Elements Of Data Science - F2024

Week 4: Hypothesis Testing

9/30/2024

#### TODOs

- Readings
  - PDSH Chap 5: What is Machine Learning and Introduction to Scikit-Learn
    - PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Linear Regression
    - PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Decision Trees and Random Forests
  - Recommended PML Chap 3
  - Optional PML Chap 2
  - Optional PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Support Vector Machines

- Quiz 3: due today, Sep 30nd, 11:59pm ET via Gradescope
- Quiz 4: due Monday Oct 7th, 11:59pm ET via Gradescope
- HW1: due Monday, October 14th at 11:59 pm EST via Gradescope

#### **Additional Resources**

- Statistical Rules of Thumb, Gerald van Belle Chapter 2 online
- On the use of p-values
  - The ASA's Statement on p-Values: Context, Process, and Purpose
  - Moving to a World Beyond "p < 0.05"
  - "The 2019 ASA Guide to P-values and Statistical Significance: Don't Say What You Don't
     Mean" (Some Recommendations)(ii)

# **Today**

- Confidence Intervals
- Hypothesis Testing
- Multi-Armed Bandit (MAB)

Questions?

# **Environment Setup**

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```
In [1]: 1 import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

5 sns.set_style('darkgrid')
7 8 *matplotlib inline
```

# Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Testing

- Random Sampling
- Confidence Intervals
- Hypothesis Testing
- Permutation Tests
- A/B Tests
- p-values
- Multi-Armed Bandit

#### Questions and More Questions

- Have web conversions gone up?
- Which ad generates more sales?
- Which headline generates more clicks?
- Did the number of "likes" change?

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```
In [2]:
         1 df taxi = (
                pd.read_csv('../data/yellowcab_demo_withdaycategories.csv',
                             header=1,
                             parse dates=['pickup datetime','dropoff datetime'])
                .assign(
                     weekpart = lambda df : df .is weekend.apply(lambda x: 'Weekend' if x else 'Weekday'),
                .loc[:,['trip_distance','is_weekend','weekpart']]
                 .dropna()
        10)
        11 print(df taxi.shape)
        12 display(df taxi.head(5))
         (1000, 3)
            trip_distance is_weekend weekpart
         0 0.89
                      False
                               Weekday
          1 2.70
                      True
                               Weekend
                               Weekend
         2 1.41
                      True
          3 0.40
                      False
                               Weekday
         4 2.30
                      False
                               Weekday
```

#### Mini Probability Review

#### Random Variable

- takes values from an associated probability distribution
- Ex: trip\_distance

#### Distribution

- describes probability of values of a Random Variable
- P(x): Probability
  - probability of seeing x, takes value in [0,1]
  - Ex: P(trip\_distance > 1)
- $P(x \mid y)$ : Conditional Probability
  - probability of seeing x, given some y
  - Ex: P(trip\_distance > 1 | is\_weekend == True)

#### Population Distributions and Sampling

- "The World" or "Ground Truth"
  - Ex: The length of taxi rides
- "A Sample" or "Our Data"
  - Ex: The length of taxi rides we saw in Jan 2017

#### Population Distributions and Sampling

- Population Distribution: The actual distribution out in the world
  - Ex: Actual distribution of taxi trip lengths
- Random Sample: Our observations of the true population distrution
  - We hope this does not differ systematically from the true distribution
  - Ex: The taxi trip lengths recorded in Jan 2017
- Sample Size (n): The number of observations, the larger the better
  - Ex: We saw 1,000 trips

#### Population Dists and Sampling

- Population Mean vs. Sample Mean:
  - Ex: The true mean trip length  $(\mu)$  vs the one we observed  $(\bar{x})$
- Population Std. Dev. vs Sample Std. Dev.:
  - Ex: The true spread of trip length ( $\sigma$ ) vs the one we observed (s)
- Sample Statistic:
  - eg. mean, median, standard deviation
  - Ex: We're interested in mean trip length
- Sampling Distribution:
  - Distribution of the sample statistic
  - Ex: How is mean trip length distributed if we were to repeat our experiment many times?

### Things To Know First

• sample size

• shape (skewed?, multimodal?)

location (central tendencies)

• spread (variance, standard deviation, IQR)

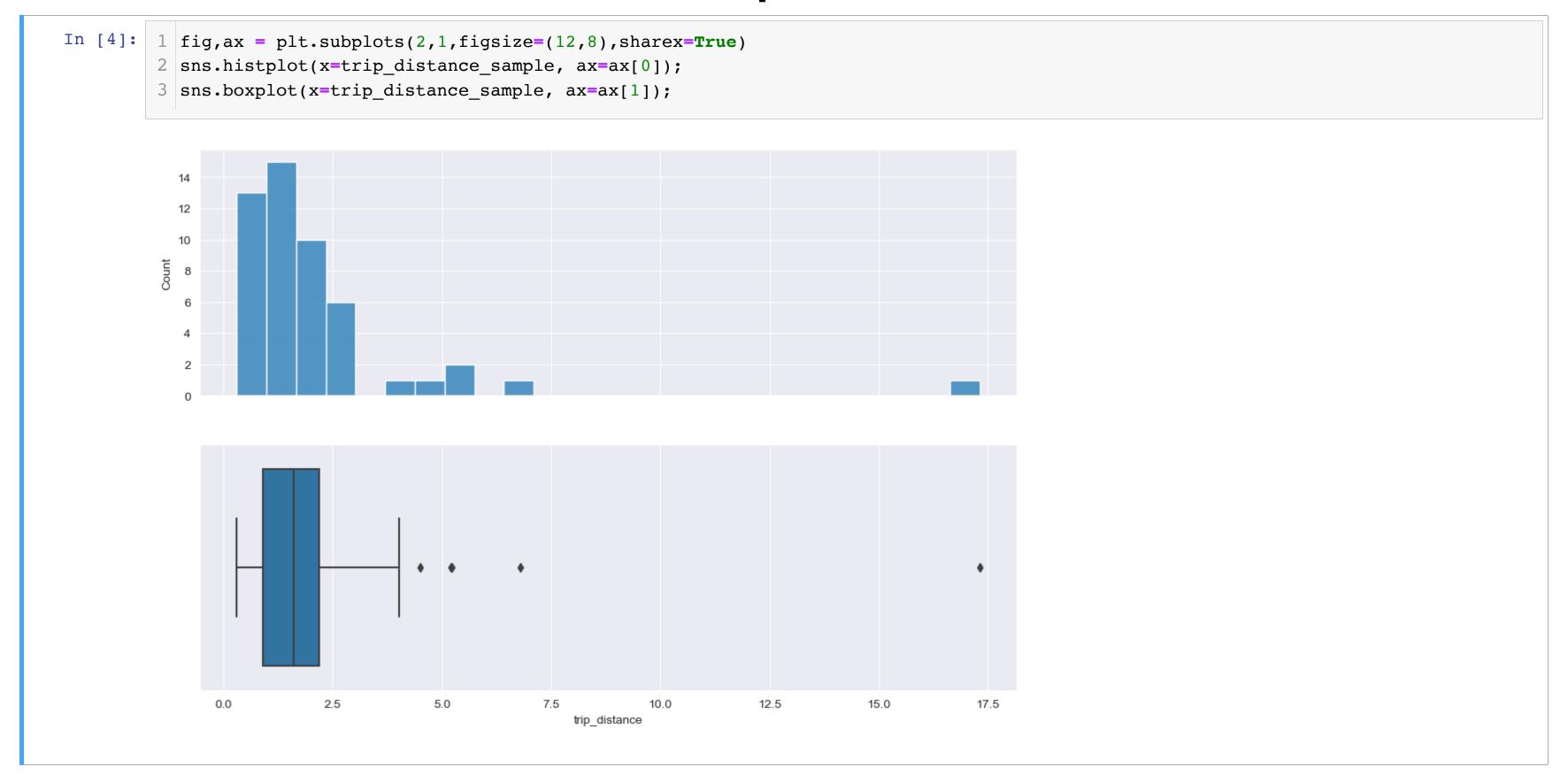
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In [3]: 1 trip_distance_sample = df_taxi.trip_distance.sample(
                                # our sample size
              n=50,
             random_state=123, # needed for reproducability
              replace=False # sample without replacement
        5)
        6
        7 print(trip_distance_sample.describe().round(2))
        8 print()
        9 print(f"sample skew = {trip_distance_sample.skew().round(2)}")
                 50.00
        count
                  2.14
        mean
                  2.56
        std
                  0.30
        min
                  0.91
        25%
                 1.60
        50%
        75%
                 2.19
                 17.30
        max
        Name: trip_distance, dtype: float64
        sample skew = 4.55
```

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- Is this sample statistic a good approximation?
- Let's take more samples!

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2 for i in range(1000):
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        4 ax.axvline(trip_distance_sample_xbar,color='red');
                              sample means
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```
In [8]: 1 n_trip = trip_distance_sample.shape[0]
2 n_trip
Out[8]: 50
```

