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Statistical Methods for Quantitative MS-Based Proteomics: 1. Identification & False discovery rate

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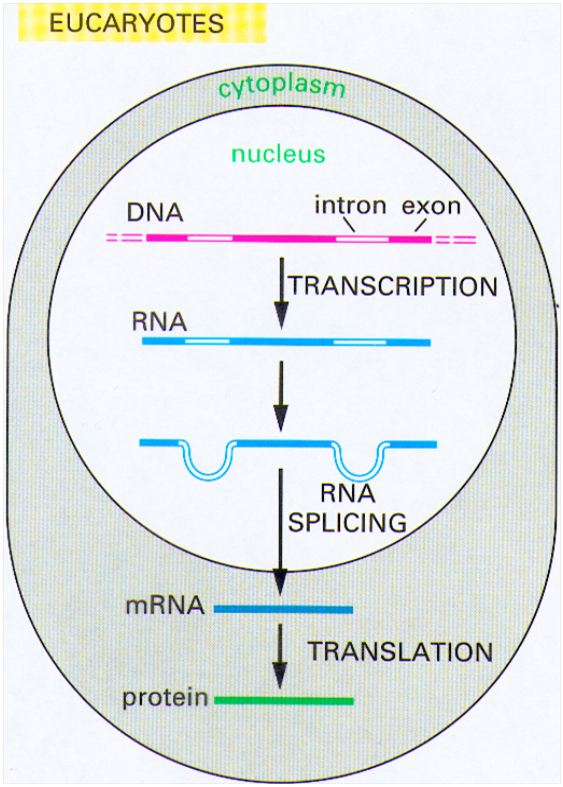
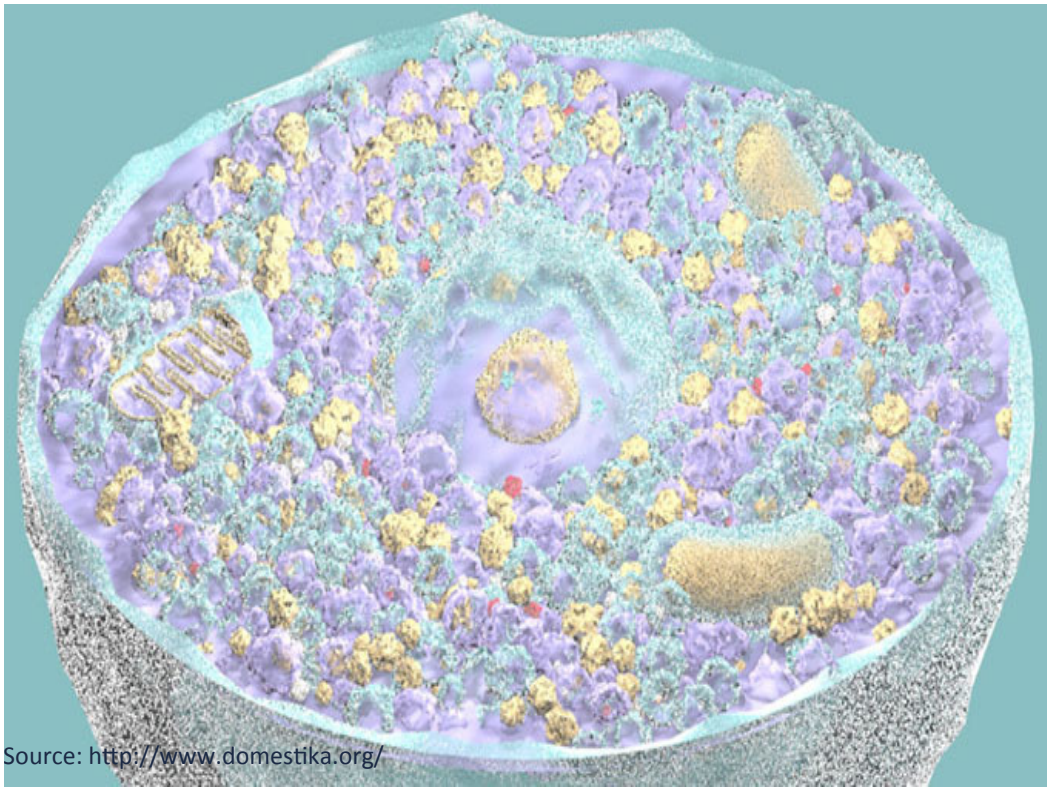
Proteomics Data Analysis Shortcourse





