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Lecture 4

# Generalized Linear Models, Kernel Methods

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# Announcement

HW1 is out, due on Oct 2nd, please start early

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$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_y P(y; \eta) = e^{-a(\eta)} \sum_y b(y) \exp \left\{ \eta^T T(y) \right\} \\ \Rightarrow a(\eta) &= \log \sum_y b(y) \exp \left\{ \eta^T T(y) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{prob}(y) \geq P(y)$$

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$$\mathbb{E}_\eta[T(y)] = \bar{E}(y)$$

# Many Other Exponential Models

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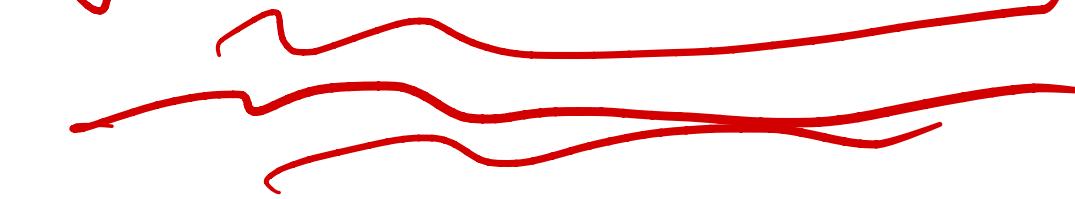
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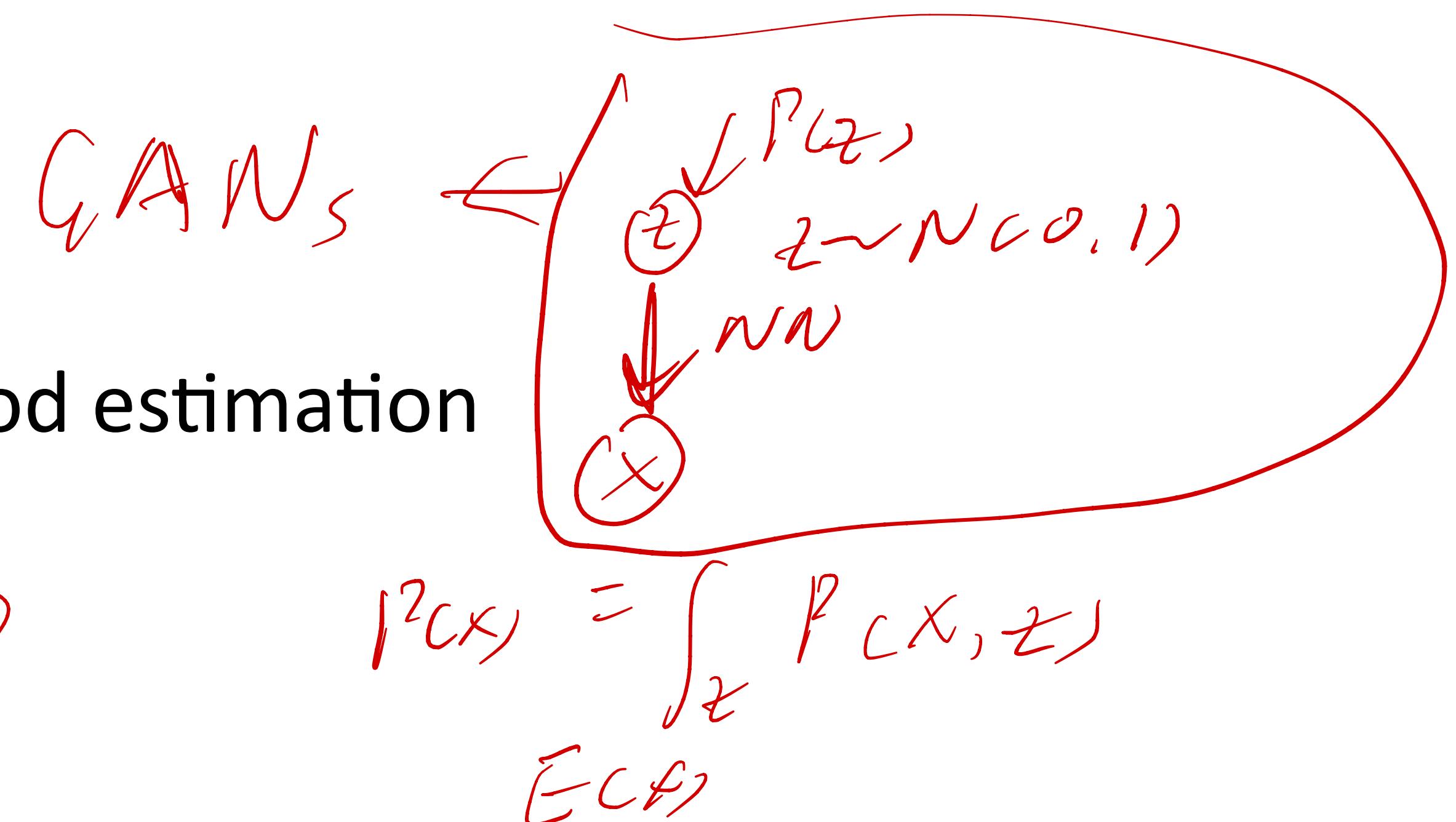
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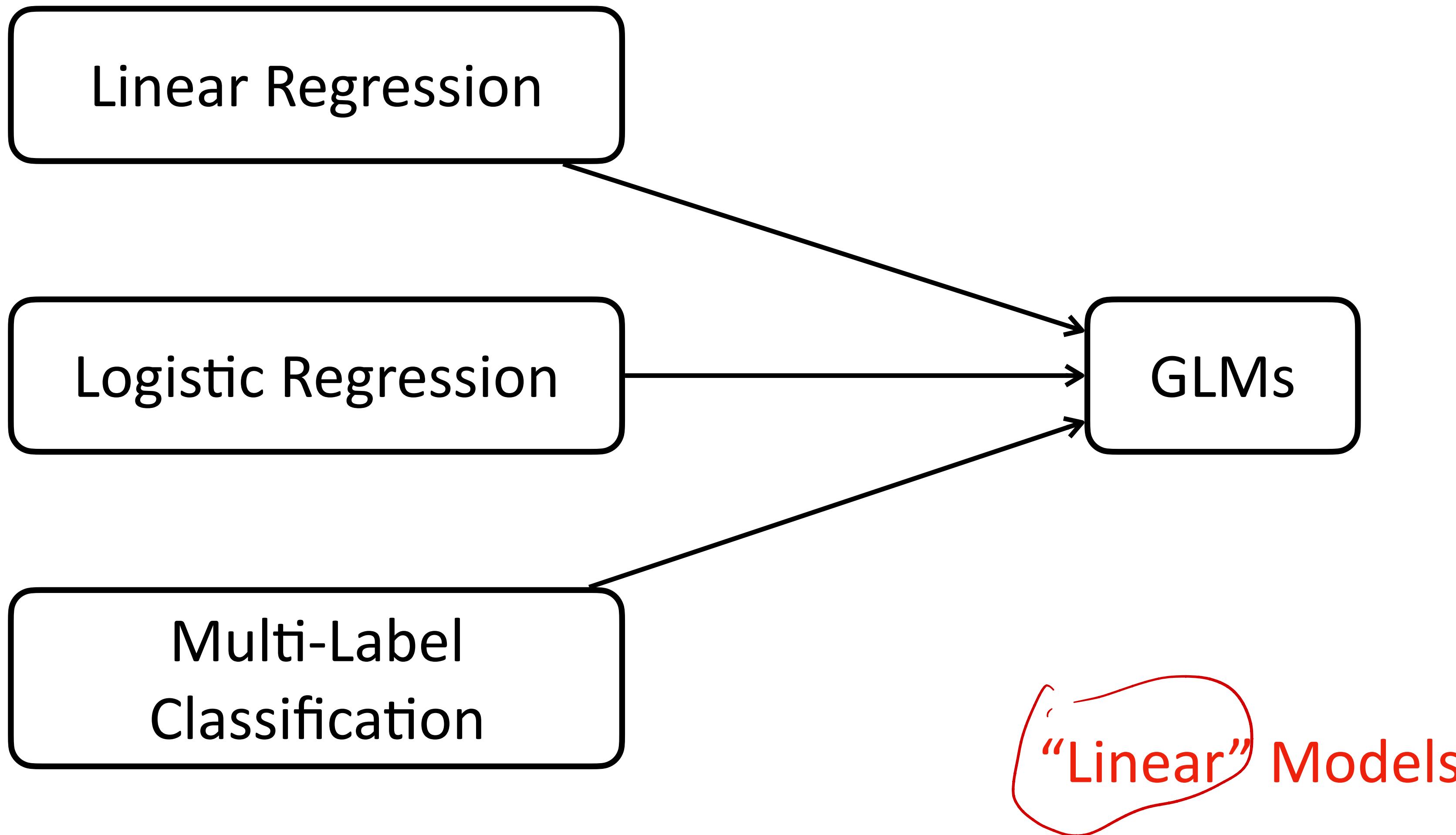
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Enjoy closed-form solution for various statistics

