Module 7: Moving Beyond Linearity
TMA4268 Statistical learning

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Overview

- **Polynomial regression** uses powers of X.

- **Step functions** are piece-wise constant.

- **Regression splines** are regional polynomials joined smoothly.

- **Smoothing splines** are smooth functions.

- **Local regressions** are splines with overlapping regions.

- **Additive models** combines models.

Multiple linear regression

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \ldots \beta_k x_{ik} + \varepsilon_i,$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & \ldots & x_{1k} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & \ldots & x_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \ldots & x_{nk} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Estimation

The OLS estimator for β is

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{y}.$$

We will now change $\mathbf{X}$ as we like, but keep $\hat{\beta}$.

Non-Linear Models

Let us focus on **one** explanatory variable X. Some possible models are

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i,$$
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^2 + \varepsilon_i,$$
$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \varepsilon_i.$$

All these are on the form

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \ldots \beta_k b_k(x_i) + \varepsilon_i,$$

where $b_j(x_i)$ are **basis functions**. For example, let $b_1(x_i) = x_i$ and $b_2(x_i) = x_i^2$. Then the third model is

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 b_1(x_i) + \beta_2 b_2(x_i) + \varepsilon_i.$$

General Design Matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b_1(x_1) & b_2(x_1) & \ldots & b_k(x_1) \\ 1 & b_1(x_2) & b_2(x_2) & \ldots & b_k(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & b_1(x_n) & b_2(x_n) & \ldots & b_k(x_n) \end{pmatrix}.$$

▶ Rows are observations

▶ Columns are basis functions

▶ Same setup as for multiple linear regression

Example with $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \varepsilon_i$

We have

$$b_1(X) = X,$$
$$b_2(X) = X^2,$$
$$\mathbf{x} = (6, 3, 6, 8)^\mathsf{T},$$
$$\mathbf{y} = (3, -2, 5, 10)^\mathsf{T}.$$

This results in

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b_1(x_1) & b_2(x_1) \\ 1 & b_1(x_2) & b_2(x_2) \\ 1 & b_1(x_3) & b_2(x_3) \\ 1 & b_1(x_4) & b_2(x_4) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 \\ 1 & x_4 & x_4^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & 36 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 36 \\ 1 & 8 & 64 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{y} = (-4.4, 0.2, 0.2)^\mathsf{T}.$$

The Aim

Observations
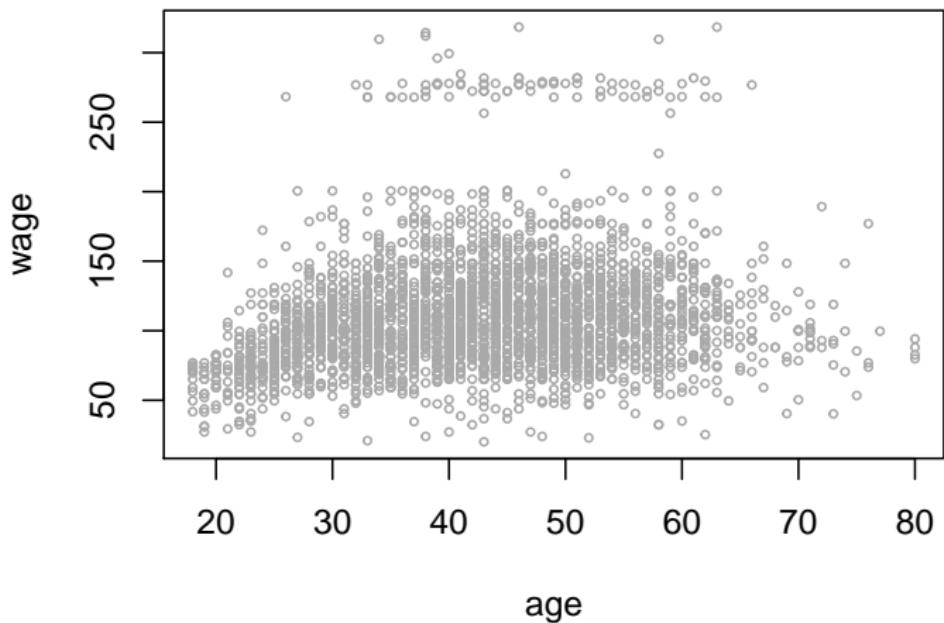
Use `lm(wage ~ X)` and choose **X** according to method.

Polynomial Regression

The polynomial regression includes powers of X in the regression. This is

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \ldots \beta_k x_i^d + \varepsilon_i,$$

- In practice $d \leq 4$
- The basis is $b_j(x_i) = x_i^j$ for $j = 1, 2 \ldots, d$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \ldots & x_1^d \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \ldots & x_2^d \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \ldots & x_n^d \end{pmatrix}.$$

```
fit = lm(wage ~ poly(age,4))
Plot(fit, main = "Polynomial Regression")
```


