



# Recursive Partitioning for Modelling Survey data

An Introduction to the R package: rpms

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# Talk Outline

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- ◆ Brief introduction of recursive partitioning
- ◆ Description of simulated data used for demonstrations
- ◆ Demonstrate some of the functionality of the rpms package:
  - ◆ tree regression with rpms
  - ◆ including sample design information
  - ◆ examples using provided functions
- ◆ Example Using Consumer Expenditure Data



# Recursive Partitioning

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full dataset  
 $\theta$

Population has some unknown parameters  $\theta$   
that we wish to estimate



# Recursive Partitioning

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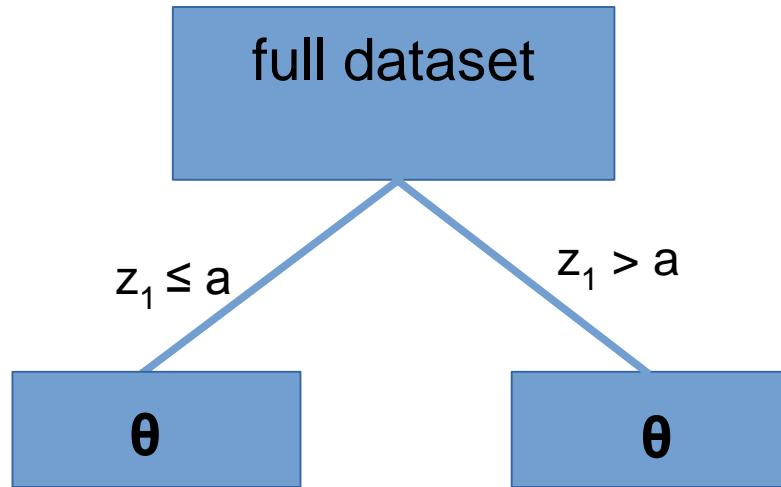
$\theta$

$\theta$  is often the mean, but could be other model parameters such as variance, proportion or coefficients of a linear model



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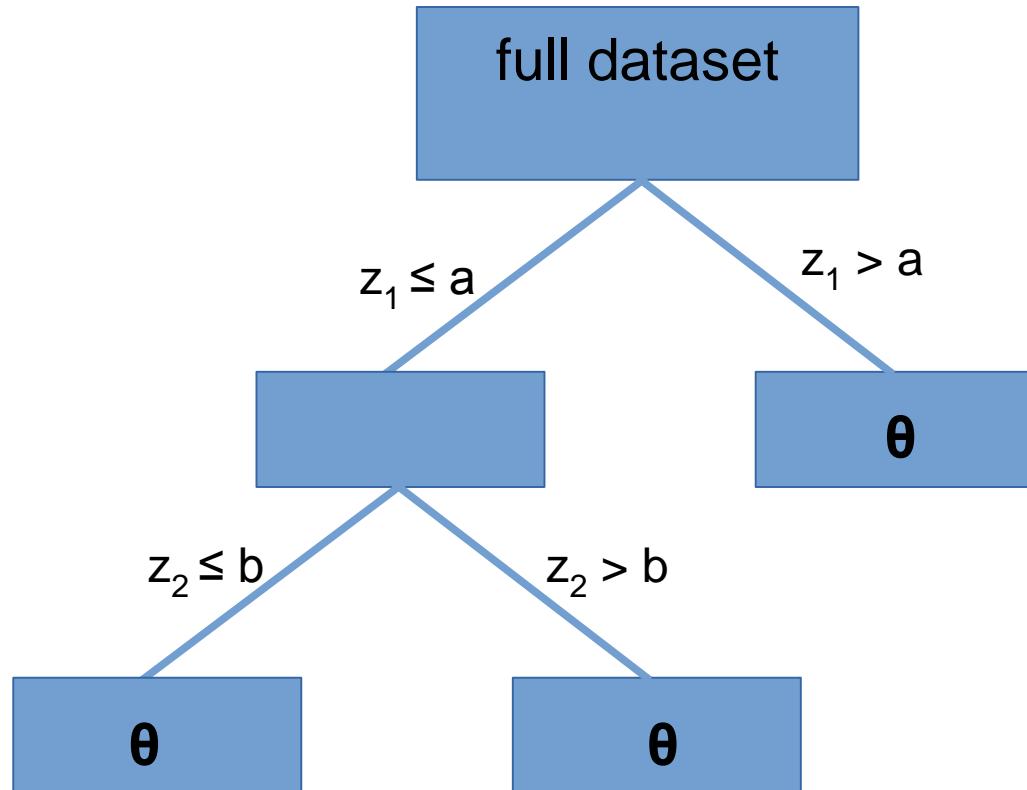


$\theta$  could be very different for different sub-domains of the population



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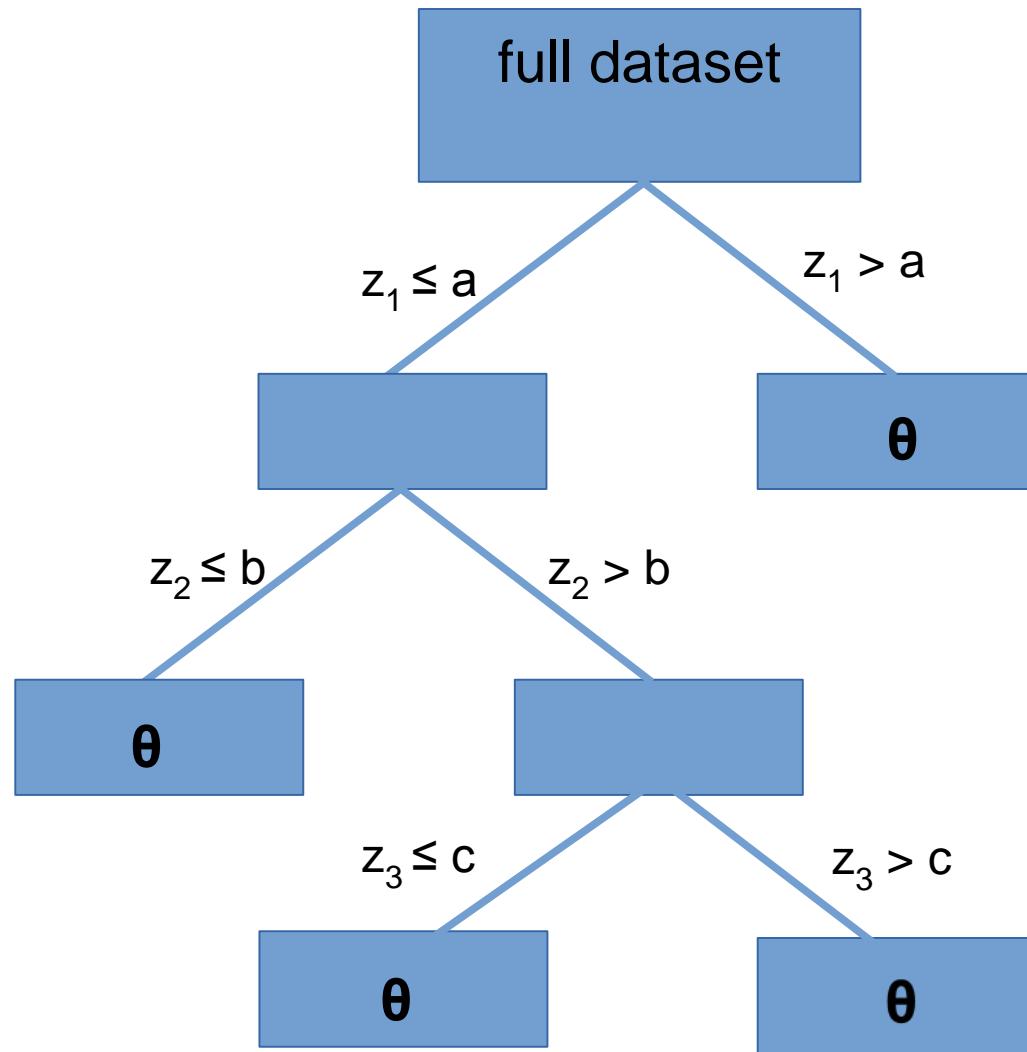
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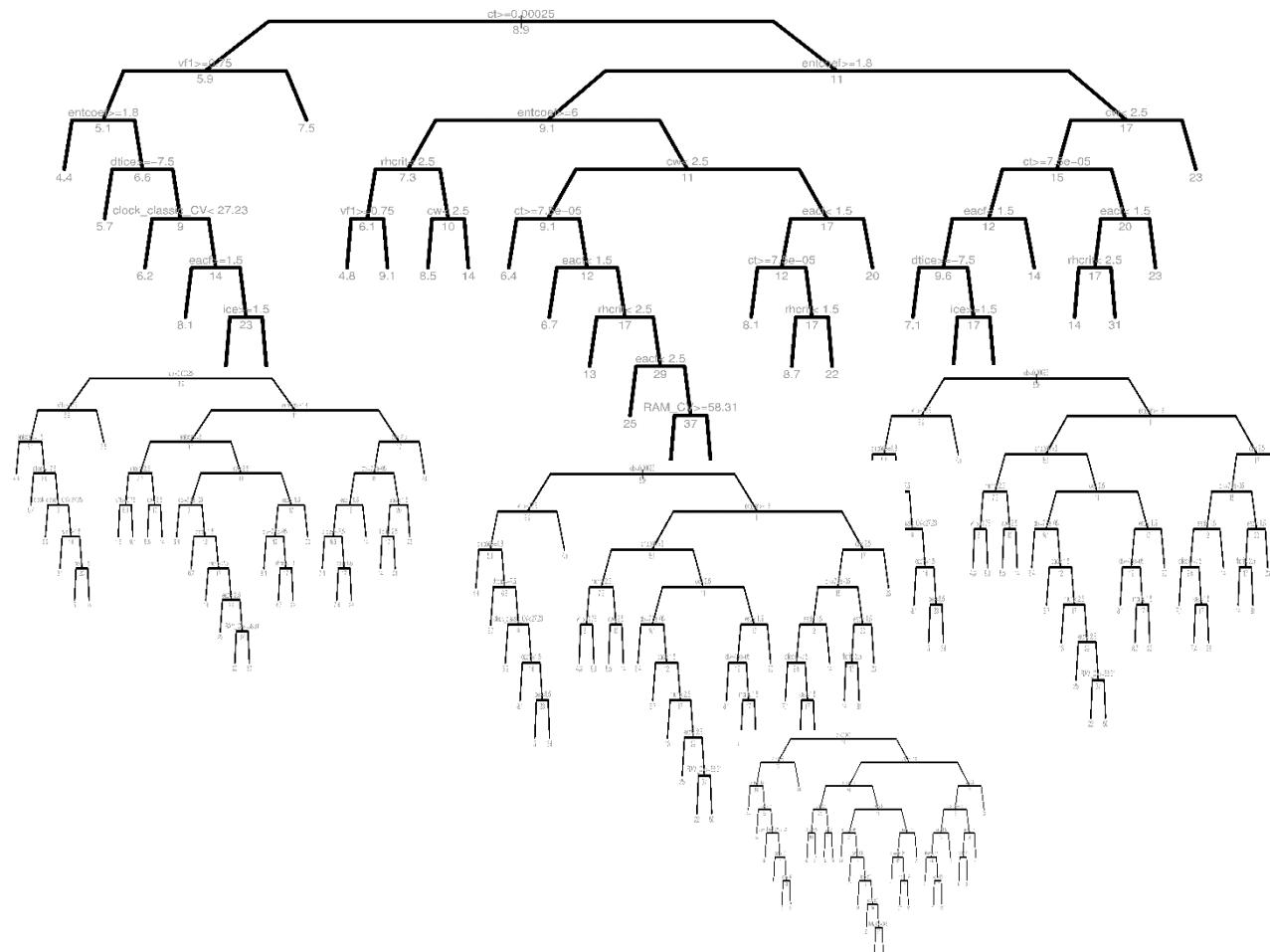
# Recursive Partitioning

