Modeling Data

the different views on Data Mining

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Data fitting

- Very old concept
- Capture function between variables
- Often
  - few variables
  - simple models
- Functions
  - step-functions
  - linear
  - quadratic
- Trade-off between complexity of model and fit (generalization)

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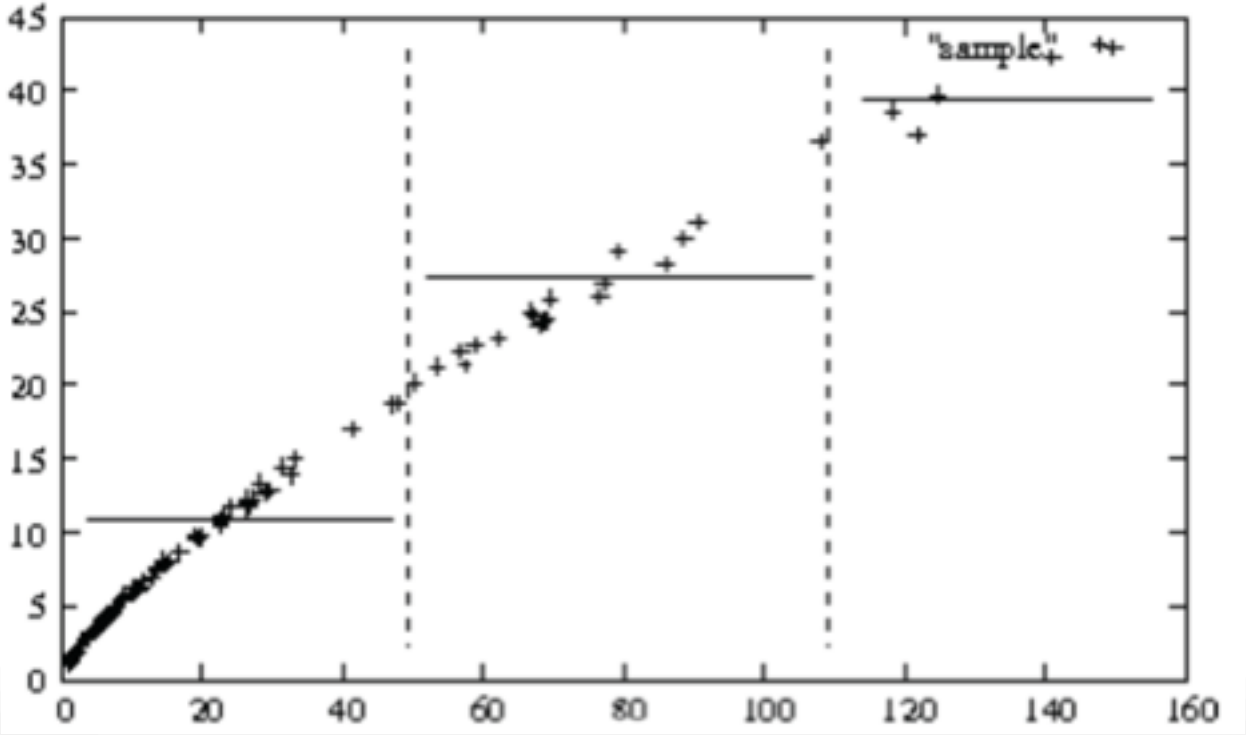

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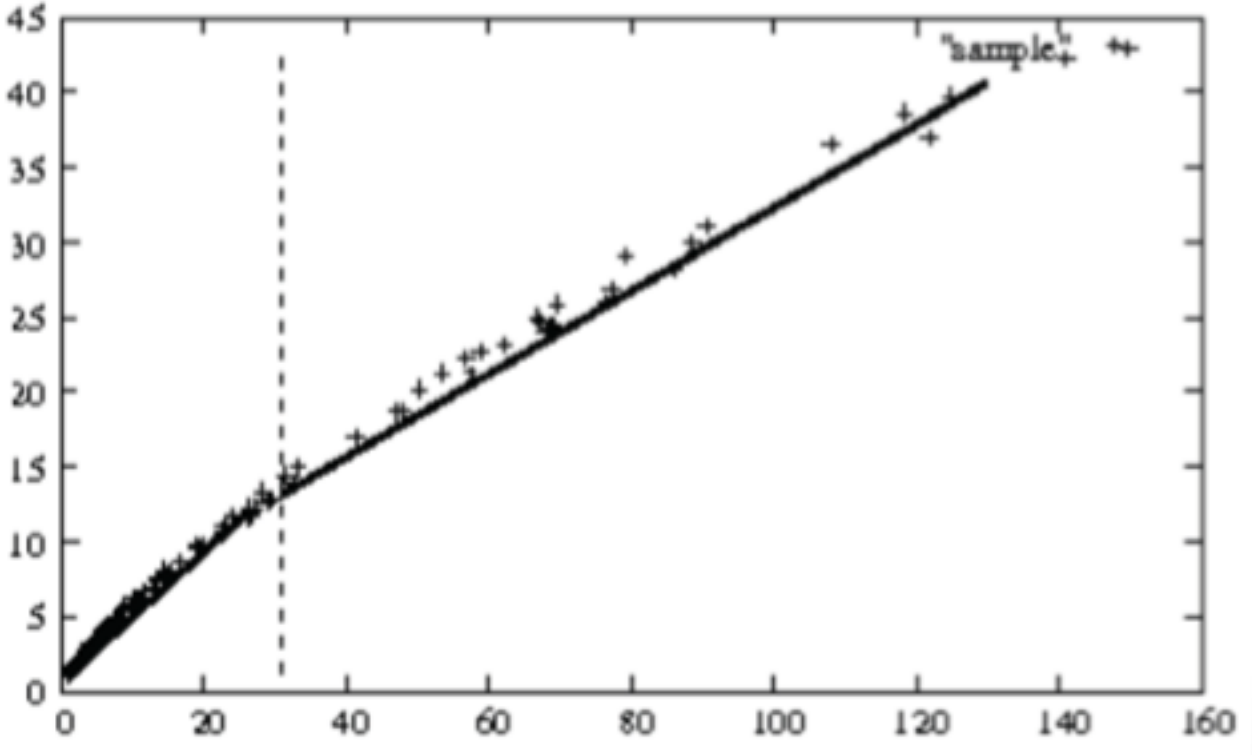

