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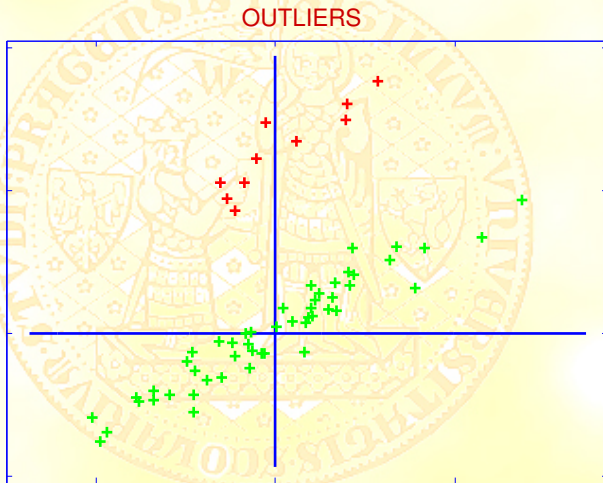
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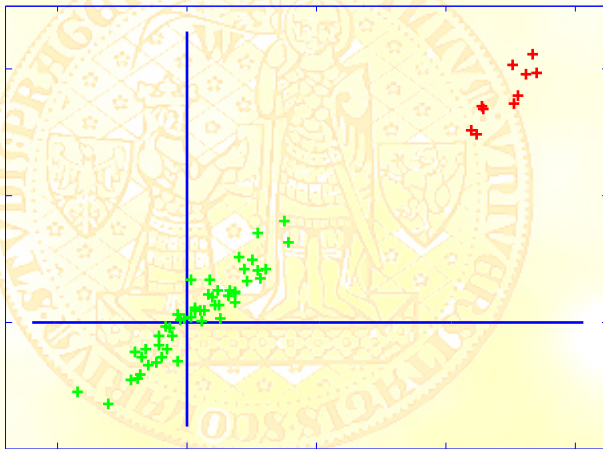


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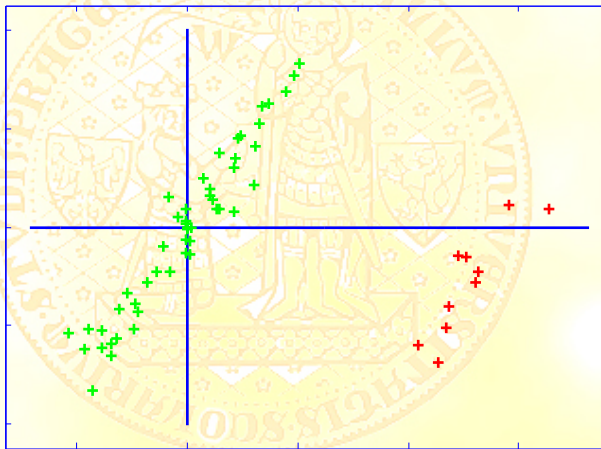




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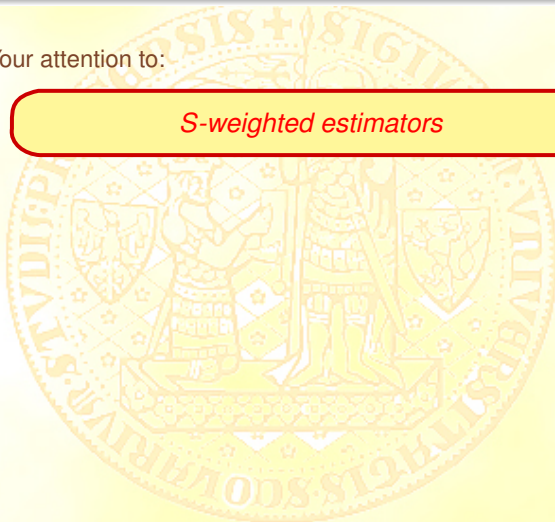




