

P-values

False Discovery Rate

Family-wise Error Rate

Thank you!

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Your test statistic

Write down a number between 1 and 100!

My number:



Your number is your “test statistic” it is a draw from the “Give me a number between 1 and 100!” null distribution.

$$S^O = 42$$

How “extreme” is your number?

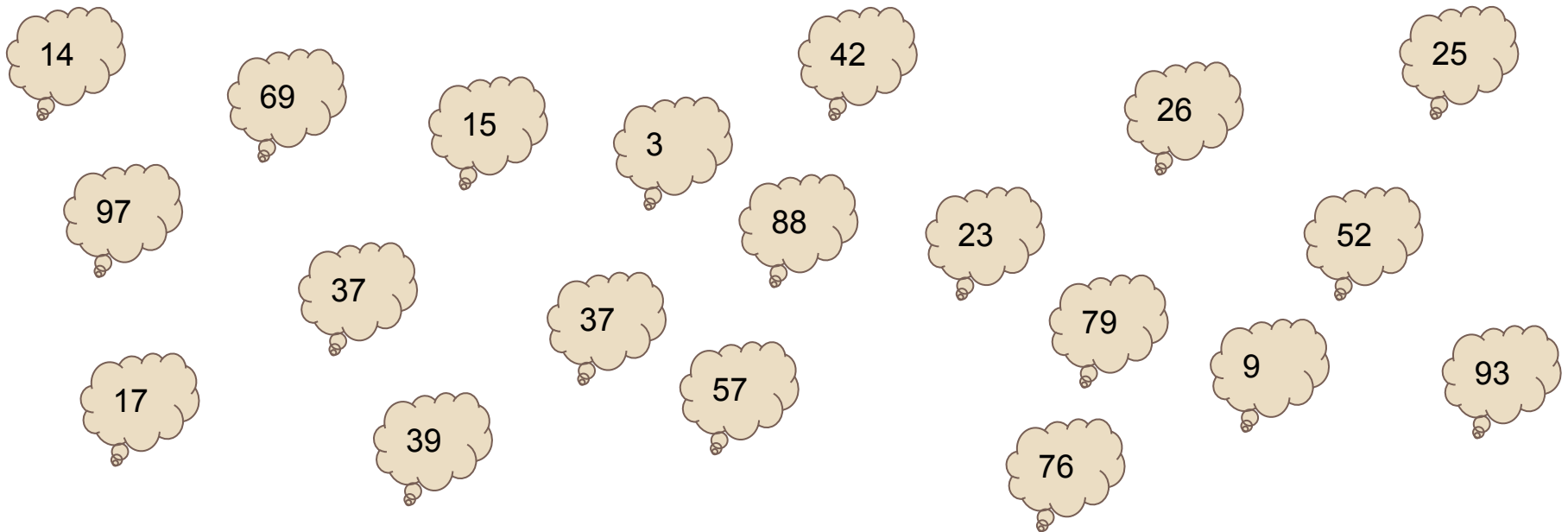
$$P(S^n \text{ more extreme than } S^O = 42 \mid 1 \text{ to } 100 \text{ dist})$$

1. Larger is more extreme.
2. Smaller is more extreme.
3. Greater absolute distance from zero is more extreme.
4. More or less than expected is extreme.

Null Distribution (empirical)

Give me a number between 1 and 100!