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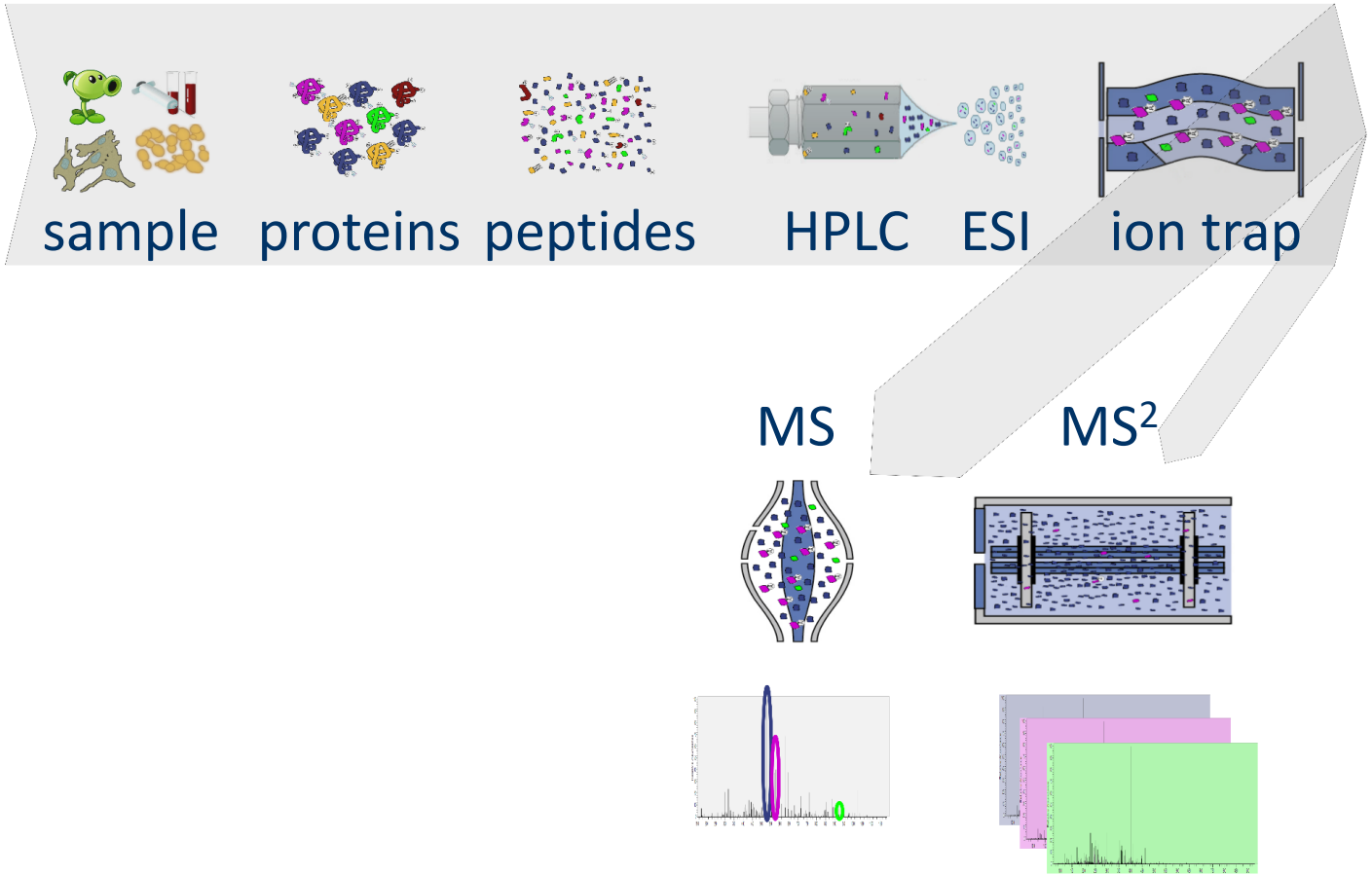