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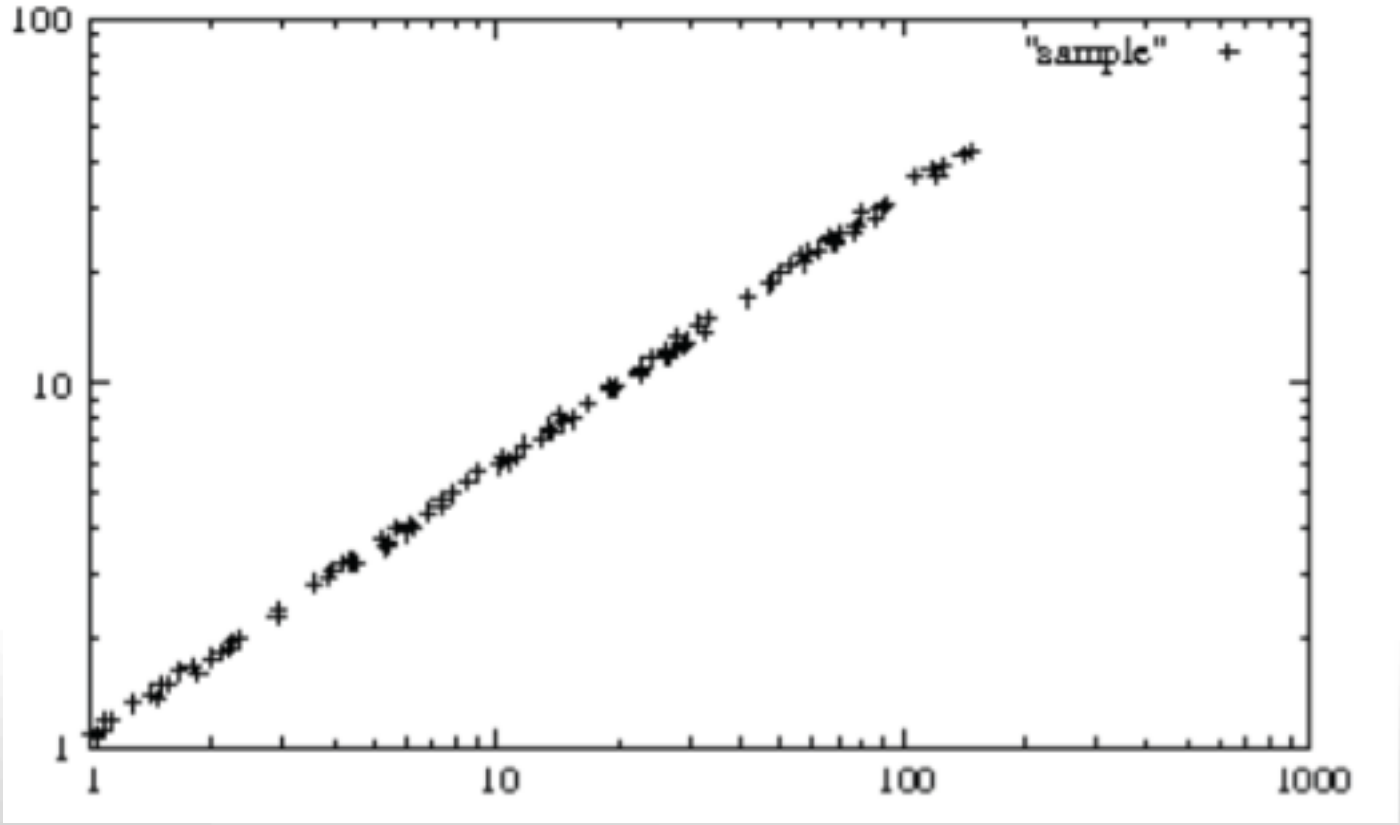

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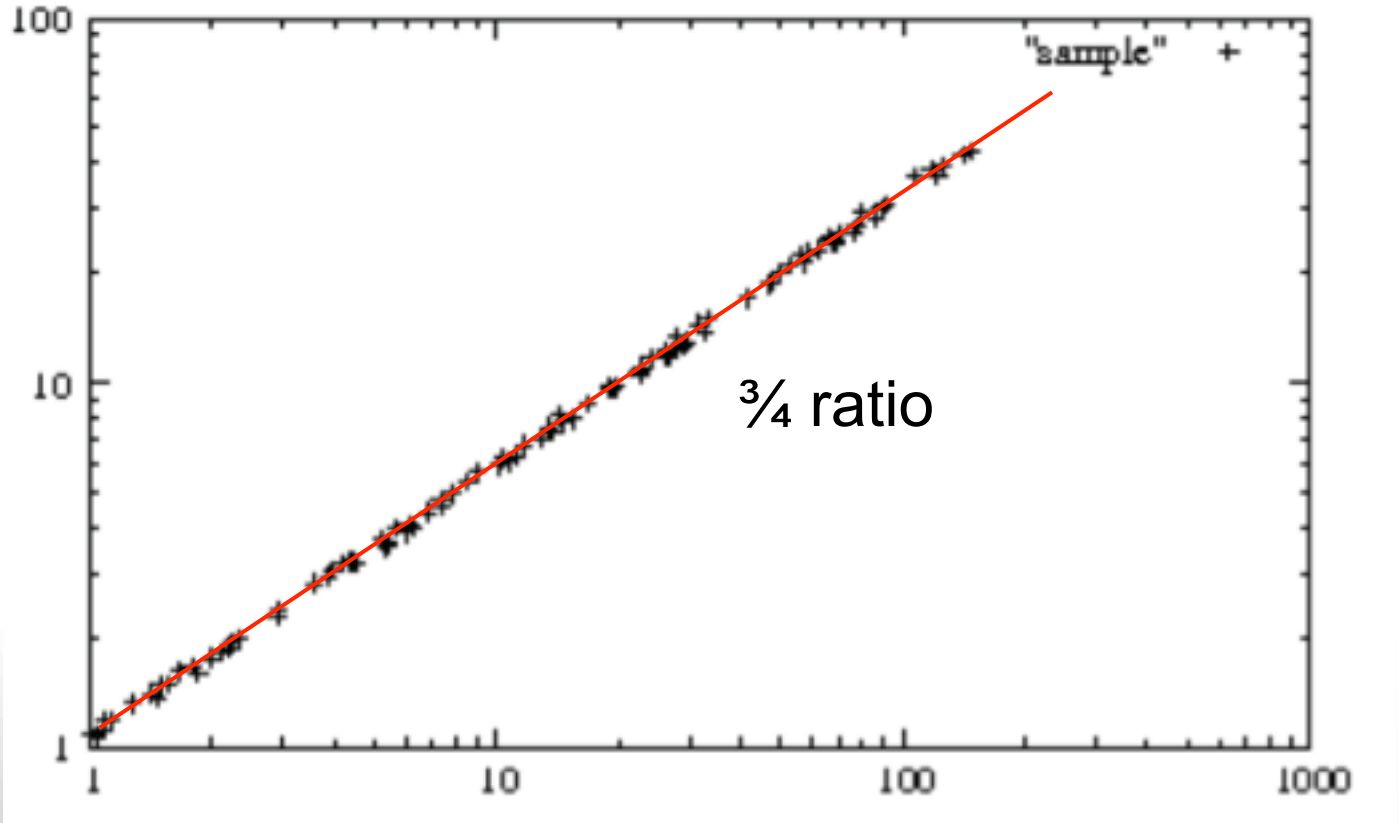