Polynomial Regression
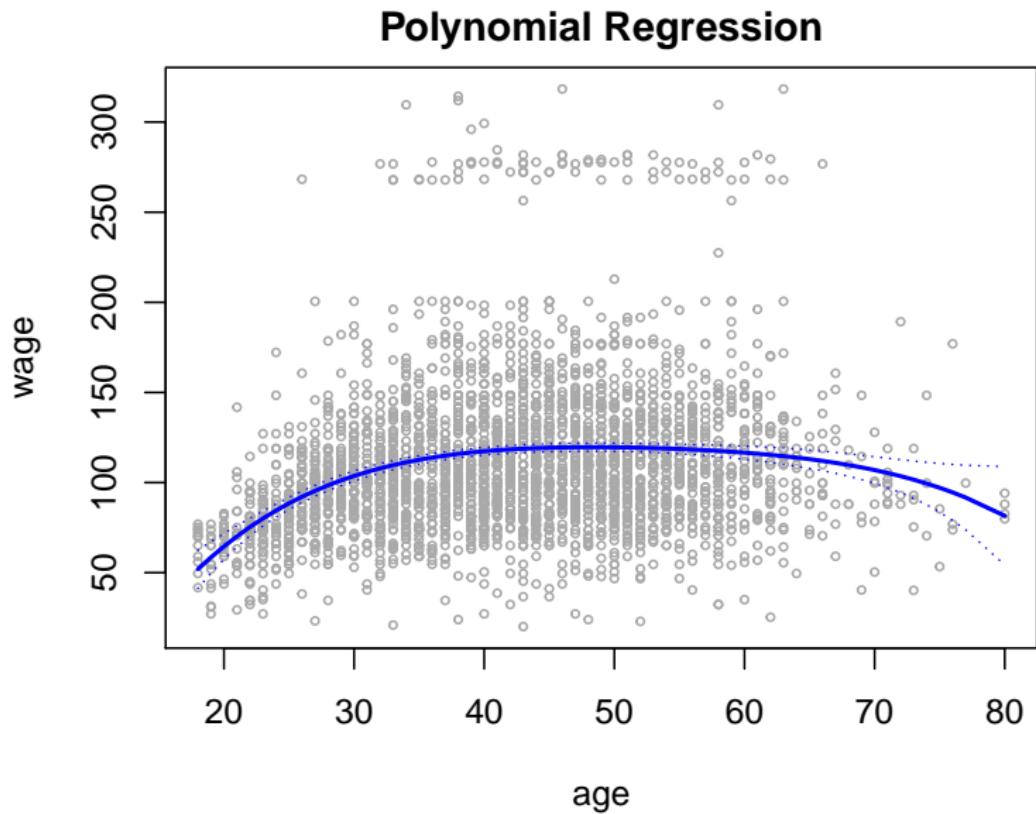
Step Functions

- Divide age into bins
- Model wage as a constant in each bin
- The basis functions indicate which bin x_i belongs to
- Cutpoints $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_K$

