WHAT IS A MODEL?









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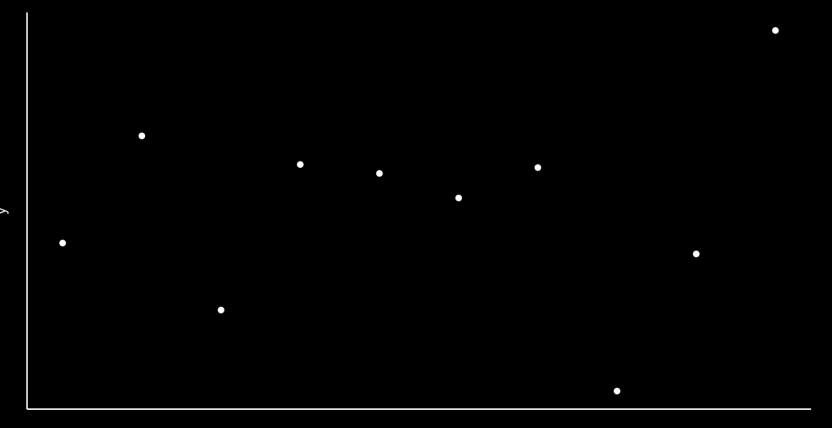




STATISTICAL MODELS DESCRIBE HOW THE OBSERVED DATA WERE GENERATED.



THE DATA







STATISTICAL MODEL:

$$Y_i = \mu + \epsilon_i, \qquad i = 1, ..., n$$

Data = Model + Error

where $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, ..., \epsilon_n$ are independent and identically distributed.

$$f(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,...,\epsilon_n) = f(\epsilon_1)f(\epsilon_2)\cdots f(\epsilon_n)$$
 (drawn from the same distribution f)
$$\text{Joint distribution} \qquad \text{Marginal distributions}$$



THE MODEL





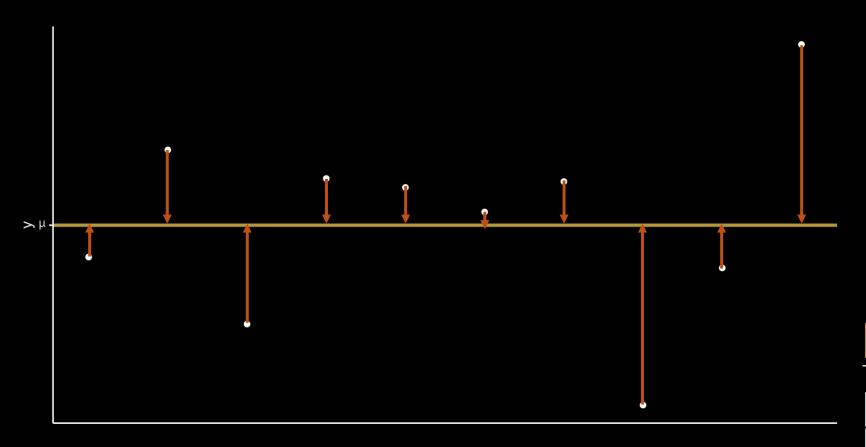
ERROR OR RESIDUAL:

$$\epsilon_i = Y_i - \mu$$

Error = Data - Model



RESIDUALS/ERRORS





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