- What is the spread of our sample statistic?
- What other values would it be reasonable to observe?

# Plotting Confidence Intervals with Seaborn

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```
In [10]: 1 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,4))
         3 sns.barplot(x=trip_distance_sample,
                       estimator=np.mean, # default sample statistic
                                   # default 95% CI
                       ci=95,
                       n_boot=1000, # default number of bootstrap samples
                       color='c',
                      );
         /var/folders/78/vhnqkq8n45dd4gj4f5qx8yb00000gn/T/ipykernel_11226/3208664956.py:3: FutureWarning:
         The `ci` parameter is deprecated. Use `errorbar=('ci', 95)` for the same effect.
           sns.barplot(x=trip distance sample,
                                                           2.0
                                                                        2.5
                      0.5
                                   1.0
                                               1.5
                                              trip_distance
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• How are these confidence intervals generated from only one sample?

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- 1. draw a random sample of size n from the data
- 2. record the sample statistic from this random sample
- 3. repeat 1 and 2 many times
- 4. for an x% CI, find the trim points to remove  $\frac{1}{2}\left(1-\frac{x}{100}\right)$  of the data from both ends
- 5. those trim points are the endpoints of the the x% bootstrap CI

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In [11]: 1 # 1. draw a random sample with replacement
         2 random_sample = trip_distance_sample.sample(
               n=trip distance sample.shape[0], # same size as number of observations (or frac=1)
               replace=True,
                                               # sample with replacement
               random state=123