$$b_j(x_i) = I(c_j \leq x_i < c_{j+1})$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & I(c_1 \leq x_1 < c_2) & I(c_2 \leq x_1 < c_3) & \ldots & I(c_K \leq x_1) \\ 1 & I(c_1 \leq x_2 < c_2) & I(c_2 \leq x_2 < c_3) & \ldots & I(c_K \leq x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & I(c_1 \leq x_n < c_2) & I(c_2 \leq x_n < c_3) & \ldots & I(c_K \leq x_n) \end{pmatrix}.$$

```
fit = lm(wage ~ cut(age,3))
Plot(fit, main = "Piecewise Constant")
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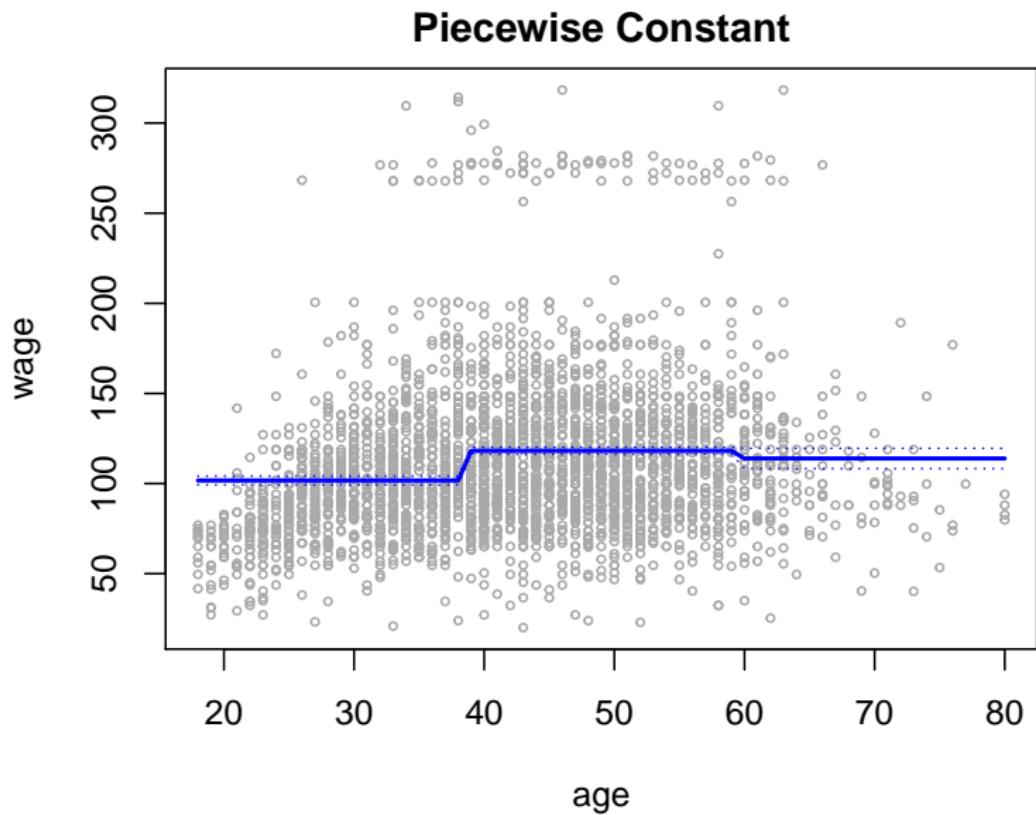
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fit = lm(wage ~ education)
Plot(fit, main = "Piecewise Constant")
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Piecewise Constant
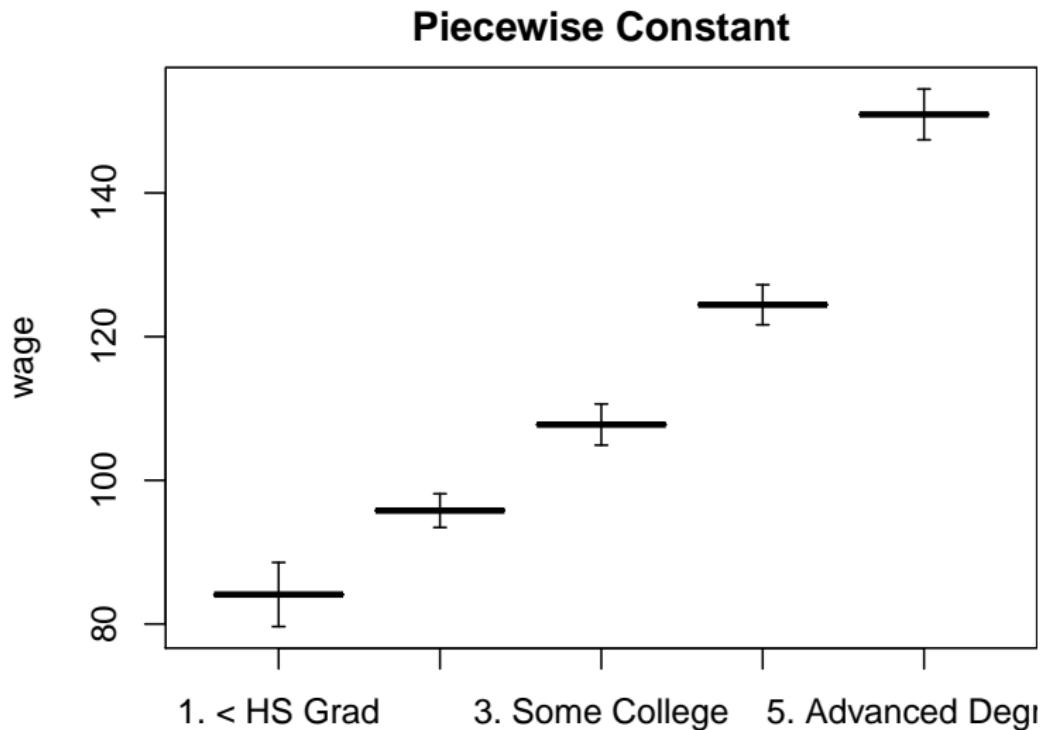
Regression Splines

▶ Combination of polynomials and step functions
▶ **Knots** $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_K$
▶ Continous derivatives up to order $M - 2$, also in the knots

An order-M spline with K knots has the basis

$$b_j(x_i) = x_i^j \qquad\qquad , j = 1, \ldots, M - 1$$
$$b_{M-1+k}(x_i) = (x_i - c_k)_+^{M-1} \qquad , k = 1, \ldots, K,$$

where

$$(x - c_j)_+^{M-1} = \begin{cases} (x - c_j)^{M-1} & , x > c_j \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Cubic Splines

- A spline with $M = 4$ is cubic
- The basis is $X, X^2, X^3, (X - c_1)_+^3, (X - c_2)_+^3, \ldots, (X - c_K)_+^3$
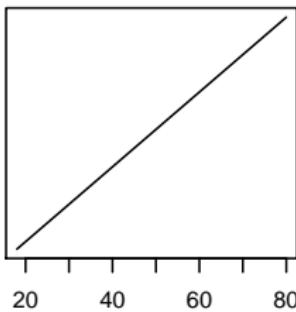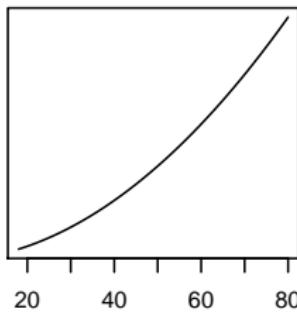


$b_1(x) = x^1$ $b_2(x) = x^2$ $b_3(x) = x^3$
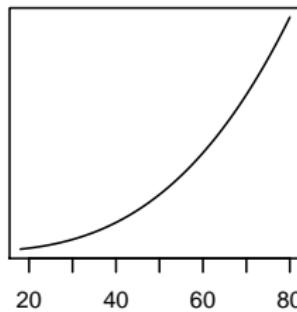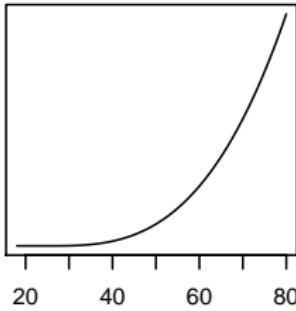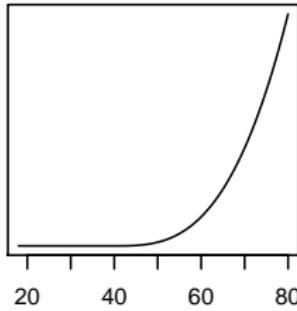
$b_4(x) = (x - 25)_+^3$ $b_5(x) = (x - 40)_+^3$ $b_6(x) = (x - 60)_+^3$
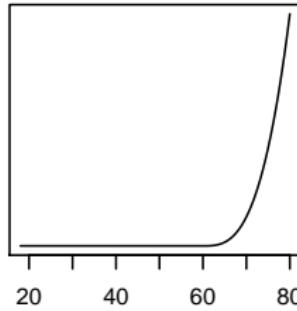
```
fit = lm(wage ~ bs(age, knots = c(25,40,60)))
Plot(fit, main = "Cubic spline")
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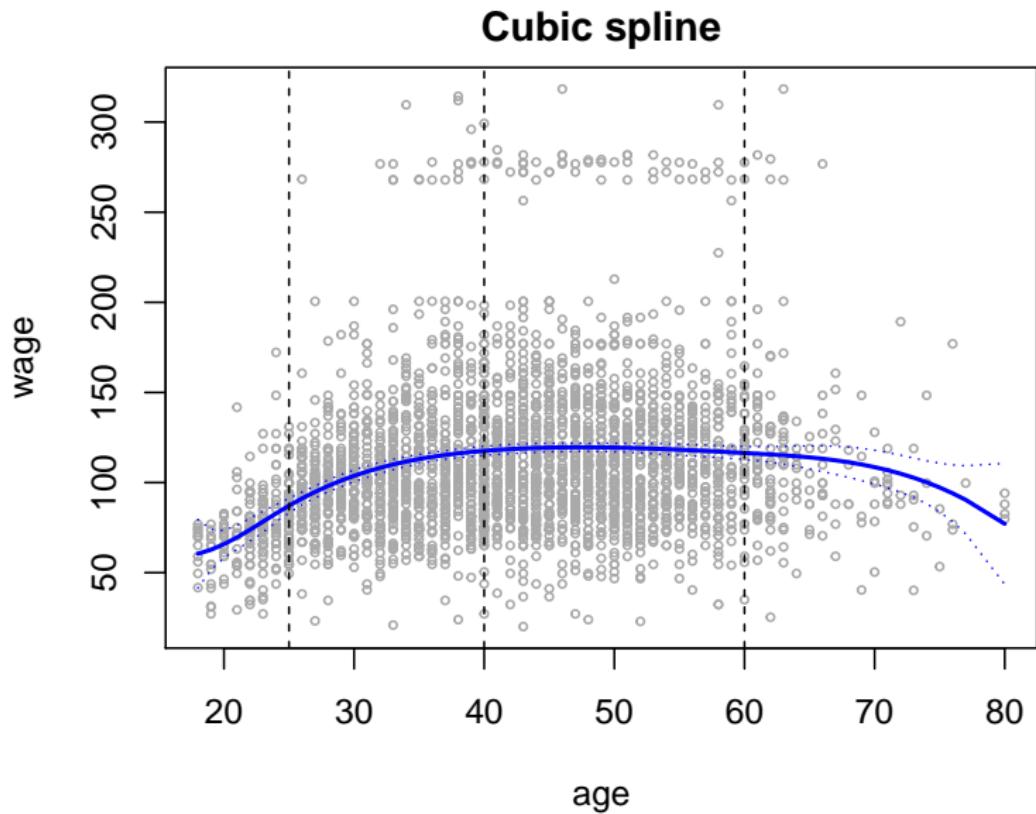