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# Ad infinitum





# The Problem

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We wish to understand the relationship between a variable  $Y$  and number of other available variables in  $X$  and  $Z$

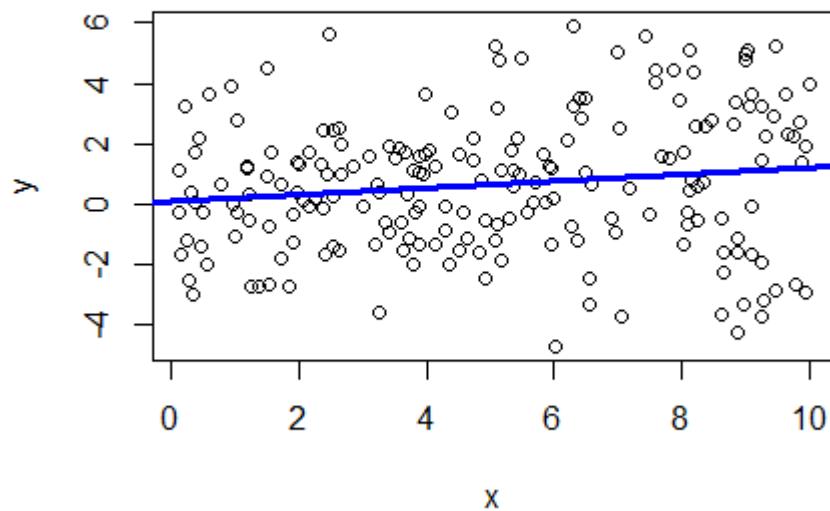
- $(Y, X, Z)$  come from a complex sample
- $Y \sim X$  linear relationship (parametric)
- $X^T \beta \sim Z$  unknown and complicated (nonparametric)
- $Z$  contains many variables (large  $p$ );
- $X^t \beta$  depends on subset of  $Z$  and interactions (variable selection)
- Some variables in  $Z$  maybe collinear



# Regression Example

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full dataset  
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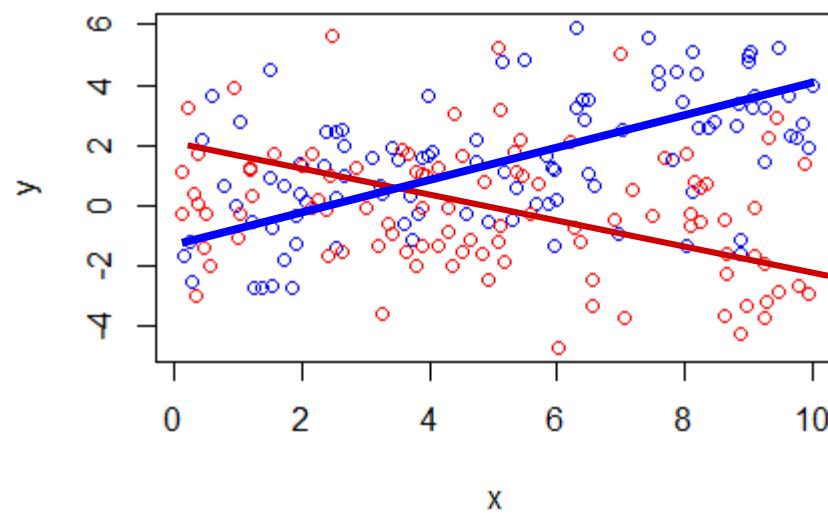




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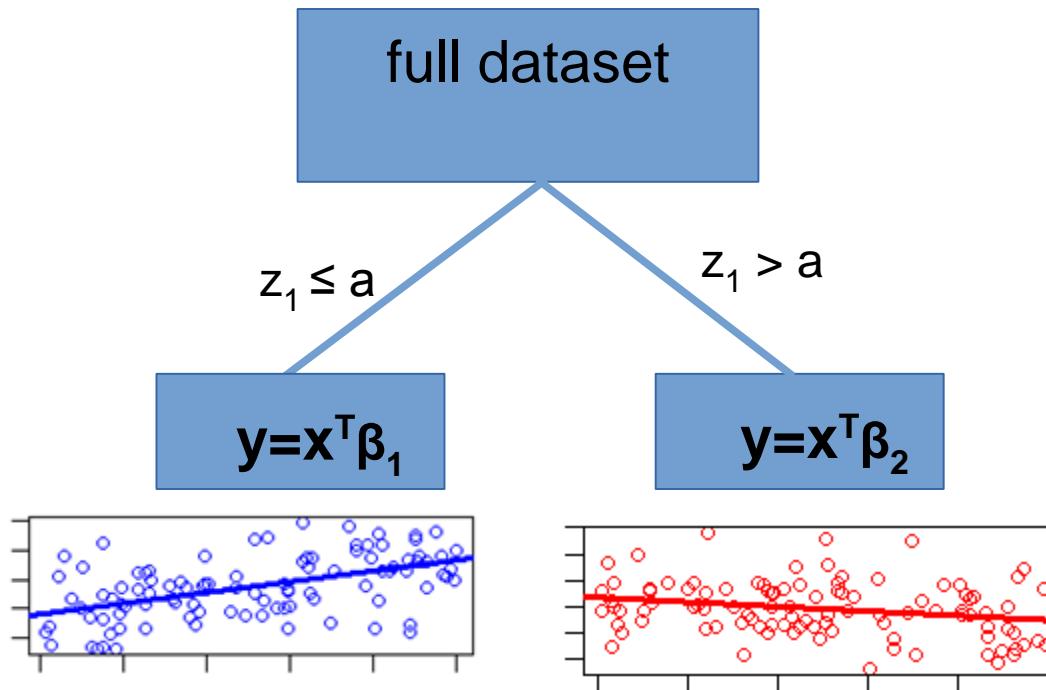
$z_1 \leq a$

$z_1 > a$



# Regression Example

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# CRAN – Package rpms

## rpms: Recursive Partitioning for Modeling Survey Data

Fits a linear model to survey data in each node obtained by recursively partitioning the data. The splitting variables and splits selected are obtained using a procedure which adjusts for complex sample design features used to obtain the data. Likewise the model fitting algorithm produces design-consistent coefficients to the least squares linear model between the dependent and independent variables. The first stage of the design is accounted for in the provided variance estimates. The main function returns the resulting binary tree with the linear model fit at every end-node. The package provides a number of functions and methods for these trees.

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Reference manual: [rpms.pdf](#)  
Vignettes: [An Introduction to rpms](#)  
Package source: [rpms\\_0.2.0.tar.gz](#)  
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OS X Mavericks binaries: r-release: [rpms\\_0.2.0.tgz](#), r-oldrel: [rpms\\_0.2.0.tgz](#)  
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# The rpms package