                                             # for reproducability
         6)
         7 random sample.head(3)
Out[11]: 691
                0.7
                0.8
         50
                6.8
         Name: trip distance, dtype: float64
In [12]: | 1 # 2. record sample statistic
         2 sample_means = []
         3 sample_means.append(random_sample.mean())
         4 [x.round(2) for x in sample_means]
Out[12]: [1.82]
```

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2 from tqdm.notebook import tqdm

In [14]: 1 df_taxi.trip_distance.shape[0]

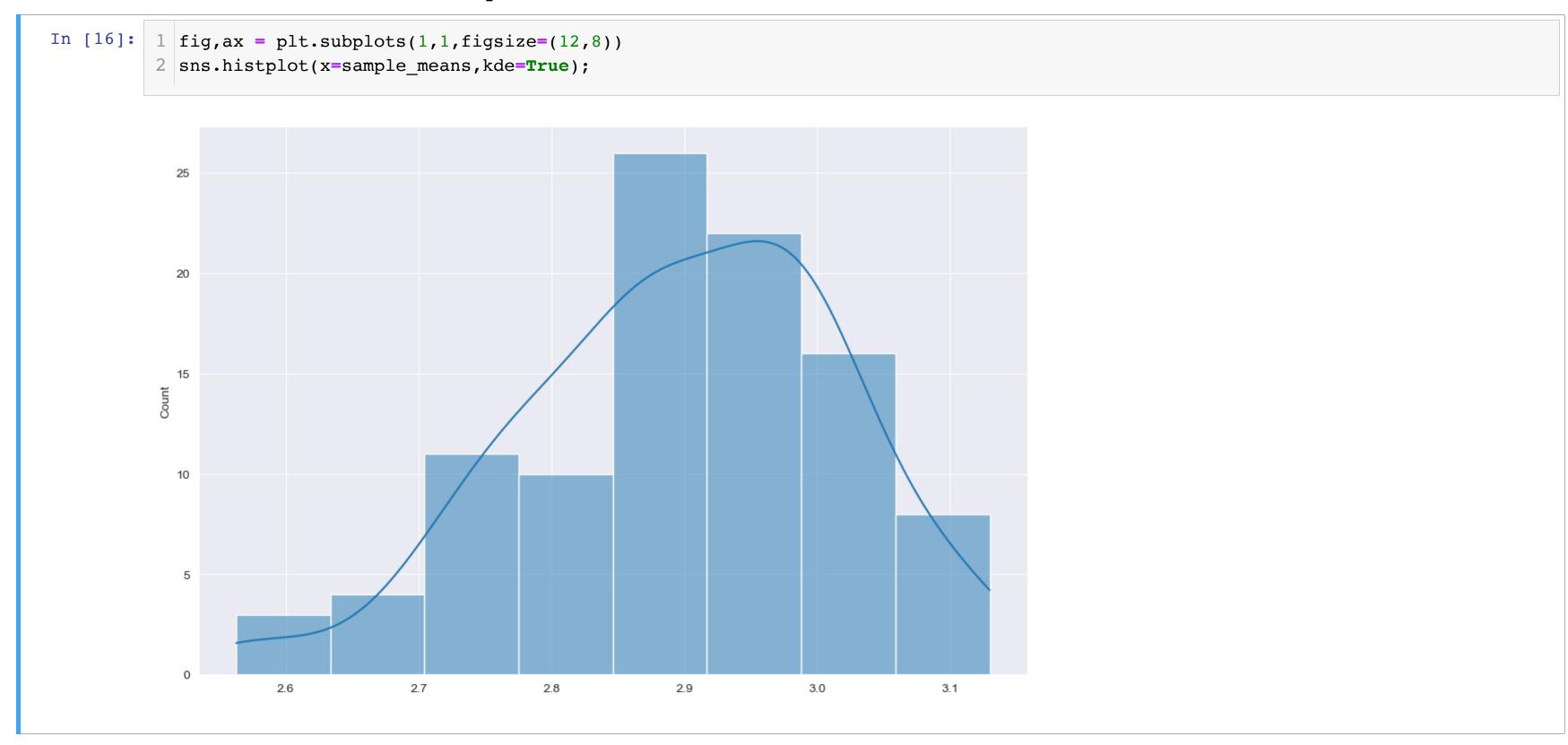
Out[14]: 1000
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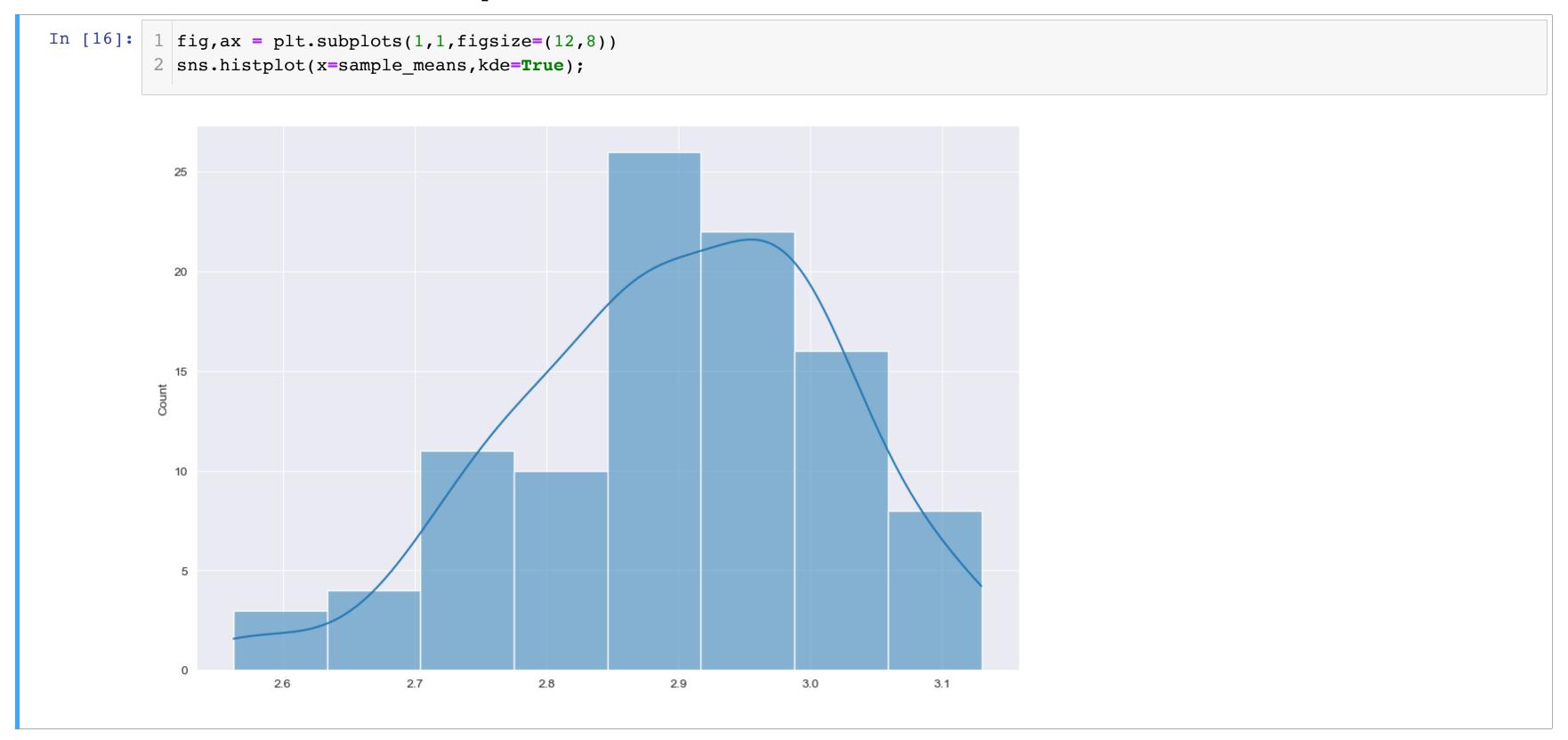
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In [14]: 1 df taxi.trip distance.shape[0]
Out[14]: 1000
In [15]: 1 # 3. repeat 1 and 2 many times
          2 num iterations = 100
          3 sample means = []
          5 for i in tqdm(range(num iterations)):
                 # 1. draw a random sample of size *n* from the data
                 random_sample = df_taxi.trip_distance.sample(n=df_taxi.trip_distance.shape[0], # or frac=1
                                                                replace=True, # sample with replacement
                                                                random_state=i # for reproducability
         10
         11
                 # 2. record the sample statistic from this random sample
         12
                 sample means.append(random sample.mean())
         13
         14 # convert into a numpy array
         15 sample means = np.array(sample means)
         16
         17 sample means[:10].round(2)
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         or if the widget state was not saved in the notebook. You may be able to create the widget by running the appropriate cells.
Out[15]: array([2.98, 2.96, 3.02, 2.96, 3.01, 2.92, 2.74, 2.7, 2.68, 2.82])
```

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• Between what two values do 95% of these samples fall?