Cubic spline

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fit = lm(wage ~ bs(age, df = 6))
Plot(fit, main = "Cubic spline")
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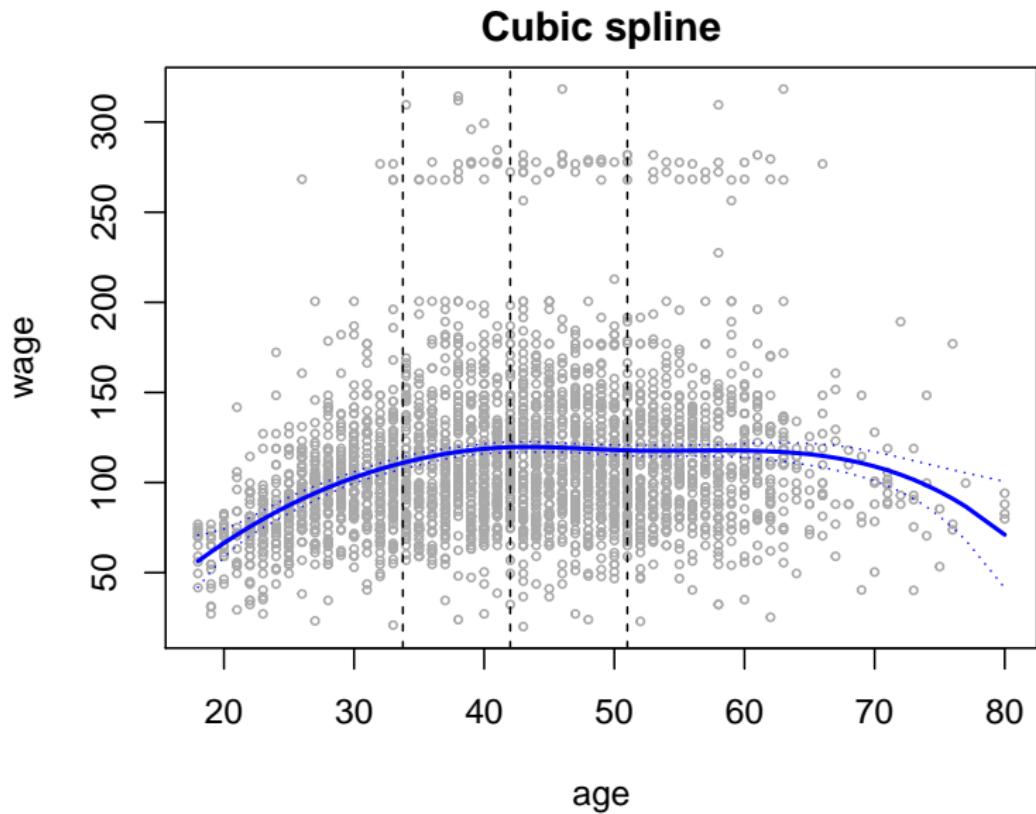

Cubic spline

Natural Cubic Splines

- Cubic spline that is linear at the ends
- The idea is to reduce variance
- Straight line outside $c_0 = 18$ and $c_{K+1} = 80$
- We call these points **boundary knots**

The basis is

$$b_1(x_i) = x_i, \quad b_{k+2}(x_i) = d_k(x_i) - d_K(x_i), \; k = 0, \ldots, K-1,$$

$$d_k(x_i) = \frac{(x_i - c_k)_+^3 - (x_i - c_{K+1})_+^3}{c_{K+1} - c_k}.$$

```
fit = lm(wage ~ ns(age, df = 4))
Plot(fit, main = "Natural Cubic Spline")
```


