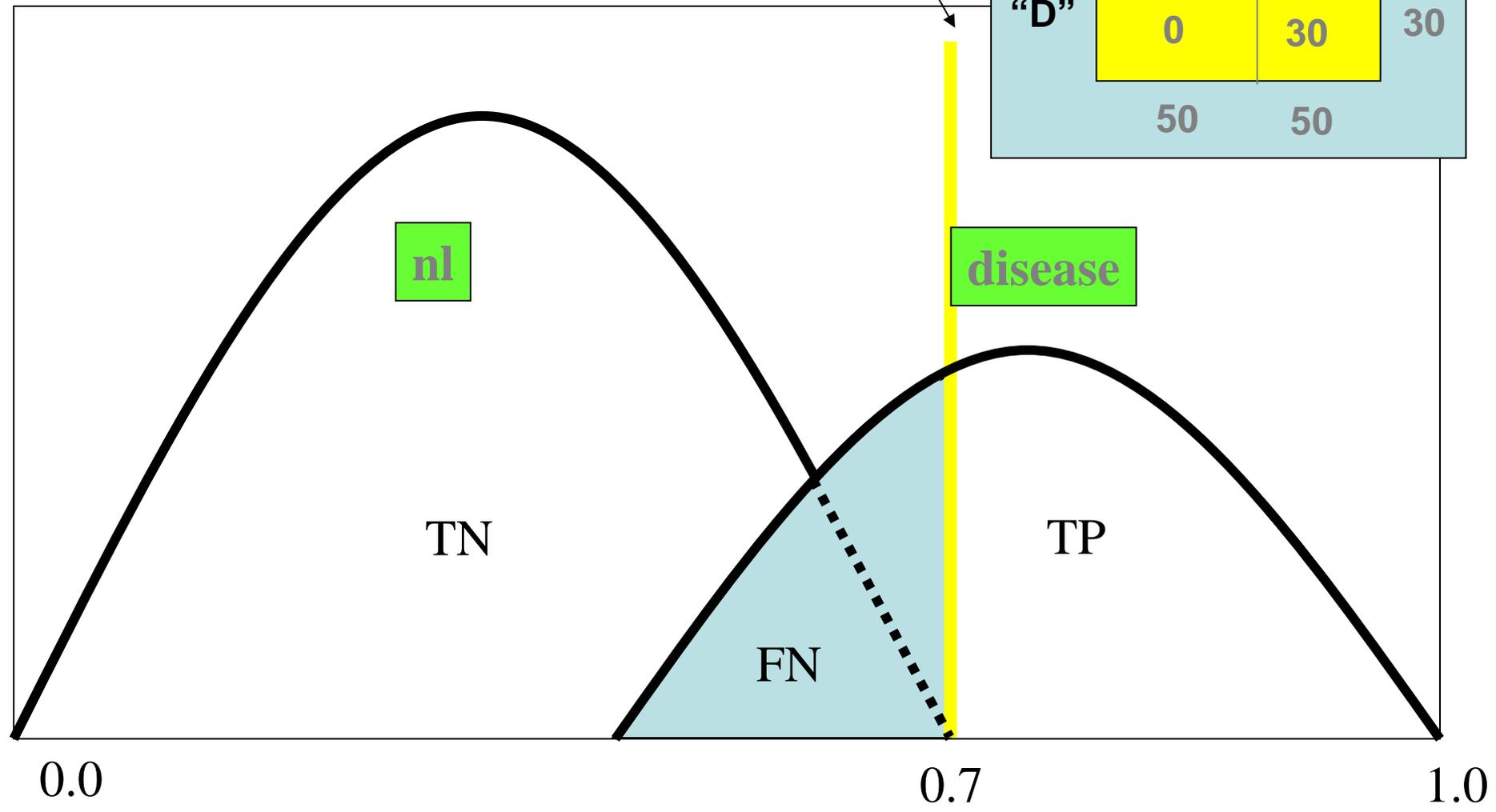
	nl	D	
"nl"	45	10	50
"D"	5	40	50
	50	50	



Sensitivity =  $30/50 = .6$   
Specificity = 1

threshold

	nl	D	
"nl"	50	20	70
"D"	0	30	30
	50	50	



# Cost-effectiveness analysis

- Comparison of costs with health effects
  - Cost per Down case syndrome averted
  - Cost per year of life saved
- Perspectives (society, insurer, patient)
- Comparators
  - Comparison with doing nothing
  - Comparison with “standard of care”