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```
In [17]: 1 # 4. For a 95% conf. int., trim off .5*(1-(95/100)) of the data from both ends
2
3 # calculate where to trim
4 trim = .5*(1-.95) * num_iterations
5
6 # find the closest integer
7 trim = int(np.round(trim))
8 trim
Out[17]: 3
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In [18]: 1 # for 1000 iterations and a 95% CI, we want to find the 25th value and (1000-25)th value
         3 \# 5. those trim points are the endpoints of the the x% Bootstrap CI
         5 ci = np.sort(sample_means)[[trim,-trim-1]] # sort the array first!
         6 ci.round(2)
Out[18]: array([2.68, 3.1])
 In [ ]: 1
```

## Plotting Distribution of Sample Means With Cls

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```
In [19]: 1 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
          2 ax = sns.histplot(sample_means)
          3 ax.axvline(df_taxi.trip_distance.mean(), color='r');
          4 ax.axvline(ci[0],color='k');ax.axvline(ci[1],color='k')
          5 ax.set_xlabel('bootstrap sample means');
          6 ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
            25
            20
                                               bootstrap sample means
```

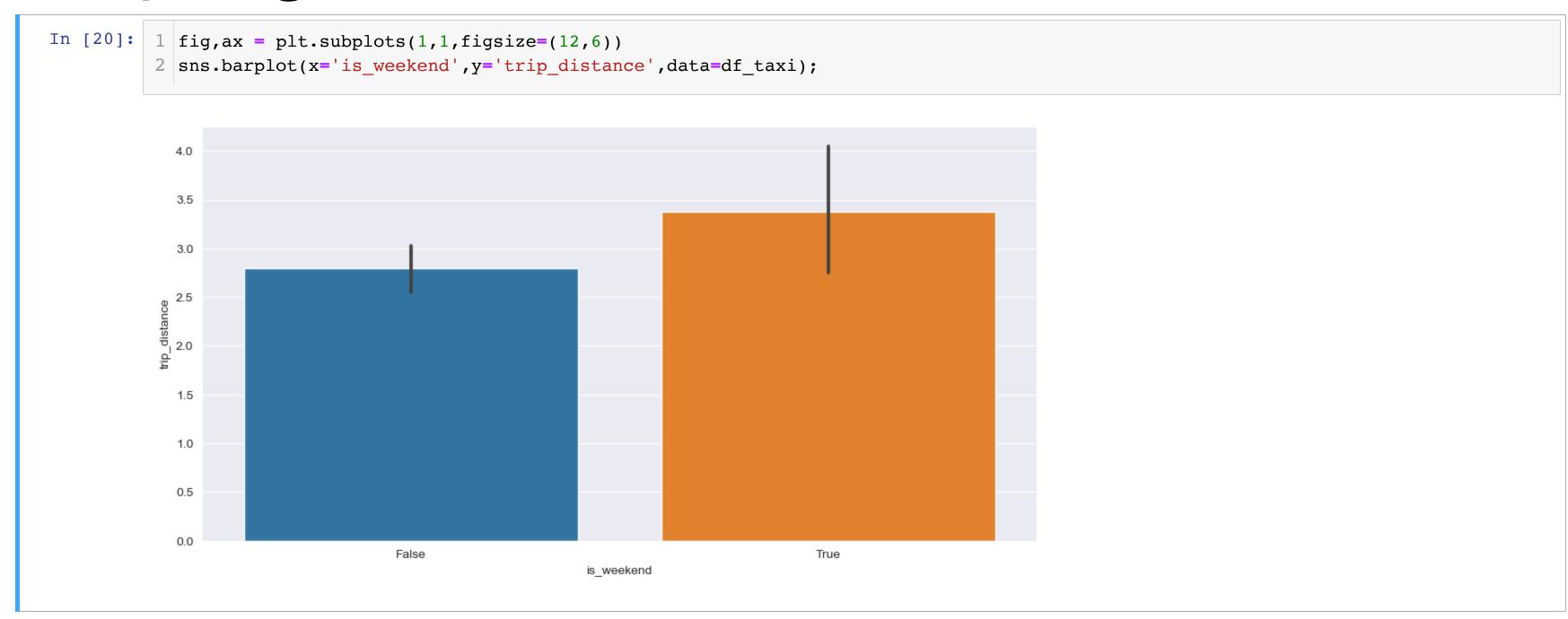
#### **Interpreting Cls**

- Does NOT tell us: "the probability that the true value lies within that interval"
- Tells us: something about the variablity of this statistic
- Tells us: how confident we should be that our parameter lies in the interval

If confidence intervals are constructed using a given confidence level from an infinite number of independent sample statistics, the proportion of those intervals that contain the true value of the parameter will be equal to the confidence level.

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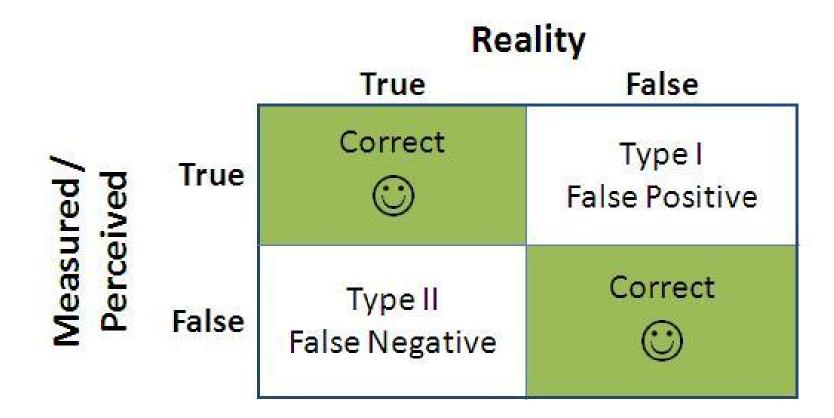
Questions re Cls?

### **Hypothesis Testing**

- Ex: Is the average trip longer on weekends compared to weekdays?
- Ex: Does one advertisement lead to more sales than another?

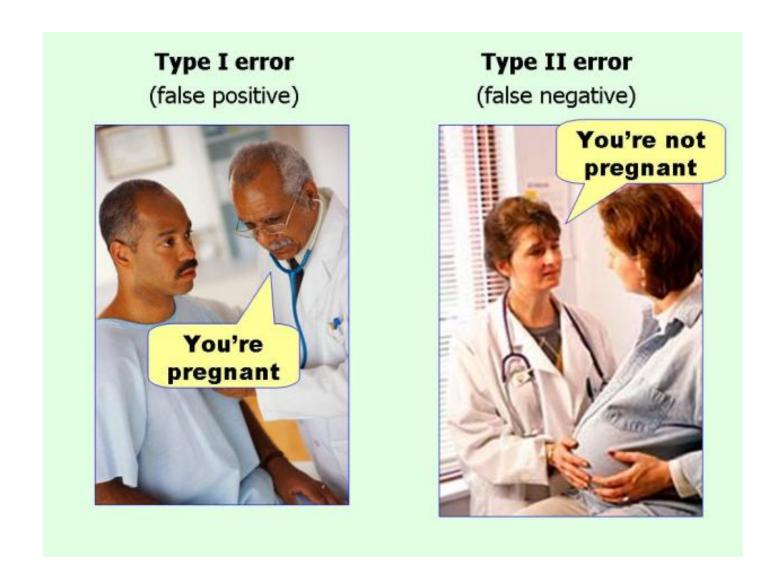
- Null Hypothesis:  $H_0$ 
  - the thing we're observing is happening due to random chance
  - there are no differences between two groups
- Alternative Hypothesis:  $H_1$ 
  - the thing we're observing is happening not due to random chance
  - there is a difference between two groups
- Experiment: given data, do we accept or reject  $H_0$ ?
  - Ex: can we say the difference between average trip on weekdays vs. weekends isn't random?

