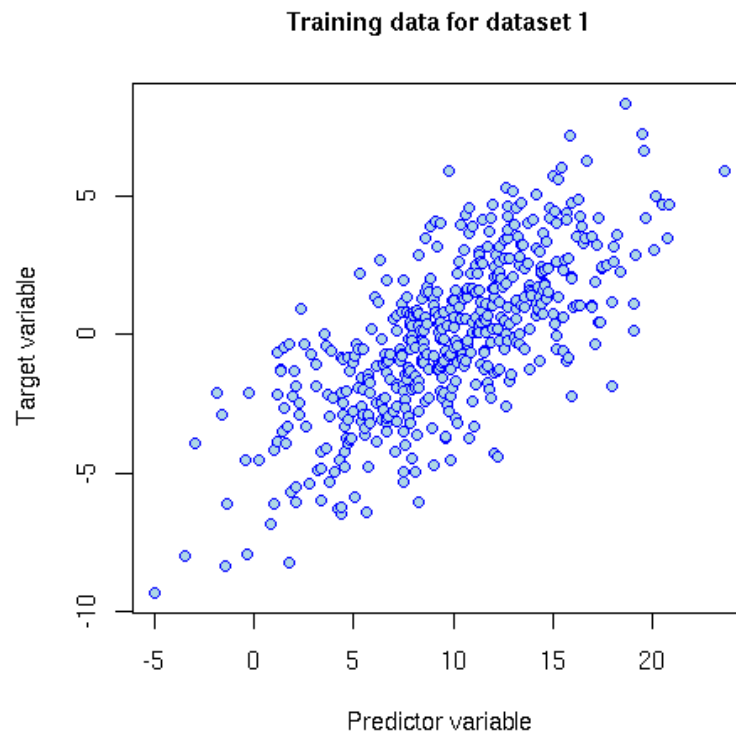


Linear regression project



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Motivation

To get a feeling for the material so far, you now get a *mandatory* project.

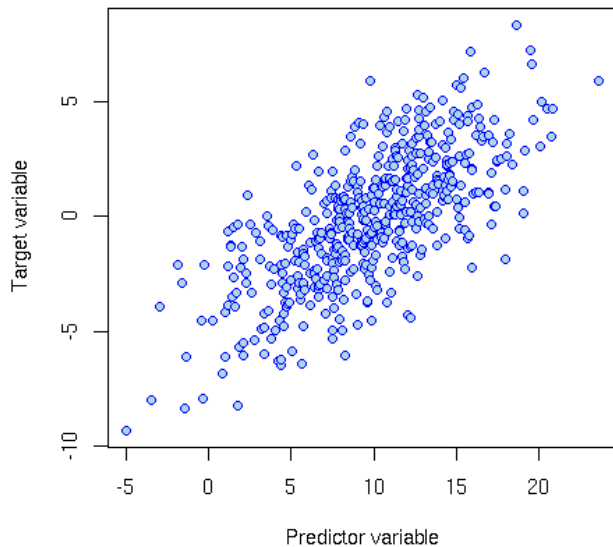
It should help you link the theory with practical machine learning problem solving.

The exercise

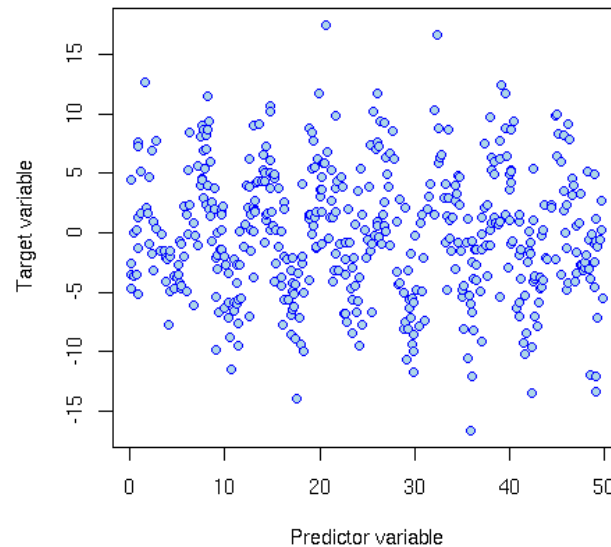
Problem: You are given a data set with 500 predictor variables and corresponding 500 target values.

Train a program to predict targets for new predictor variables where the targets are unknown.

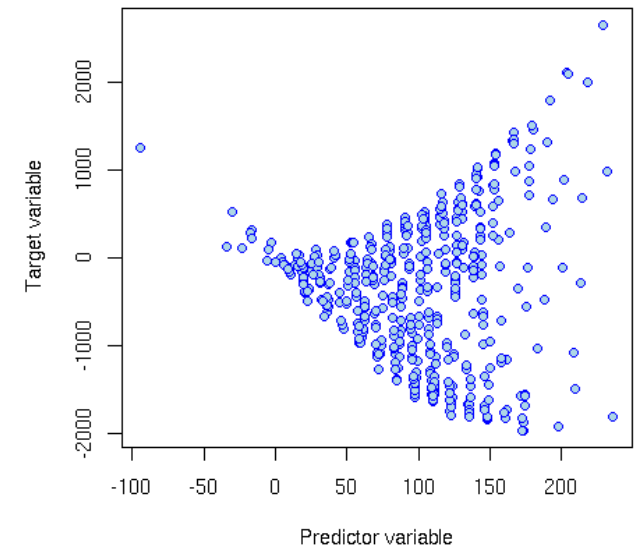
Training data for dataset 1



Training data for dataset 2



Training data for dataset 4



The exercise

Download training predictor and target values for the five datasets.

Select your feature basis functions and construct your model matrix Φ .

Obtain weight vector by solving $\Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} = \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$.

Download new predictors and use the trained model to predict corresponding targets as

$$\hat{t} = y(x, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x)$$

The exercise

Download training predictor and target values for the five datasets.

Select your feature basis functions and construct your model matrix Φ .

It might be a good idea to consider more than one model i.e. set of basis functions, and select the best performing.

Watch out for over-fitting! You have plenty of data, so use it for both training and test data!

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$$\hat{t} = y(x, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(x)$$

Handing it in

If you choose to hand in this project, you can email me your target values for the non-training data by **12:00 Fry May 9** and I will check them up against the true values.