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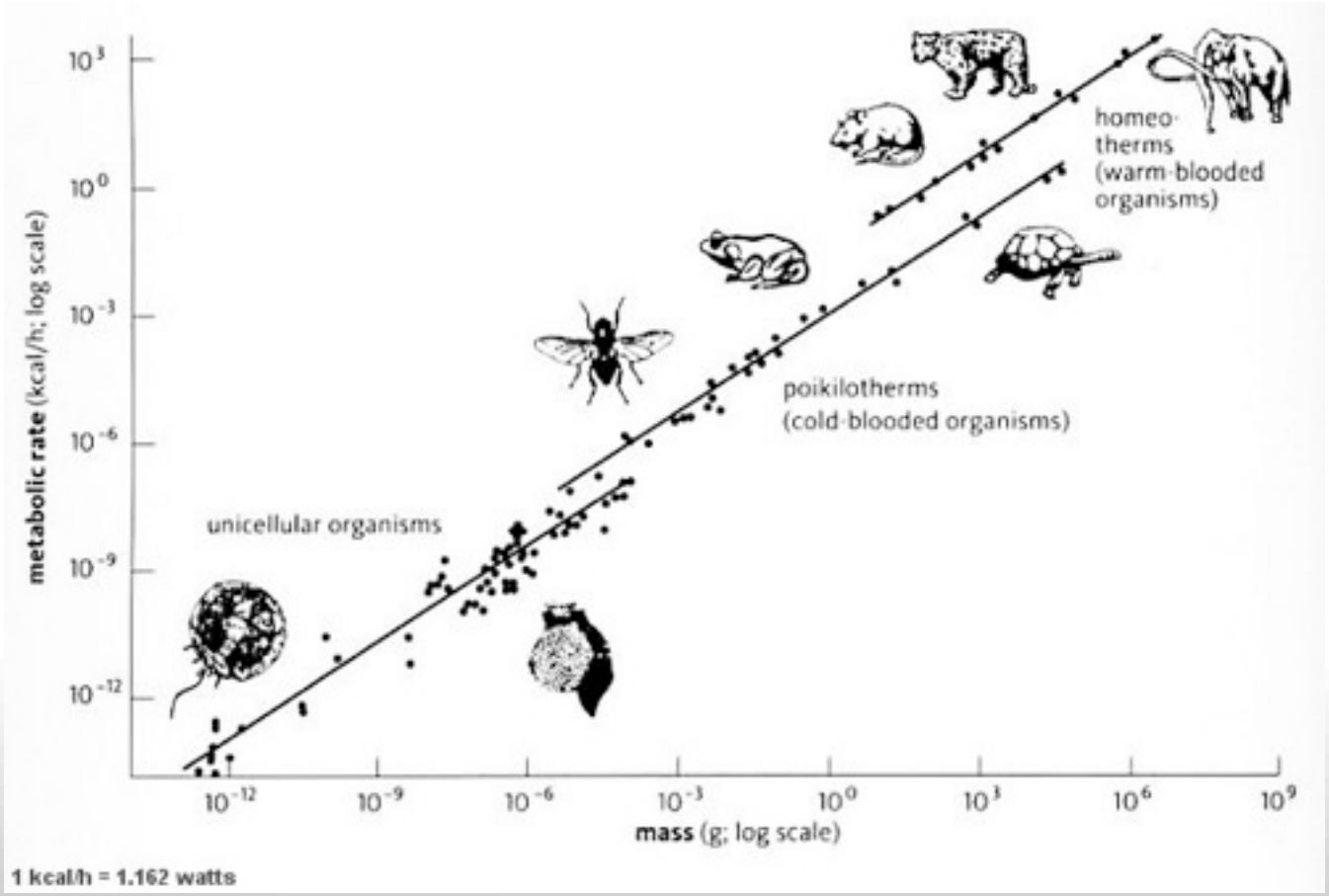
Kleiber's Law of Metabolic Rate



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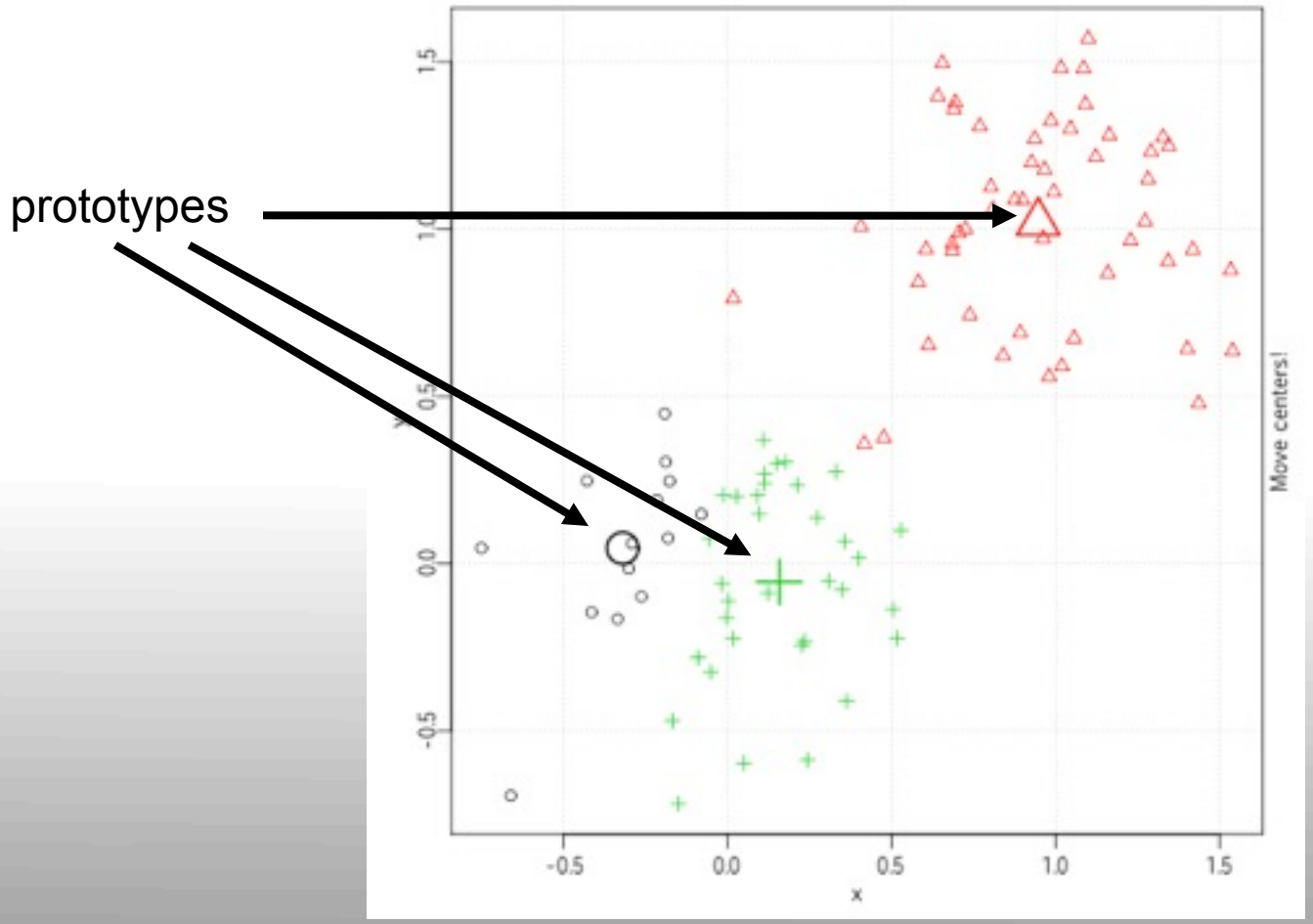
Density Estimation

- Dataset describes a sample from a distribution
- Describe distribution is simple terms