#### **Errors in Hypothesis Tests**



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• Question: Is the average trip\_distance different on weekdays vs weekends?



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2 mean_weekday = df_taxi.loc[-df_taxi.is_weekend,'trip_distance'].mean()
3 observed_trip_metric = mean_weekend-mean_weekday
4 print(f'observed_metric: {observed_trip_metric.round(2)}')
observed_metric: 0.58
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```

- Is this surprising? Should we reject the null?
  - Assuming that  $H_0$  is true, is this observation surprising?

#### **Permutation Test**

- How do we generate additional samples of the difference in means? Resampling!
- Need to repeatedly split the data into two groups and take the difference in means
- One way to do this: combine, permute (reorder) and split

#### **Permutation Test**

- 1. combine groups together (assume  $H_0$  is true)
- 2. permute (reorder) observations
- 3. create new groups (same sizes as original groups)
- 4. calculate metric
- 5. repeat many times
- 6. see where our original observation falls in the distribution of sample statistics

```
In [23]: 1 # 0. get group sizes
2    n_weekend = df_taxi.is_weekend.sum()
3    n_weekday = (~df_taxi.is_weekend).sum()
4    print(f'{n_weekend=} {n_weekday=}')
5    assert n_weekday + n_weekend == df_taxi.shape[0]

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```

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In [24]: 1 # 1. combine groups together (assume H0 is true)
2    trip_distances = df_taxi.trip_distance
3    trip_distances[:2]

Out[24]: 0    0.89
1    2.70
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           permuted_trip_distances[:2]
Out[25]: 131
                2.13
         203
                2.15
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         2 rand_mean_weekend = permuted_trip_distances[:n_weekend].mean()
         3 rand mean weekday = permuted trip distances[n weekend:].mean()
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Ex: Trip-Distance, Permutation Test Continued

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Out[27]: array([-0.49, -0.21, 0.58, -0.09, -0.37])
```

```
In [28]: 1 # 6. see where our original observation falls
          2 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,4))
          3 ax = sns.histplot(x=rand_mean_trip_diffs, stat='density')
          4 ax.set_xlabel('random mean differences');ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
          5 ax.axvline(observed_trip_metric, color='r');
             1.2
             1.0
           frequency
9.0
9.0
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- This looks like a normal distribution?
- Why would that be?
- How can we turn this into a Standard Normal distribution...

## **Aside: Central Limit Theorem**

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If all samples are randomly drawn from the same sample population:

For reasonably large samples (usually  $n \ge 30$ ), the distribution of sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is normal regardless of the distribution of X.

The sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  becomes approximately normal as the the sample size n gets large.

Ex:

- *X* = trip\_distance
- $\bar{x}$  = mean trip\_distance
- n = 50

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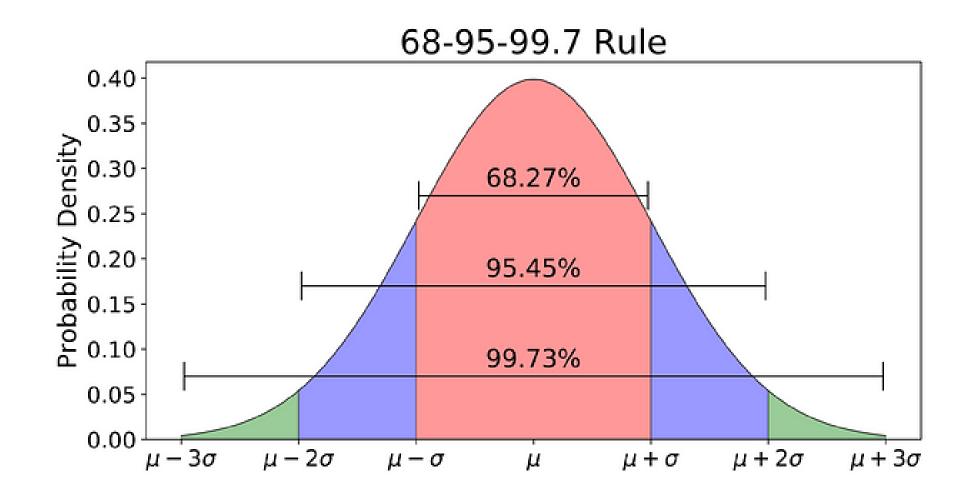
distribution defined by mean ( $\mu$ ) and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ )

$$N(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma}}$$

#### PDF (Probability Density Function):

• function of a continuous random variable that provides a relative likelihood of seeing a particular sample of a random variable.

## Aside: Properties of a Normal Distribution



https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-the-68-95-99-7-rule-for-a-normal-distribution-b7b7cbf760c2

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                                                                            # generate many random samples
          2 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,6))
          3 ax = sns.histplot(x=x,stat='density',kde=True);
                                                                            # using density to normalize bin counts
          4 ax.set_xlabel('$x$');ax.set_ylabel('$N(x;\mu=0,\sigma=1)$'); # using latex in labels
          5 ax.vlines([-1,1],0,sp.stats.norm.pdf(1), colors='k');
                                                                      # 1 standard deviation
          6 ax.vlines([-2,2],0,sp.stats.norm.pdf(2), colors='r');
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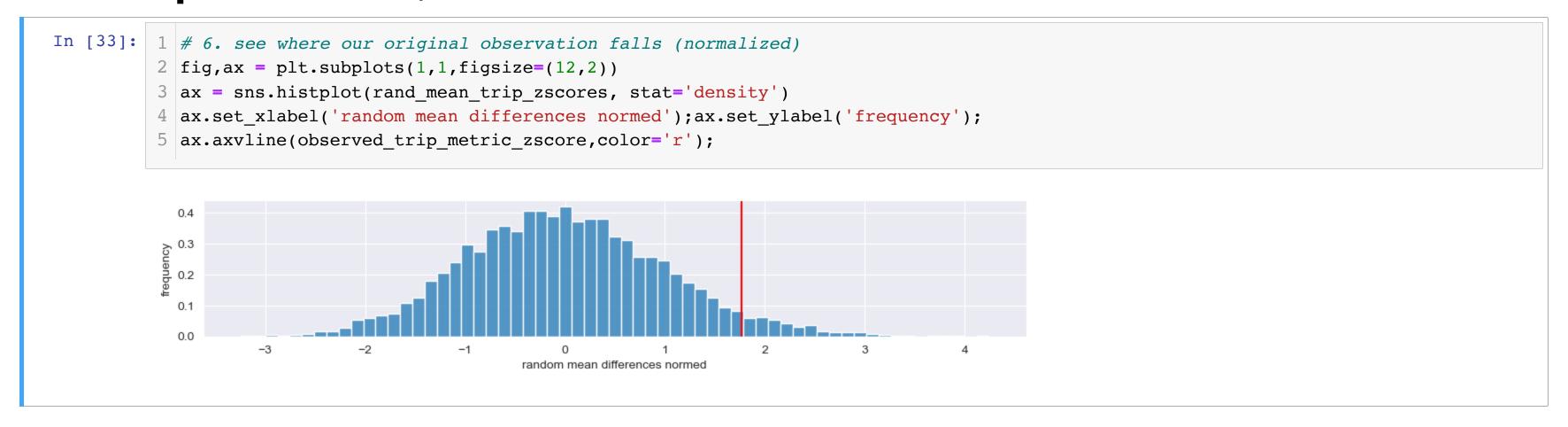
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5 list(zip(rand_mean_trip_diffs[:3].round(2),rand_mean_trip_zscores[:3].round(2)))
Out[31]: [(-0.49, -1.47), (-0.21, -0.64), (0.58, 1.77)]
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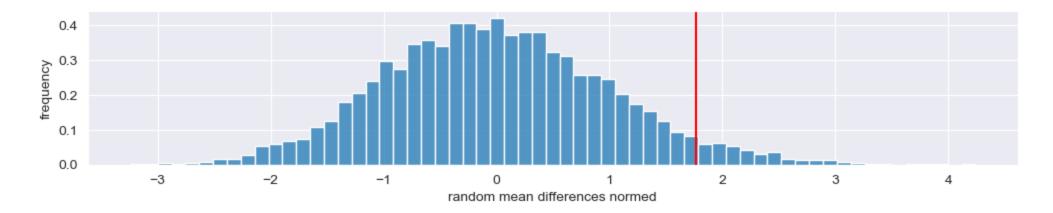
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5 ax.axvline(observed_trip_metric_zscore,color='r');
```