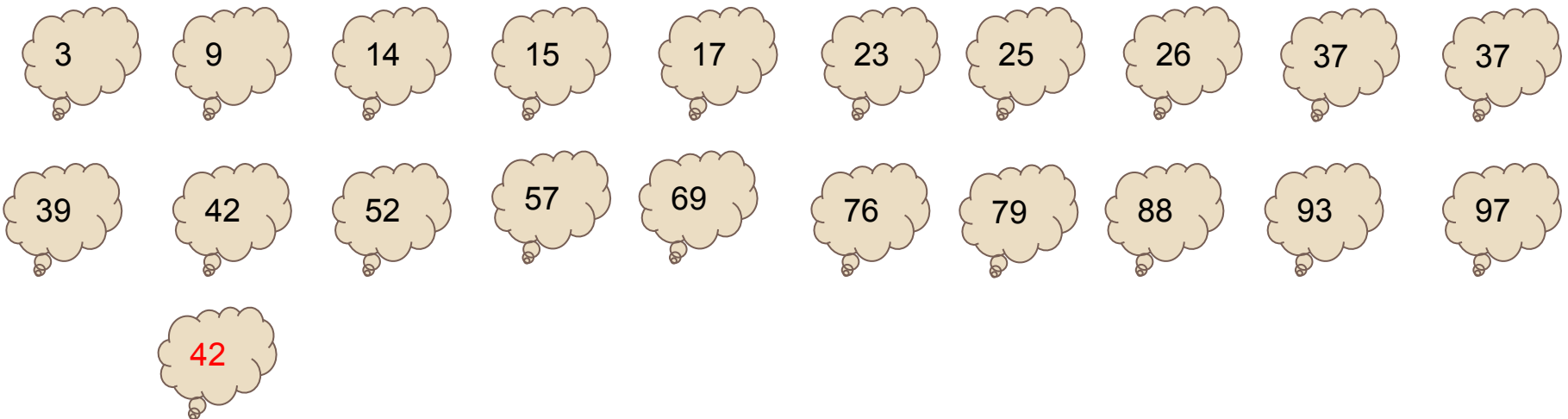
$P(S^n \text{ more extreme than } S^O = 42 \mid 1 \text{ to } 100 \text{ dist})$



$P(S^n \geq S^O = 42 \mid 1 \text{ to } 100 \text{ dist})$

P-value!!!!!!! (empirical)

Give me a number between 1 and 100!



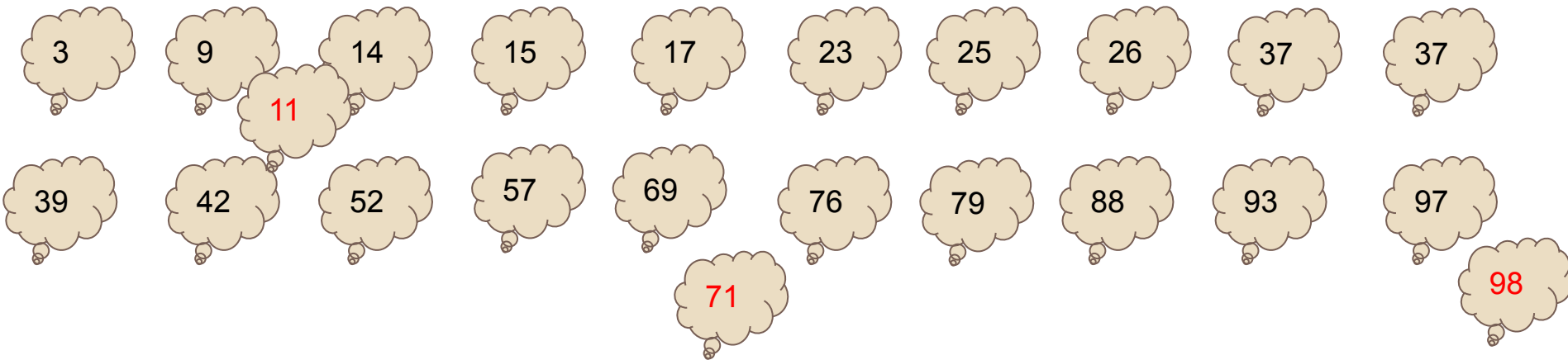
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$$\text{P-value} = P(S^n \geq S^O = 42 \mid 1 \text{ to } 100 \text{ dist}) \approx 9/20 = 0.45$$

Null Distribution (empirical)

Give me a number between 1 and 100!



$$\text{P-value} = P(S^n \geq S^0 | 1\text{-}100 \text{ dist})$$

P-values and the null hypothesis



The p-value is the probability of observing your test statistic or a statistic more extreme than it given that it was drawn from the null distribution.

The p-value says **NOTHING** about the alternate hypothesis

P-value: Important parts

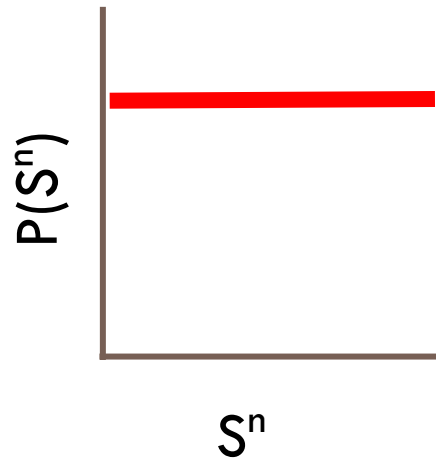
$$\text{P-value} = P(S^n \text{ more extreme than } S^0 | \text{null-dist})$$

\underline{S}^0 : The test statics, evaluated for how extreme it is.