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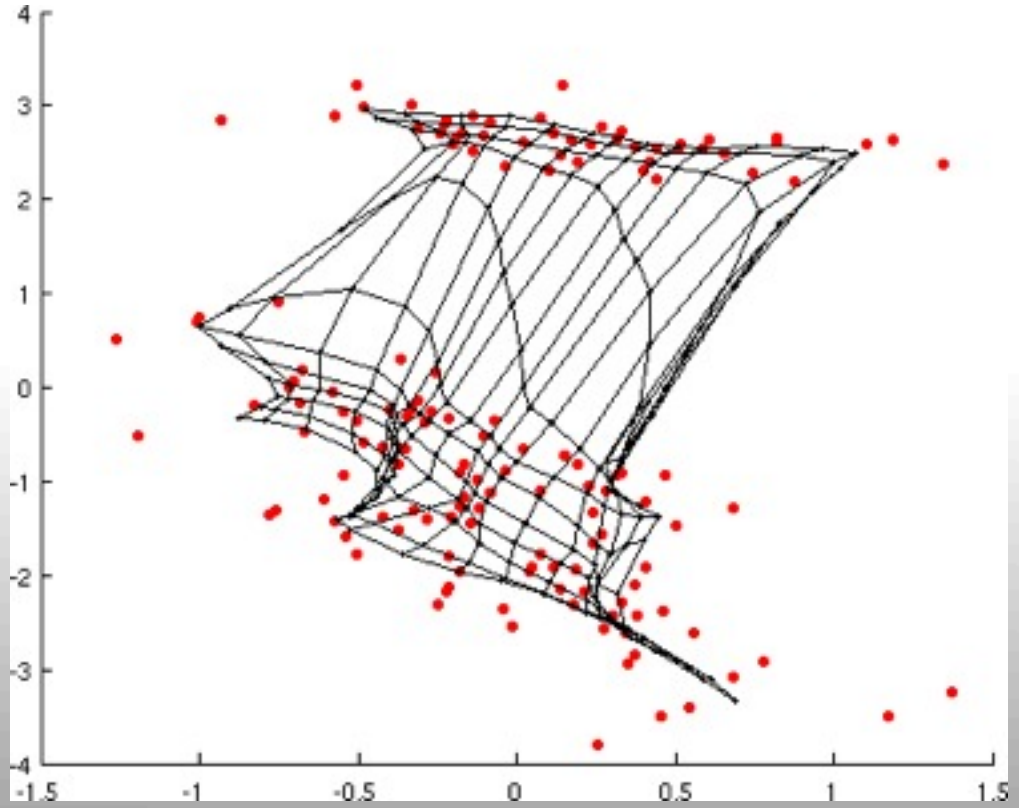
- Other methods also take into account the spatial relationships between prototypes
- Self-Organizing Map (SOM)



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Learning

- Perform a task more accurately than before
- Learn to perform a task (at all)

- Suggests an interaction between model and domain
  - perform some action in domain
  - observe performance
  - update model to reflect desirability of action
- Often includes some form of experimentation

- Not so common in Data Mining
  - often static data (warehouse), observational data

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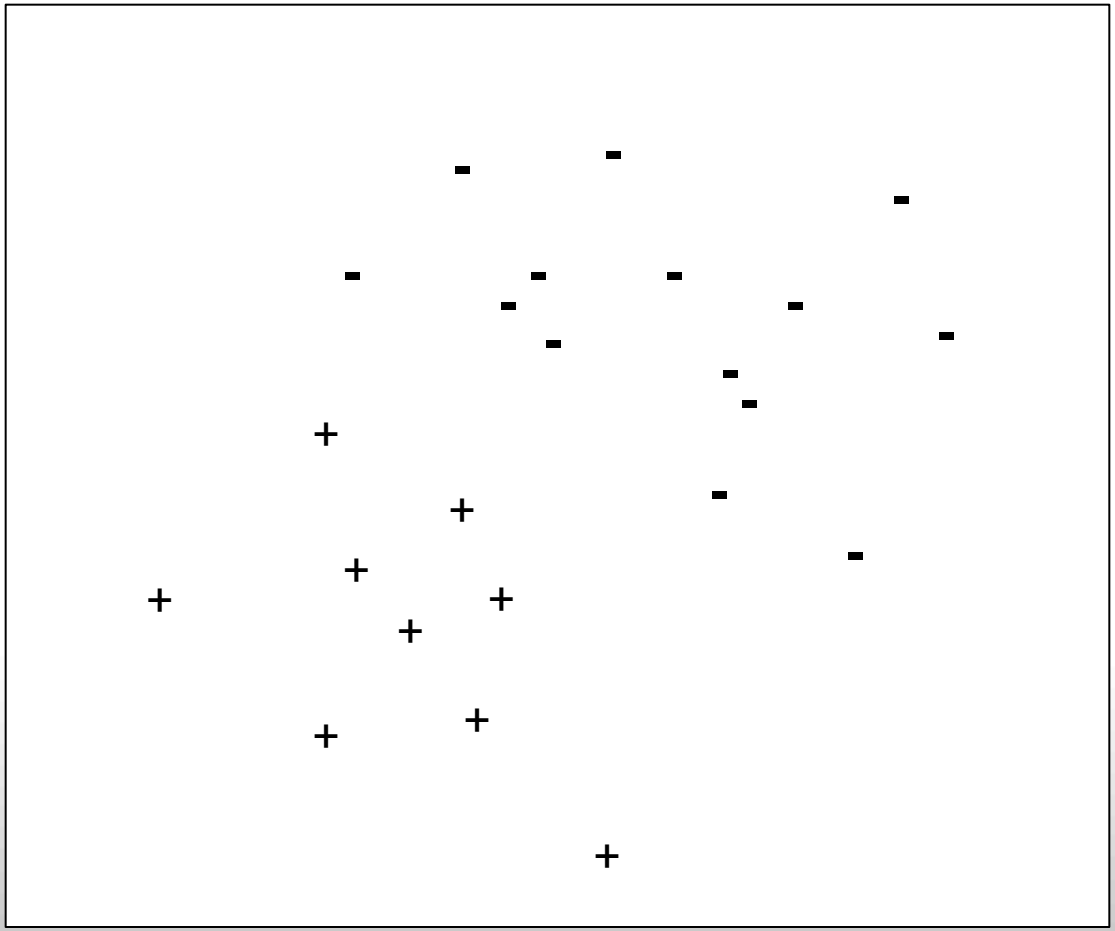