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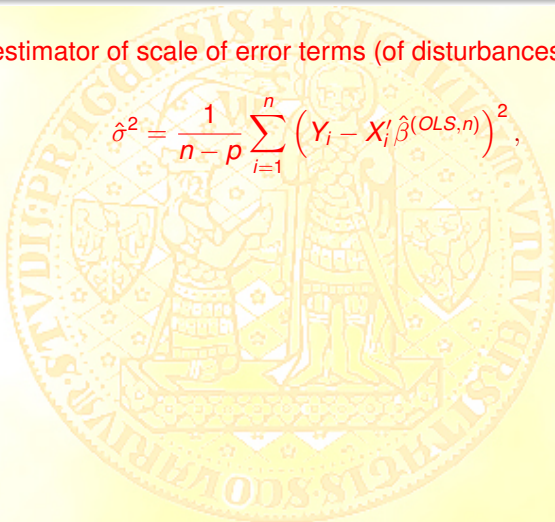
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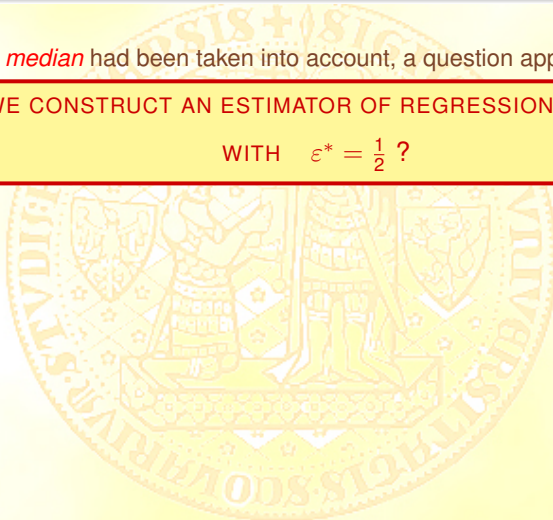
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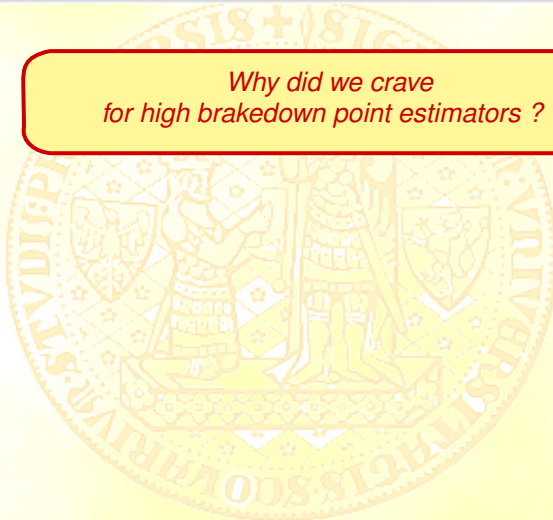
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*It became a nightmare  
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## Let's remove the deficiency of LMS

### the Least Trimmed Squares

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(Notice the order of words, remember there is also the Trimmed Least Squares.)

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Find the plane through  $p + 1$  randomly selected observations.

Evaluate squared residuals of all observations, order them and compute  $S(\hat{\beta}_{present}) = \sum_{i=1}^h r_{(i)}^2(\beta)$ .

Is  $S(\hat{\beta}_{present})$  less than  $S(\hat{\beta}_{past})$  ?

no

B

yes

Reorder the observations according to the order of squared residuals from the second step and establish *new*  $\hat{\beta}_{present}$  just applying *OLS* on the  $h$ -tuple of the first  $h$  reordered observations.

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Was  $\ell$ -times found the same model with minimal value of  $S(\beta)$  ?

yes

no

Was already  $k$ -times repeated outer cycle ?

no

A

yes

As  $\hat{\beta}^{(LTS, n, w)}$  we will assume  $\beta \in R^p$  for which the functional  $S(\beta)$  attained - through just described iterations - minimal value.