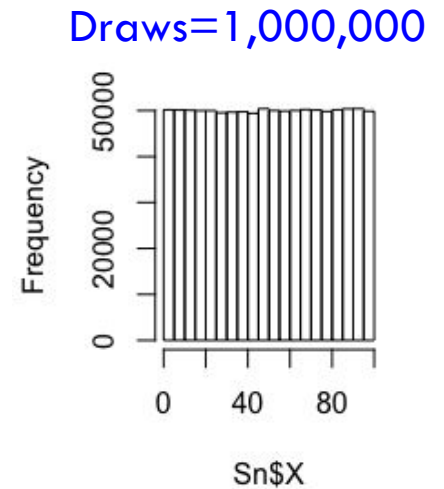
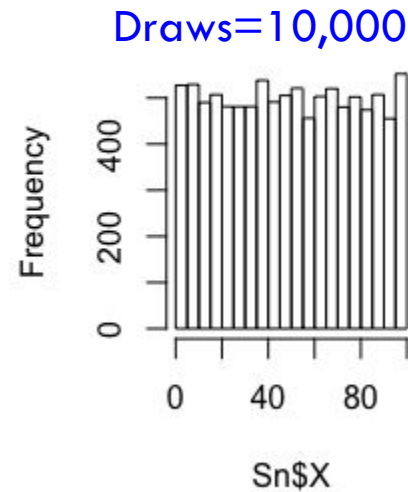
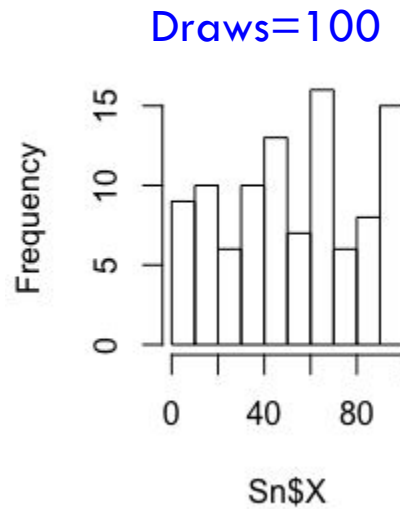
\underline{S}^n : A random variable generated from the null distribution.

Null distribution: The distribution of observed or expected S^n given that the null hypothesis is true.

