

Bayesian Semi-parametric Logistic and Poisson Regression

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Introduction to Dirichlet Process



Dirichlet Process Representation

Two Representations of Dirichlet Process

(1) Stick-breaking representation (Sethuraman, 1994)

- $G = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \delta_{\theta_k}$, here $\theta_k \sim G_0$ and

$$p_1 = V_1 \text{ and } p_k = (1 - V_1)(1 - V_2) \dots (1 - V_{k-1})V_k, \quad k \geq 2,$$

where V_k are independent $Beta(1, \alpha)$ random variables.

(2) Polya urn representation (Blackwell and MacQueen, 1973)

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and

- $X_{n+1}|X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+n} G_0 + \frac{1}{\alpha+n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}$.

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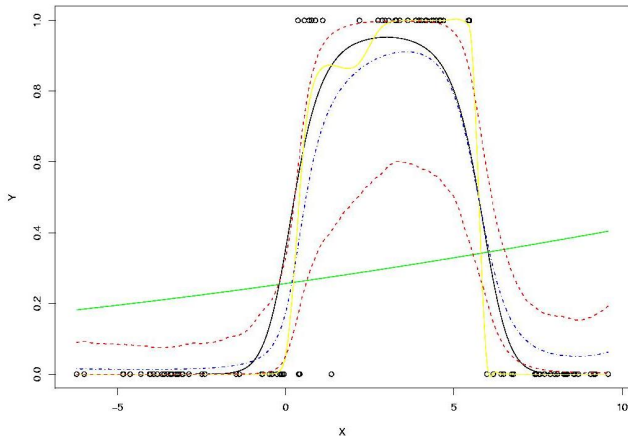
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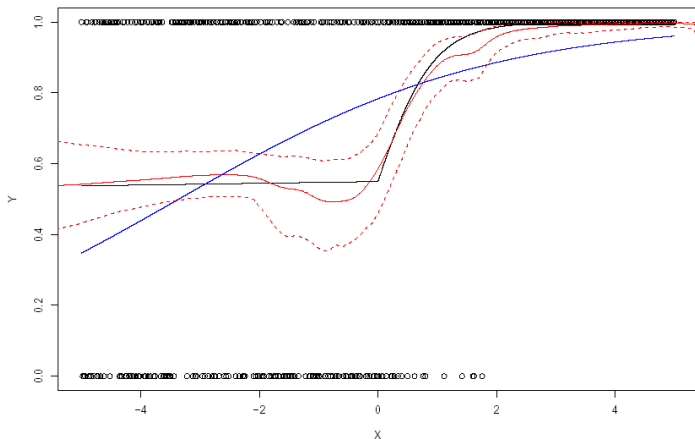
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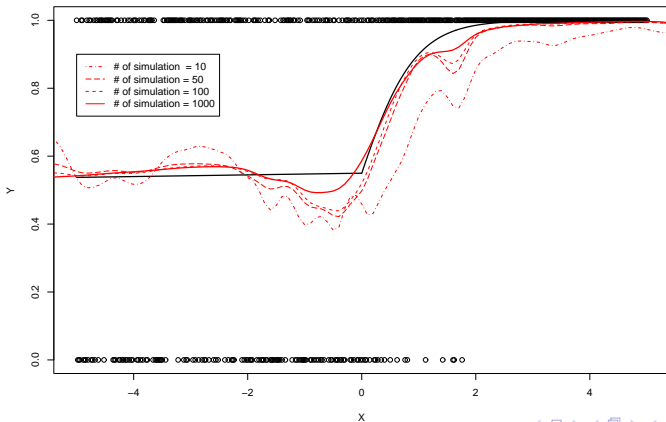
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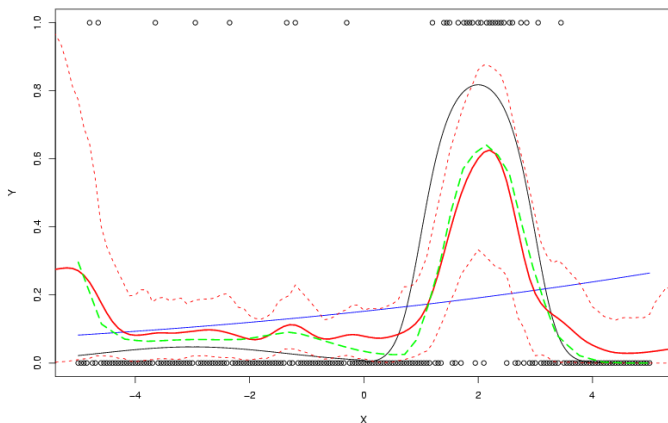
