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- data are pairs of values x and y (input and output)
- some lines are "obviously" better fits to the data than others, but which is the "best-fitting" line?



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- dashed vertical lines are residuals
- the best-fitting line makes the sum of squared residuals as small as possible