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```
>library(rpms)
```

Package provides a number of functions designed to help model and analyze survey data using design-consistent regression trees.

rpms - returns rpms object

methods:

print, predict

other available functions:

node\_plot, qtree, in\_node



# The Simulated Data

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We simulate a dataset of 10,000 observations simd

$$y_{ij} = f(x_{ij}, v_{ij}) + \eta_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

X = continuous variable

$v_a, v_b, \dots v_f$  = categorical variables

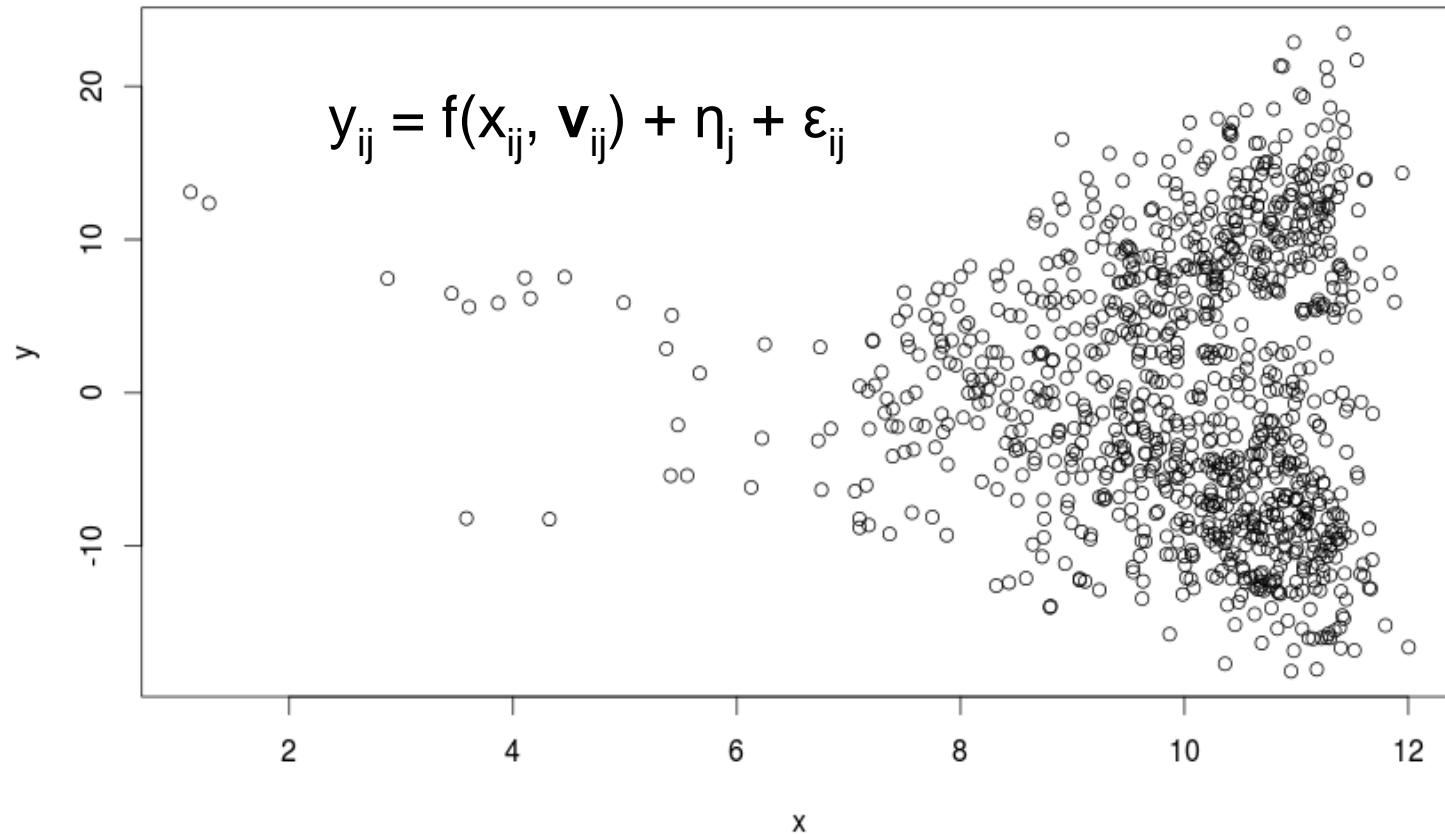
$v_a$  is the only variable that  $f$  depends on



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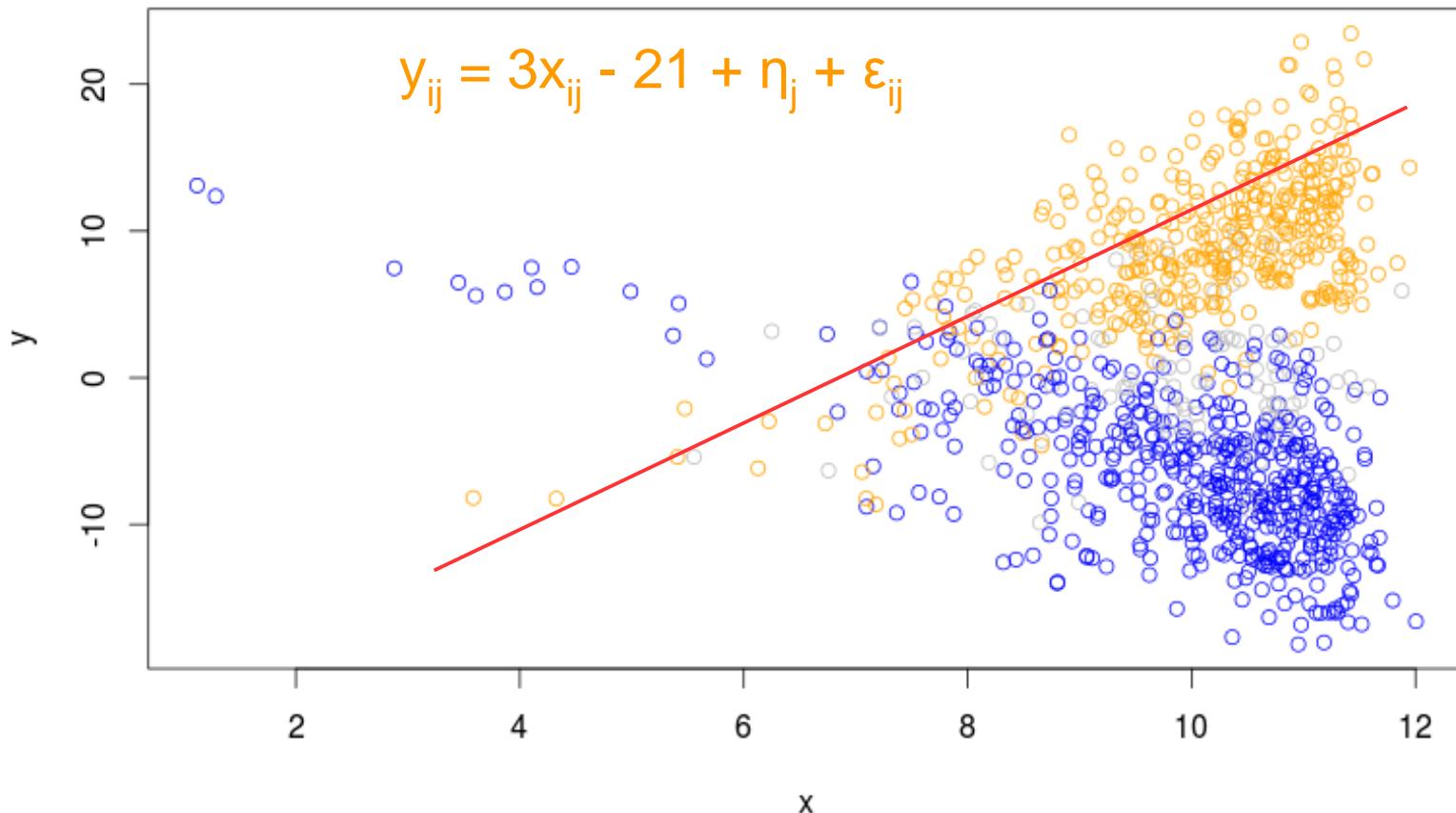
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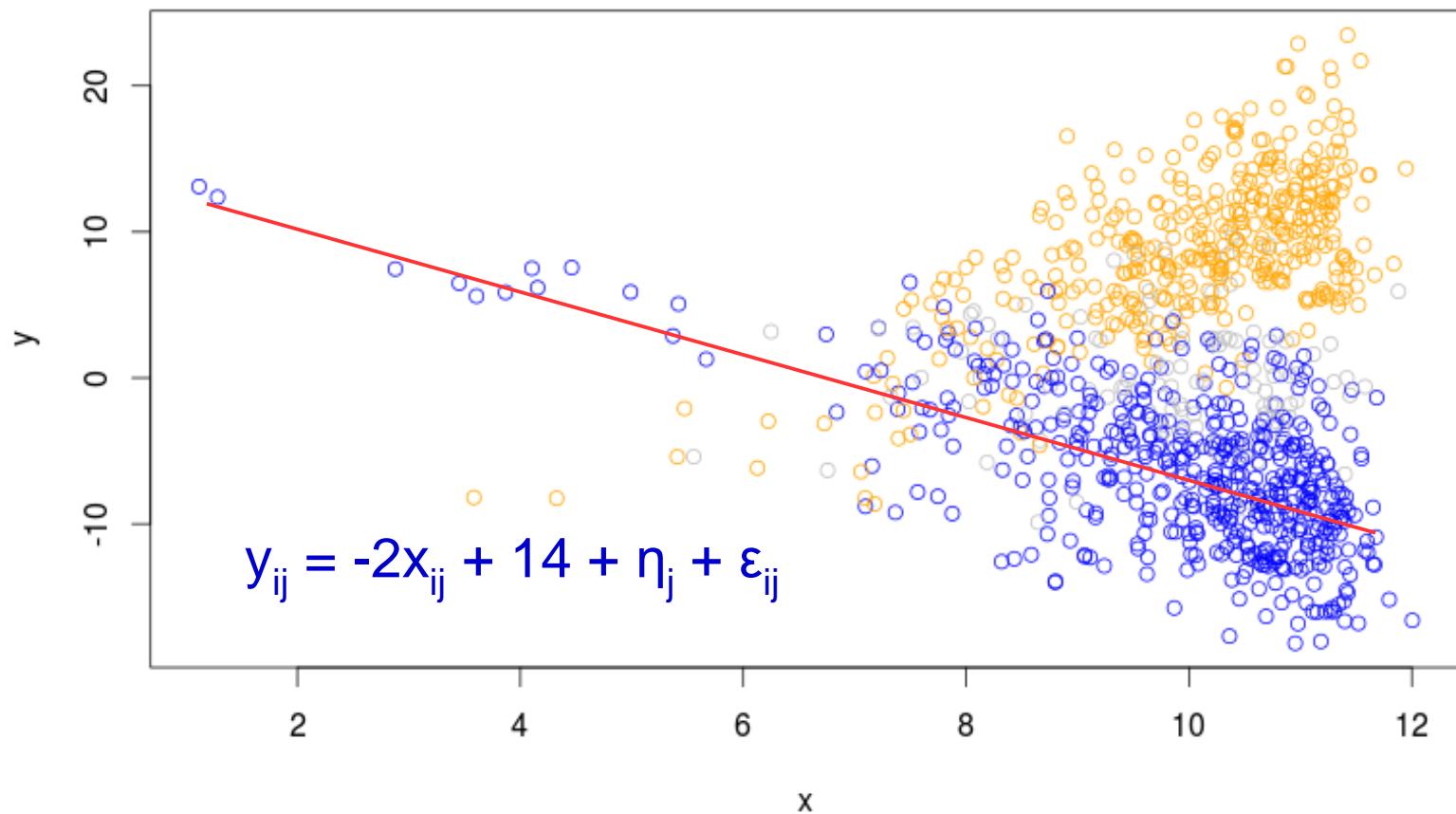
If  $v_a = \{0, 1\}$





# The Simulated Data

If  $v_a \in \{2, 3\}$



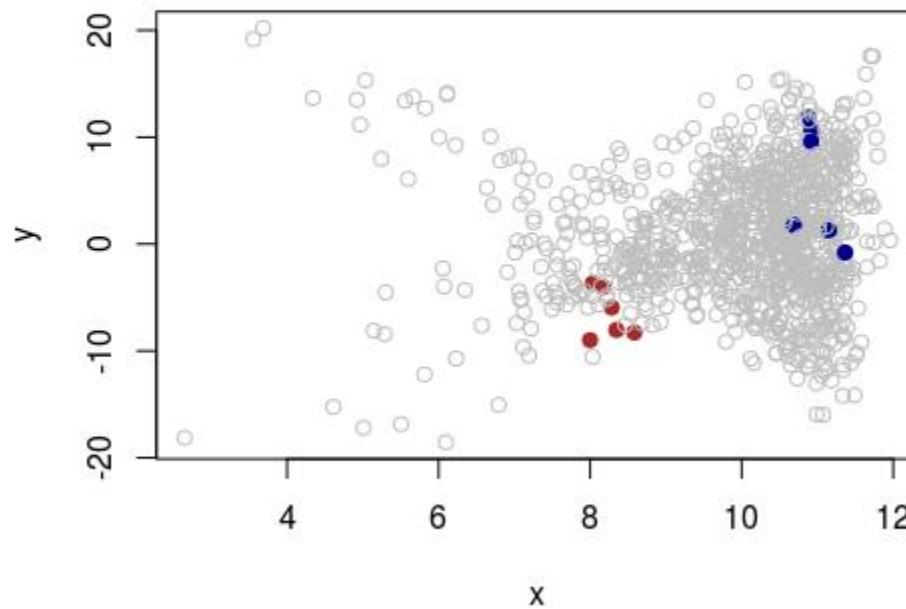


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data set containing:  
1.) splitting variables,  
2.) model variables,

may contain:  
3.) design variables



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splitting variables  
seperated by +



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R assignment operator

iid is an rpms object



# print.rpms

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>print(iid) same as >iid

RPMS Recursive Partitioning Equation

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Estimating Equation

$y \sim 1$

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Linear form can be useful (Phipps & Toth 2012)



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higher standard errors



# qtree

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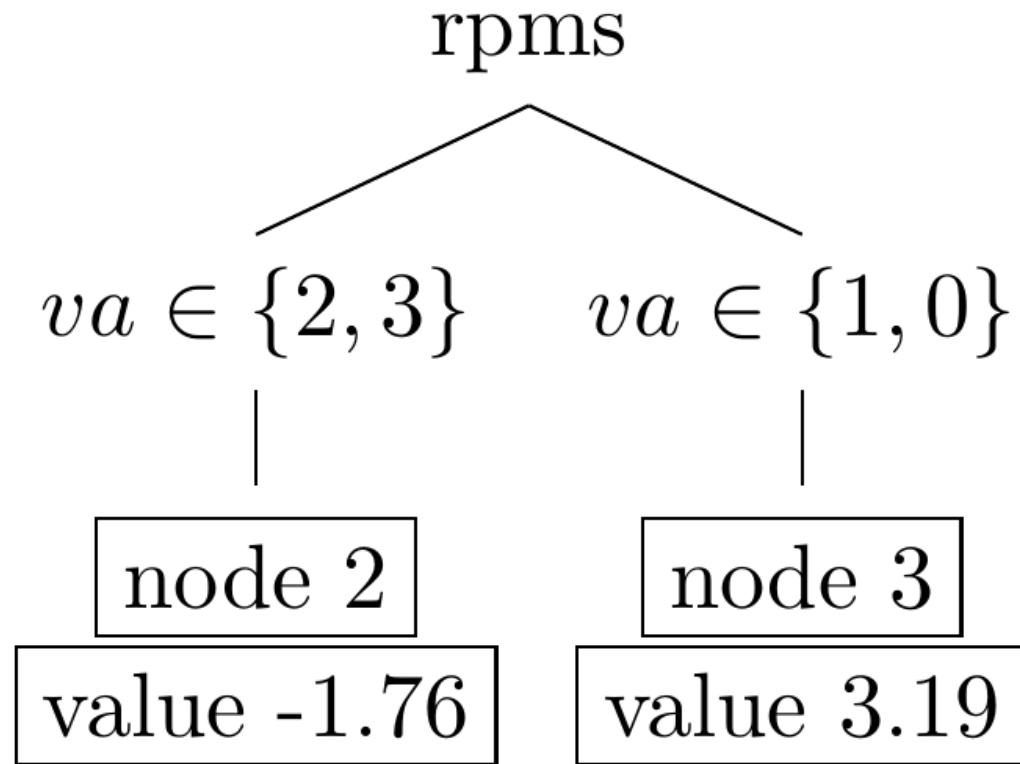
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```

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
\centering
\begin{tikzpicture}[scale=1, ]
\tikzset{every tree node/.style={align=center, anchor=north}}
\Tree [.\{rpms\} [.\{$va \in \{2,3\}$\} {\fbox{node 2} \& \fbox{value -1.76}}]
] [.\{$va \in \{1,0\}$\}
{\fbox{node 3} \& \fbox{value 3.19}}]
\end{tikzpicture}
\caption{}
\end{figure}
```