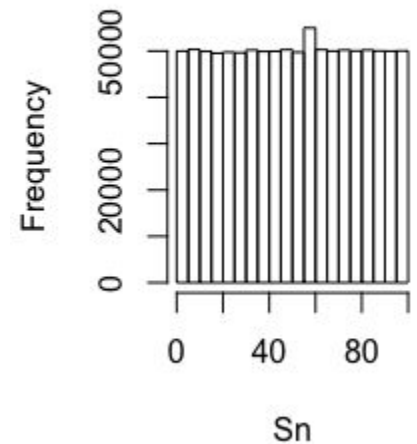
Null distribution: Empirical vs Assumed



Assumed

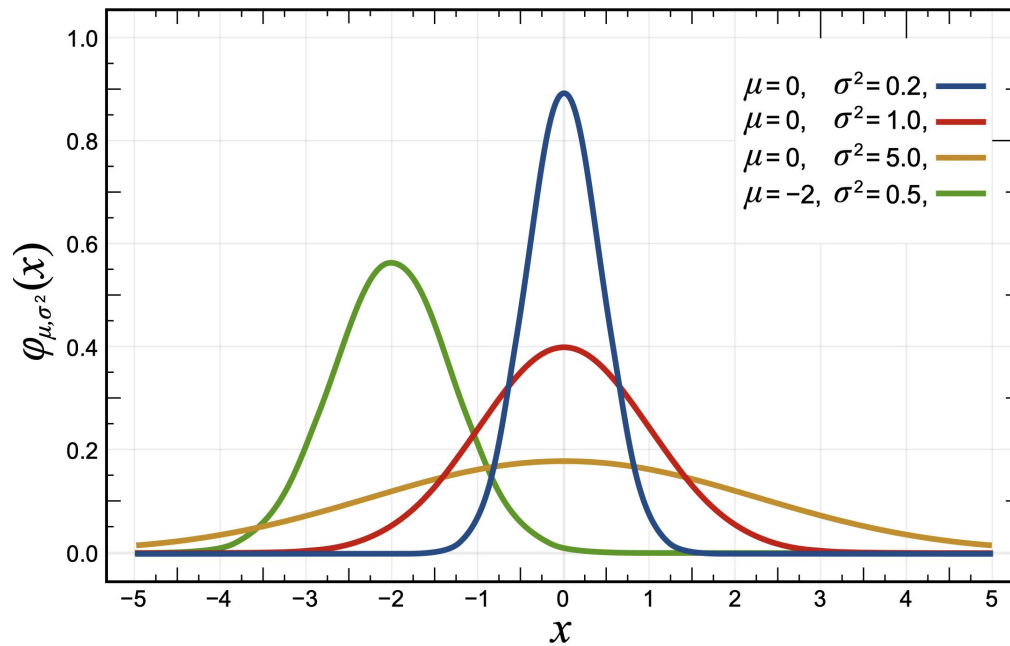


Draws=1,000,000

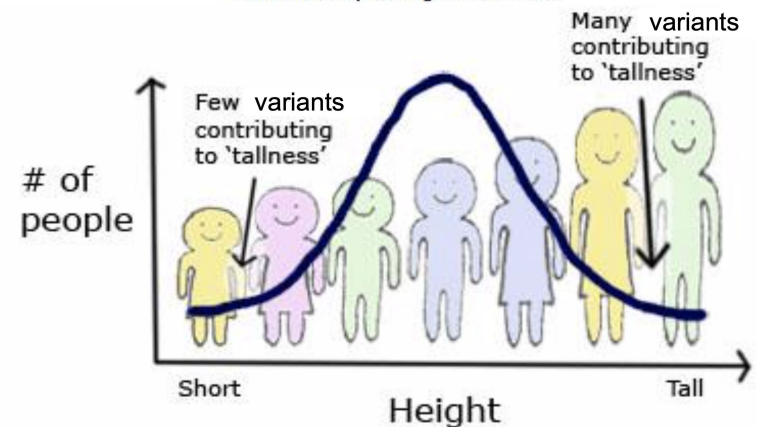
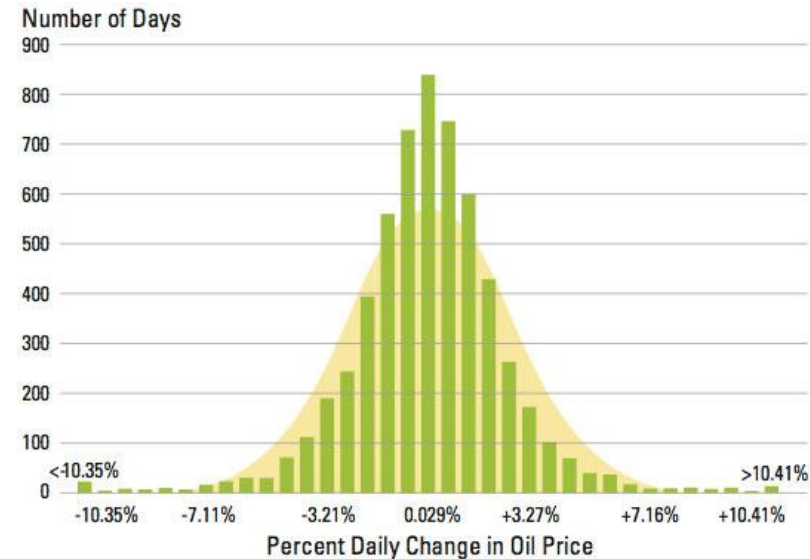