# Discounting costs

- It is better to spend \$10 next year than today (its value will be only \$9.52, assuming 5% rate)
- Even better to spend it 2 years from now (\$9.07)
- For cost-effectiveness analysis spanning multiple years, recommended rate is usually 5%
- $C = C_0 + C_1/(1-r)^1 + C_2/(1-r)^2 + \dots$
- $C_0$  are costs at time 0

# Discounting utilities

- Value for full mobility is 10 today (is it only 9.52 next year?)
- Should the discount rate be the same as for costs?
- If smaller, then it would always be better to wait one more year...

# Levels of Evidence in Evidence-Based Medicine

US Task Force

- Level 1: at least 1 randomized controlled trial (RCT)
- Level 2-I: controlled trials (CT)
- Level 2-II: cohort or case-control study
- Level 2-III: multiple time series with or without the intervention
- Level 3: expert opinions

# Examples

- Cost per year of life saved, Life years/US\$1M
- By pass surgery middle-aged man
  - \$11k/year, 93
- CCU for low risk patients
  - \$435k/year, 2

# Importance of good stratification

- Bypass surgery
  - Left main disease 93
  - One vessel disease 12
  
- CCU for chest pain
  - 5% risk of MI 2
  - 20% risk of MI 10

# Intro to Modeling

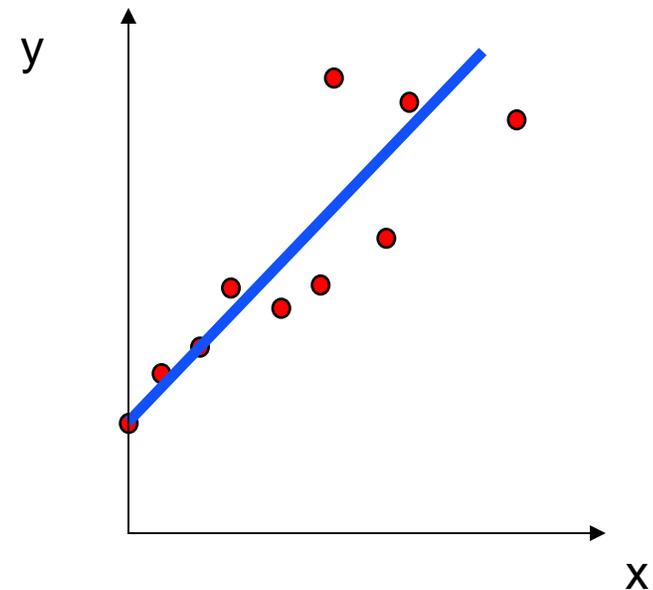
# Univariate Linear Model

- Y is what we want to predict (dependent variable)
- X are the predictors (independent variables)
- $Y=f(X)$ , where f is a linear function

$$y_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1$$

$$y_2 = 1\beta_0 + x_2\beta_1$$

...