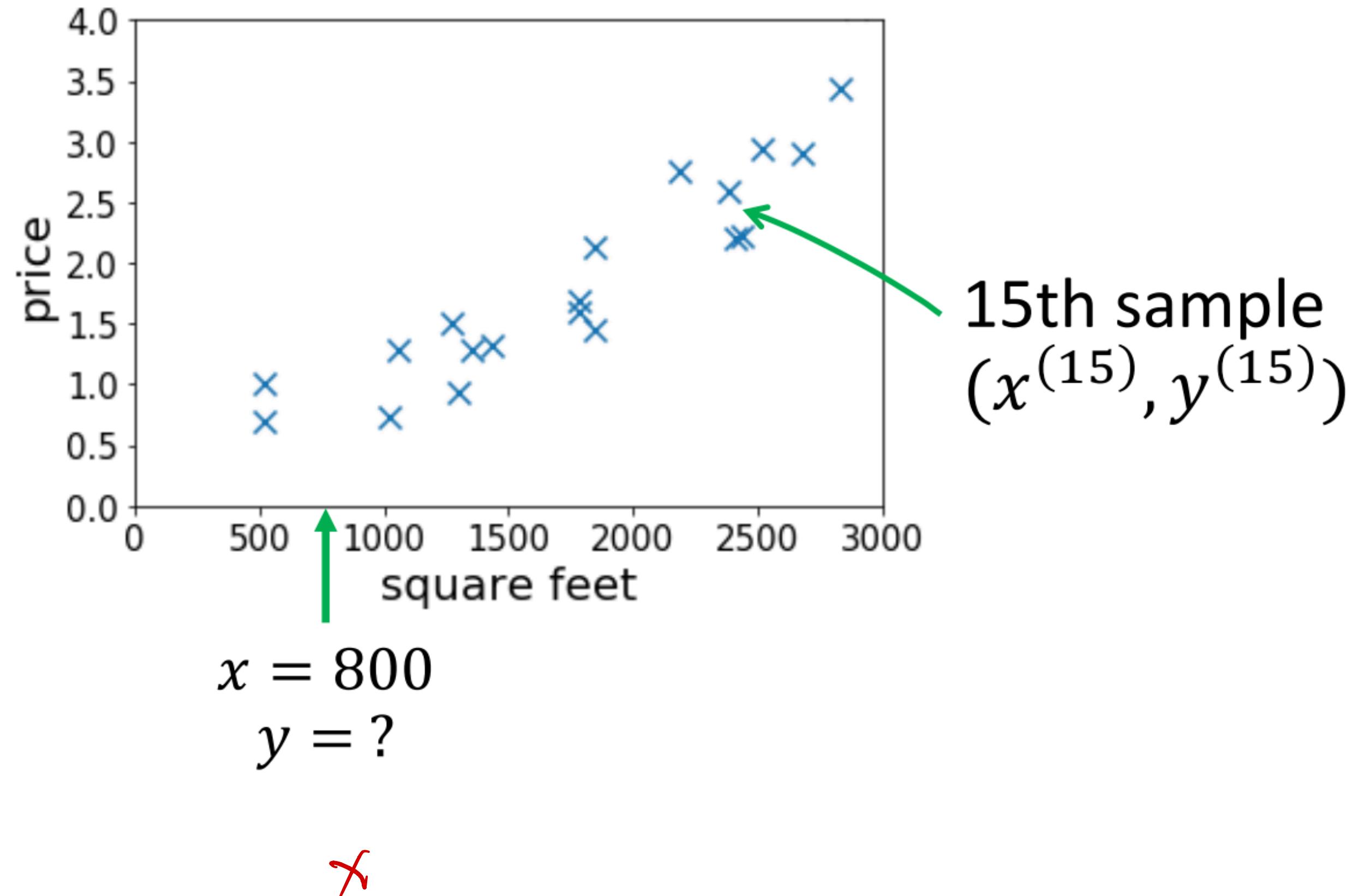
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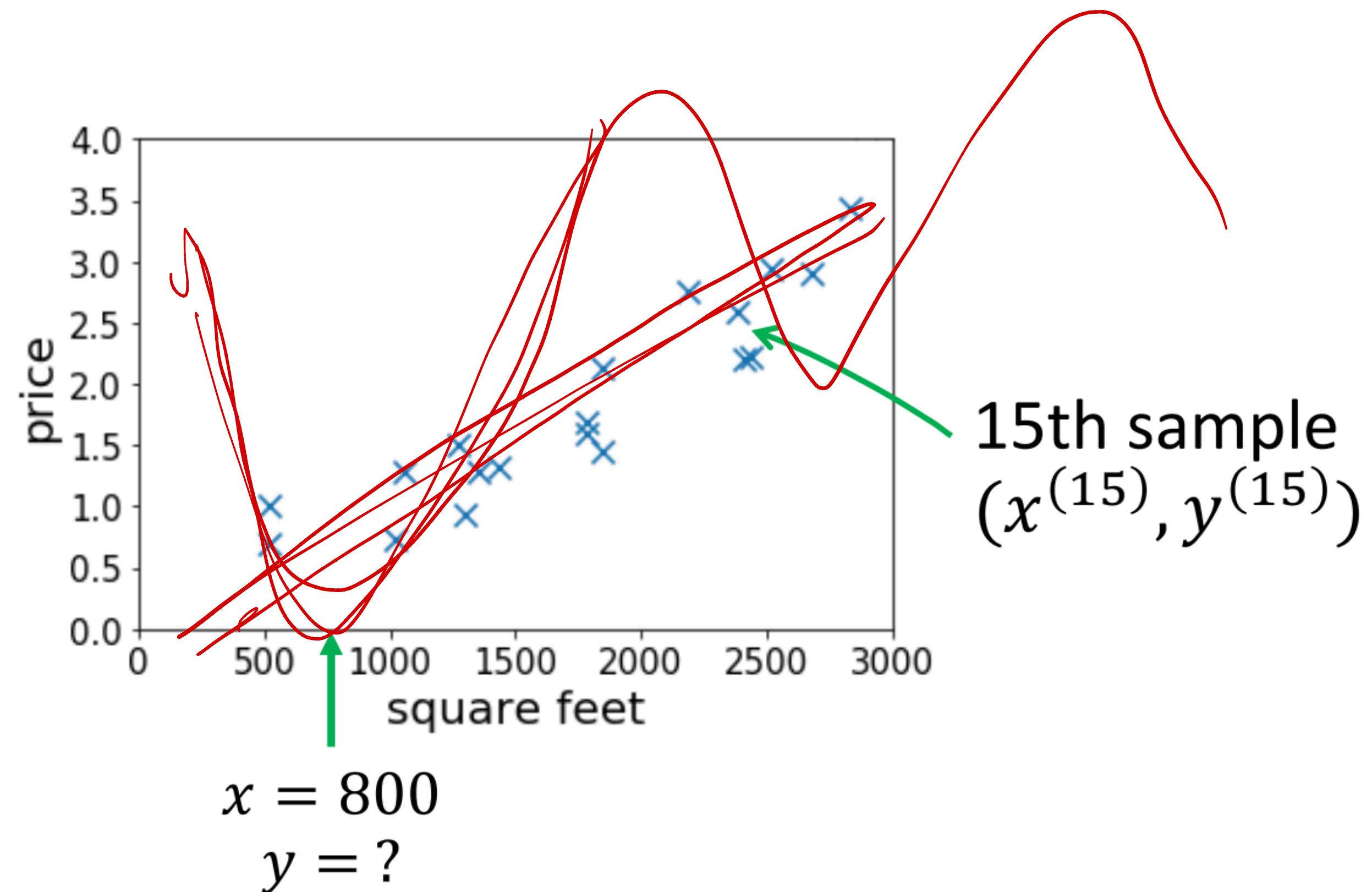