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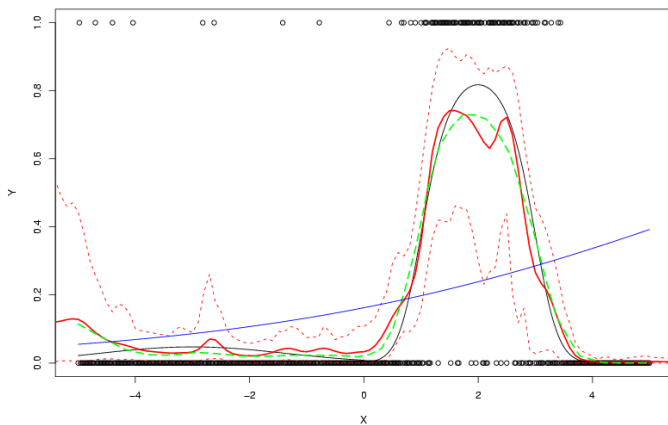
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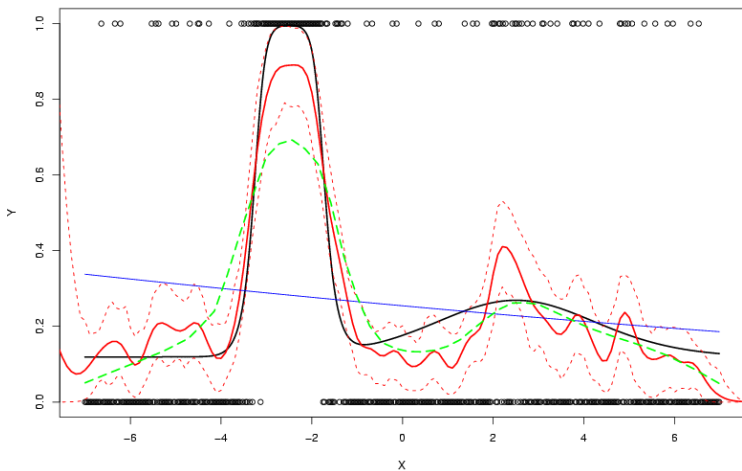
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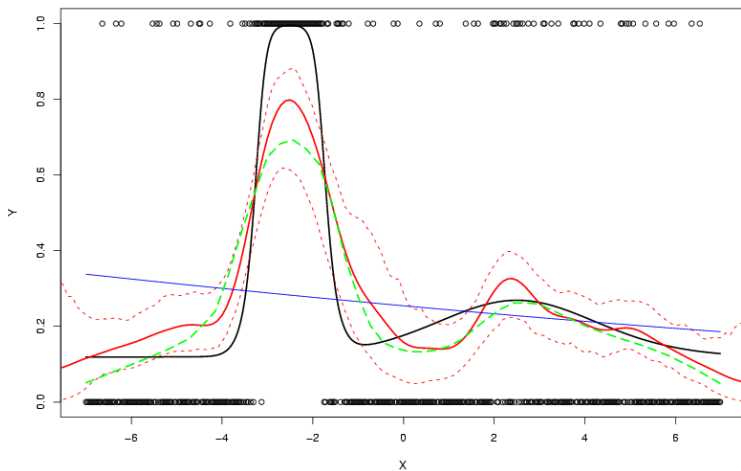
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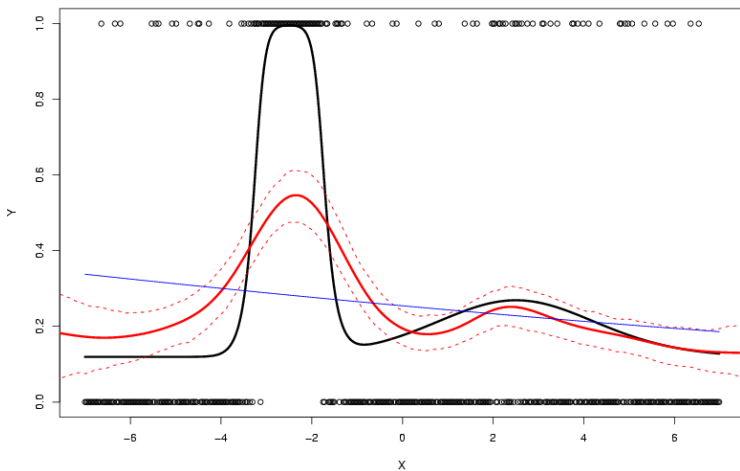
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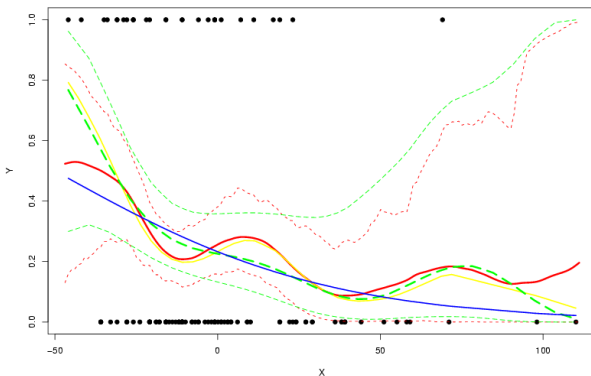
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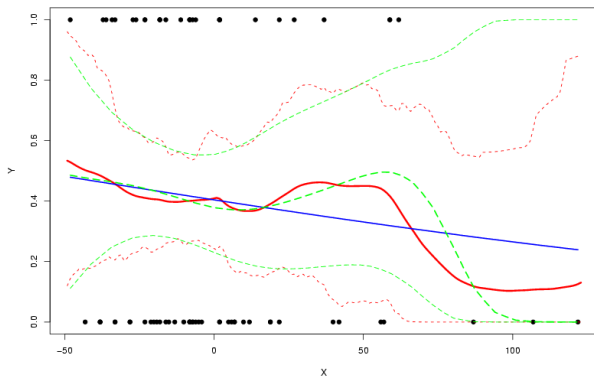
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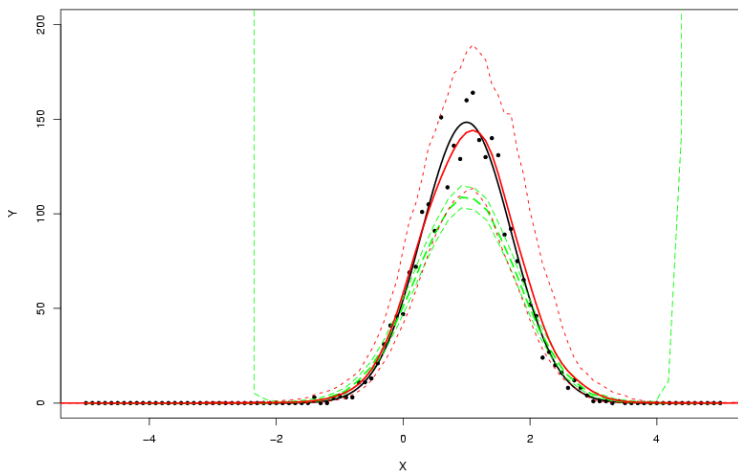