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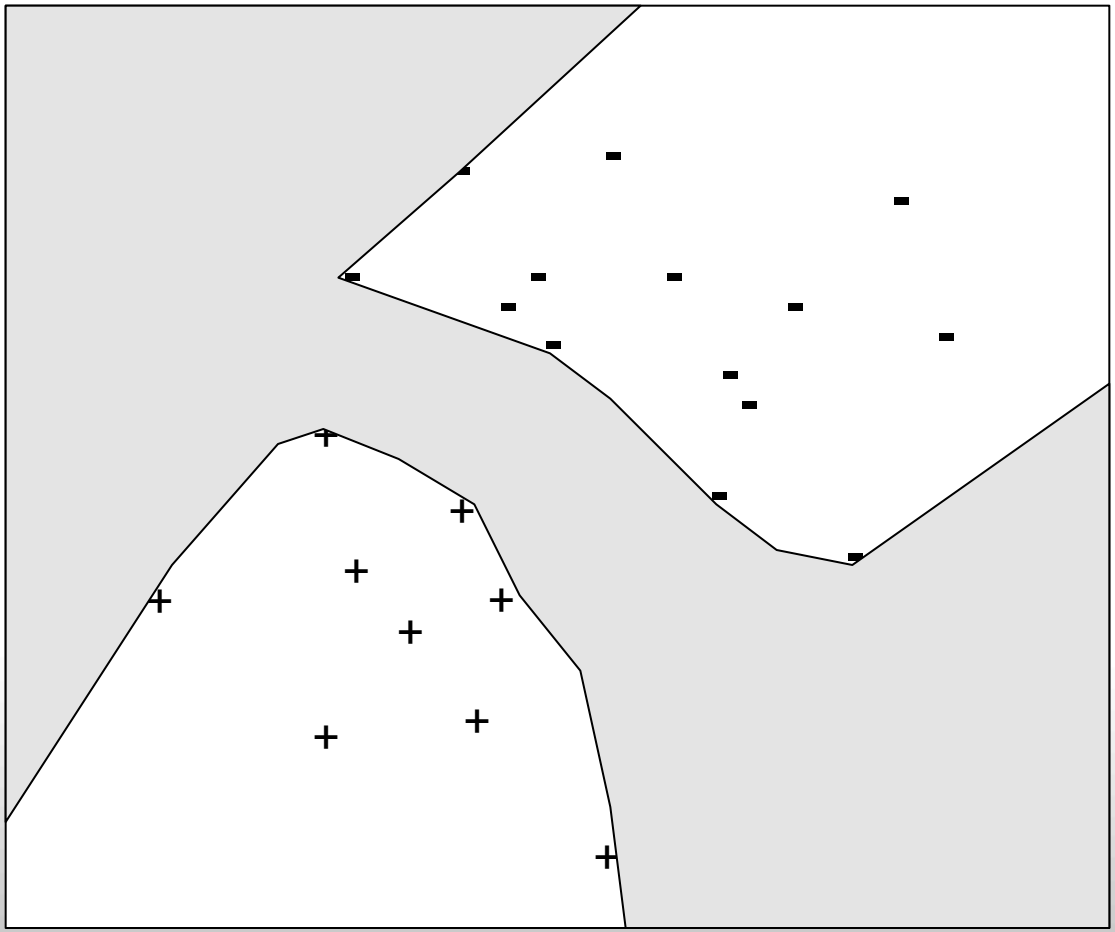

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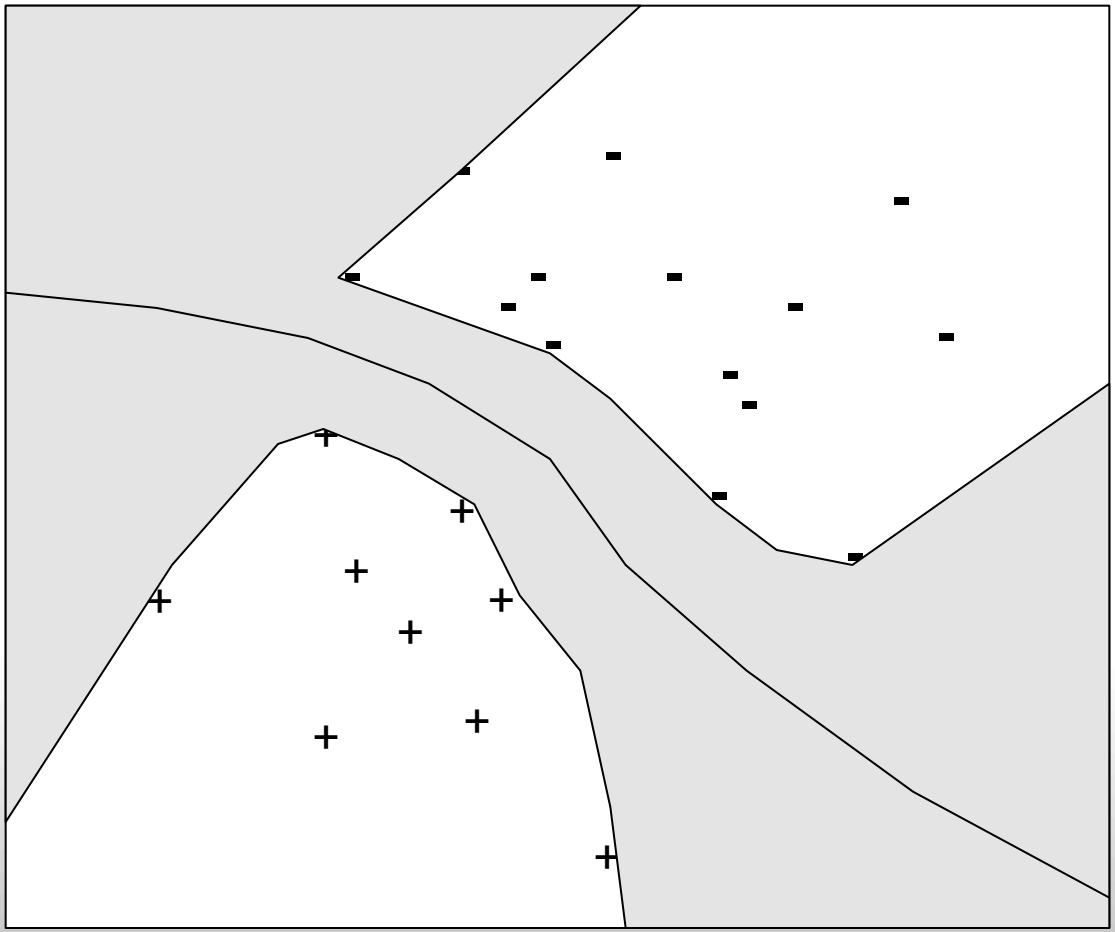