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*with number of industries 54 and the model*

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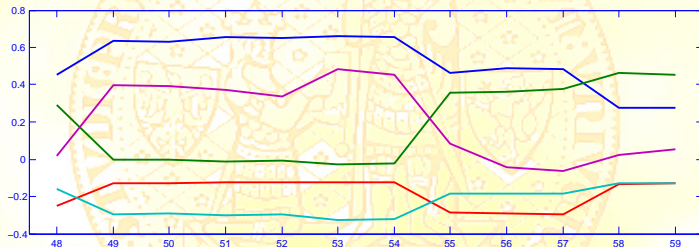
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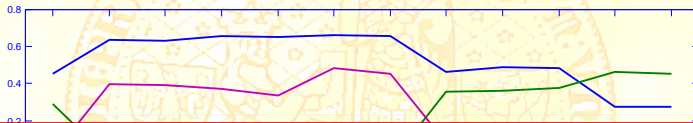
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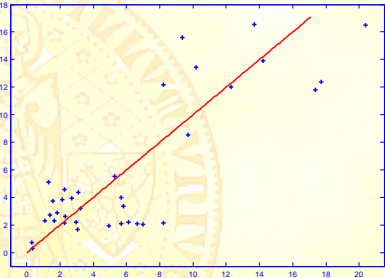
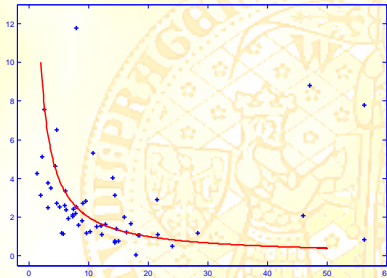
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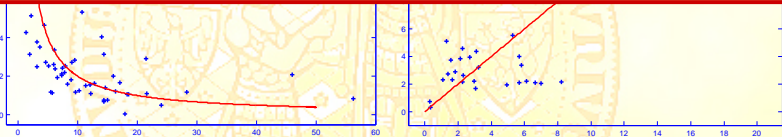
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Moreover, probably lower efficiency than necessary !!



Let's increase the efficiency with simultaneously keeping high breakdown point

### S-estimators

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## An alternative definition of OLS

The best estimator of scale of error terms (of disturbances) is

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so that we can change the definition of  $\hat{\beta}^{(OLS,n)}$  to

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## Let's increase the efficiency with simultaneously keeping high breakdown point

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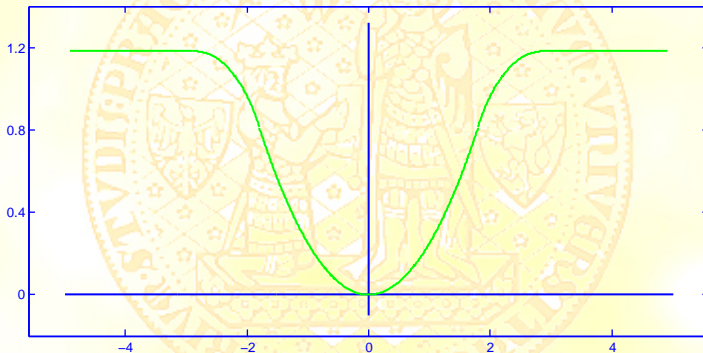
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Many advantages - e. g.

- 1 the breakdown point equal to 50% (if adjusted so),
- 2 scale- and regression equivariant,
- 3  $\sqrt{n} \left( \hat{\beta}^{(S,n,\rho)} - \beta^0 \right) = \mathcal{O}_p(1),$
- 4 much higher efficiency than LTS.

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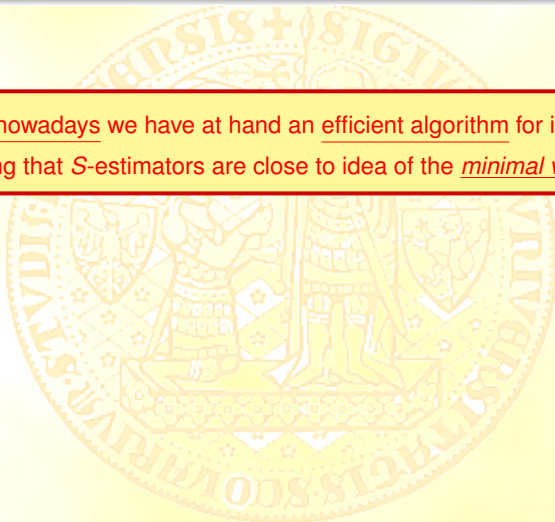


It seemed with absolute certainty - we had won the battle.