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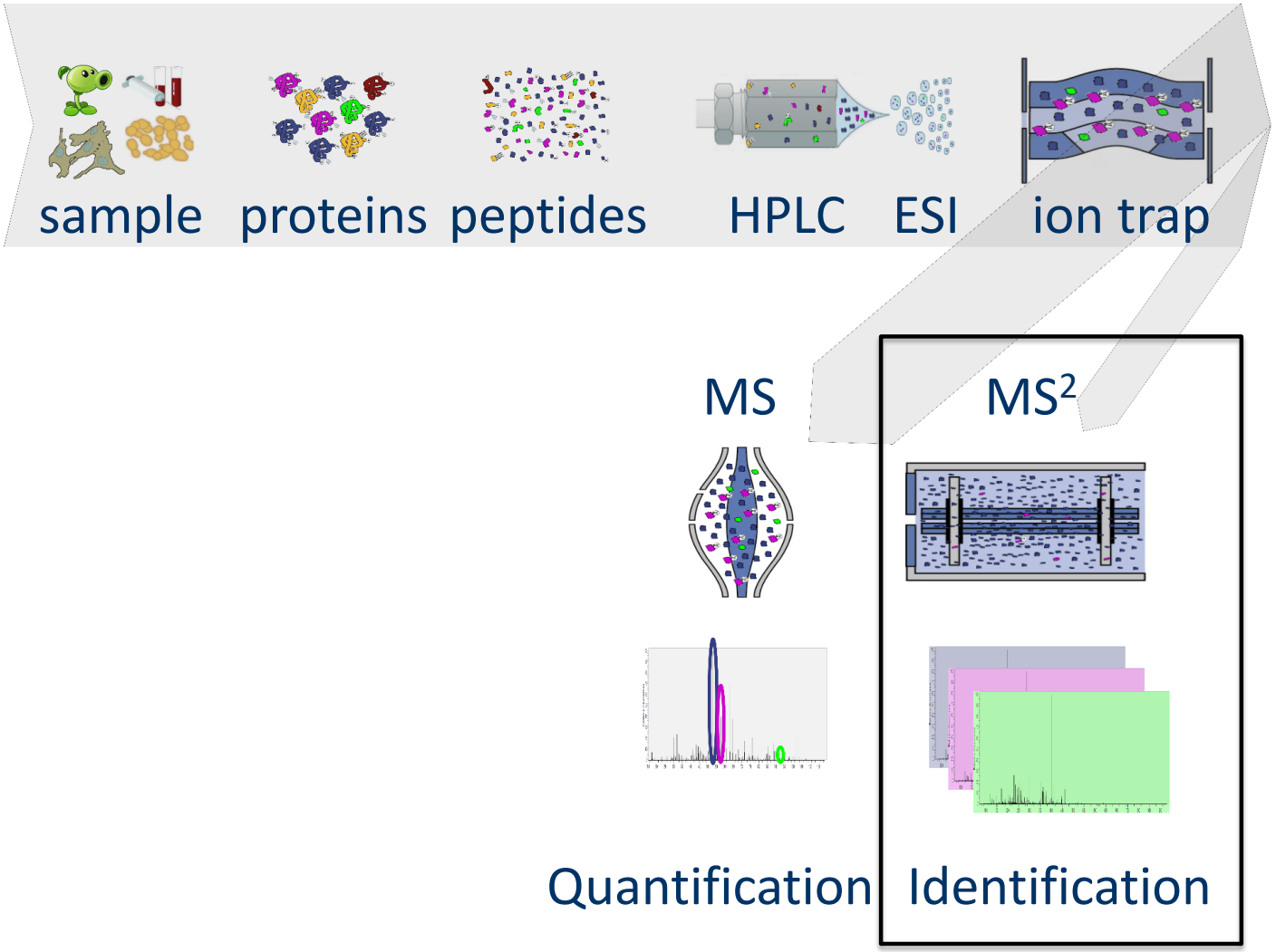