Natural Cubic Spline
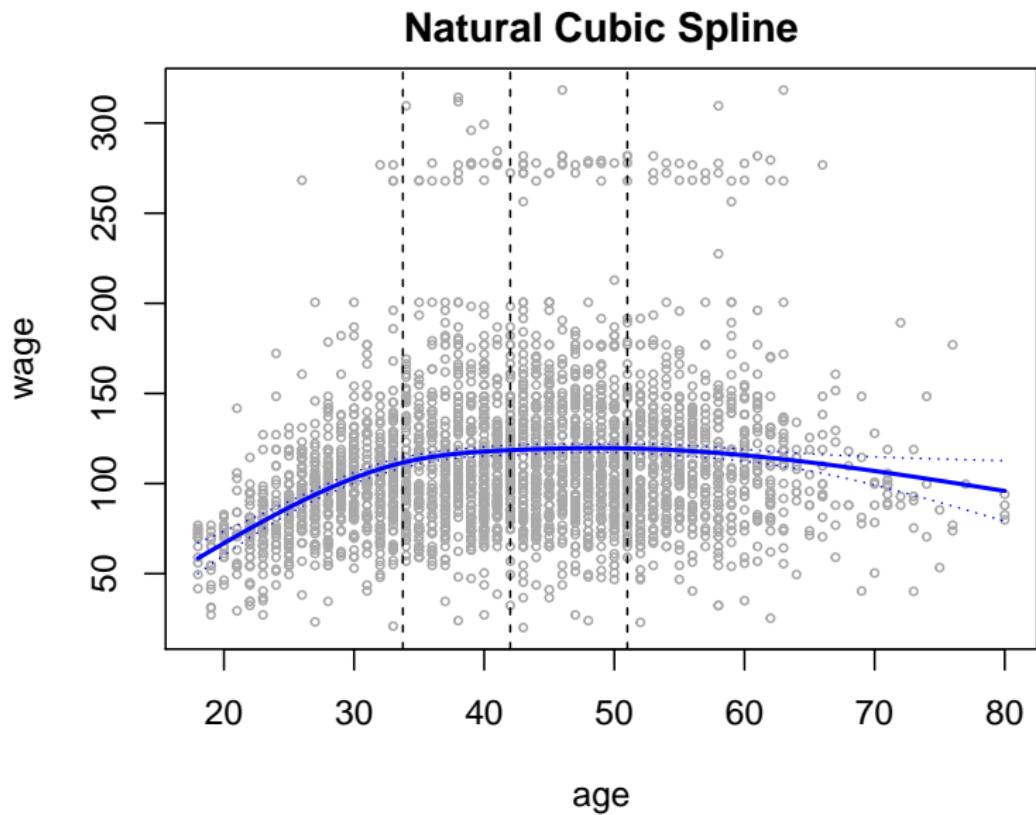
Recap

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon.$$

- ▶ Non-linear methods, but linear regression.
- ▶ Each method defined by a basis, $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = b_j(x_i)$.
- ▶ And simply $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{y}$
- ▶ We will now move from $\mathbf{X}\beta$ to $f(X)$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(X) + \varepsilon.$$

Smoothing Splines

- Different idea than regression splines
- Minimize the prediction error
- Bias-variance approach

A smoothing spline is the function f that minimizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - f(x_i))^2 + \lambda \int f''(t)^2 \mathrm{d}t.$$

- What happens as $\lambda \to \infty$?
- What happens as $\lambda \to 0$?

```
fit = smooth.spline(age, wage, df = 16)
Plot(fit, main = "Smoothing Splines")
fit = smooth.spline(age, wage, cv = T)
Plot(fit, legend = 16)
```


Smoothing Splines
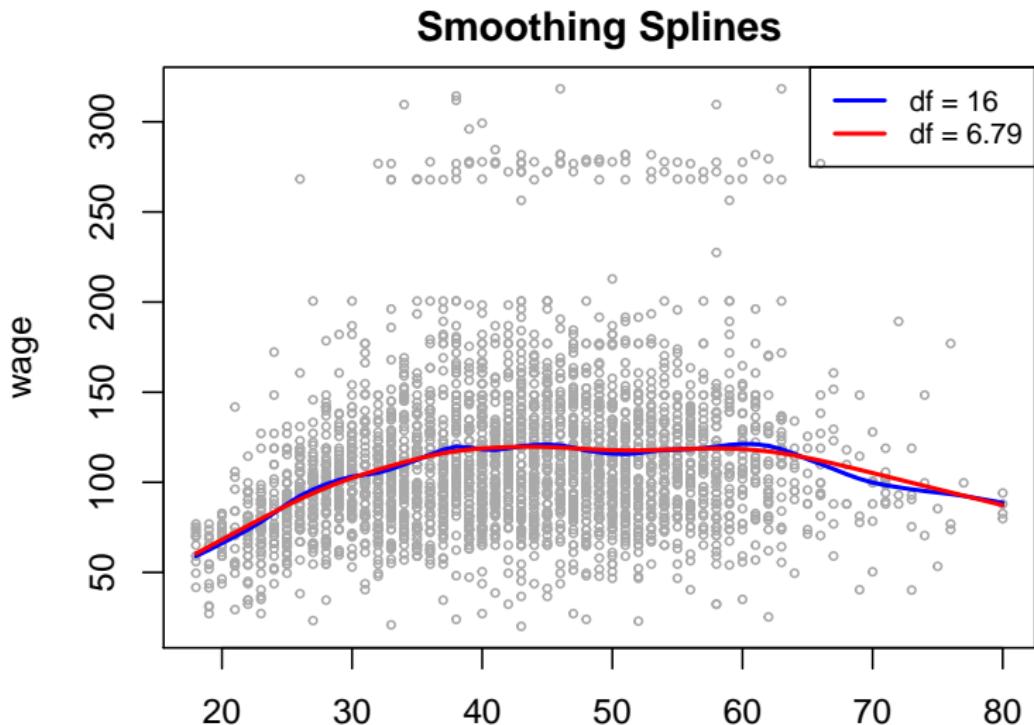
The Smoother Matrix

The fitted values are

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}.$$

The effective degrees of freedom is

$$\mathrm{df}_\lambda = \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{S}).$$

The leave-one-out cross-validation error is

$$\mathrm{RSS}_{cv}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{1 - \mathbf{S}_{ii}} \right)^2.$$

Local Regression

- ▶ Smoothed *k*-nearest neighbor algorithm
- ▶ Run for each x_0
- ▶ Draw a line $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$ through neighborhood
- ▶ Close observations are weighted more heavily
- ▶ The fitted value is $\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_0^2$

Finding the $\hat{\beta}_0$, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ that minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} K_{i0}(y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i - \beta_2 x_i^2)^2,$$

where

$$K_{i0} = \left(1 - \left|\frac{x_0 - x_i}{x_0 - x_\kappa}\right|^3\right)_+^3.$$