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In [34]: 1 # Compared to our original distribution
2 fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,2))
3 ax = sns.histplot(x=rand_mean_trip_diffs, stat='density')
4 ax.set_xlabel('random_mean_differences');ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
5 ax.axvline(observed_trip_metric, color='r');
```

## Why Use Permutation Tests?

- data can be numeric or boolean (ex. temperature, conversion, etc)
- group sizes can be different
- assumptions about normally distributed data are not needed (with many permutations)

### A/B Tests

- Do one of two treatments produce superior results?
  - testing two prices to determine which generates more profit
  - testing two web headlines to determine which produces more clicks
  - testing two advertisements to see which produces more conversions
- Often Used Test Statistics
  - difference in means
  - difference in counts

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In [36]: 1 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,3,figsize=(12,4),sharey=True)
          2 sns.boxplot(x='Page',y='Time',data=session_times,ax=ax[0]);
          3 sns.swarmplot(x='Page',y='Time',data=session_times,ax=ax[1]);
          4 sns.barplot(x='Page',y='Time',data=session_times,ax=ax[2]);
            200
            175
            150
            125
          100
             75
             50
             25
                   Page A
                                Page B
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In [41]: | 1 # 3. create new groups
         2 rand mean a = session times permuted[:n a].mean()
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Out[42]: array([ 9.79, -13.71, -15.83, 34.99, -4.67])
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In [43]: | 1 # 6. see where our original observation falls
          2 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
          3 ax = sns.histplot(x=rand_mean_ad_diffs, stat='density')
          4 ax.set_xlabel('random mean differences');ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
          5 ax.axvline(observed_ad_metric, color='r');
             0.0200
             0.0175
             0.0150
             0.0125
           requency
0.0100
             0.0075
             0.0050
             0.0025
             0.0000
                                                      random mean differences
```

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In [44]: 1 # Normalize our values
2 rand_mean_ad_diffs_xbar = np.mean(rand_mean_ad_diffs)
3 rand_mean_ad_diffs_s = np.std(rand_mean_ad_diffs)
4
5 rand_mean_ad_zscores = (rand_mean_ad_diffs - rand_mean_ad_diffs_xbar) / rand_mean_ad_diffs_s
6 list(zip(rand_mean_ad_diffs[:3].round(2),rand_mean_ad_zscores[:3].round(2)))
Out[44]: [(9.79, 0.5), (-13.71, -0.69), (-15.83, -0.8)]
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- Our question about significance becomes:

"How often did we see a value as or more extreme than our observed metric?"

#### One-Tailed vs Two-Tailed Tests

 $\frac{https://towardsdatascience.com/one-tailed-or-two-tailed-test-that-is-the-question-1283387f631c?}{gi=9568e456cd13}$ 

#### Choosing One-Tailed vs Two-Tailed

- Do we have a strong reason for a one-directional question? One-Tailed
  - Ex:  $H_0$  is "difference is less than or equal to 0"
  - Need a strong reason
- Otherwise? Two-tailed
  - Ex:  $H_0$  is "there is no real difference between groups"
  - More conservative
  - Usually a better choice

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In [48]: 1 # how many are greater than or equal to?
num_ad_gt = ad_gt.sum()

# proportion of total that are as or more extreme
5 p = num_ad_gt / len(rand_mean_ad_diffs)
6 print(f'{p = :}')

p = 0.0078
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In [49]: 1 # one-tailed test
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#### Choosing $\alpha$

- alpha ( $\alpha$ ): significance level
  - What we compare our p-value to
  - Best to choose this before calculating metrics
  - Probability of rejecting the null when it is true (Type I Error)
- Common values:
  - .1 (Error 1 out of 10 times)
  - .05 (Error 1 out of 20 times)
  - .01 (Error 1 out of 100 times)
- Should depend on how bad a Type I (False Positive) Error is