- 1 The proof of consistency arrived with the proposal,
- 2 the high breakdown point was preserved.

## Computational simplicity

Moreover, nowadays we have at hand an efficient algorithm for it,  
indicating that S-estimators are close to idea of the *minimal volume estimator*.



## Computing S-estimator

Campbell, N. A., Lopuhaa, H. P., Rousseeuw, P. J. (1998):  
On the calculation of a robust S-estimator of a covariance matrix.  
*Statist. Med.* 17, 2685 - 2695.

$$\hat{\mu}_S = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(d_i) \cdot d_i^{-1} \cdot X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(d_i) \cdot d_i^{-1}}$$

with

$$d_i^2 = (X_i - \hat{\mu}_S)' \widehat{\text{cov}}_S^{-1}(X, X) (X_i - \hat{\mu}_S)$$

and

$$\widehat{\text{cov}}_S(X, X) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(d_i) \cdot d_i^{-1} \cdot (X_i - \hat{\mu}_S) (X_i - \hat{\mu}_S)'}{p^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(d_i) \cdot d_i}$$

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and take the last column without the last coordinate.

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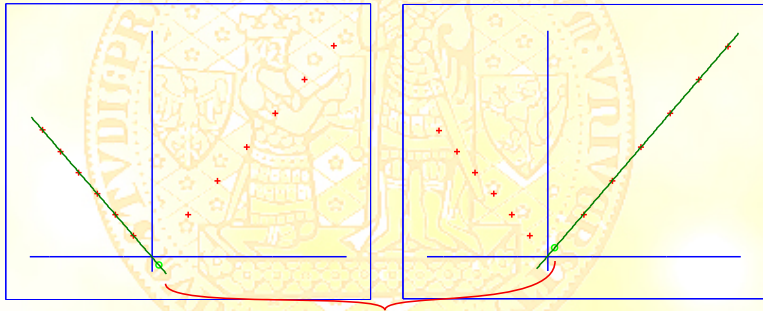
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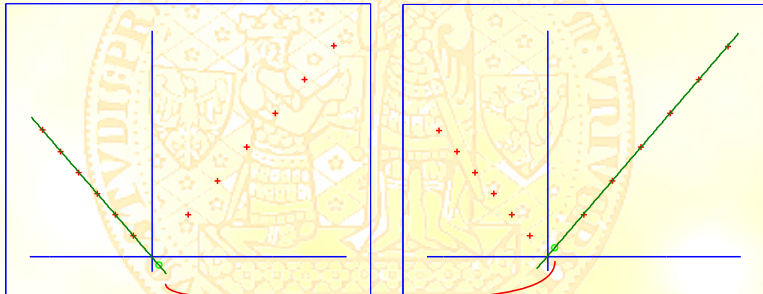


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A very first idea - it is due to high breakdown point !

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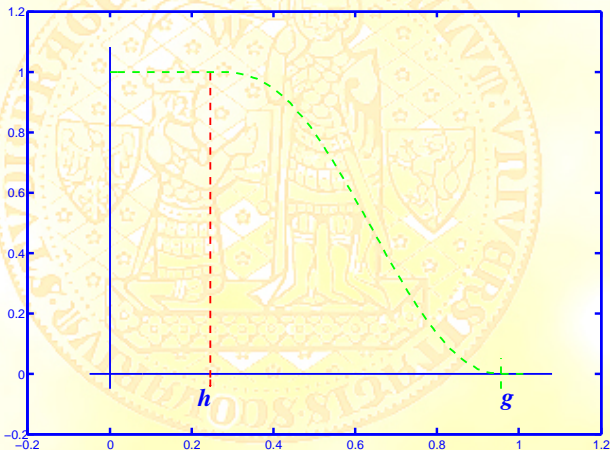
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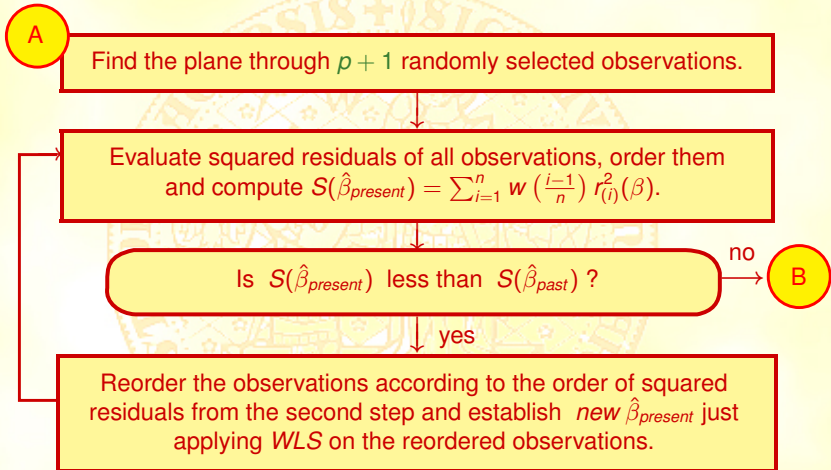
(An example of weight function is on the next slide.)