# Univariate Linear Model

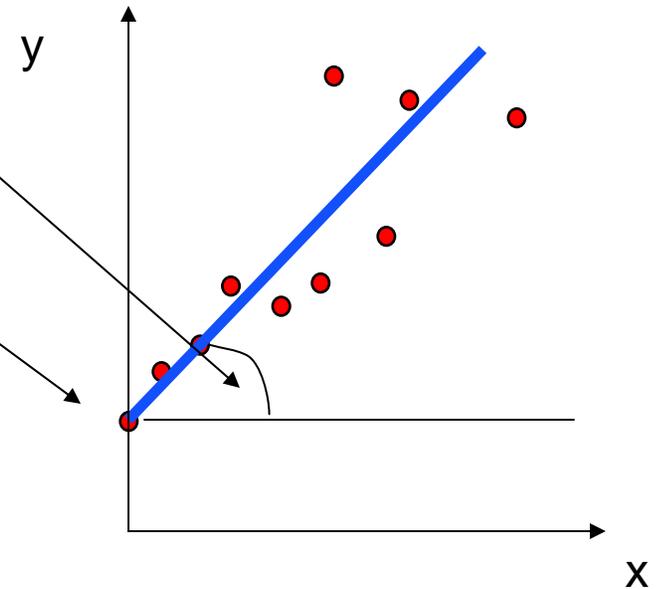
$\beta_1$  is slope

$\beta_0$  is intercept

$$y_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1$$

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...



# Multivariate Model

- Simple model: structure and parameters
- 3 predictors, 4 parameters  $\beta$
- one of the parameters ( $\beta_0$ ) is a constant

$$y_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_{11}\beta_1 + x_{12}\beta_2 + x_{13}\beta_3$$

$$y_2 = 1\beta_0 + x_{21}\beta_1 + x_{22}\beta_2 + x_{23}\beta_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{1} \\ x_{11} & x_{21} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} \\ x_{13} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Notation and Terminology

- $x_i$  is vector of  $j$  *inputs, covariates, independent variables, or predictors* for case  $i$  (i.e., what we know for all cases)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{age} \\ \text{salt} \\ \text{smoke} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $X$  is matrix of  $j \times n$   
 $x_i$  column vectors (input data for each case)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{21} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} \\ x_{13} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Prediction

- $y_i$  is scalar: *output, dependent variable* (i.e., what we want to predict)

e.g., mean blood pressure

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathit{pred}_{pat1} \\ \mathit{pred}_{pat2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 98 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $Y$  is vector of  $y_i$

# Multivariate Linear Model

$$y_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_{11}\beta_1 + x_{12}\beta_2 + x_{13}\beta_3$$

$$y_2 = 1\beta_0 + x_{21}\beta_1 + x_{22}\beta_2 + x_{23}\beta_3$$

$Y = X^T\beta$ , where each  $x_i$  includes a term for 1 (constant) ( $x_{10}=1$ ,  $x_{20}=1$ , etc.) to be multiplied by the intercept  $\beta_0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{10} & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{20} & x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Regression and Classification

Regression: continuous outcome

- E.g., blood pressure

$$Y = f(X)$$

Classification: categorical outcome

- E.g., death (binary)

$$G = \hat{G}(X)$$

# Loss function

- $Y$  and  $X$  random variables
- $f(x)$  is the model
- $L(Y, f(X))$  is the loss function (penalty for being wrong)
- It is a function of how much to pay for discrepancies between  $Y$  (real observation) and  $f(X)$  estimated value for an observation)
- In several cases, we use only the error and leave the cost for the decision analysis model

# Regression Problems

Let's concentrate on simple errors for now:

- Expected Prediction Error (EPE):

$$[Y-f(X)]^2$$

$$|Y-f(X)|$$

- These two error functions imply that errors in both directions are considered the same way.