What are K_{i0}, β_1 and β_2 for *k*-NN?

```
fit = loess(wage ~ age, span = .2)
Plot(fit, main = "Local Regression")
Plot(loess(wage ~ age, span=.5),legend=fit$trace.hat)
```


Local Regression
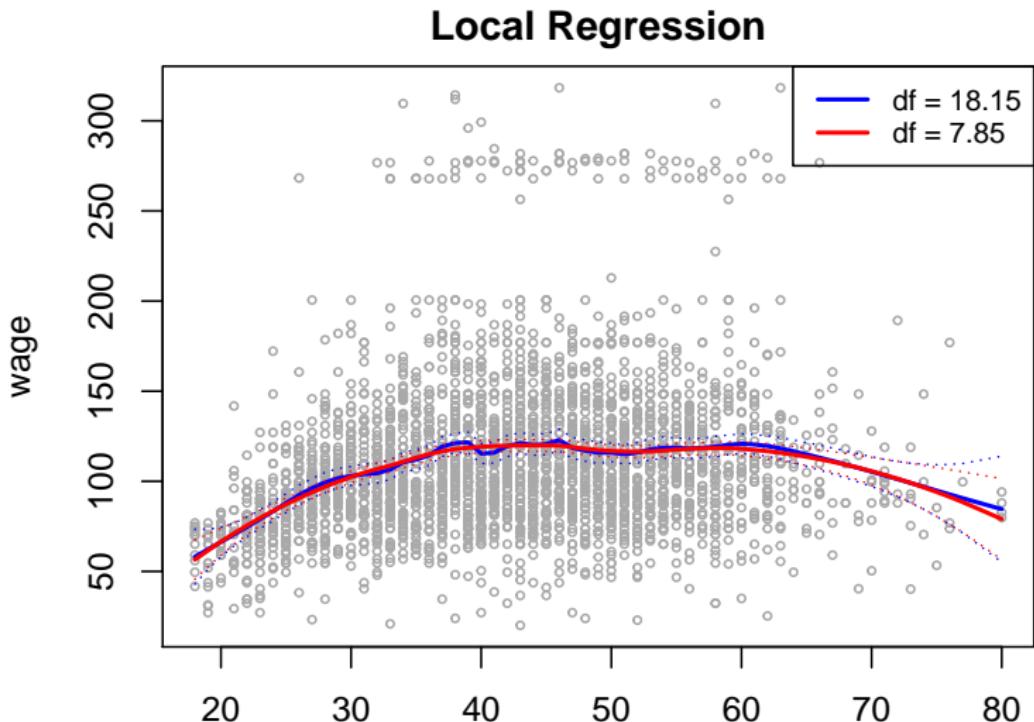
Additive Models

Combines the models we have discussed so far. For example

$$y_i = f_1(x_{i1}) + f_2(x_{i2}) + \varepsilon_i$$
$$= f(x_i) + \varepsilon_i.$$

If each component is on the form $\mathbf{X}\beta$, so is f.

Component 1

- Cubic spline with $X_1 = \texttt{age}$
- Knots at 40 and 60

The design matrix when excluding the intercept is

$$
\mathbf{X}_1 = \begin{pmatrix}
x_{11} & x_{11}^2 & x_{11}^3 & (x_{11} - 40)_+^3 & (x_{11} - 60)_+^3 \\
x_{21} & x_{21}^2 & x_{21}^3 & (x_{21} - 40)_+^3 & (x_{21} - 60)_+^3 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
x_{n1} & x_{n1}^2 & x_{n1}^3 & (x_{n1} - 40)_+^3 & (x_{n1} - 60)_+^3
\end{pmatrix} .
$$

Component 2

- Natural spline with $X_2 = $ `year`
- Knot at $c_1 = 2006$
- Boundary knots at $c_0 = 2003$ and $c_2 = 2009$

The design matrix when excluding the intercept is

$$
\mathbf{X}_2 = \begin{pmatrix}
x_{12} & \left[\frac{1}{6}(x_{12} - 2003)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(x_{12} - 2006)^3_+\right] \\
x_{22} & \left[\frac{1}{6}(x_{22} - 2003)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(x_{22} - 2006)^3_+\right] \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
x_{n2} & \left[\frac{1}{6}(x_{n2} - 2003)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(x_{n2} - 2006)^3_+\right]
\end{pmatrix}.
$$

Component 3

- Factor $X_3 = $ `education`
- Levels < HS Grad, HS Grad (HSG) , Some College (SC) , College Grad (CG) and Advanced Degree (AD)
- Dummy variable coding

The design matrix when excluding the intercept is

$$
\mathbf{X}_3 = \begin{pmatrix}
I(x_{13} = \text{HSG}) & I(x_{13} = \text{SC}) & I(x_{13} = \text{CG}) & I(x_{13} = \text{AD}) \\
I(x_{23} = \text{HSG}) & I(x_{23} = \text{SC}) & I(x_{23} = \text{CG}) & I(x_{23} = \text{AD}) \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
I(x_{n3} = \text{HSG}) & I(x_{n3} = \text{SC}) & I(x_{n3} = \text{CG}) & I(x_{n3} = \text{AD})
\end{pmatrix}.
$$

Additive Model

Combine the components to

$$\mathbf{y}_i = f_1(x_{i1}) + f_2(x_{i2}) + f_3(x_{i3}) + \varepsilon_i.$$

Since each component is linear, we can write

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon,$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{X}_1 & \mathbf{X}_2 & \mathbf{X}_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

```
fit = gam(wage ~ bs(age, knots = c(40, 60)) +
          ns(year,knots=2006) + education)
Plot(fit)
```