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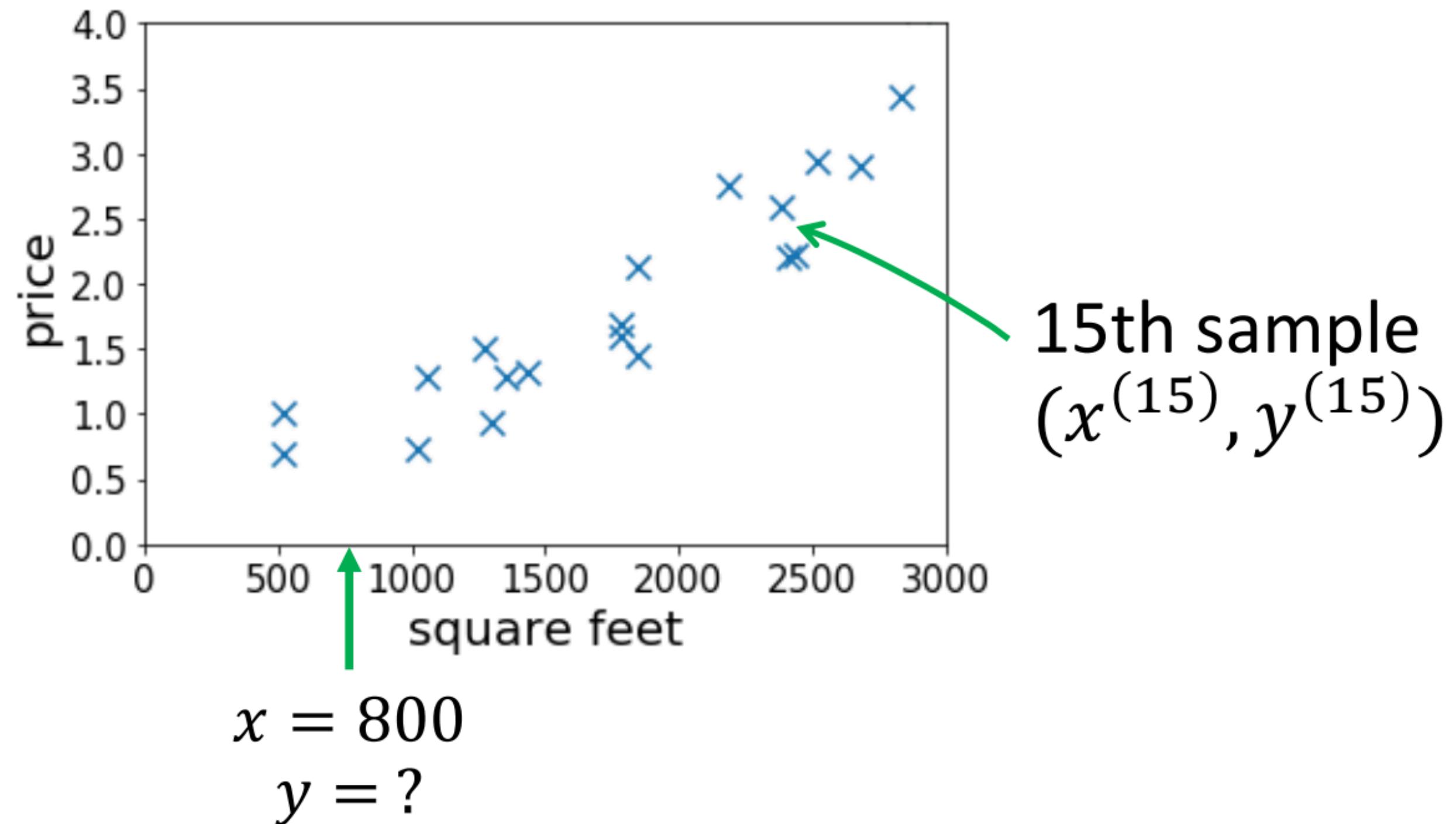