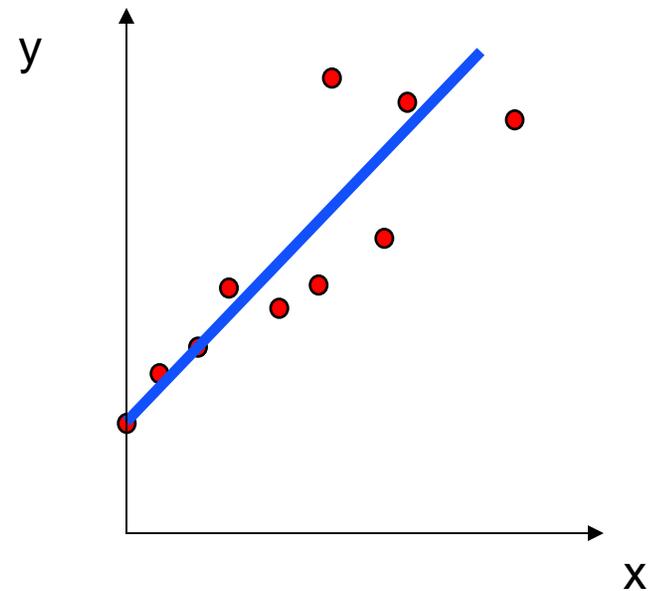
# Univariate Linear Model

$$\hat{y}_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1$$

$$\hat{y}_2 = 1\beta_0 + x_2\beta_1$$

$$y_1 = 1\beta_0 + x_1\beta_1 + \textit{error}$$

$$y_2 = 1\beta_0 + x_2\beta_1 + \textit{error}$$

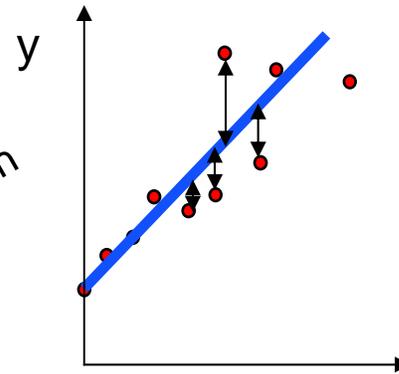


# Squared Errors

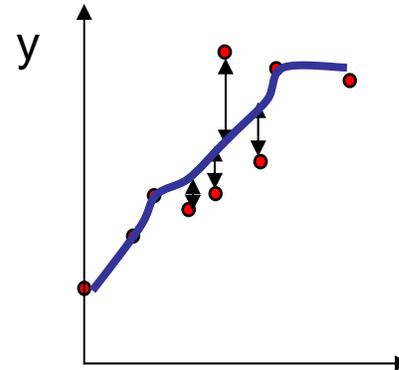
$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y - \hat{Y})^2$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