# qtree

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# Other options in qtree

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qtree takes several optional parameters:

- title = character string for naming root node; default="rpms"
- label = string for LaTex figure label; used referencing figure,
- caption = string caption for figure, defaults to blank
- scale= number (0,  $\infty$ ); changes relative size of figure;  
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```
> qtree(iid, title="iid tree", label="iid_tree",
        caption="This is the tree fit from the simple random sample.")
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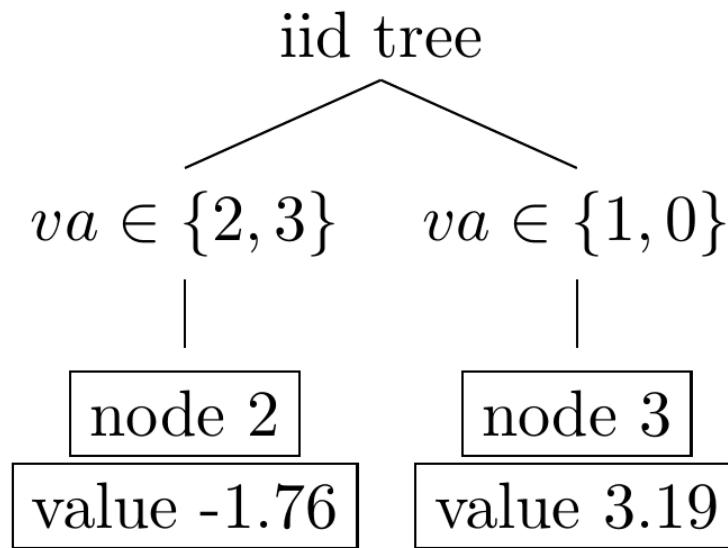


Figure 4: This is the tree fit from the simple random sample.



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dependent variable must be the same  
for rp\_equ and e\_equ



# Print Changes

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>rx1

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Estimating Equation

$y \sim x \xleftarrow{e\_eq}$

Splits

```
[1,] 1
[2,] va %in% c('2','3')
```

coefficients

node	1	x
2	15.51409	-1.756959
3	-24.60653	2.837154



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a at node 2





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$\alpha$  at node 2

$\beta$  at node 2



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>node_plot(rx1, node=2, simd)
```



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rpms  
object

data

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Parameter variable defaults to the first variable of e\_eq

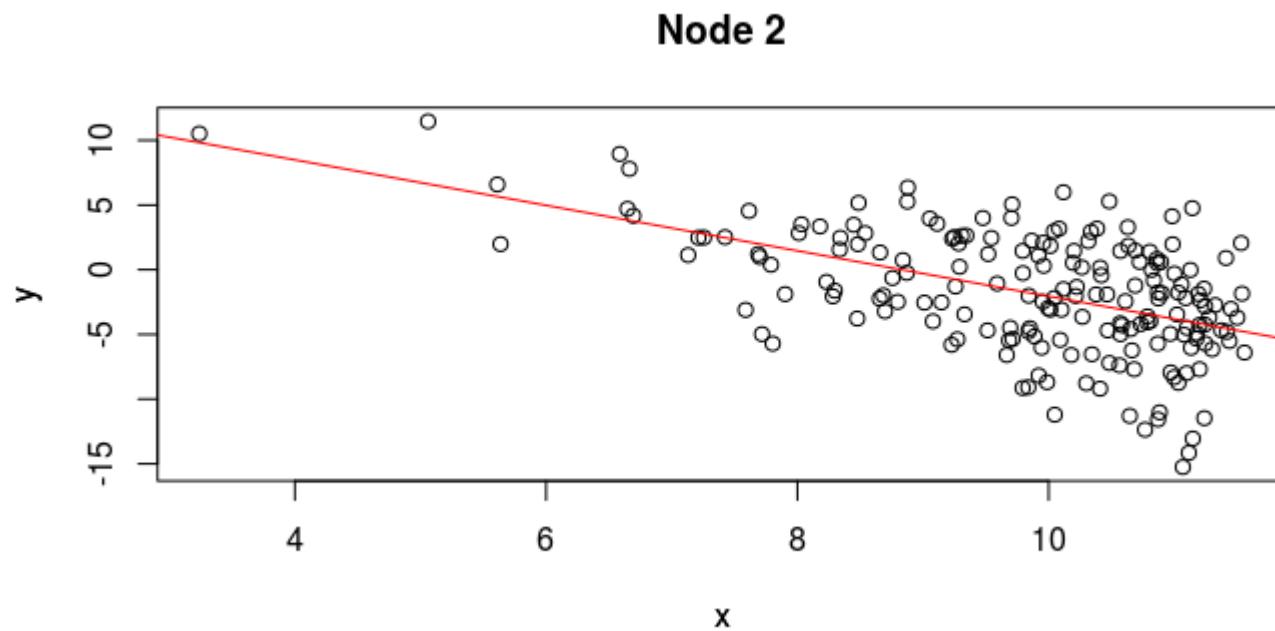
>node\_plot(rx1, node=2, simd, variable = x)



# node 2

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```
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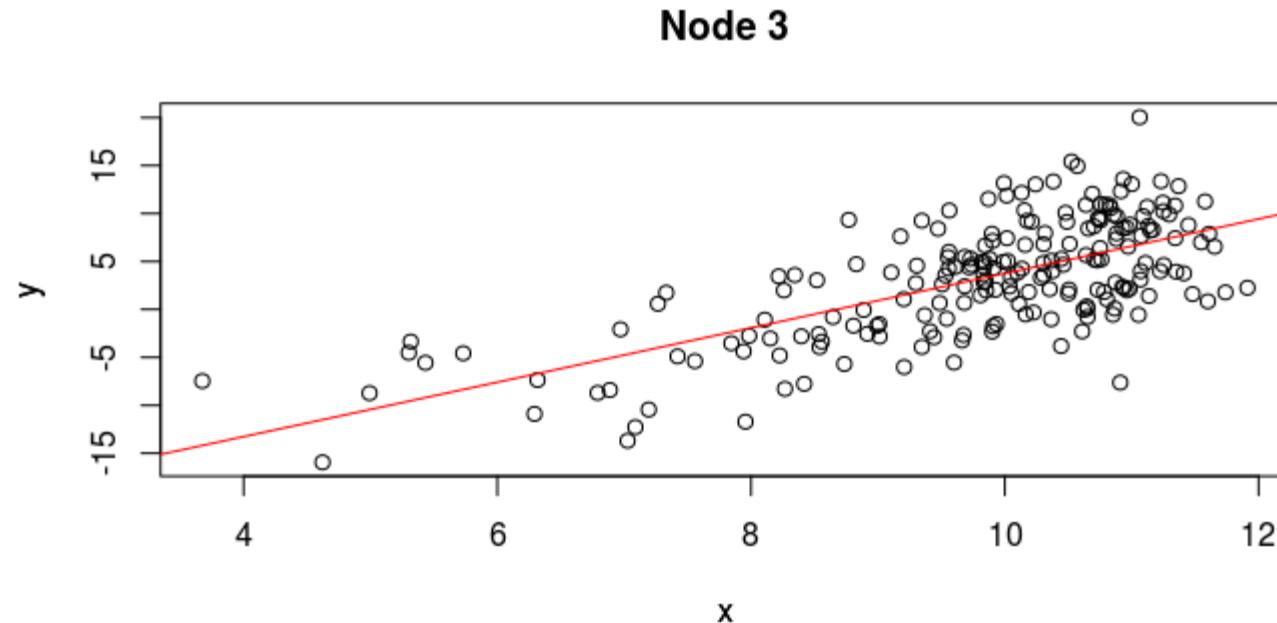




# node 3

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```
>node_plot(rx1, node=3, simd)
```