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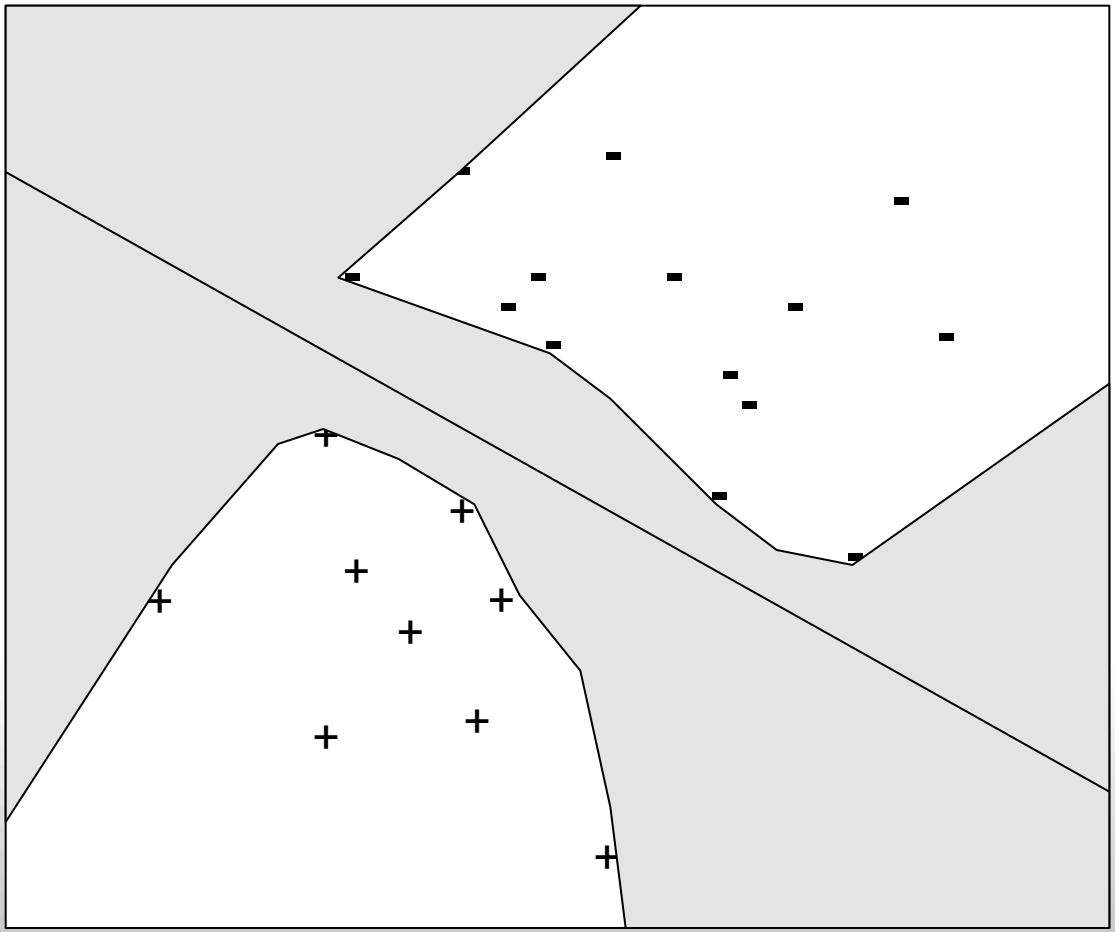

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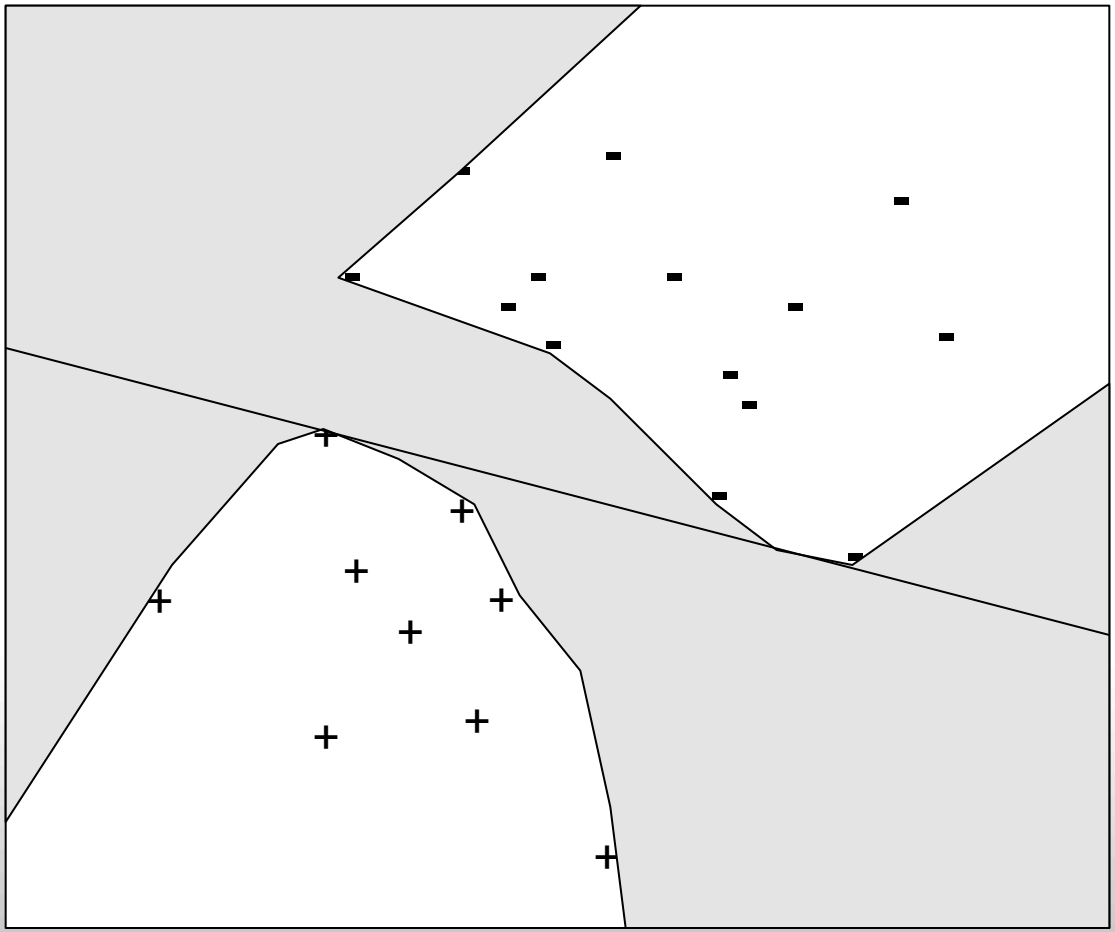

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- Compression algorithms will discover structure and replace that by short code
- Code table forms interesting set of patterns

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•Pattern ACD appears frequently