Identification

protein sequence database

in silico digest

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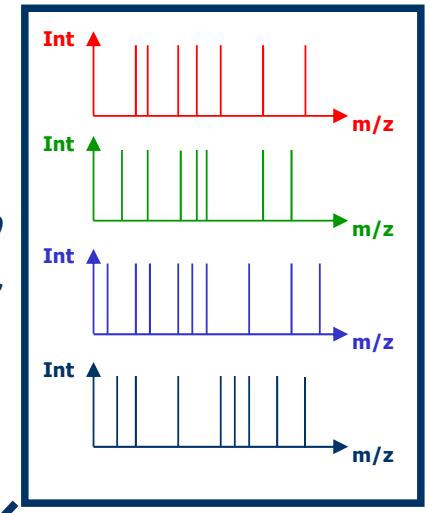
peptide sequences

in silico MS/MS



theoretical MS/MS spectra

in silico matching

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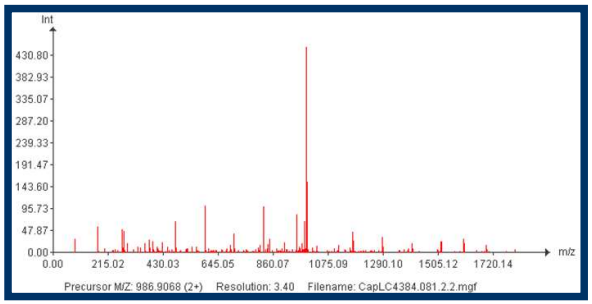
peptide scores



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(slide courtesy to Lennart Martens)