Real

Our favorite null distribution: The normal distribution

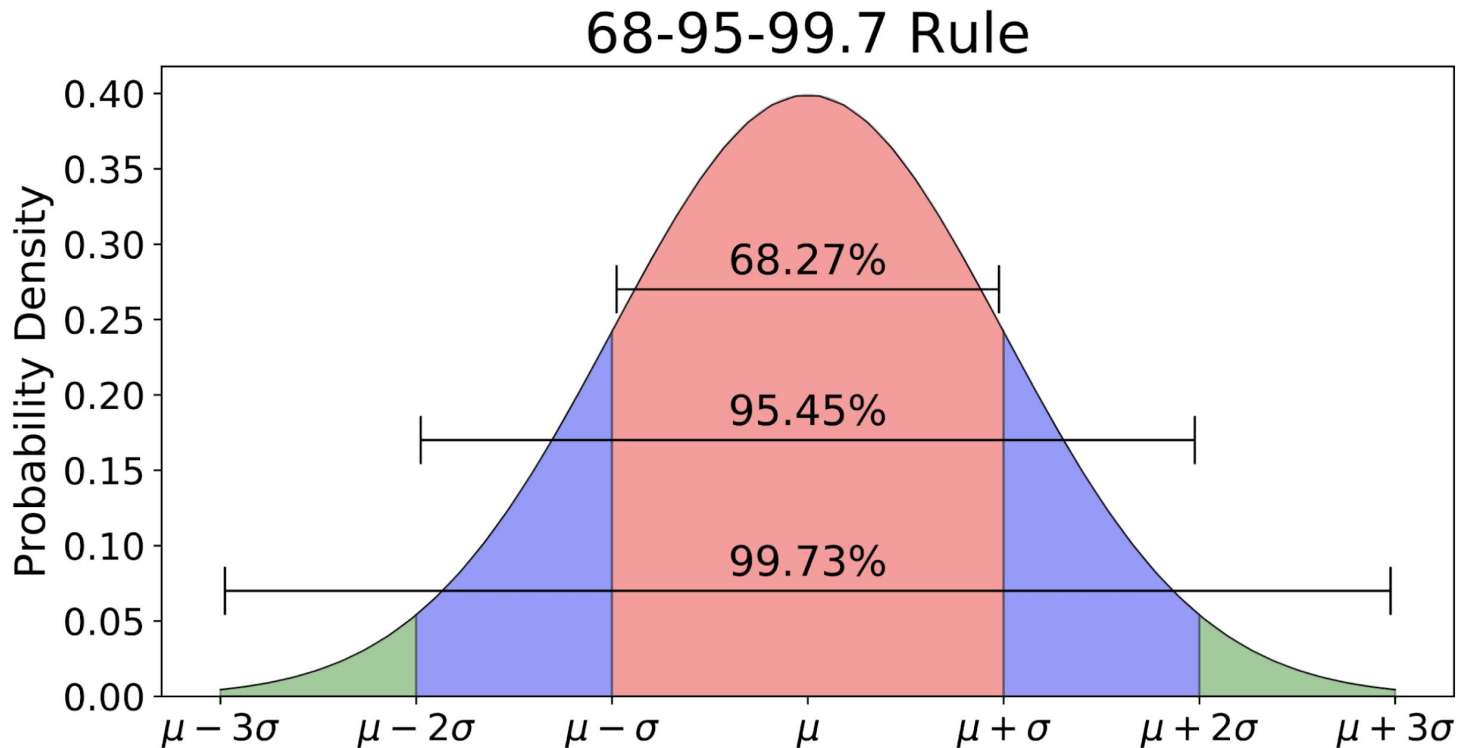


$$Y = X\beta$$



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$$Y = X\beta$$



Michael Galarnyk:

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

Alternate Hypothesis

$$Y = X_{42}\beta_{42}$$

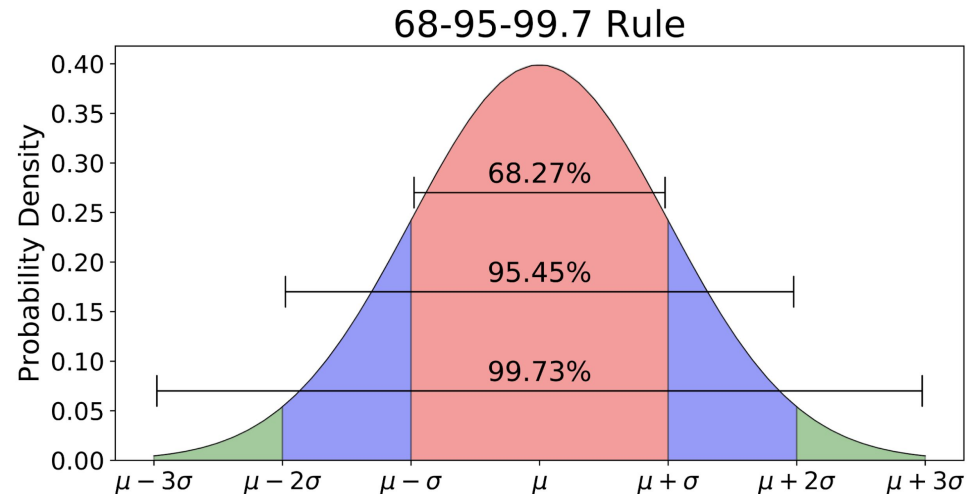
Height

SNP 42

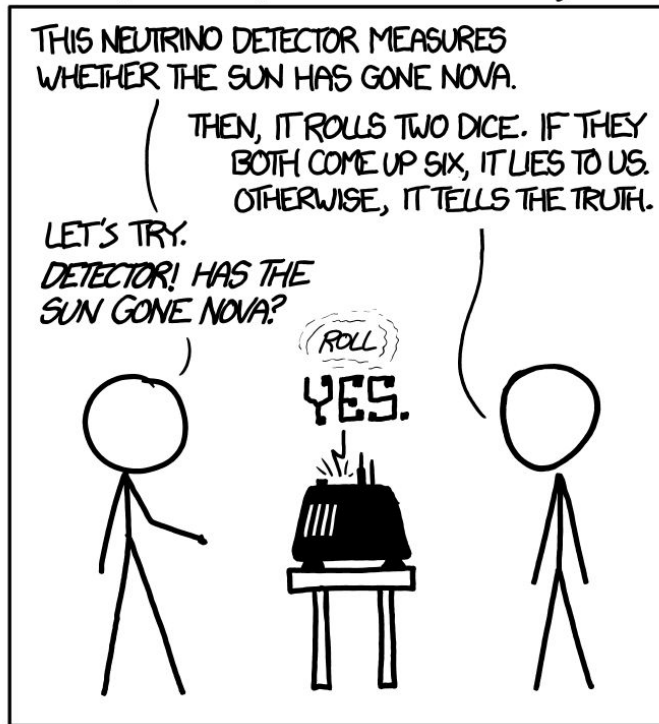
Effect of an
alternate allele
at SNP 42

Null: $\beta_{42} = 0$

Alt: $\beta_{42} \neq 0$



DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?
(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)



No: Sun did not explode
and 2 sixes were not rolled

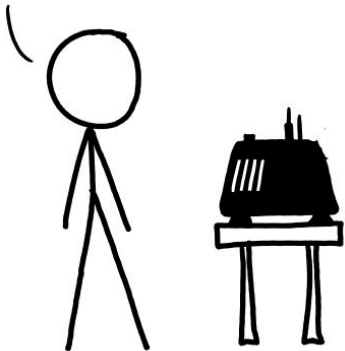
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Yes: Sun did not explode
and 2 sixes were rolled

Yes: Sun exploded!! and two
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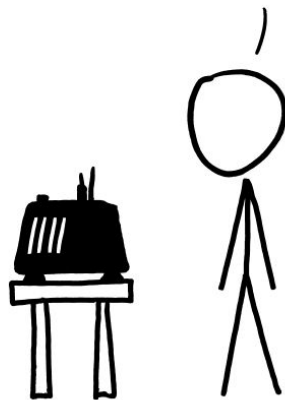
FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:

THE PROBABILITY OF THIS RESULT
HAPPENING BY CHANCE IS $\frac{1}{36} = 0.027$.
SINCE $p < 0.05$, I CONCLUDE
THAT THE SUN HAS EXPLODED.



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:

BET YOU \$50
IT HASN'T.