•ACD helps to compress the data

•ACD is a relevant pattern to report

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Compression

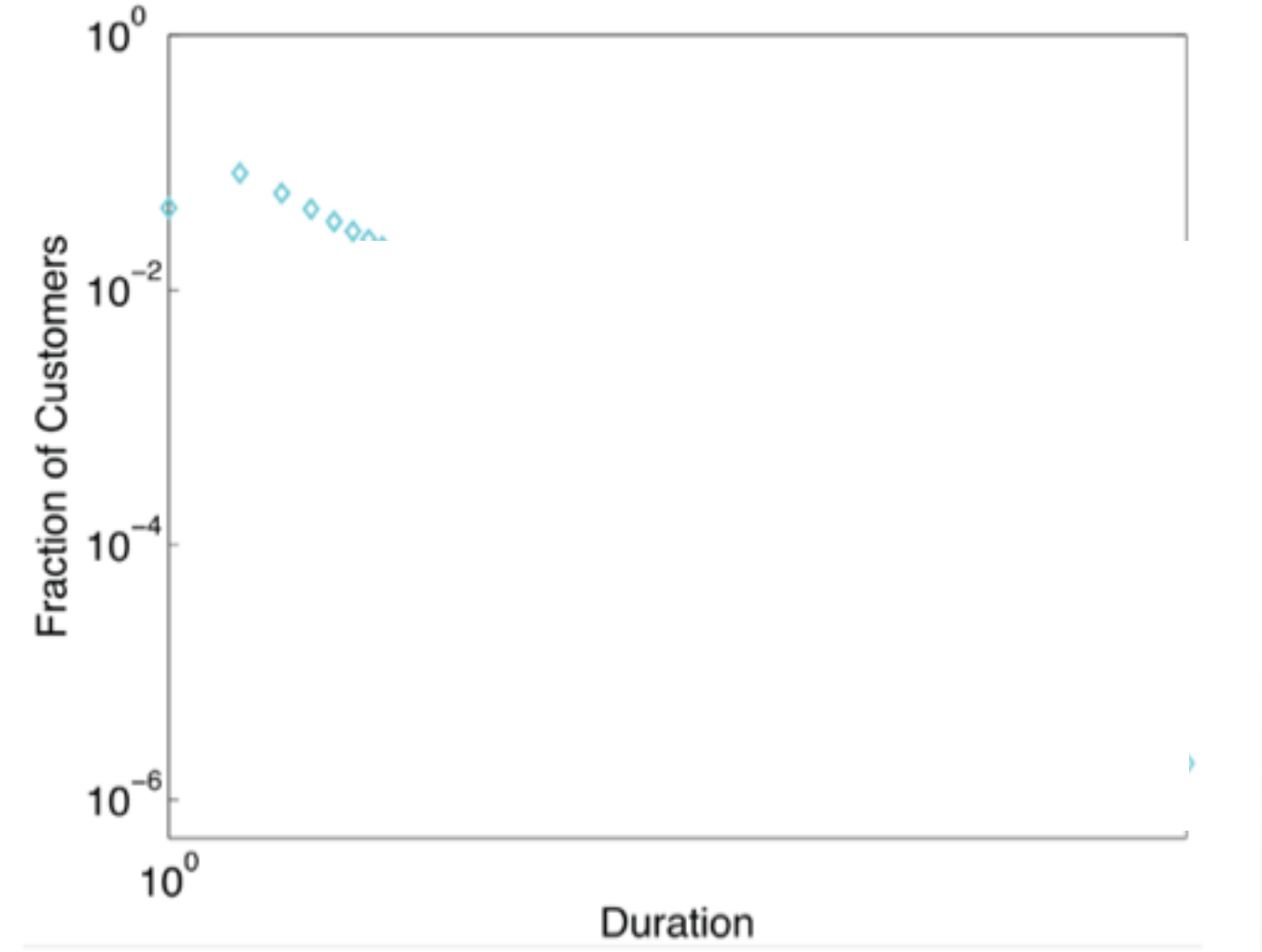
Paul Vitanyi (CWI, Amsterdam)

- Software to unzip identity of unknown composers
  - Beethoven, Miles Davis, Jimmy Hendrix

- SARS virus similarity

- internet worms, viruses
- intruder attack traffic
- images, video, …

Mobile calls: modeling duration of calls



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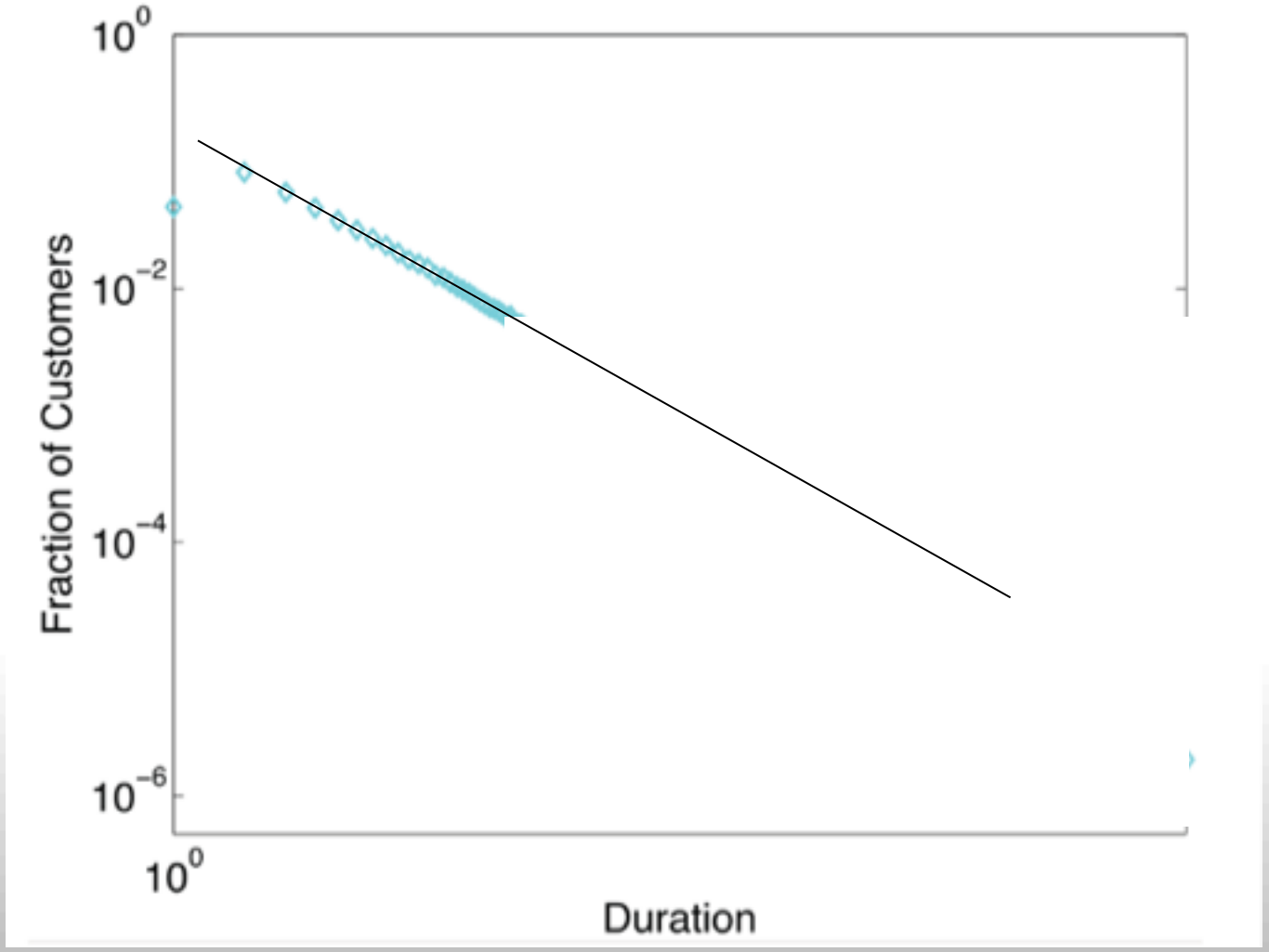
More data: linear model