Possible shape of weight function  $w(r)$  - "one wing" of Tukey's biweight





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B

Was  $\ell$ -times found the same model with minimal value of  $S(\beta)$  ?

yes

no

Was already  $k$ -times repeated outer cycle ?

no

A

yes

As  $\hat{\beta}^{(LWS,n,w)}$  we will assume  $\beta \in R^p$  for which the functional  $S(\beta)$  attained - through just described iterations - minimal value.

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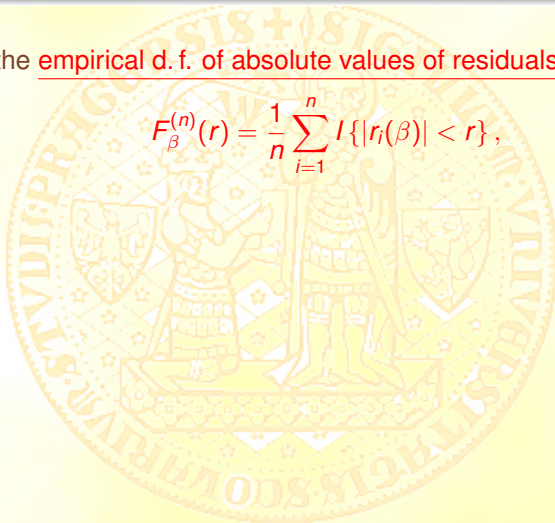
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## Kolmogorov - Smirnov

Finally, we employ

$$\forall (\varepsilon > 0) \exists (K_\varepsilon > 0, n_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{N}) \forall (n > n_\varepsilon)$$

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where  $F_\beta^{(n)}(v)$  and  $F_{n,\beta}(v)$  are empirical and theoretical d.f. of error term.

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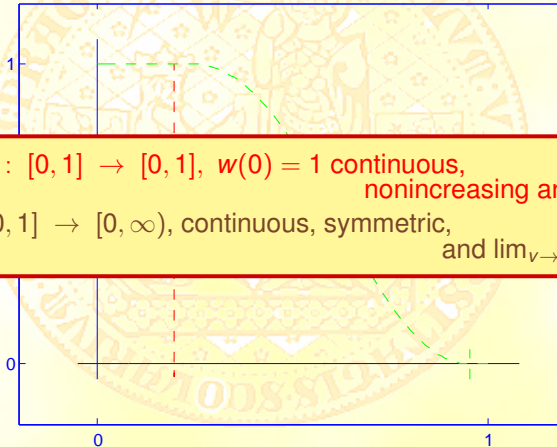
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Assertion:

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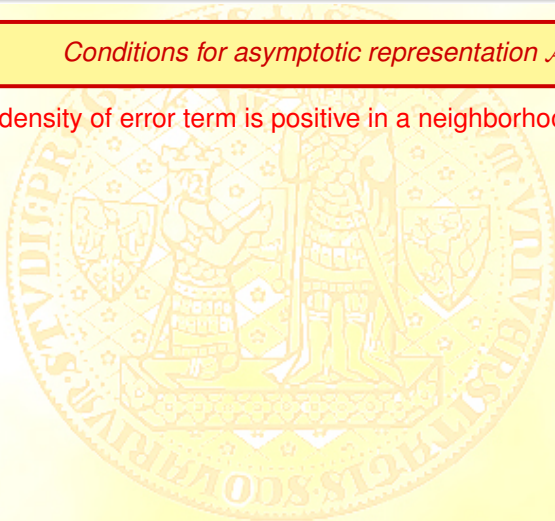
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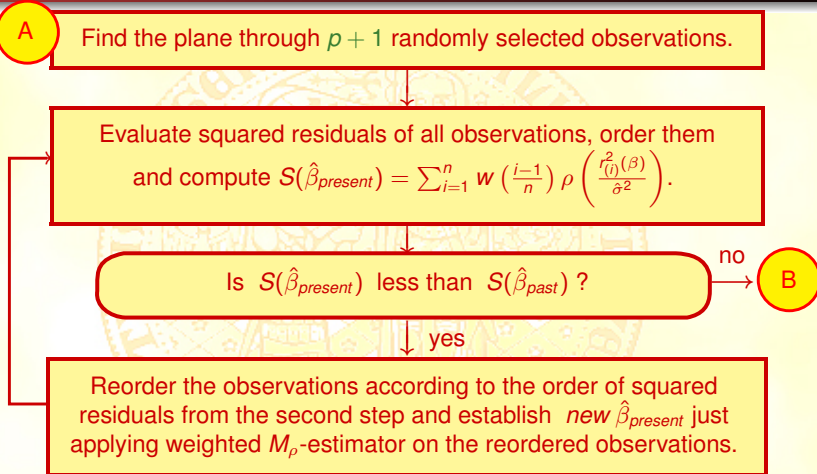
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Was  $\ell$ -times found the same model with minimal value of  $S(\beta)$  ?

yes

no

Was already  $k$ -times repeated outer cycle ?

no

A

yes

As  $\hat{\beta}^{(SW,n,w,\rho)}$  we will assume  $\beta \in R^p$  for which the functional  $S(\beta)$  attained - through just described iterations - minimal value.

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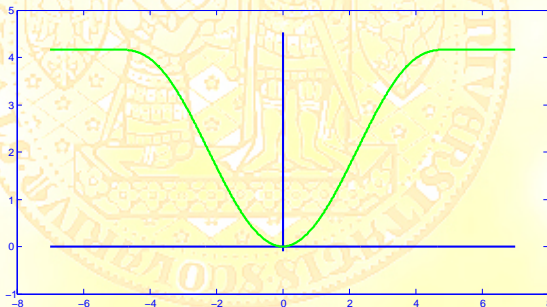


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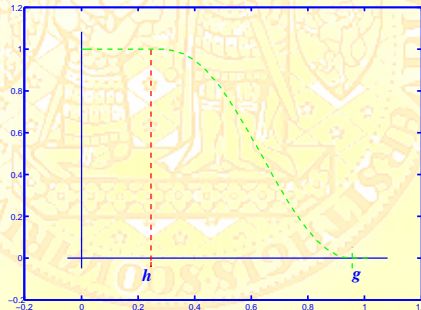
$$\rho_c(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{2 \cdot c^2} + \frac{x^6}{6 \cdot c^4} \quad \text{for } |x| \leq c \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_c(x) = \frac{c^2}{6} \quad \text{otherwise,}$$



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**TABLE 1**

Data were not contaminated - but we did not know it.

Hence we took measures against an unknown level of contamination  
and then step by step accomodated all constants.

$$h = 0.995, \quad g = 1, \quad c = 24, \quad n = 500$$

True $\beta^0$	1	-2	-3	-4	-5
$\hat{\beta}_{(MSE)}^{(OLS)}$	0.99 <sub>(0.026)</sub>	2.00 <sub>(0.022)</sub>	-3.01 <sub>(0.021)</sub>	3.99 <sub>(0.023)</sub>	-5.01 <sub>(0.030)</sub>
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**TABLE 2**

The contamination was created by **bad leverage points** and **outliers** on the **level 2+2%**.