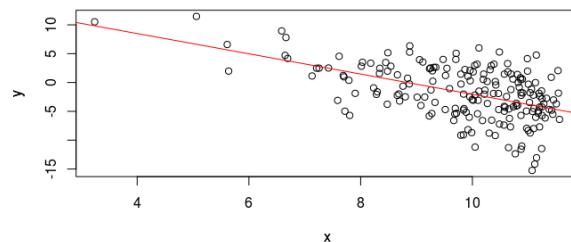
rx1

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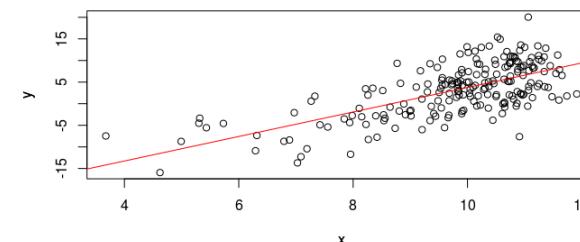
$va \in \{2, 3\}$        $va \in \{1, 0\}$



Node 2



Node 3





# Data from a Complex Sample

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$v_c$

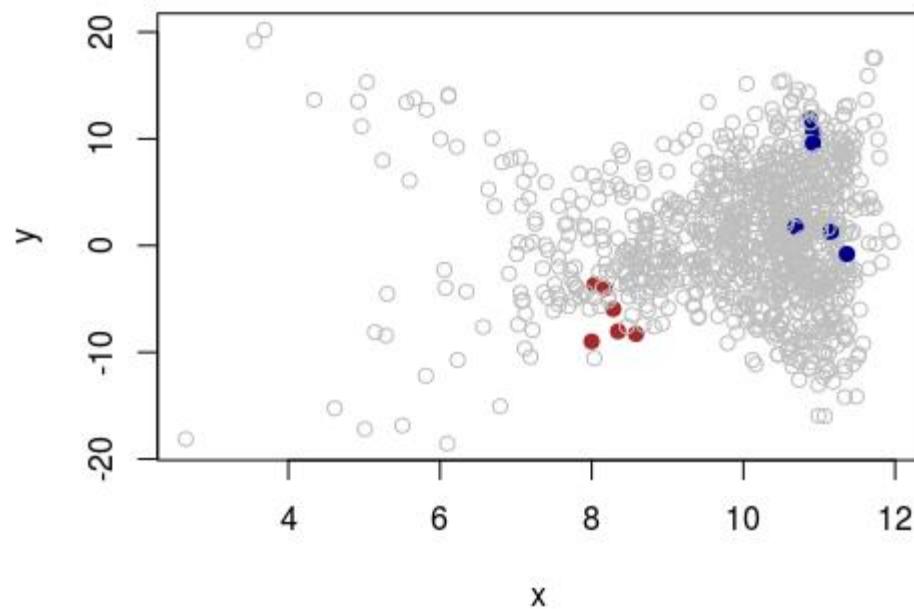
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# Cluster Sample

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SRS of clusters





# Ignoring the Design

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Ignoring the sample design when building the regression trees is a bad idea

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Estimating Equation  
y ~ 1
```

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[2,]	va %in% c('1')	13.127085821	0.817361236
[3,]	va %in% c('1') & vc %in% c('4','2')	-5.702057150	0.948519947
[4,]	va %in% c('3','2','0') & va %in% c('2')	-1.819929357	0.890137832
[5,]	va %in% c('3','2','0') & va %in% c('2') & vc %in% c('4','1')	-1.982788586	0.746303072



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variable vc included  
in model

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including psu labels ids

```
>rpms(rp_equ=y~va+vb+vc+vd+ve+vf, data=simd,
      clusters=~ids)
```



# Regression Tree with Cluster Design

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accounting for clusters could change more than standard errors

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Estimating Equation

$$Y \sim 1$$

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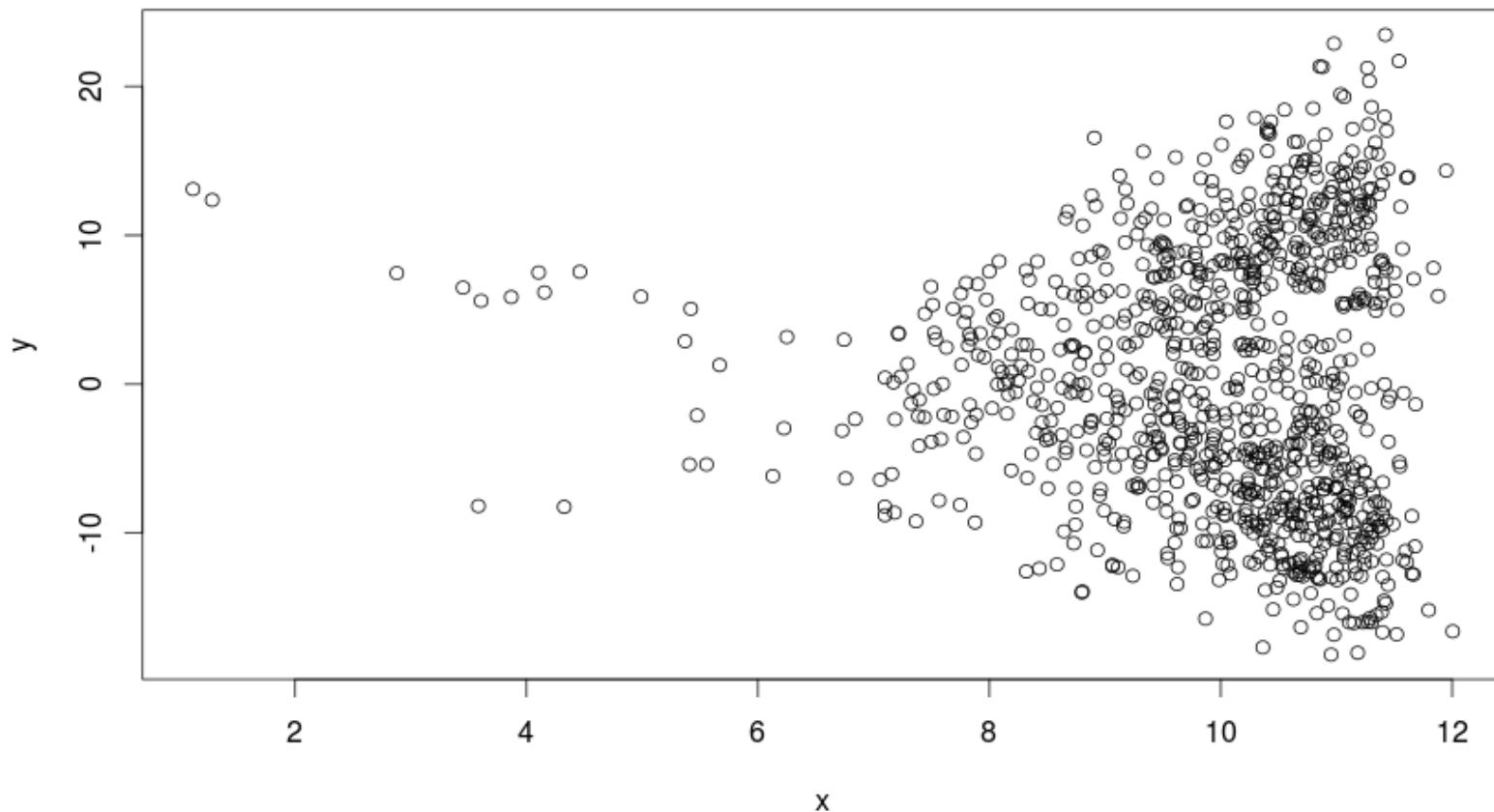
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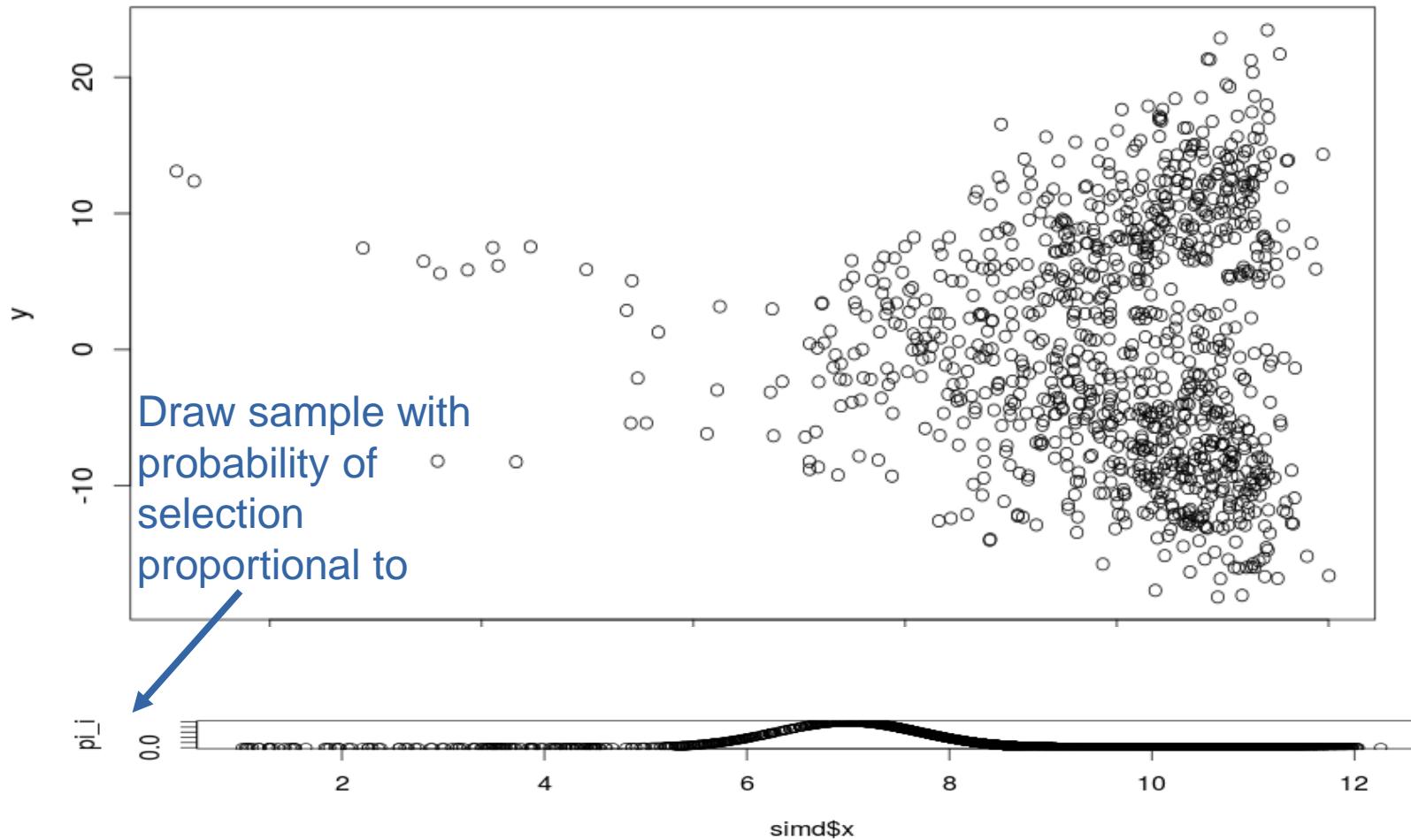


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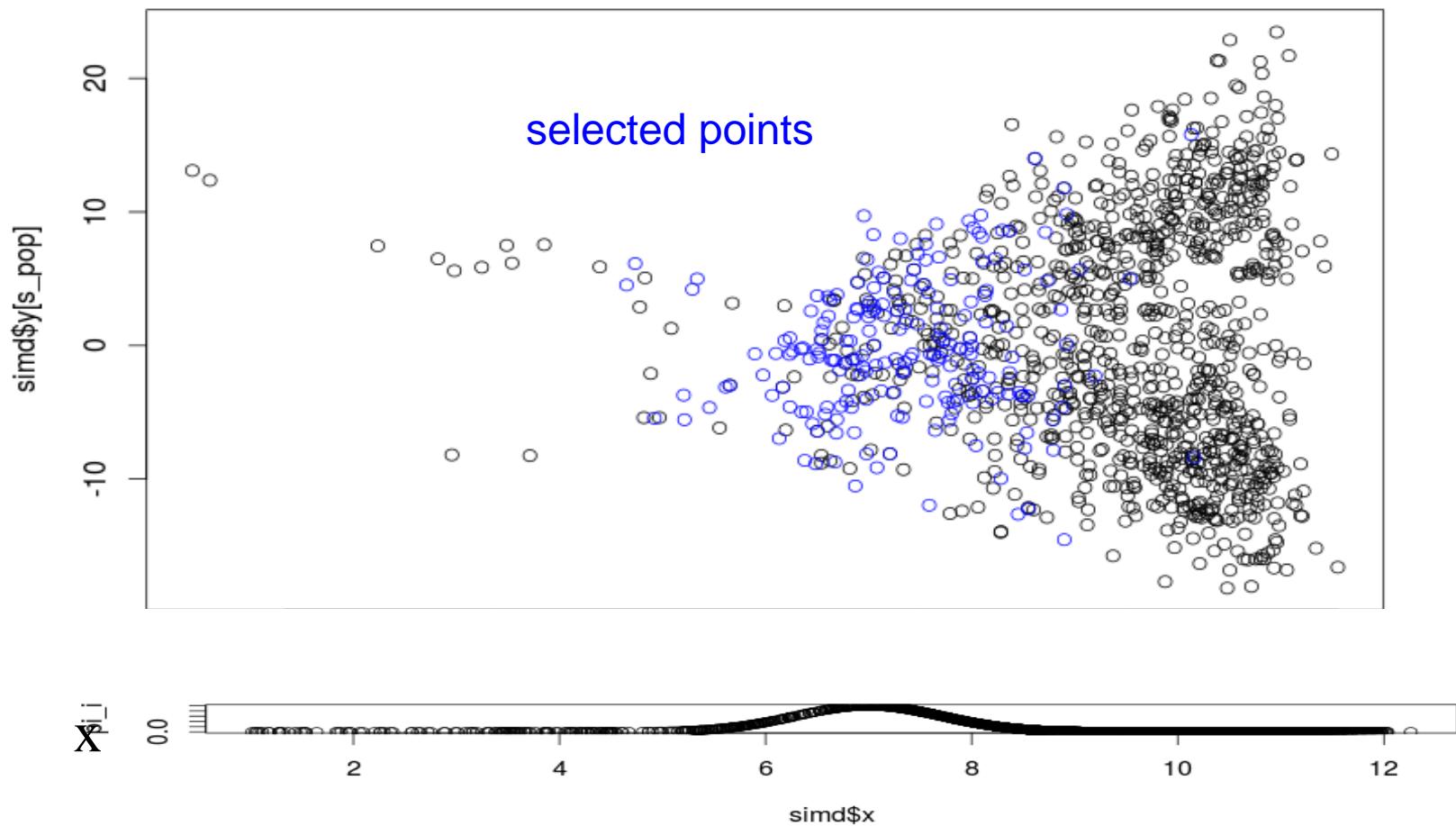


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# Trees Under Unequal Probability of Selection

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correct model

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# Predict Method

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```
predict.rpms {rpms}
```