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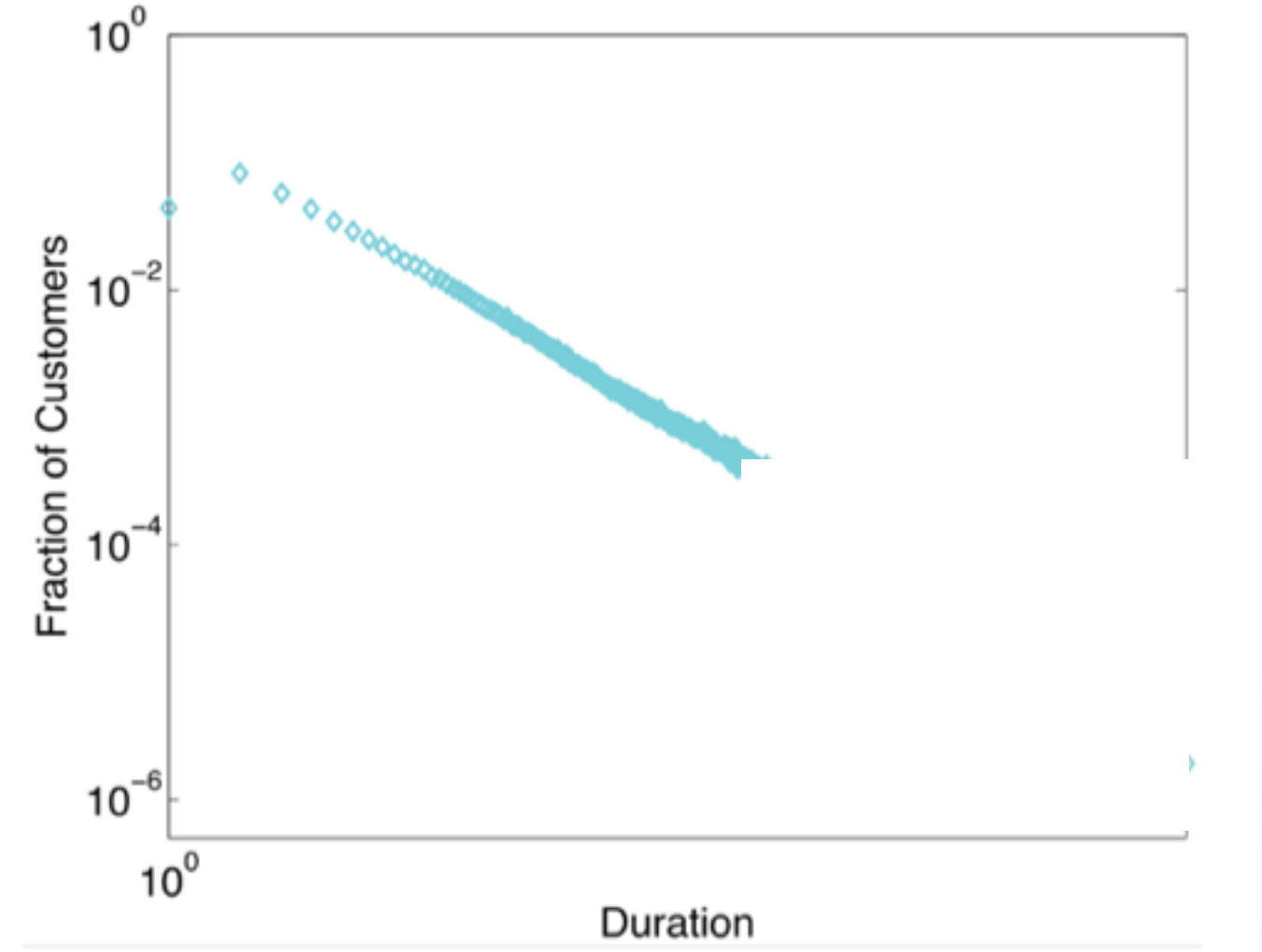
Even more data: still linear?



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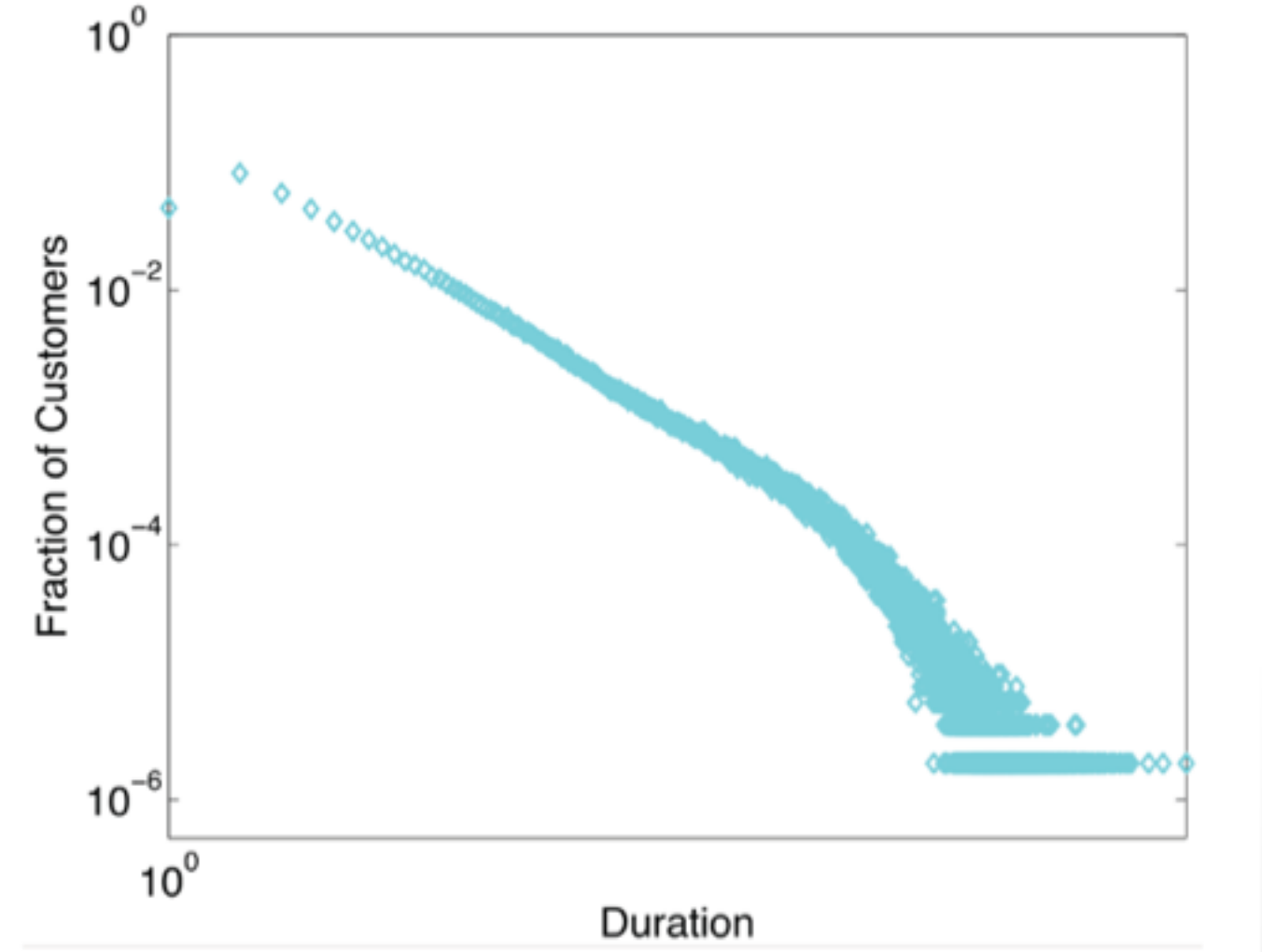

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