Linear regression



$$\hat{Y} = f(X)$$



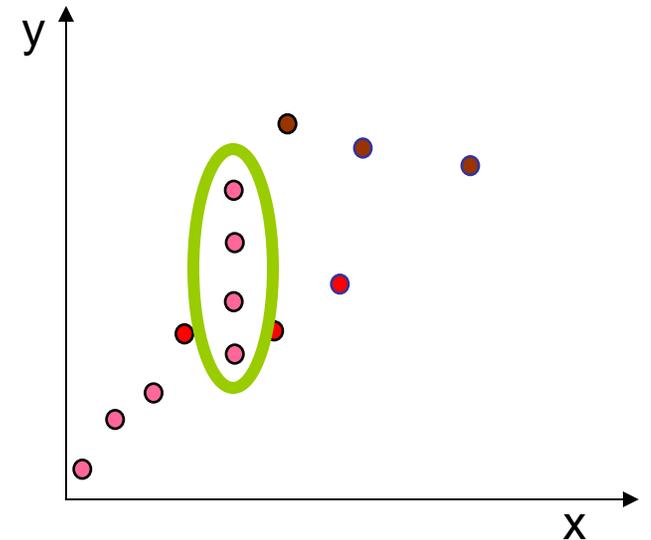
# Conditioning on x

- x is a certain value

$$\hat{y}(x) = 1/k \sum_{x_i=x} y_i$$

$$f(x) = Ave(y_i | x_i = x)$$

- Expectation is approximated by average
- Conditioning is on x



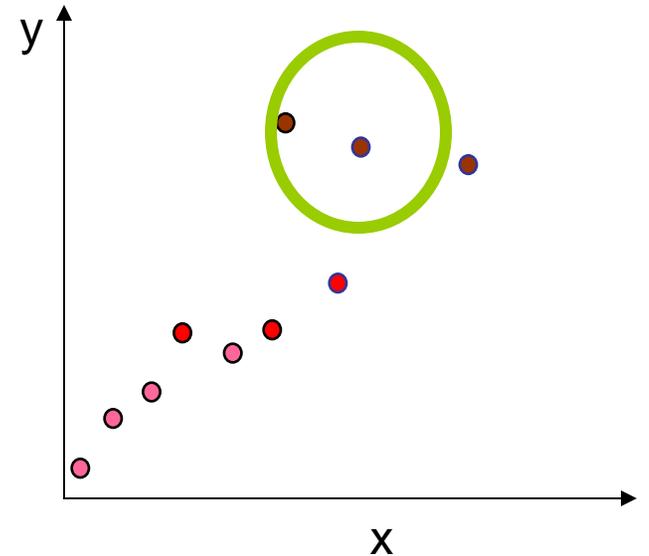
# k -Nearest Neighbors

- N is neighborhood

$$\hat{y}(x) = 1/k \sum_{x_i \in N_k(x)} y_i$$

$$f(x) = Ave(y_i | x_i \in N_k(x))$$

- Expectation is approximated by average
- Conditioning is on neighborhood



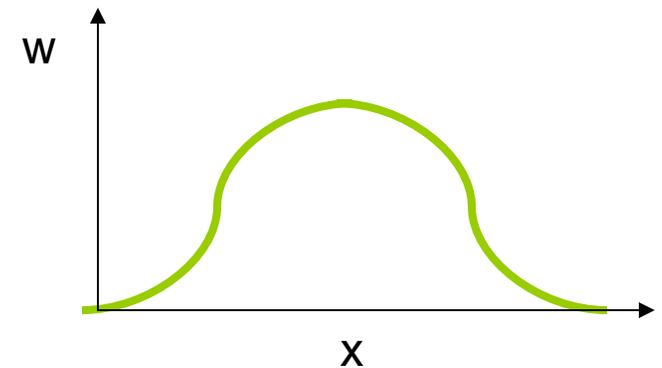
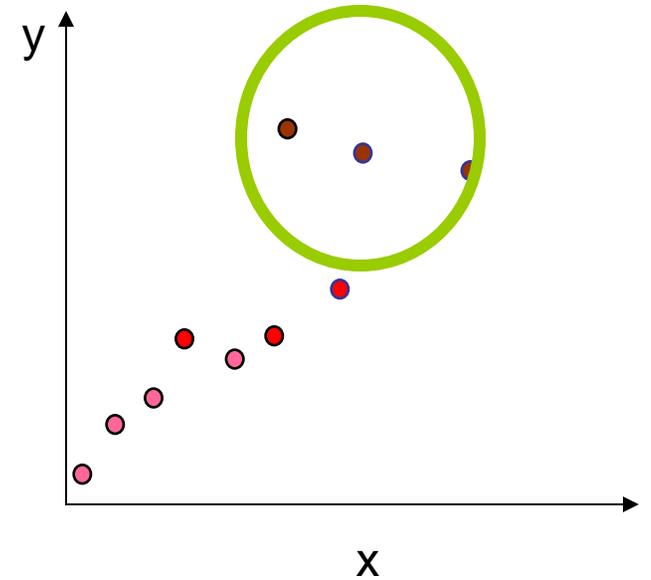
# Nearest Neighbors