## **predict.rpms**

### **Description**

Predicted values based on rpms object

### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rpms'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

**object** Object inheriting from rpms  
**newdata** data frame with variables to use for predicting new values.  
**...** further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### **Value**

vector of predicted values for each row of newdata

### **Examples**

```
{  
# get rpms model of mean retirement contribution by several factors  
r1 <- rpms(FINDRETX~EDUC_REF+AGE_REF+BLS_URBN+REGION, data = CE)  
  
# first 10 predicted means  
predict(r1, CE[1:10, ])  
}
```



# Predict Method

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```
> predict(rx1, newdata)
```



# Predict Method

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```
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```

object of type rpms



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dataframe containing all variables  
on the right hand side of rp\_equ  
and e\_equ



# Predict Method

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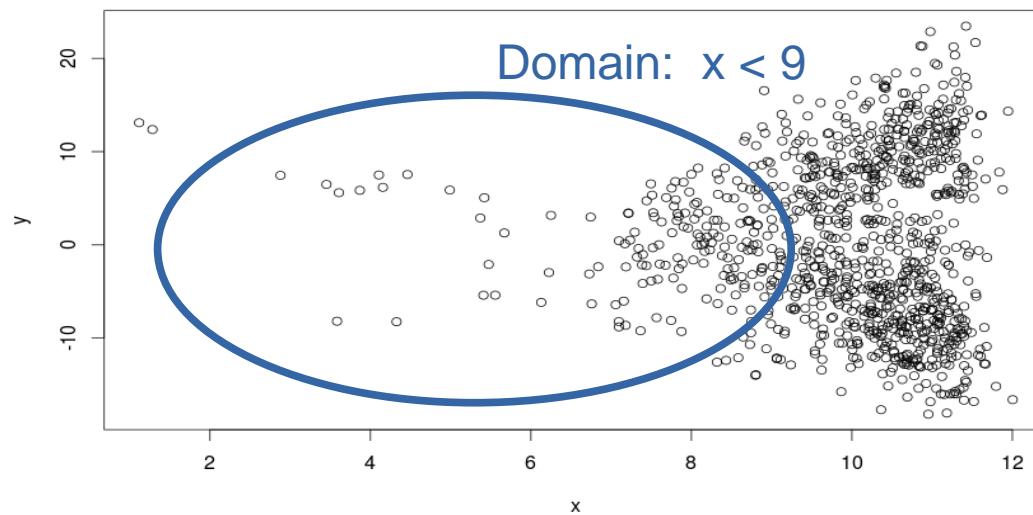
```
> predict(rx1, newdata)
```

```
> pre1 <- sample(10000, 8)
> new <- as.data.frame.array(simd[pre1, -c(1, 2, 10)],
row.names=1:8)
> new[, "x"] <- round(new[, "x"], 2)
>
> predict(iid, newdata=new)
[1] 3.191847 3.191847 3.191847 3.191847 3.191847 -1.759392
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```



# Domain Estimates

rpms models can be used for domain estimates using predict

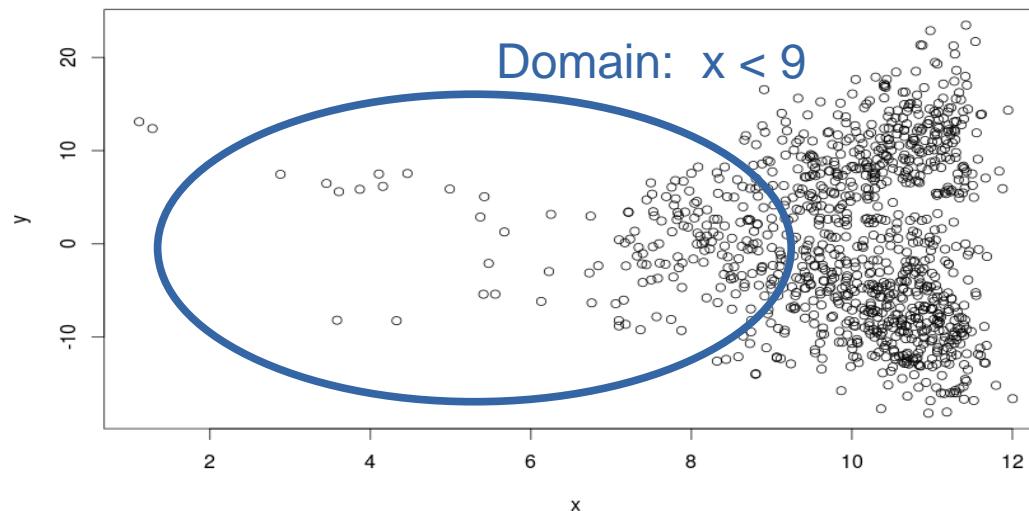




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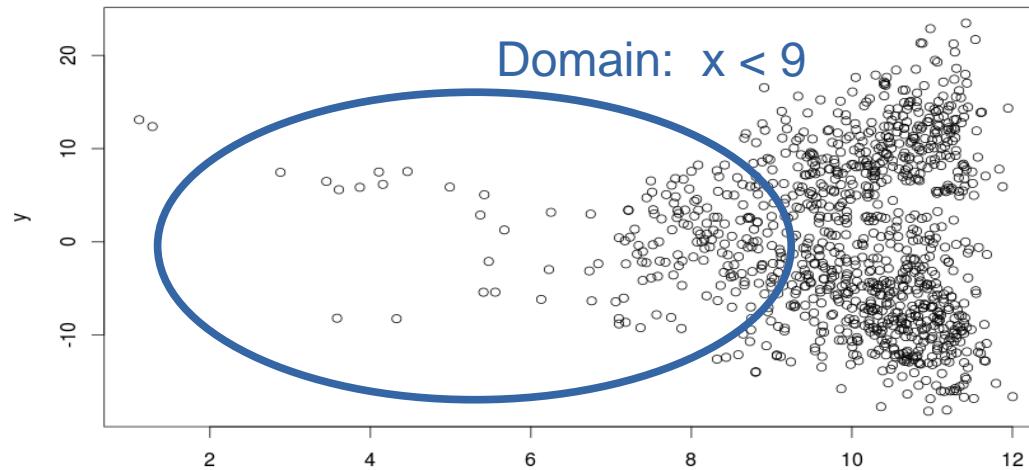
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```

```
mean(predict(rxp, simd[D,])) + est_res
```