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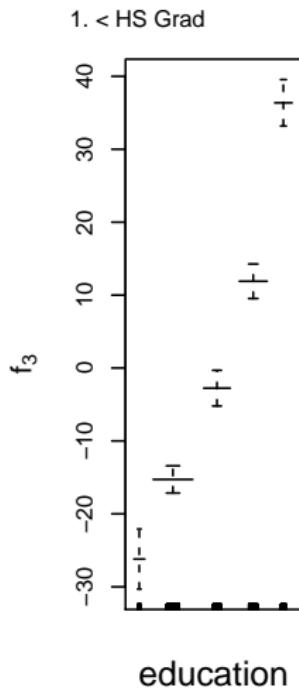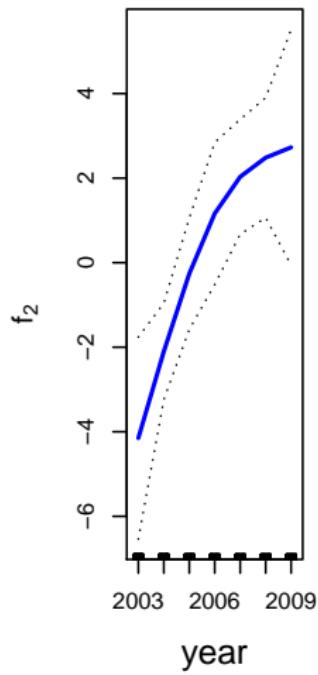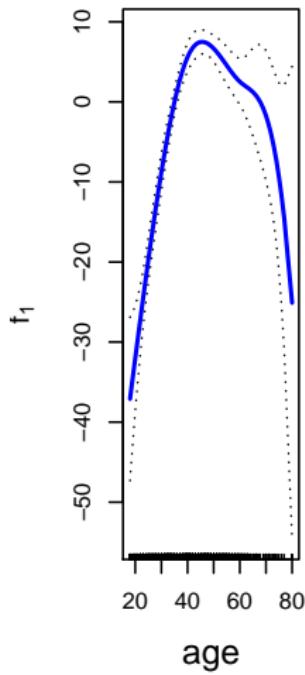
```
fit = gam(wage ~ lo(age, span = 0.6) +
          s(year, df = 2) + education)
Plot(fit)
```

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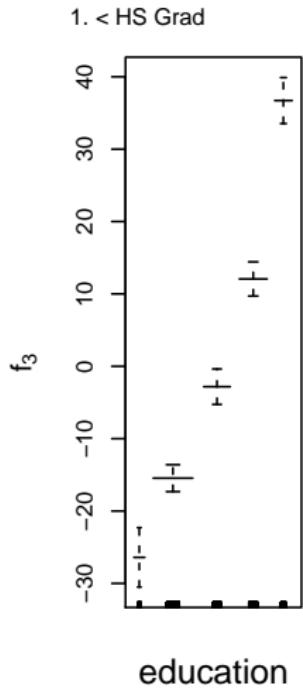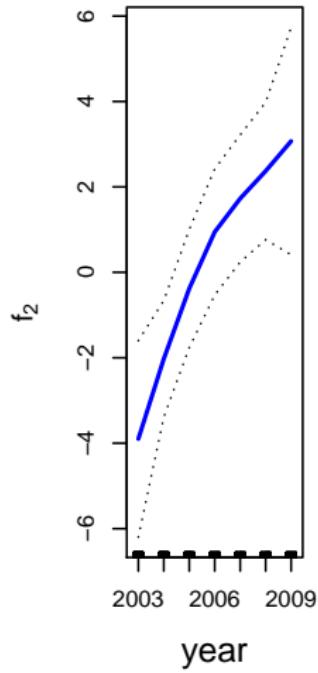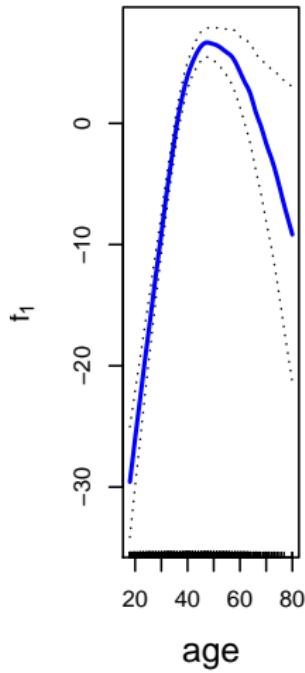
Qualitative Responses

- Logistic regression
- $Y = 0$ or $Y = 1$
- $p(X) = \Pr(Y = 1 | X)$

The generalized logistic regression model is

$$\log \left(\frac{p(X)}{1 - p(X)} \right) = f(X).$$

Choose f from the methods we have learned.

Polynomial Logistic Regression

With degree 4 we have

$$\log \left(\frac{p(X_1)}{1 - p(X_1)} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_1^2 + \beta_3 X_1^3 + \beta_4 X_1^4.$$

```
fit = glm(I(wage>250) ~ poly(age,3),
          family = "binomial")
Plot(fit, main = "Polynomial")
```


Polynomial
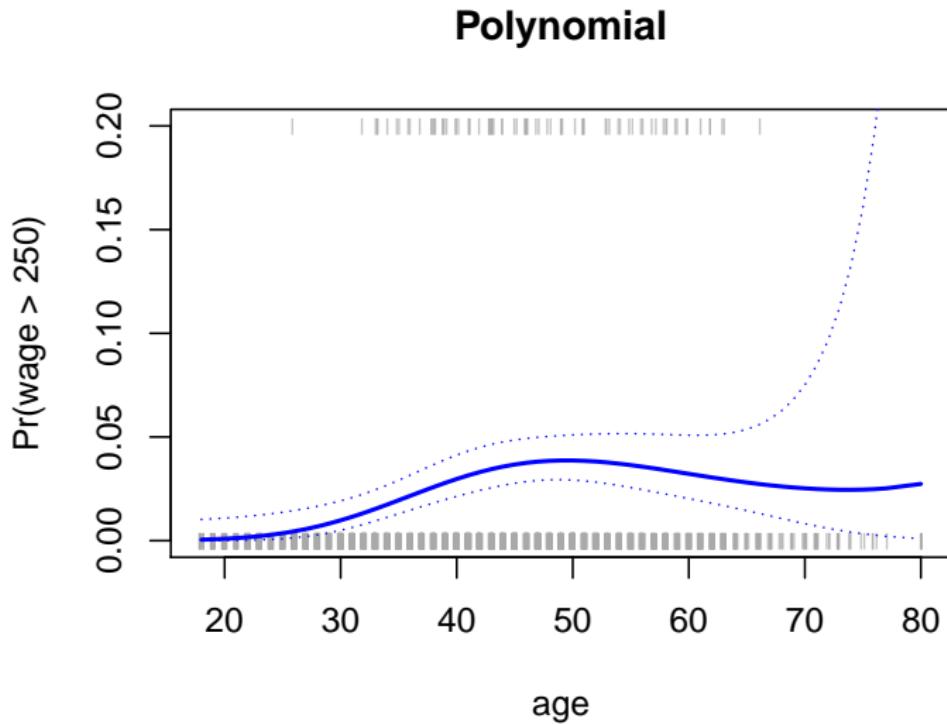
Cubic Spline Logistic Regression