- N is continuous neighborhood

$$\hat{Y}(x) = 1/n \sum y_i w_i$$

$$f(x) = \text{WeightedAve}(y_i | x)$$

- Expectation is approximated by weighted average



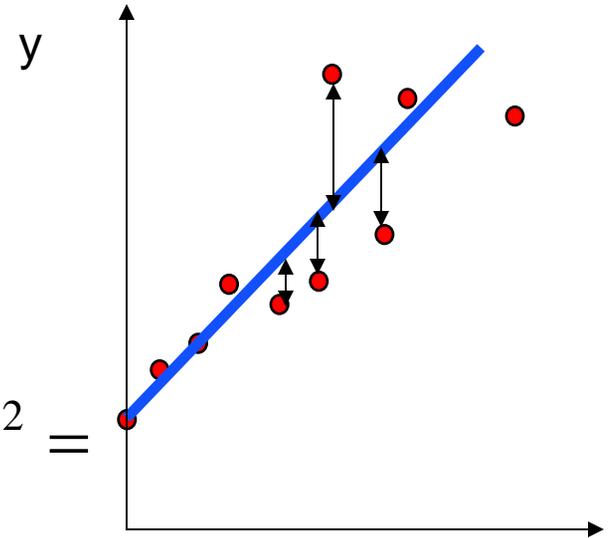
# Minimize Sum of Squared Errors

$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y - \hat{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [y - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)]^2 =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (y^2 - 2y(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x) + (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)^2) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (y^2 - 2y\beta_0 - 2y\beta_1 x + \beta_0^2 + 2\beta_0\beta_1 x + \beta_1^2 x^2)$$



(derivative wrt  $\beta_0$ ) = 0

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y^2 - 2y\beta_0 - 2y\beta_1x + \beta_0^2 + 2\beta_0\beta_1x + \beta_1^2x^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial SE}{\partial \beta_0} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (-y + \beta_0 + \beta_1x) = 0$$

$$\beta_0 n + \beta_1 \sum x = \sum y$$

Normal equation 1

(derivative wrt  $\beta_1$ ) = 0

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y^2 - 2y\beta_0 - 2y\beta_1x + \beta_0^2 + 2\beta_0\beta_1x + \beta_1^2x^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial SE}{\partial \beta_1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (-yx + \beta_0x + \beta_1x^2) = 0$$

$$\beta_0 \sum x + \beta_1 \sum x^2 = \sum yx \quad \text{Normal equation 2}$$

# Solve system of normal equations

$$\beta_0 n + \beta_1 \sum x = \sum y$$

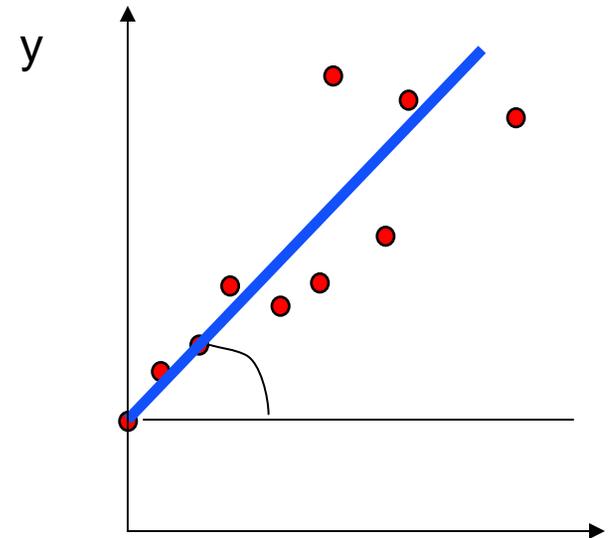
Normal equation 1

$$\beta_0 \sum x + \beta_1 \sum x^2 = \sum yx$$

Normal equation 2

$$\beta_0 = \bar{y} - \beta_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}$$



# Limitations of linear regression

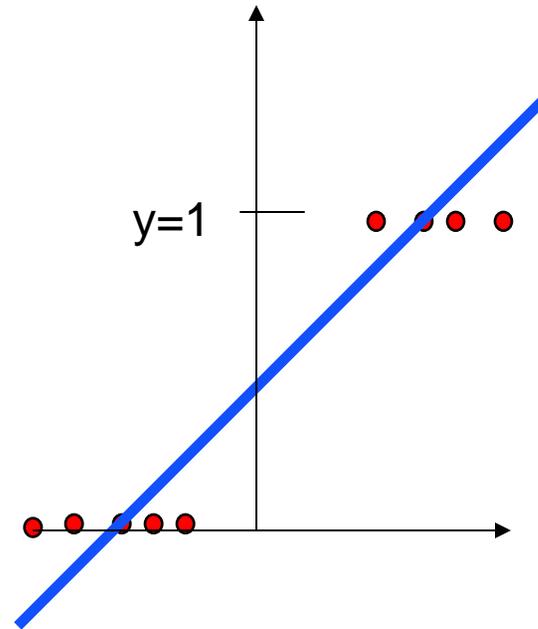
- Assumes conditional probability  $p(Y|X)$  is normal
- Assumes equal variance in every  $X$
- It's linear 😊