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2 n
Out[55]: 46327
```

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```
In [56]: 1 n_conversion = df.loc['Conversion'].sum()
2 n_conversion
Out[56]: 382
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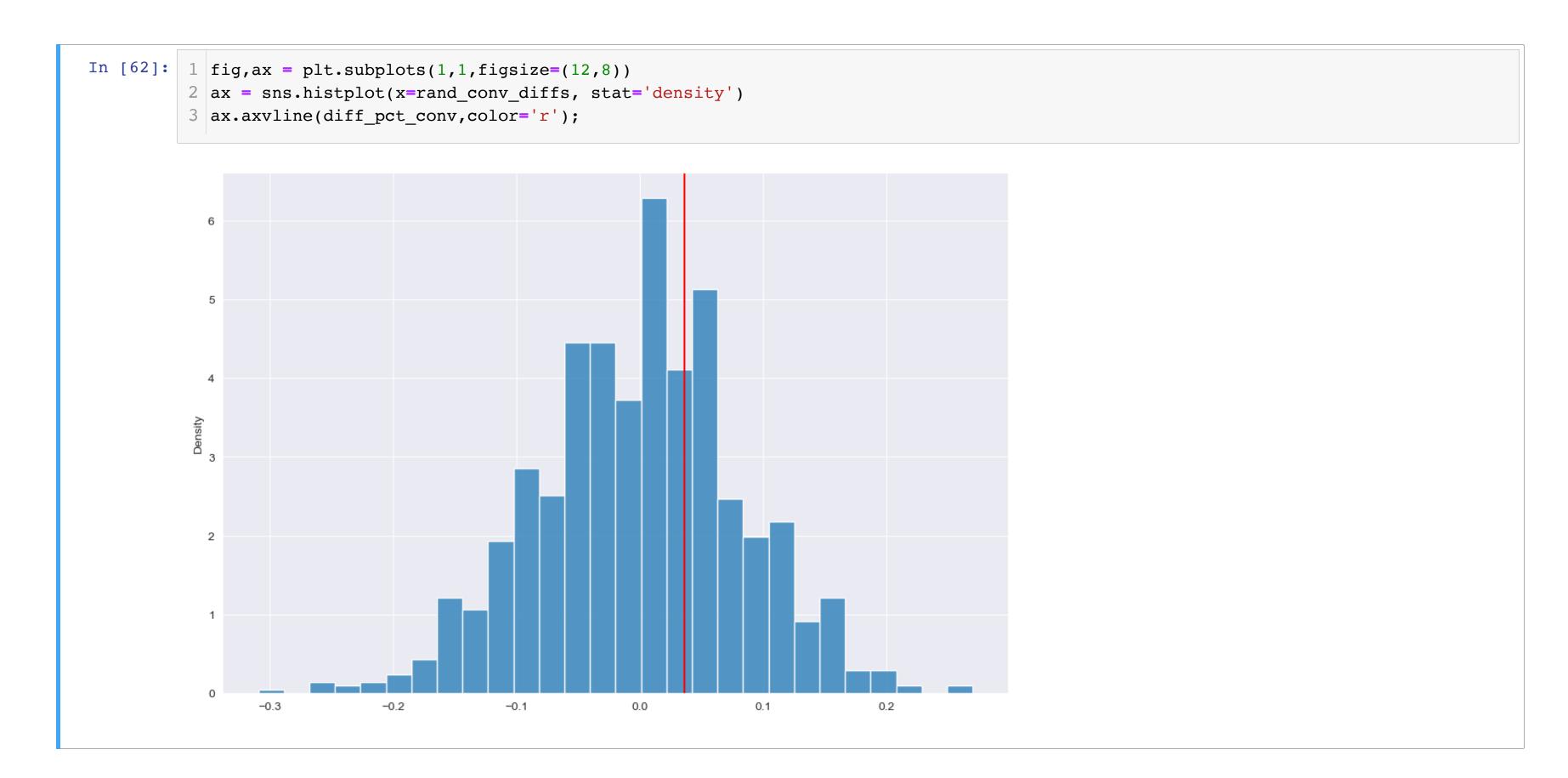
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In [57]: 1    conv_samples = np.zeros(n)
    conv_samples[:n_conversion] = 1
    3
    4    assert sum(conv_samples) == n_conversion
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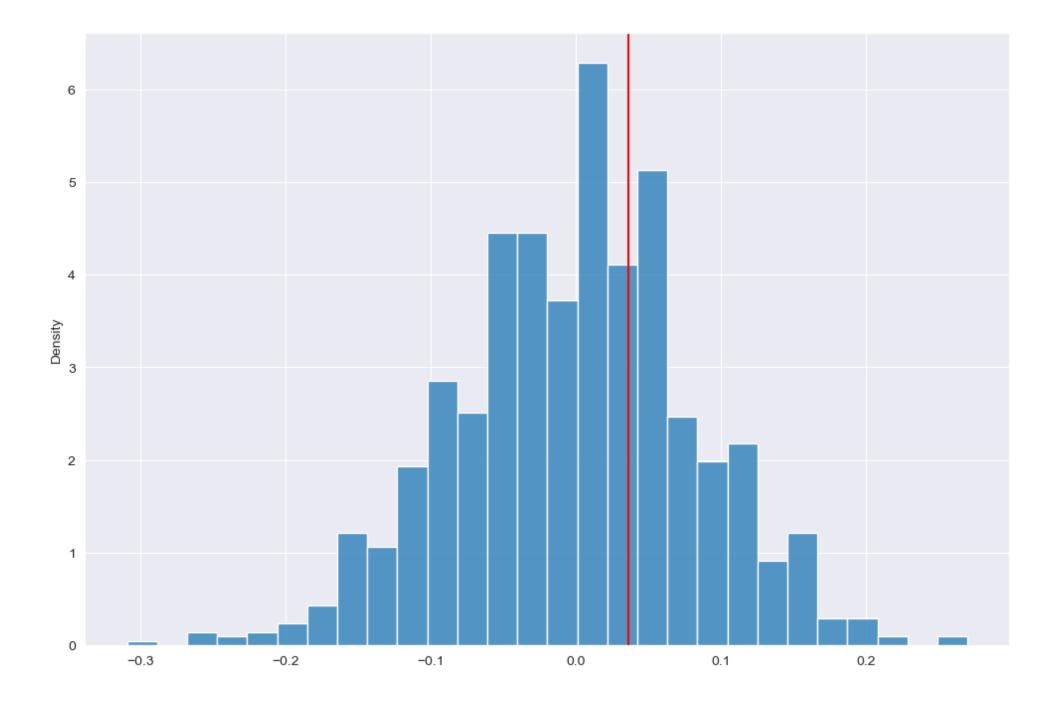
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```
In [59]: 1 df
Out[59]:
                      Price A Price B
           Conversion
                      200
                             182
           No Conversion 23539 22406
In [60]: 1 n_pricea, n_priceb = df.sum(axis=0)
          2 print(f'{n_pricea=} {n_priceb=} {n=}')
          4 assert n pricea + n priceb == n
          n pricea=23739 n priceb=22588 n=46327
In [61]: 1 np.random.seed(123)
          2 rand conv diffs = []
          3 for i in tqdm(range(1000)):
                 conv permuted = np.random.permutation(conv samples)
                rand conv a = sum(conv permuted[:n pricea]) / n pricea
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In [62]: 1 fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
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3 ax.axvline(diff_pct_conv,color='r');
```



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The ASA Statement on p-Values: Context, Process, and Purpose Wasserstein & Lazar, 09 Jun 2016]

- Don't base your conclusions solely on whether an association or effect was found to be "statistically significant" (i.e., the p-value passed some arbitrary threshold such as p < 0.05).
- Don't believe an association/effect exists just because it was statistically significant.
- Don't believe an association/effect is absent just because it was not stat. significant.
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  - **T**: Begin with clearly expressed objectives
  - T: Ask "What are the practical implications?"
  - O:: Be open/transparent in analysis and communication
  - M: Accept limititaions, assumptions, reproduction, recognizing differences in stakes

# Issues with Multiple Testing

- p-hacking: keep trying comparisons till you find something that works
- multiple tests: the more tests you run, the more likely a Type 1 Error
- One simple solution:
  - Bonferonni correction  $\frac{\alpha}{m}$  where m is the number of tests

#### Comparing More Than 2 Groups

- ANOVA
  - need more stats than we have time for
- Multi-Armed Bandit (MAB)
  - can compare many distributions
  - don't need to make assumptions about underlying distributions
  - can also be used for early stopping of experiment

#### Multi-Armed Bandit



Question: Which arm should we pull?