$h = 0.92$ ,  $g = 0.945$ ,  $c = 7$ ,  $n = 500$

True $\beta^0$	1	2	- 3	4	- 5
$\hat{\beta}_{(MSE)}^{(OLS)}$	0.91 <sub>(0.820)</sub>	-2.98 <sub>(30.578)</sub>	3.96 <sub>(56.626)</sub>	-6.10 <sub>(108.145)</sub>	6.89 <sub>(148.750)</sub>
$\hat{\beta}_{(MSE)}^{(LWS)}$	0.99 <sub>(0.022)</sub>	1.97 <sub>(0.022)</sub>	-2.99 <sub>(0.024)</sub>	3.98 <sub>(0.024)</sub>	-4.99 <sub>(0.023)</sub>
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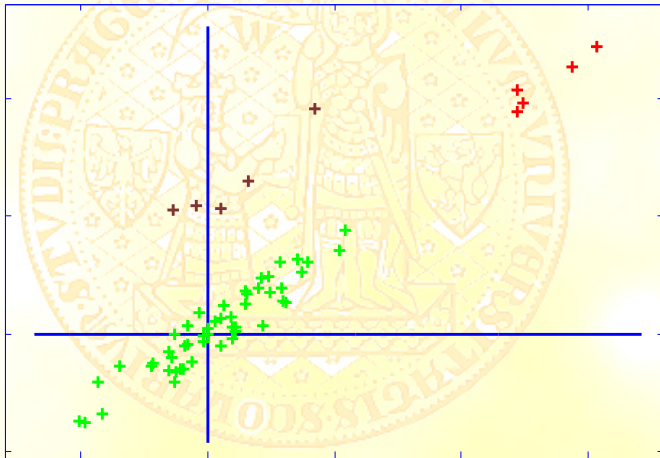
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Data contain **good leverage points** on the **level 5%**.

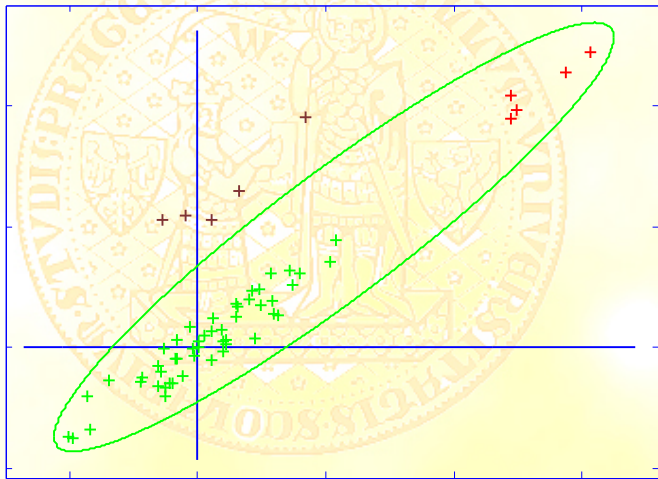
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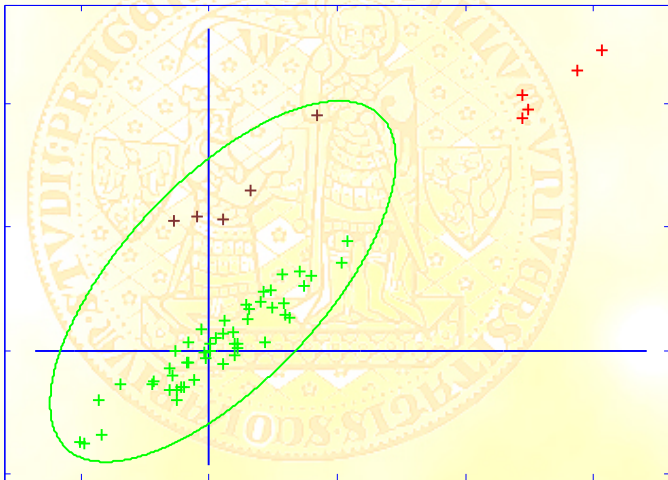
Topology of data with good leverage points and some outliers