(but we can always use interaction or transformed terms)

# Linear Regression for Classification?

$$y = p$$

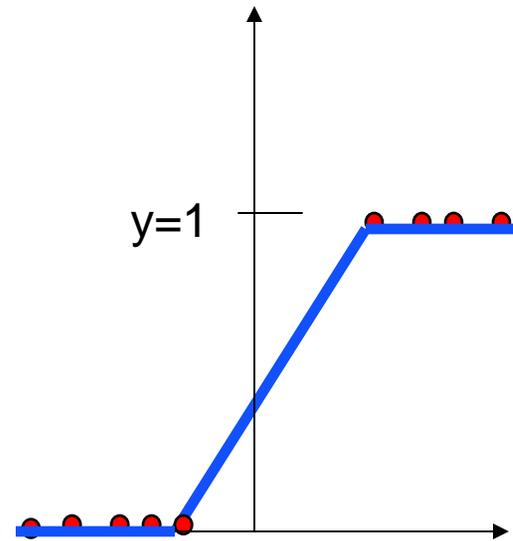
$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$



x

# Linear Probability Model

$$\hat{y}_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \geq \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i & \text{for } 0 \leq \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



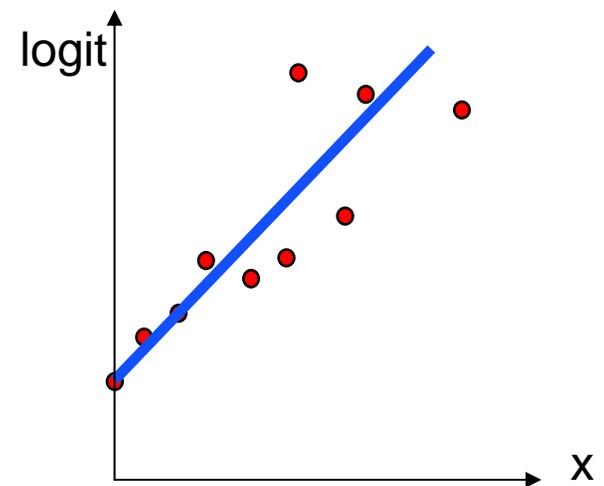
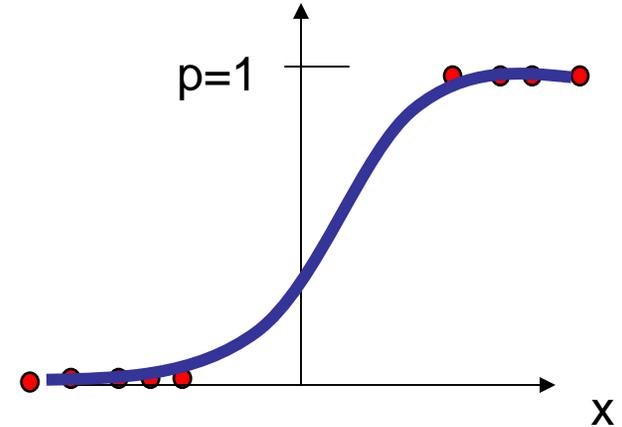
# Logit Model

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)}}$$

$$p_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}}{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i} + 1}$$

$$\log \left[ \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$\log \left[ \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} \right] = \sum_i \beta x_i$$



# Two dimensions