Alternate Hypothesis

$$Y = X_{42}\beta_{42}$$

Height

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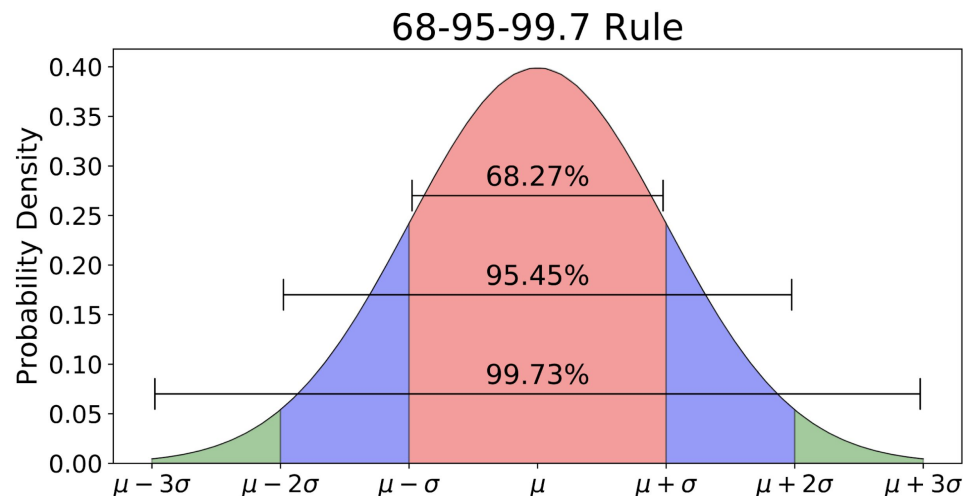
Effect of an
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Null: $\beta_{42} = 0$

Alt: $\beta_{42} \neq 0$

Alt: SNP 43 in perfect LD with SNP with non-zero effect

Alt: SNP 43 correlates/tags population structure



Significance Threshold....

If the significance threshold for rejecting the Null hypothesis is 0.05, what does that mean?

- You are willing to take a $1/20$ chance that you will incorrectly reject the null on EACH test you do.
- If you do 100 test, all of which are truly under the null, you expect 5 “false positives”

True/False Positives/Negatives

True Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & \dots & g_{18} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & \dots & g_{28} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_{N1} & g_{N2} & \dots & g_{N8} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1.3 \\ 0 \\ -0.05 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_N \end{bmatrix}$$


$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.19 \\ 0.03 \\ -0.01 \\ -0.07 \\ 0.12 \\ 1.6 \\ 0.06 \\ -0.08 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.003 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{p-values} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.003 \\ 0.34 \\ 0.68 \\ 0.82 \\ 0.04 \\ 0.00003 \\ 0.12 \\ 0.06 \\ 0.21 \\ 0.49 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = X\beta$$


Threshold=0.05 	No Effect	Effect
Reject Null	1	2
Accept Null	6	1

Threshold=0.001 ↗	No Effect	Effect
Reject Null	0	1
Accept Null	7	2

False Discovery Rate

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$$\text{FDR} = \frac{1}{1 + 2} = 0.33$$


Threshold=0.001 	No Effect	Effect
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$$\text{FDR} = \frac{0}{0 + 1} = 0$$

$$\text{FDR} = \frac{FP}{P} = \frac{FP}{FP + TP}$$

Family-wise Error Rate

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Type 1 Error

$$\text{FWER} = P(\text{T1E} \geq 1) = 1 - P(\text{T1E} = 0)$$

Example Scenario #1

Assume all tests are under null
Threshold is 0.05
You do one test
What is the expected FWER?

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.95 = 0.05$$

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.999 = 0.001$$

Example Scenario #2

Assume all tests are under null
Threshold is 0.05
You do two tests
What is the expected FWER?

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.95^2 = 0.0975$$

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.999^2 = 0.002$$

Example Scenario #3

Assume all tests are under null
Threshold is 0.05
You do M tests
What is the expected FWER?

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.95^M$$

$$\text{FWER} = 1 - 0.999^M$$

Family-wise Error Rate

$$FWER = P(T1E \geq 1) = 1 - P(T1E = 0)$$

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Assume all tests are under null

Threshold is 0.05

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Threshold is 0.05

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What is the expected FWER?

$$FWER = 1 - 0.95^M$$

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$$t \approx \frac{FWER}{M}$$

$$t \approx \frac{0.05}{1,000,000} = 0.00000005 = 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

Bonferroni corrected threshold of 0.05

Conclusions

The p-value is the probability of observing your test statistic or a statistic more extreme than it given that it was drawn from the null distribution.

The p-value says **NOTHING** about the alternate hypothesis

“Significance Threshold”

- Your likelihood of wrongly rejecting the null hypothesis (type 1 error) on each test assuming the null is true
- Can be used to control the FWER and FDR
- Bonferroni corrected threshold is used to control the FWER