- A cubic spline in age
- Knot at 42

$$\log\left(\frac{p(X_1)}{1 - p(X_1)}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_1^2 + \beta_3 X_1^3 + \beta_4 (X_1 - 42)_+^3.$$

```
fit = glm(I(wage>250) ~ bs(age, df = 4),
          family = "binomial")
Plot(fit, main = "Cubic spline")
```


Cubic spline
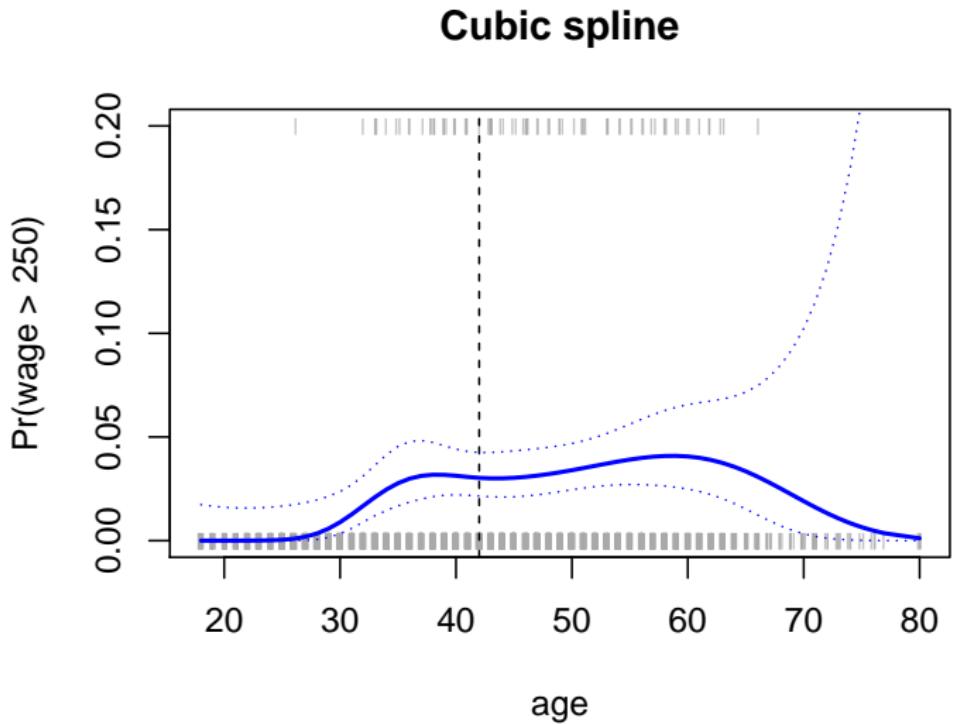
GAM

- f_1 is a local regression in `age`
- f_2 is a simple linear regression in `year`

$$\log\left(\frac{p(X_1, X_2)}{1 - p(X_1, X_2)}\right) = \beta_0 + f_1(X_1) + f_2(X_2).$$

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
Plot(gam(I(wage>250) ~ lo(age, span = 0.6) + year,
         family = "binomial"), multi = T)
```
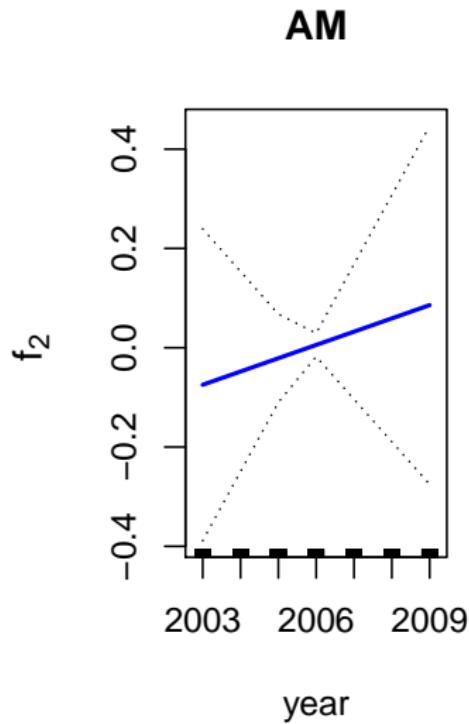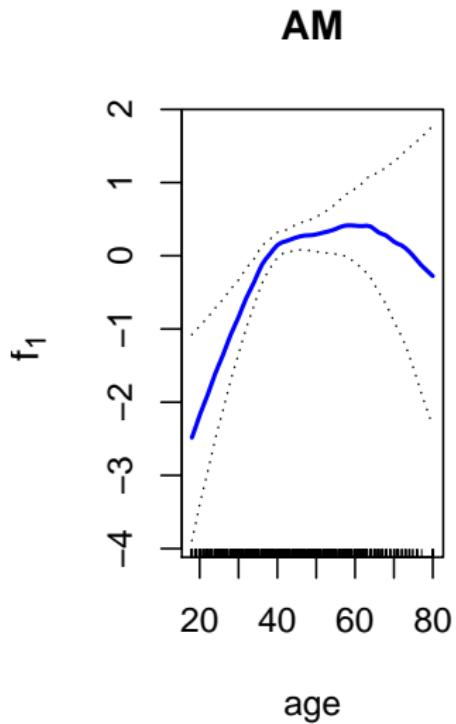
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