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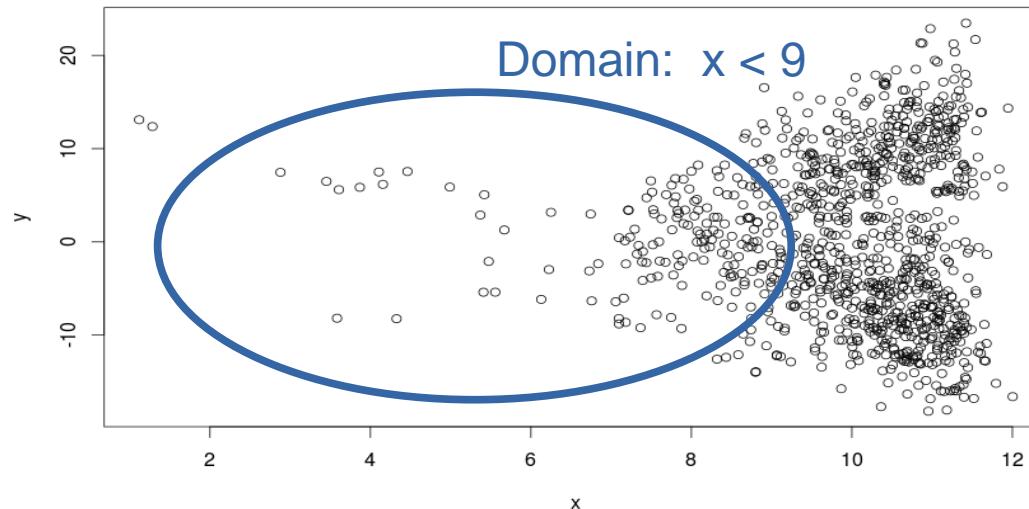
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*predicted population values*



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```
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```

HT estimate of  
population residuals

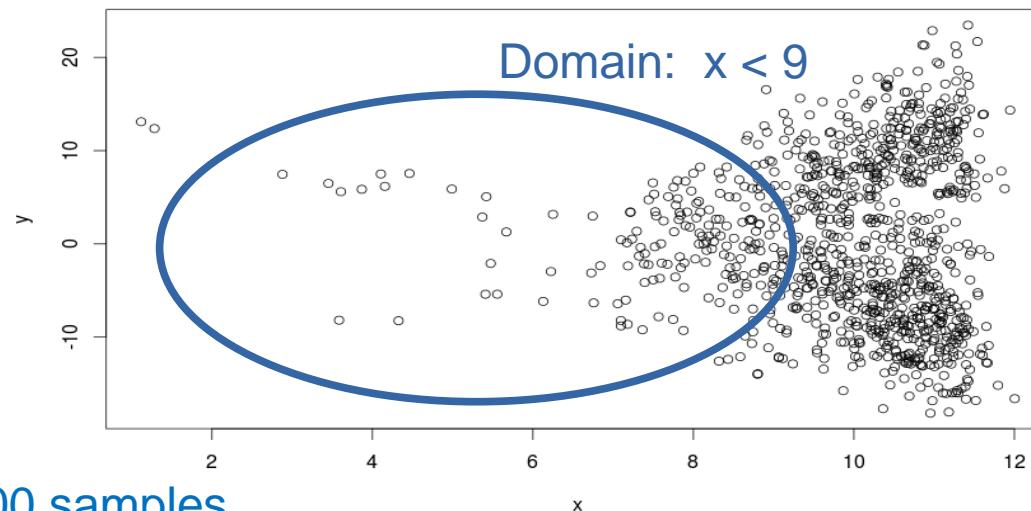
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over 500 samples

Mean of HT estimate: -0.7300458

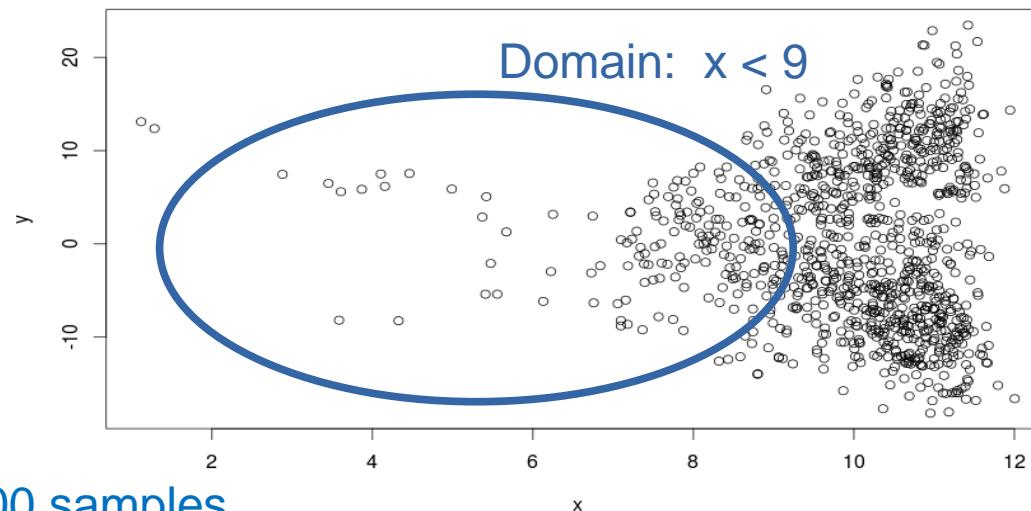
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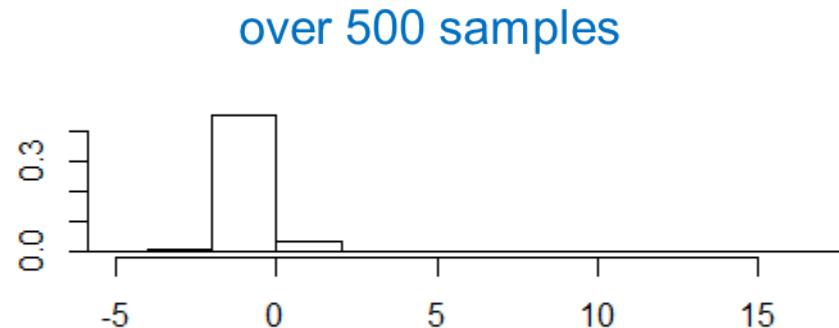
Mean using predict : -0.7710101

Population mean: -0.7622469



# Domain Estimates

usual HT estimator  
sd = 1.019409



estimator using predict  
 $sd = 0.5434727$



# Other rpms Options

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rpms {rpms}

R Documentation

## rpms

### Description

main function producing a regression tree using variables from rp\_equ to partition the data and fit the model e\_equ on each node. Currently only uses data with complete cases.

### Usage

```
rpms(rp_equ, data, weights = ~1, strata = ~1, clusters = ~1, e_equ = ~1,
  e_fn = "survLm", l_fn = NULL, bin_size = NULL, perm_reps = 500L,
  pval = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

rp_equ	formula containing all variables for partitioning
data	data.frame that includes variables used in rp_equ, e_equ, and design information
weights	formula or vector of sample weights for each observation
strata	formula or vector of strata labels
clusters	formula or vector of cluster labels
e_equ	formula for modeling data in each node
e_fn	string name of function to use for modeling (only "survLm" is operational)
l_fn	loss function (does nothing yet)
bin_size	numeric minimum number of observations in each node
perm_reps	integer specifying the number of permutations
pval	numeric p-value used to reject null hypothesis in permutation test

### Value

object of class "rpms"

### Examples



# Other rpms Options

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rpms has a number of other optional arguments:

`l_fn` loss-function written in R

`bin_size` minimum number of observations in each node

`pval` p-value used to reject null hypothesis



# CE Data

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CE {rpms}

R Documentation

## CE Consumer expenditure data (first quarter of 2014)

### Description

A dataset containing consumer unit characteristics, assets and expenditure data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Expenditure Survey public use interview data file.

### Usage

CE

### Format

A data frame with 6483 rows and 61 variables:

### Location and sample-design variables

NEWID

Consumer unit identifying variable

PSU



# CE Data

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## data(CE)

FSALARYX: Income from Salary

FINCBTAX: Income Before Tax

FINDRETX: Amount put in an individual retirement plan

FAM\_SIZE: Number of members

NO\_EARNR: Number of earners

PERSOT64: Number of people >64 yrs old

CUTENURE: 1 Owned with mortgage; 2-6 Other

VEHQ: Number of owned vehicles

REGION: 1 Northeast; 2 Midwest; 3 South; 4 West



# CE Example

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```
workers = CE[which(CE$FSALARYX>0 & CE$FINCBTAX<600000), ]
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Income < \$600,000



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↑  
subset of  
CE dataset

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```

```
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```

new variable

1 if has retirement savings

0 otherwise



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```
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```

```
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```

```
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```



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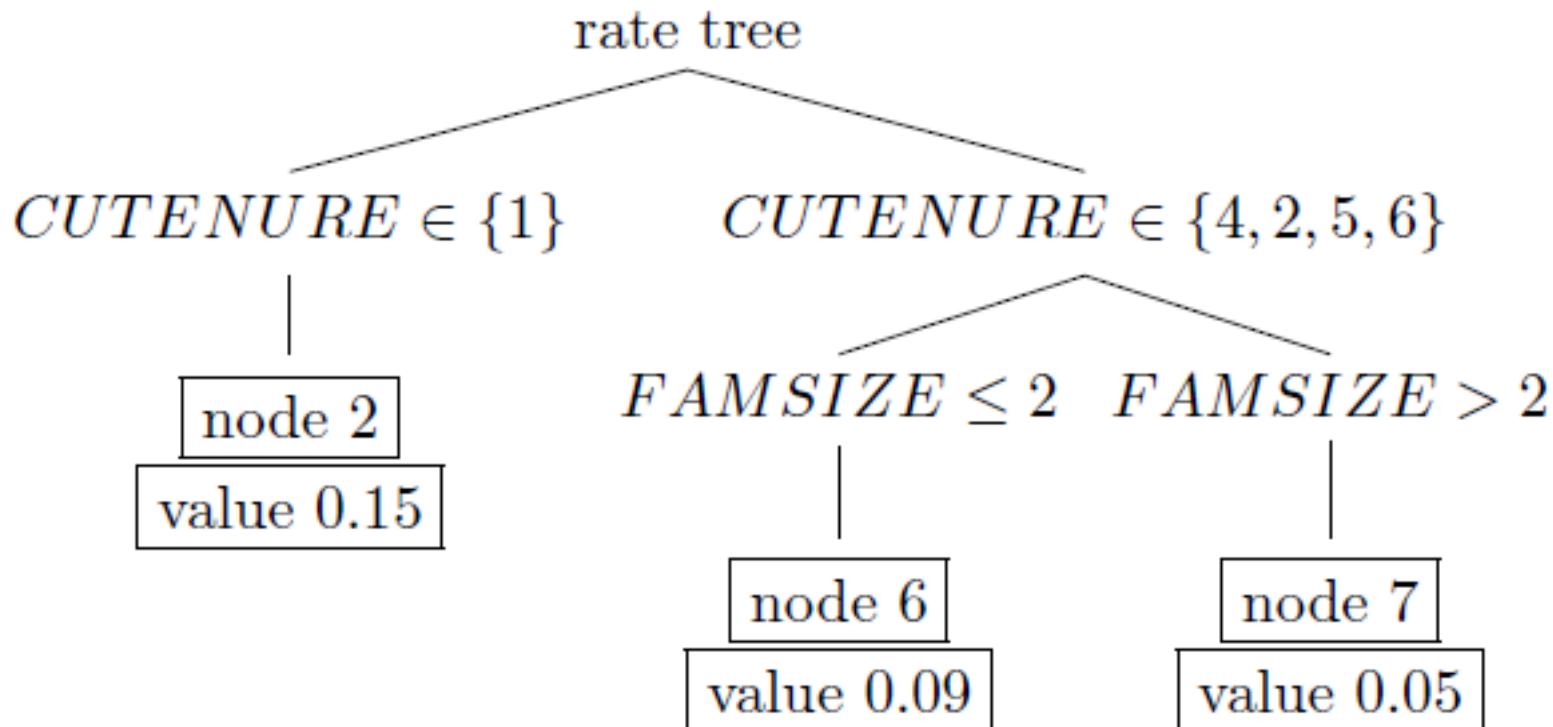
design information

The diagram consists of two blue arrows originating from the text "model savers as function of family income". One arrow points downwards to the term "e\_equ". The other arrow points diagonally upwards and to the right to the "weights" parameter, which is enclosed in a blue oval.