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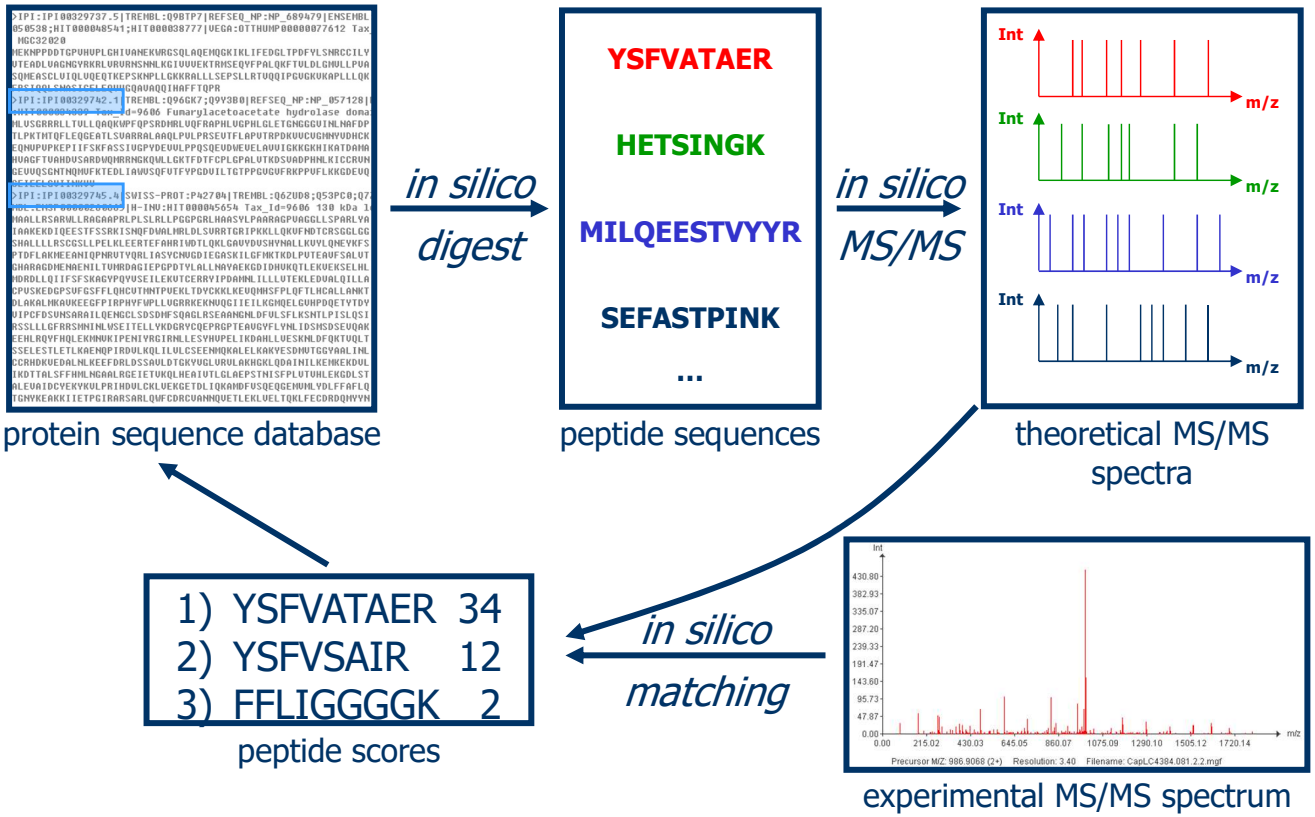

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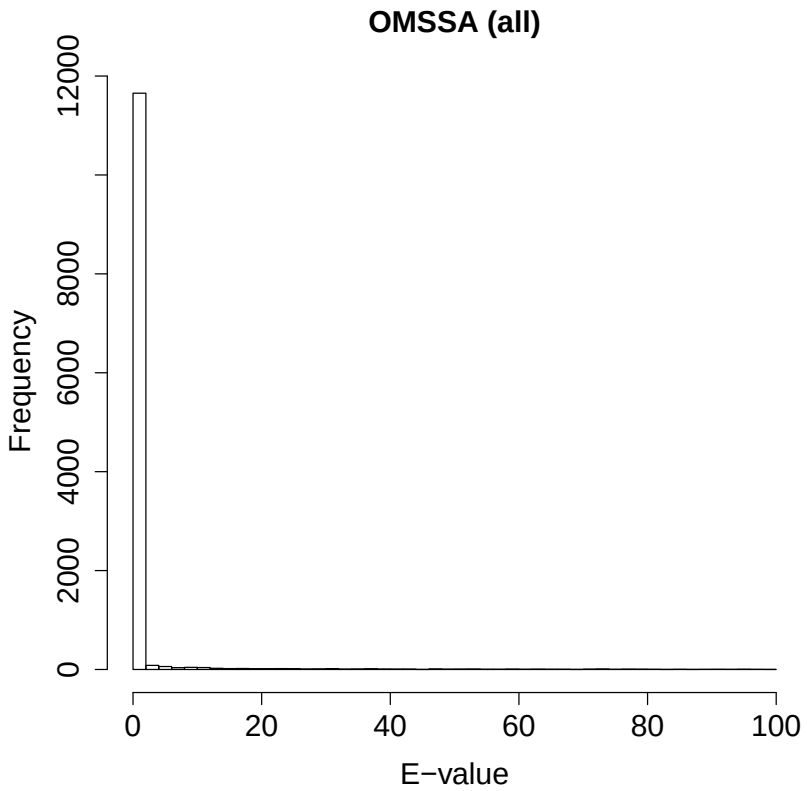