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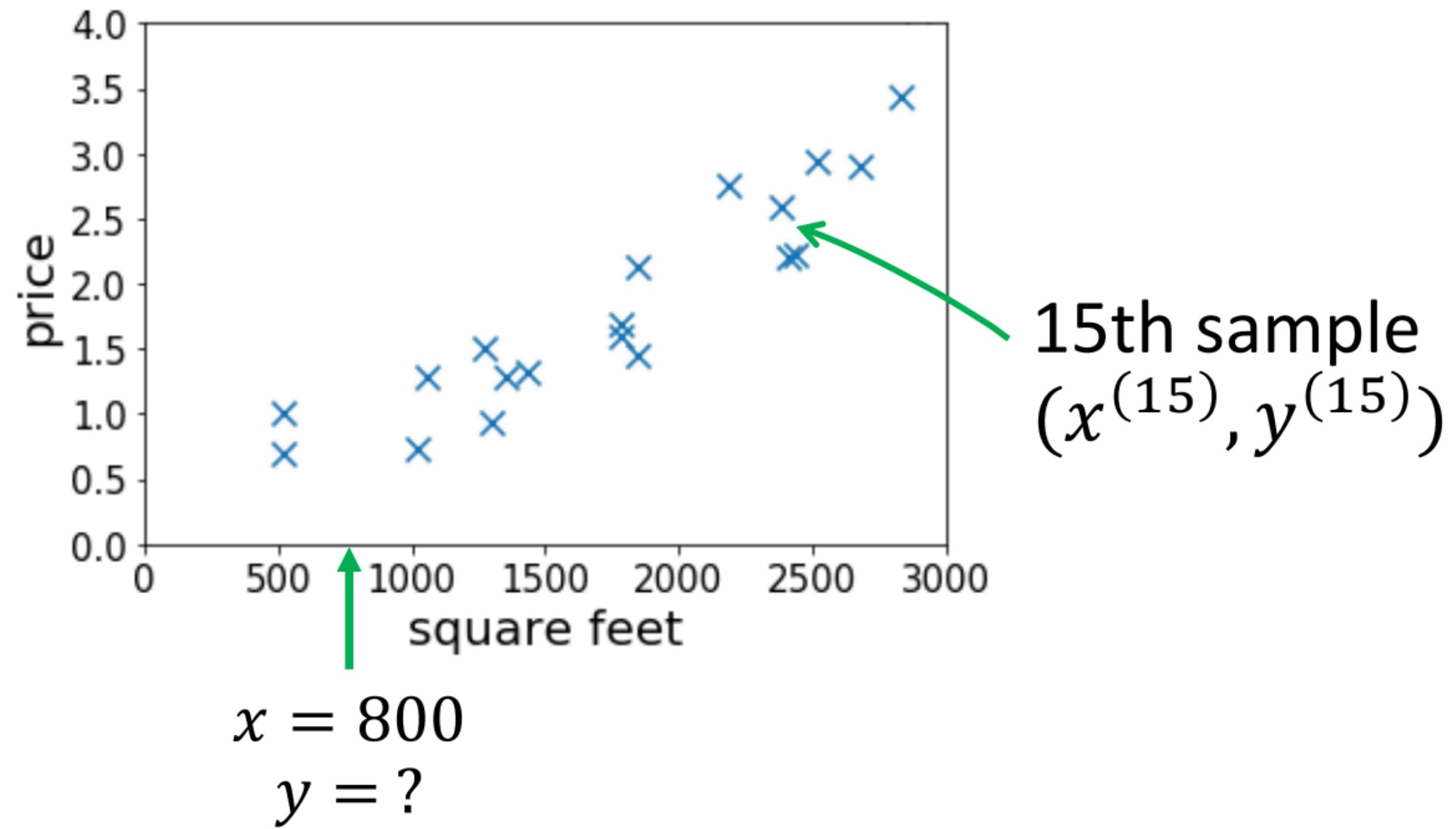
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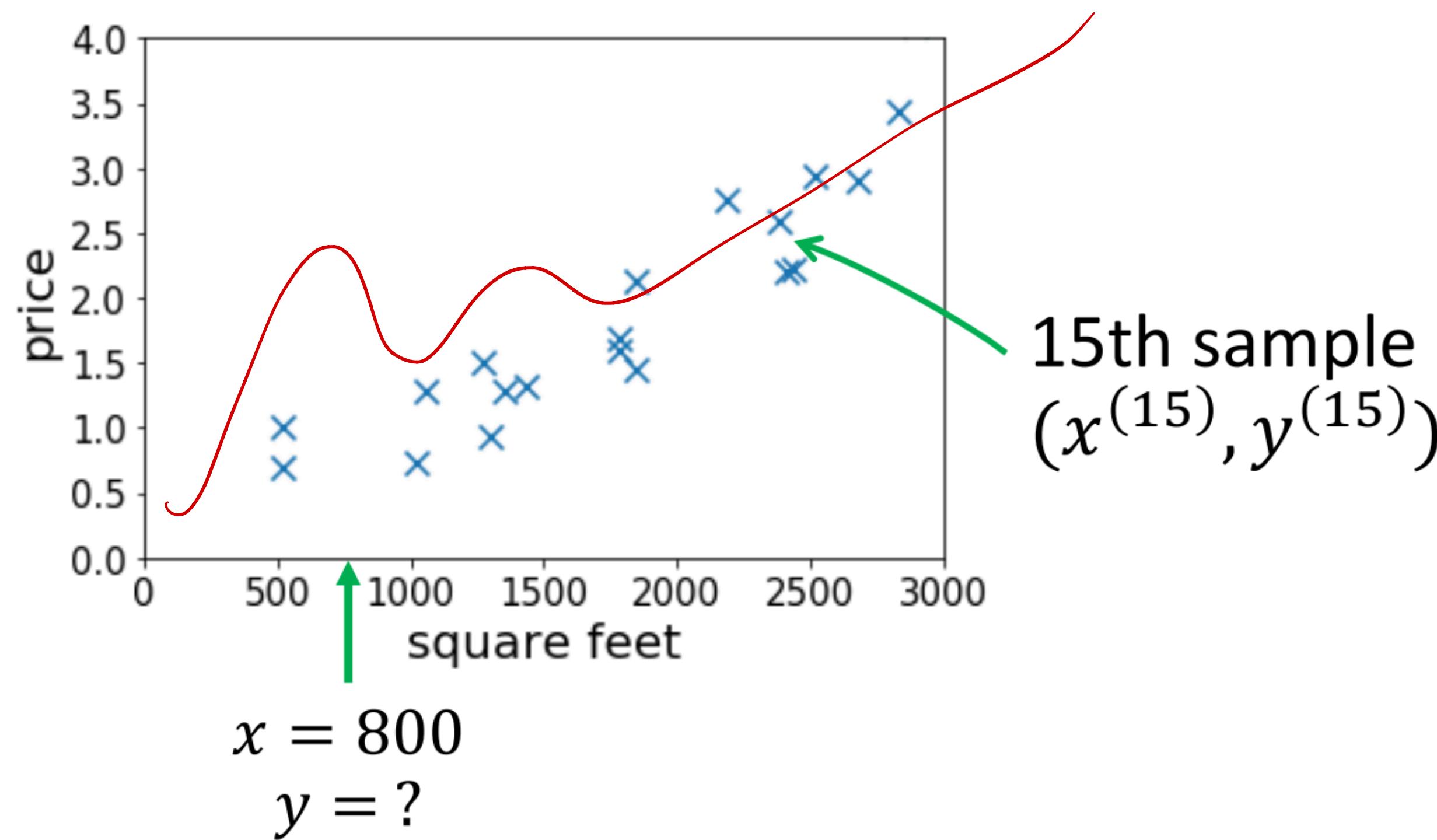