# CE Example

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# CE Example

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RPMS Recursive Partitioning Equation

saver ~ FAM\_SIZE + NO\_EARNR + PERSOT64 + CUTENURE + VEHQ + REGION

Estimating Equation

saver ~ FINCBTAX

Splits

```
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```

coefficients

node	1	FINCBTAX
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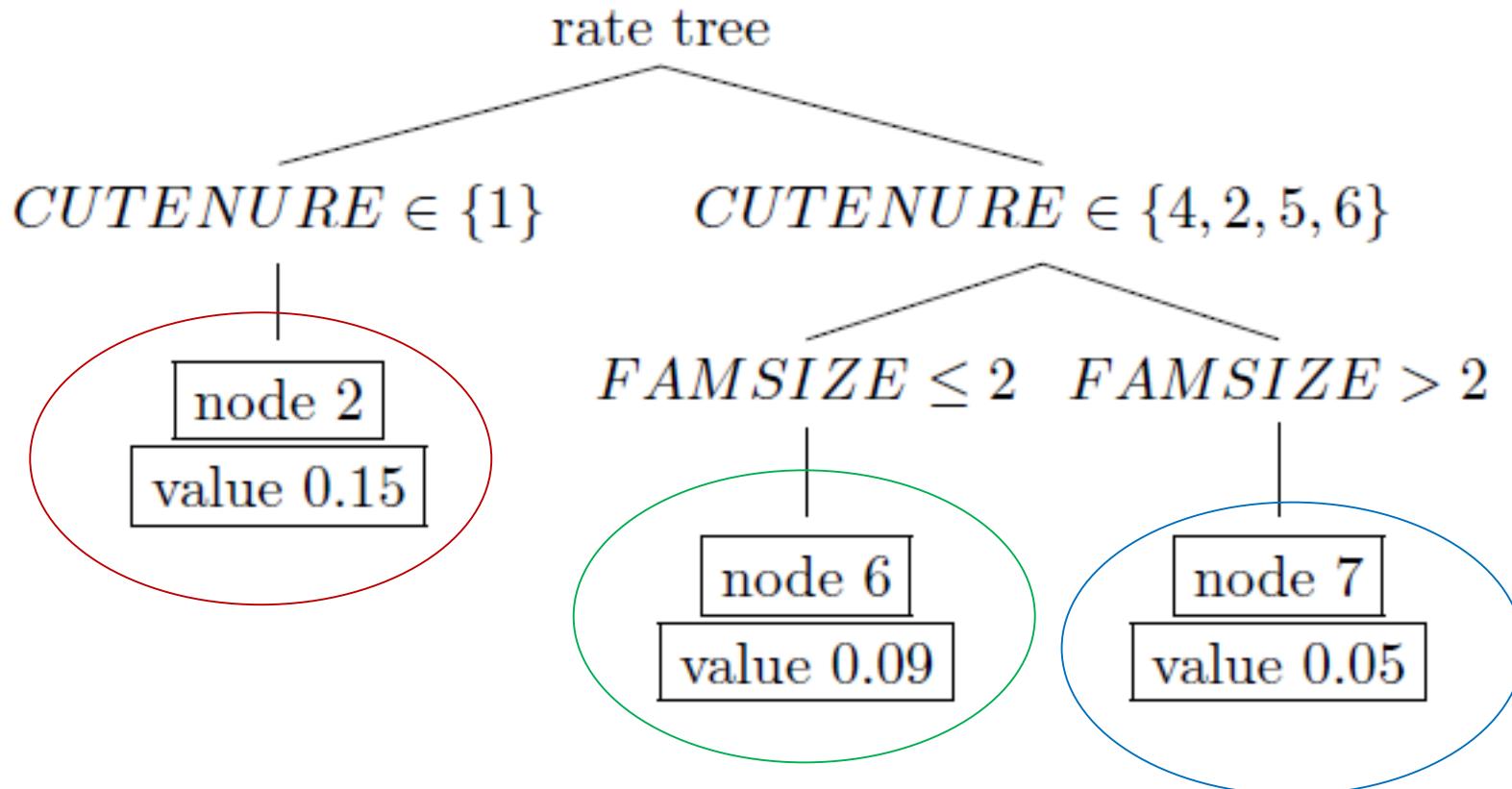
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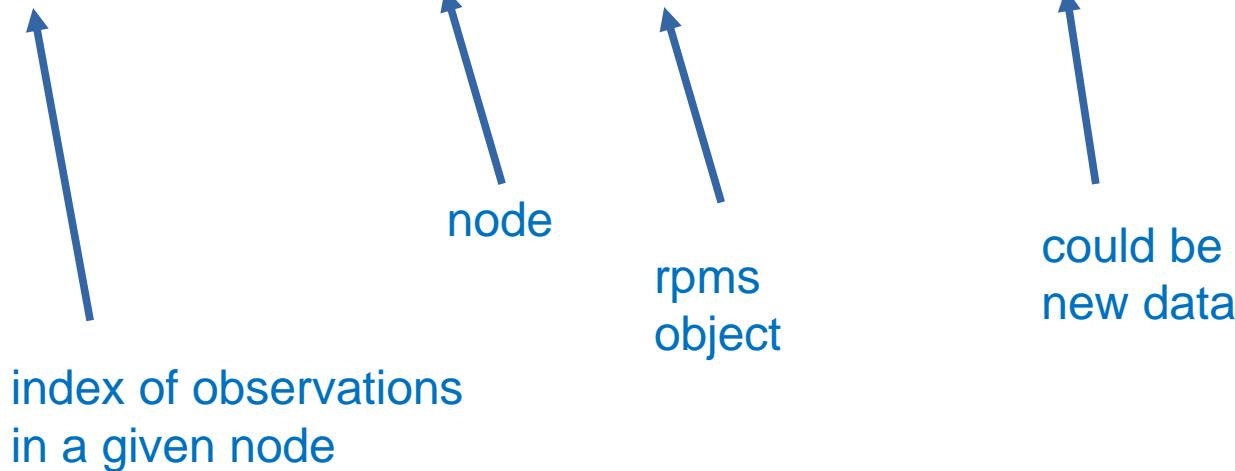
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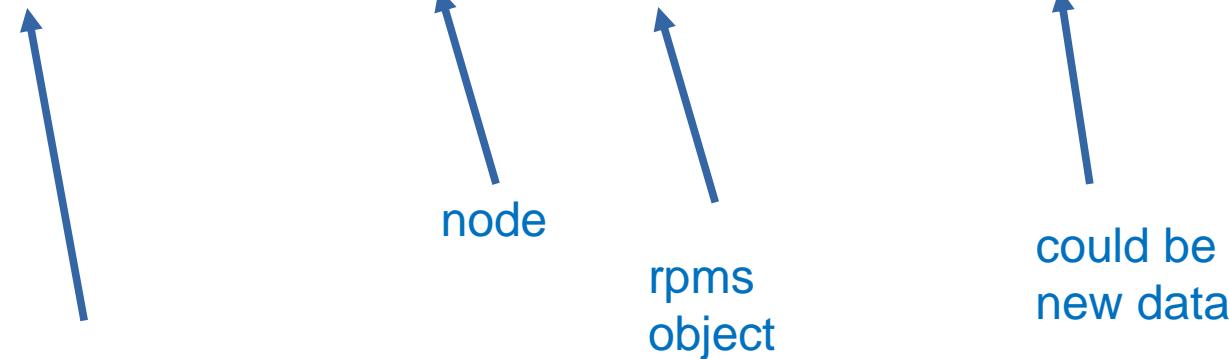




# CE Example

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Can be used to analyze groups separately

Example: `summary(workers[high, ])`



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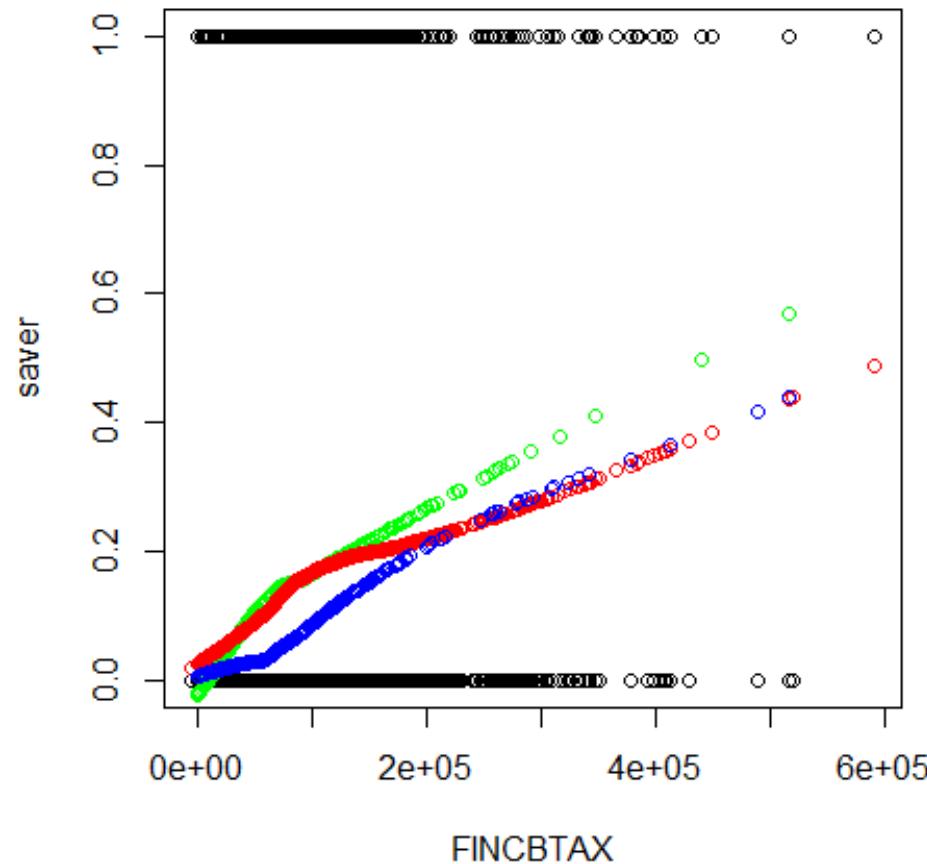
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```

```
mort = in_node(2, rate_tree, data=workers)
```

```
kids = in_node(7, rate_tree, data=workers)
```



# CE Example





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# Thank You

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