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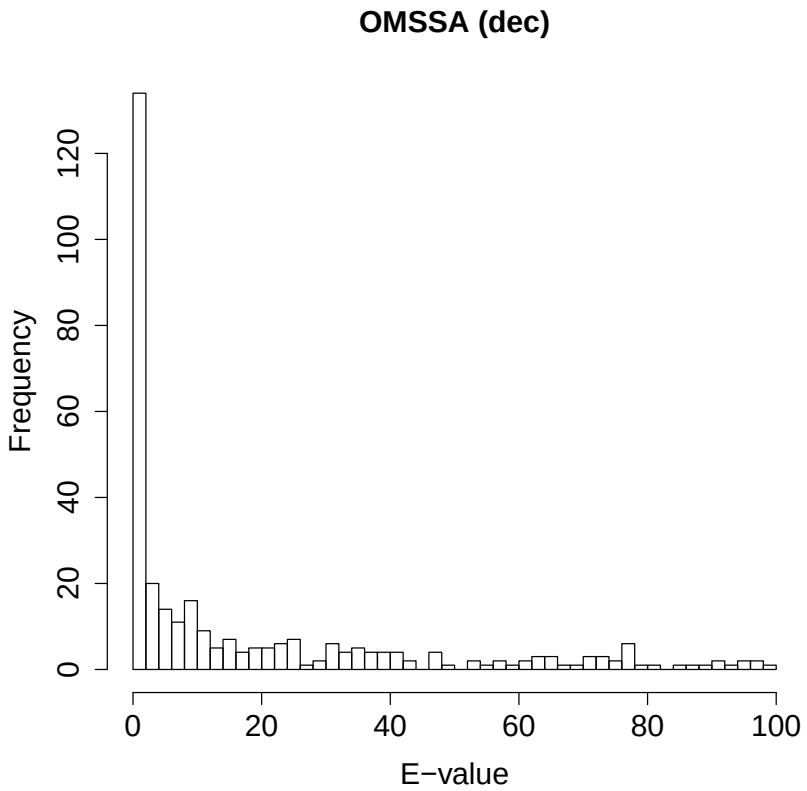

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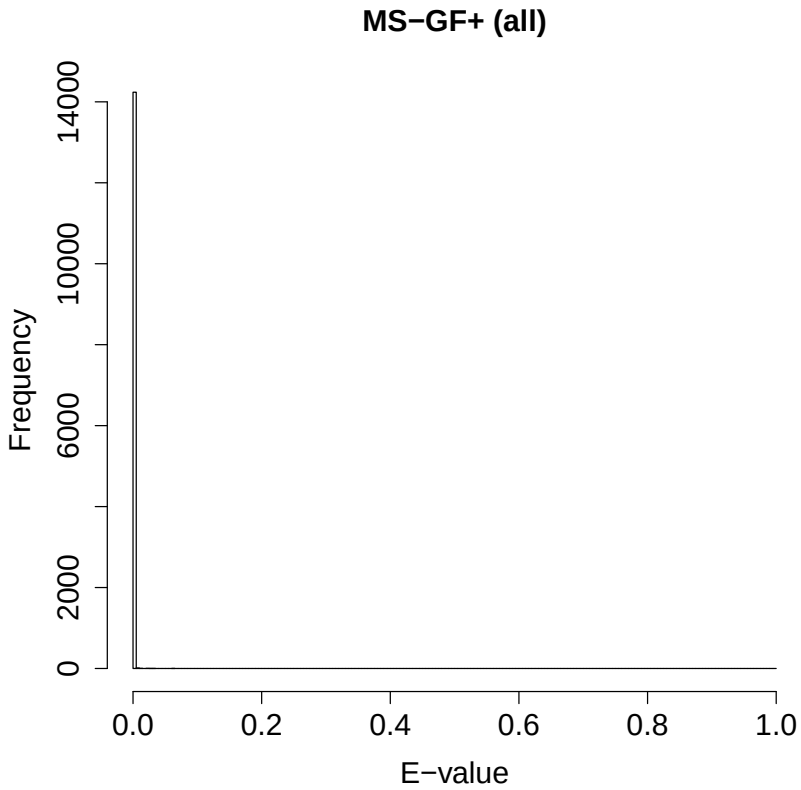