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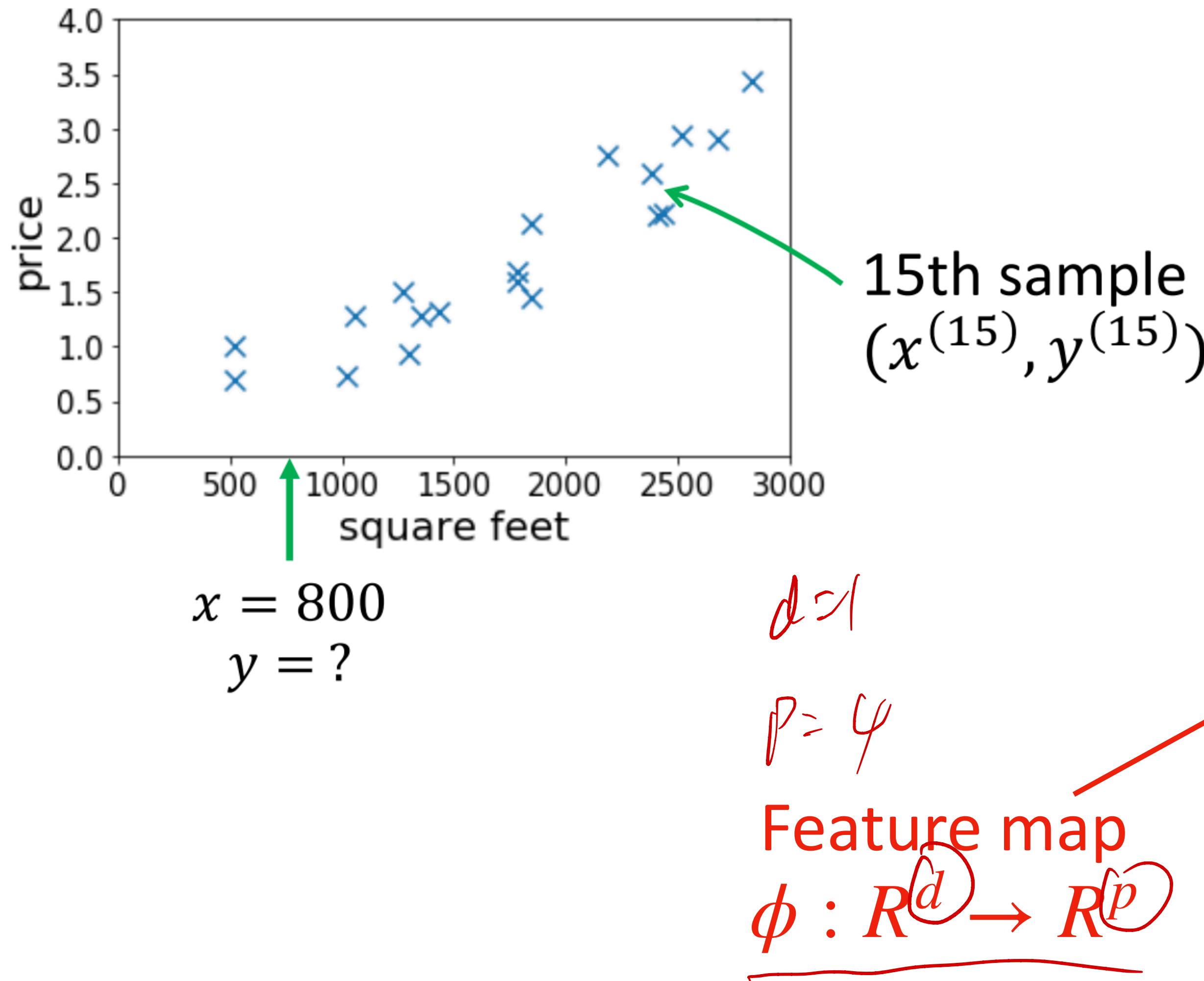
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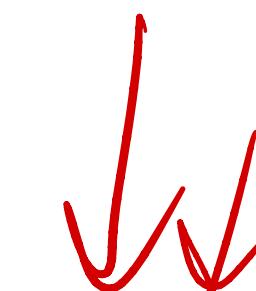
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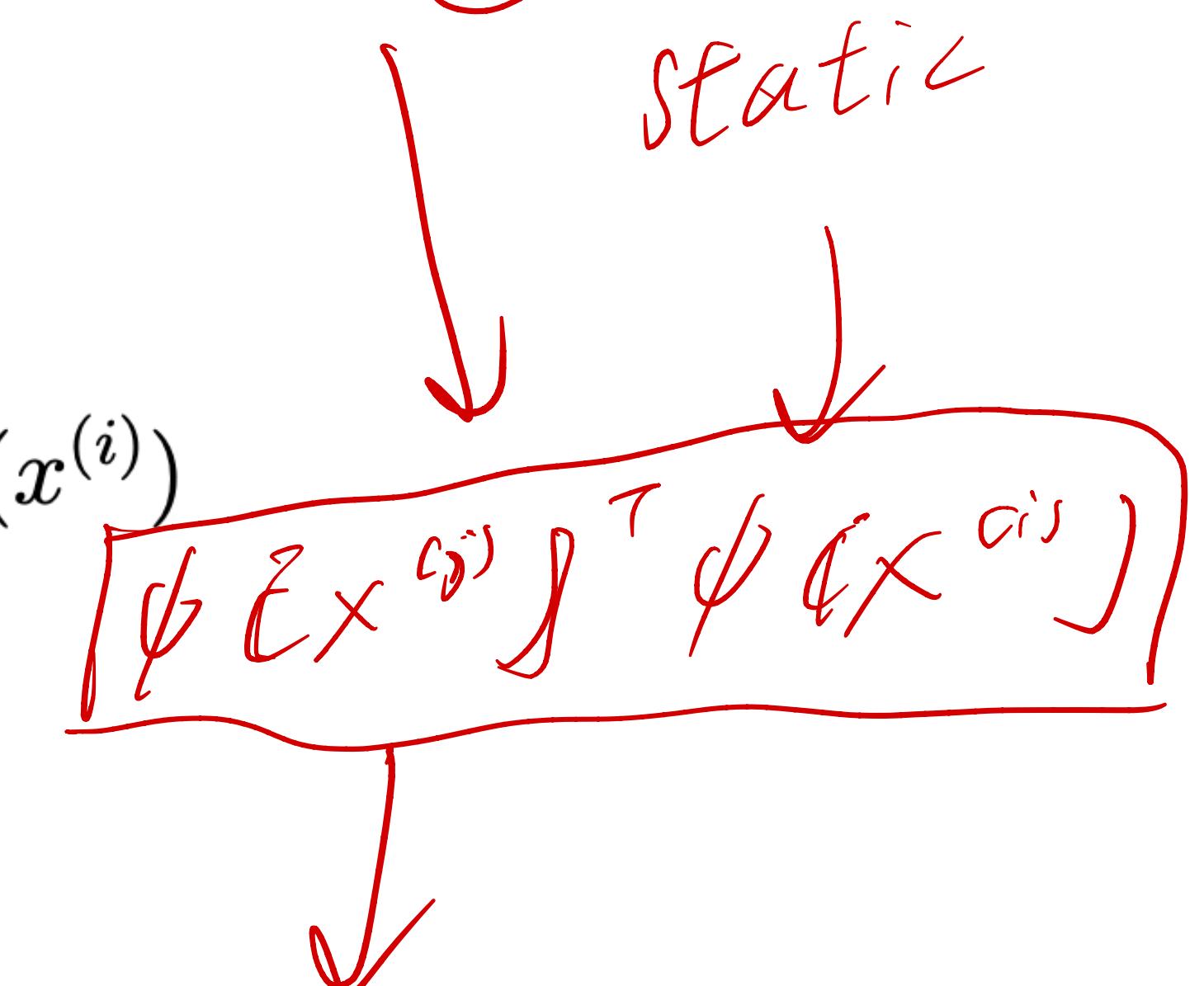
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Or in vector notation, letting  $K$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with  $K_{ij} = K(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})$ , we have