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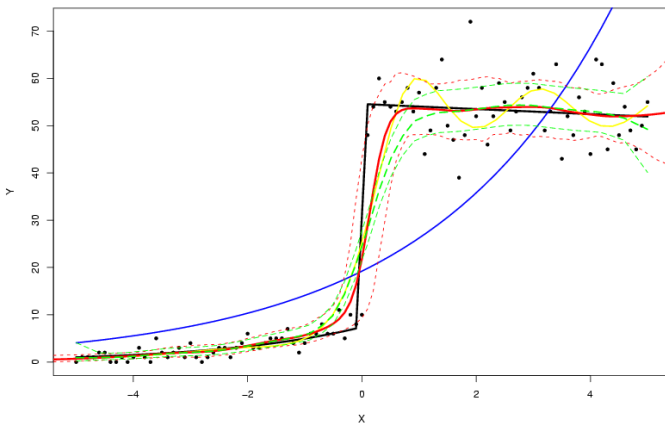
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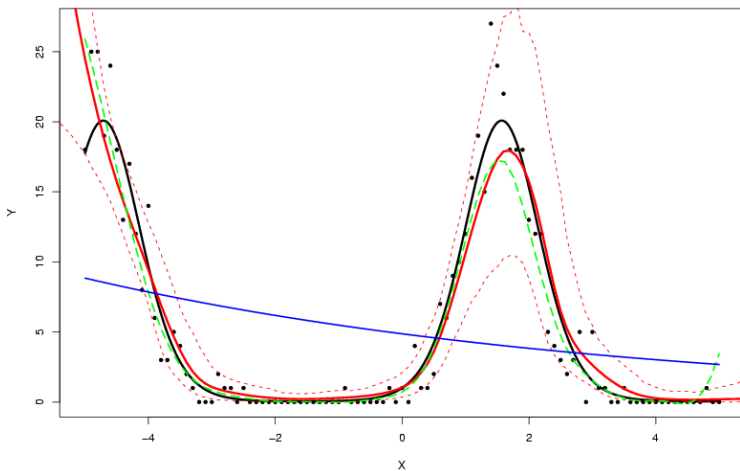
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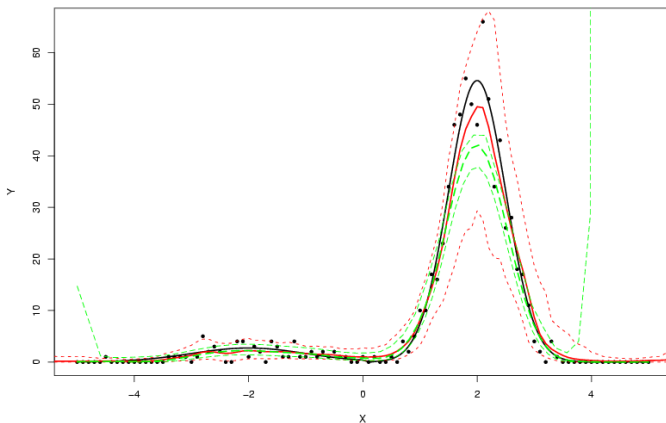
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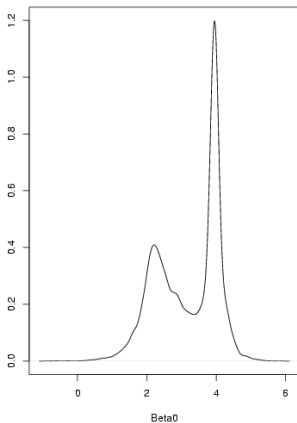
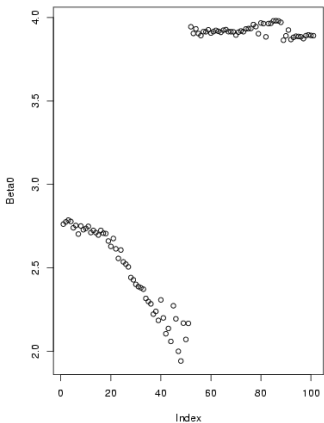
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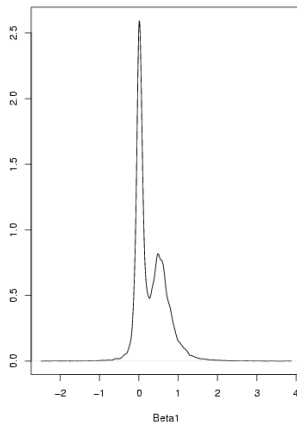
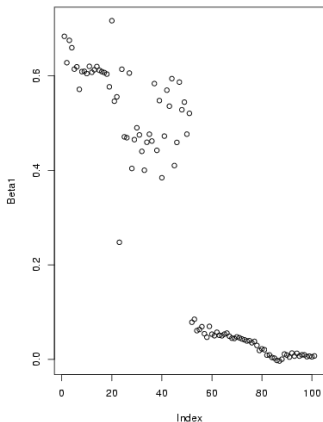
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