# **Greedy MAB**

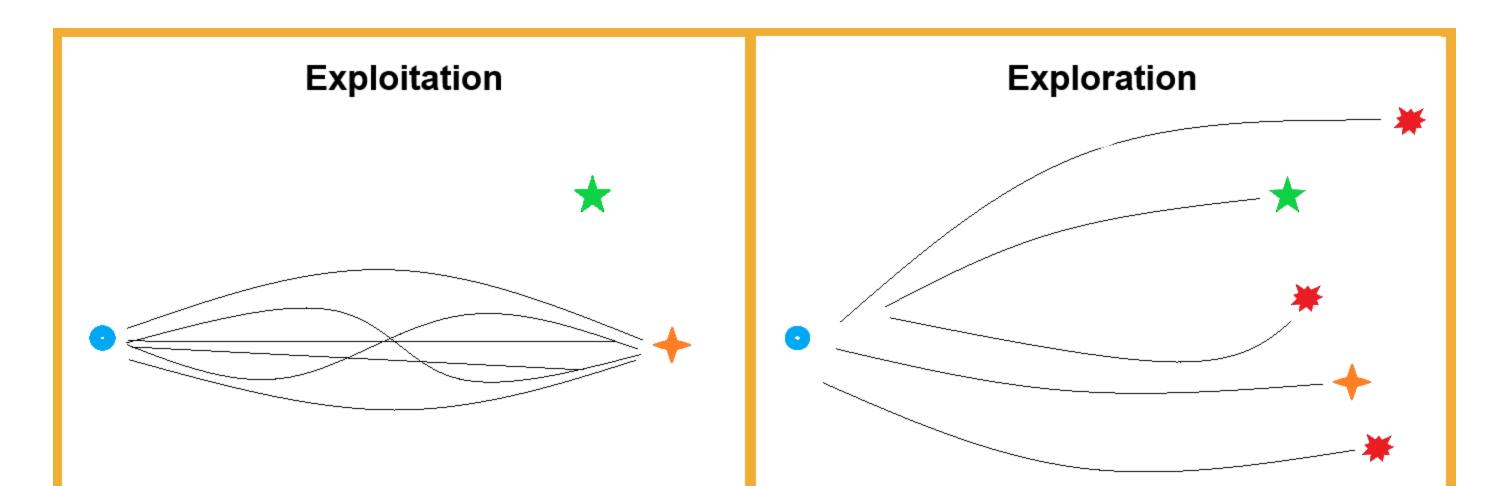
greedy: do something simple that heads towards the goal

1. pull arm with highest payout

But what if there's a better choice, we just haven't seen it yet?

## **Exploration Vs Exploitation**

- Exploration: There might be a better arm
  - keep choosing different arms randomly
- Exploitation: We want to make use of the best
  - keep pulling the best arm



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- choose a small epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) between 0 and 1
  - 1. generate random number between 0 and 1
  - 2. if  $< \varepsilon$ , choose arm randomly
  - 3. if  $\geq \varepsilon$ , choose best arm
  - 4. GOTO 1
- larger  $\epsilon$  -> more exploration

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In [65]: 1 # creating three ads (distributions) with unknown response rate
2    np.random.seed(13)
3    ad_A = sp.stats.bernoulli(p=np.random.rand())
4    ad_B = sp.stats.bernoulli(p=np.random.rand())
5    ad_C = sp.stats.bernoulli(p=np.random.rand())
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In [68]: 1 be_greedy = np.random.rand() > epsilon
2 be_greedy

Out[68]: True

In [69]: 1 best_arms = ['B','C']
2 best_arms[np.random.randint(2)]
3 # np.random.randint(2) randomly choose 0 or 1

Out[69]: 'B'
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```
In [71]:
          1 def mab(arms = [],rewards = [],arm_names = [],epsilon=0.4):
                n_arms = len(arms)
                  if not rewards:
                      for i in range(n arms):
          5 #
                          pulls.append(list)
                be greedy = np.random.rand() > epsilon
                if not be greedy: # randomly choose
                    arm idx = np.random.randint(0, n arms)
                    rewards[arm_idx].append(arms[arm_idx].rvs())
         10
                else: # be greedy
         11
                    reward means = np.array([sum(x)/len(x) for x in rewards])
         12
                    best arms = np.where(reward means == np.amax(reward means))[0]
         13
                    arm idx = best arms[np.random.randint(0,best arms.shape[0])]
         14
                    rewards[arm idx].append(arms[arm idx].rvs())
         15
                return rewards, be greedy, arm names[arm idx]
         16
         17 def print mab results (be greedy, choice, rewards):
         18
                print(f'greedy:{str(be greedy):5s} choice:{choice} => '+
         19
                      f''[\{':'.join([str(round(sum(x)/len(x),1)) for x in rewards])\}]"+
         20
                      f" { ', '.join([str(x).ljust(20, ' ') for x in rewards])}")
```

#### • Round 4

```
In [73]: 1 for i in range(10):
               rewards, be greedy, choice = mab(arms, rewards, labels, epsilon)
               print mab results(be greedy,choice,rewards)
         greedy:False choice:A => [0.5:1.0:1.0]
                                                                      ,[1, 1]
                                                                                           ,[1, 1]
                                                  [0, 1]
         greedy:True choice:B => [0.5:0.7:1.0]
                                                  [0, 1]
                                                                      ,[1, 1, 0]
                                                                                           ,[1, 1]
         greedy:False choice:A => [0.3:0.7:1.0] |
                                                  [0, 1, 0]
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         greedy:False choice:B => [0.3:0.5:0.8]
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         greedy:True choice:C => [0.3:0.5:0.9] | [0, 1, 0]
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         greedy:False choice:C => [0.3:0.5:0.9] | [0, 1, 0]
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ground truth: A:0.8 B:0.2 C:0.8
```

#### **MAB Variations**

- Thompson's Sampling: uses Baysian approach
- UCB1: maximize expected reward using Upper Confidence Bounds

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Questions?