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The Kernel function is all we need for training and inference!

$x$  is new

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$$K(x, z) = \overbrace{(x^\top z)}^{\text{inner product}} \stackrel{?}{=} \langle \phi(x), \phi(z) \rangle$$

valid kernel function?  
cheap,  $x, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$  low-dim  
 $\phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^P$  high-dim

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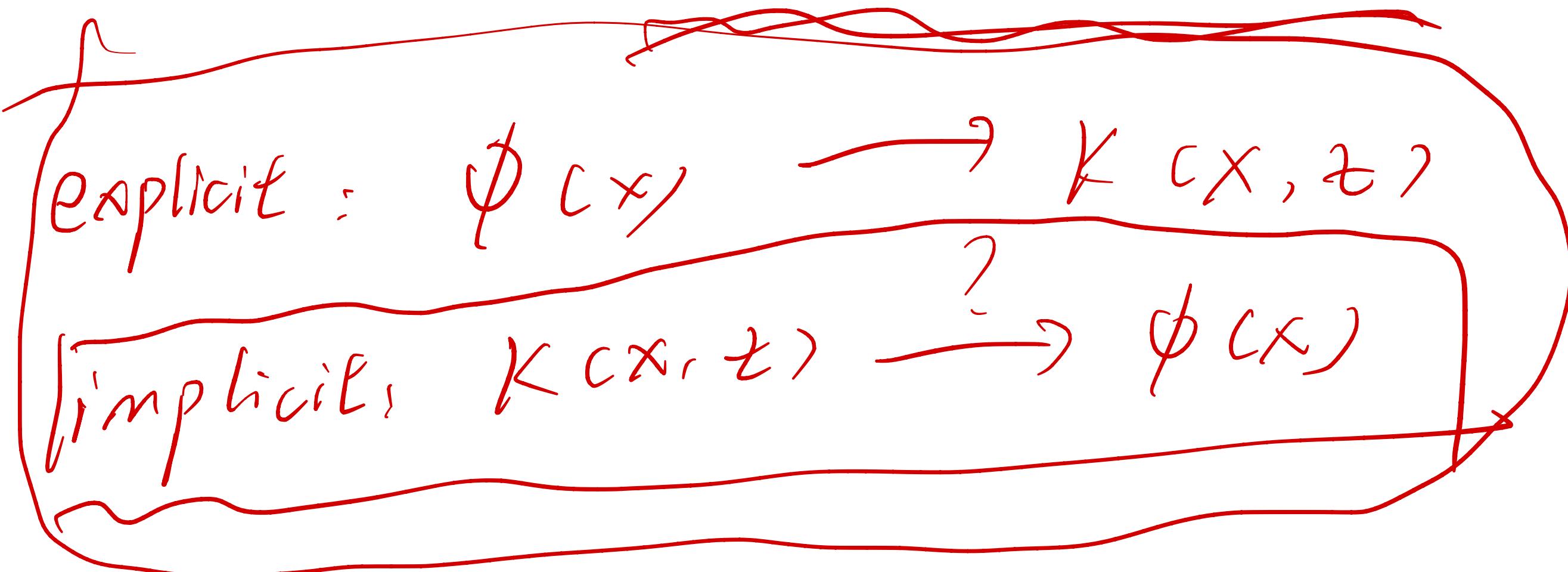
What kinds of kernel functions  $K()$  can correspond to some feature map  $\phi$

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$= \psi(x)^T \psi(z)$

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$\phi(x)^T \quad \phi(z)$

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Gaussian kernel

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# Next Lecture

*criterions*

- What kinds of functions would make a kernel function?
- Infinite dimensions of feature mapping?
- Support Vector Machines

**Thank You!**  
**Q & A**