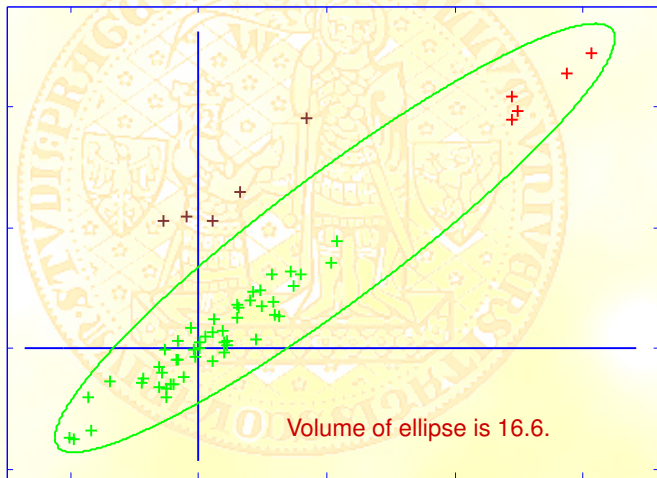
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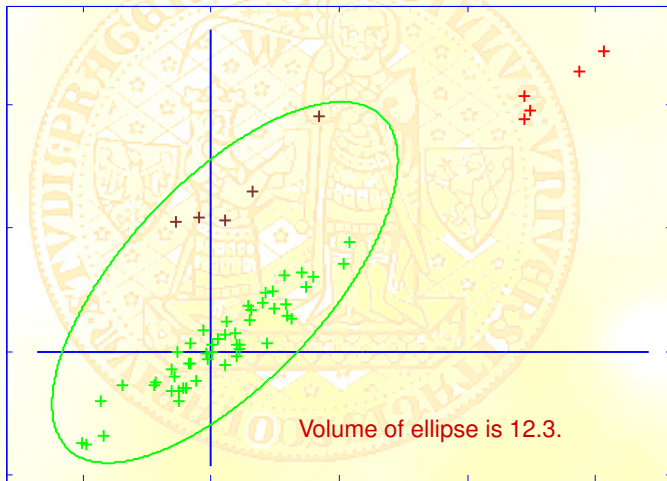
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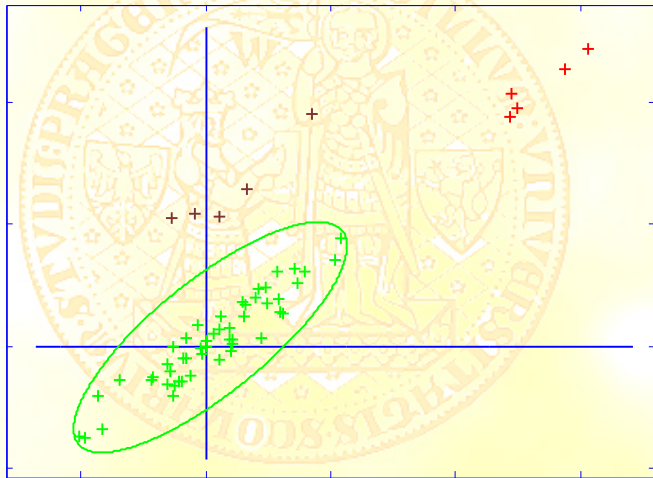


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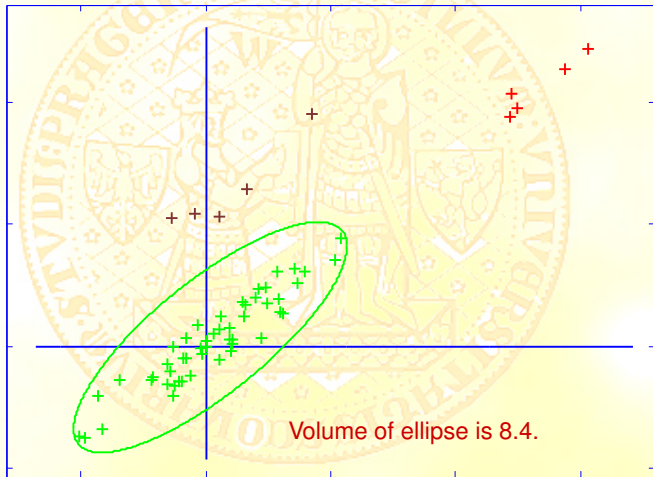




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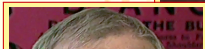


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