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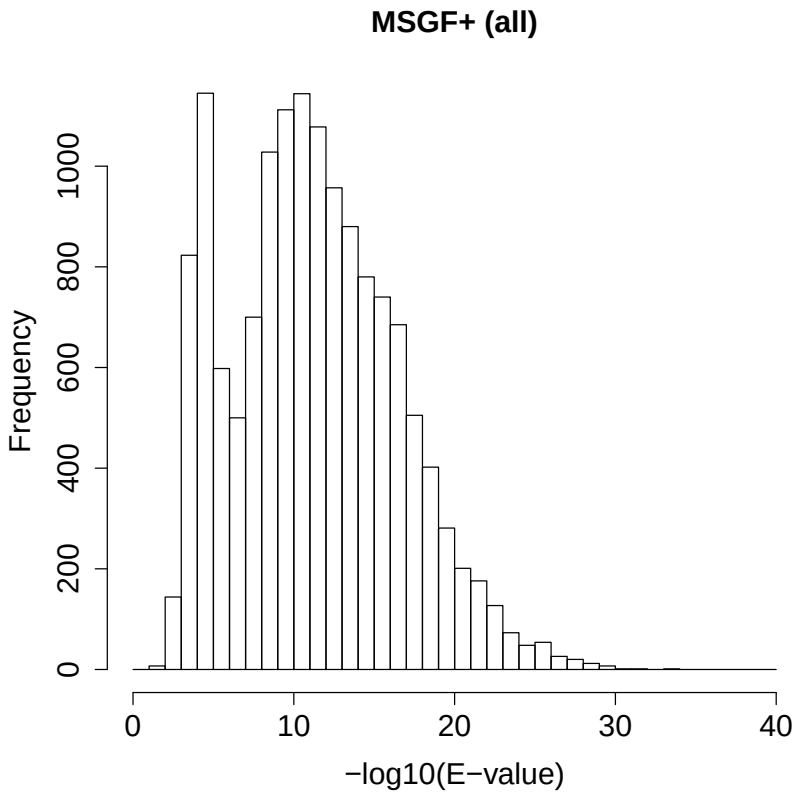

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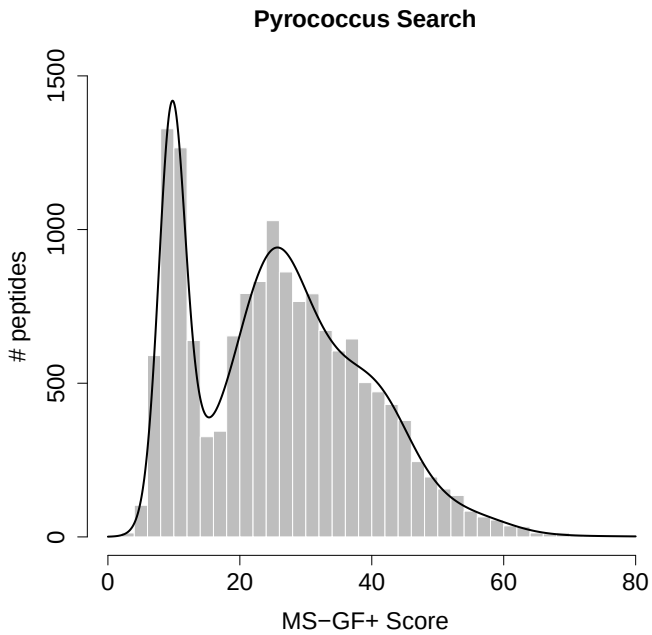

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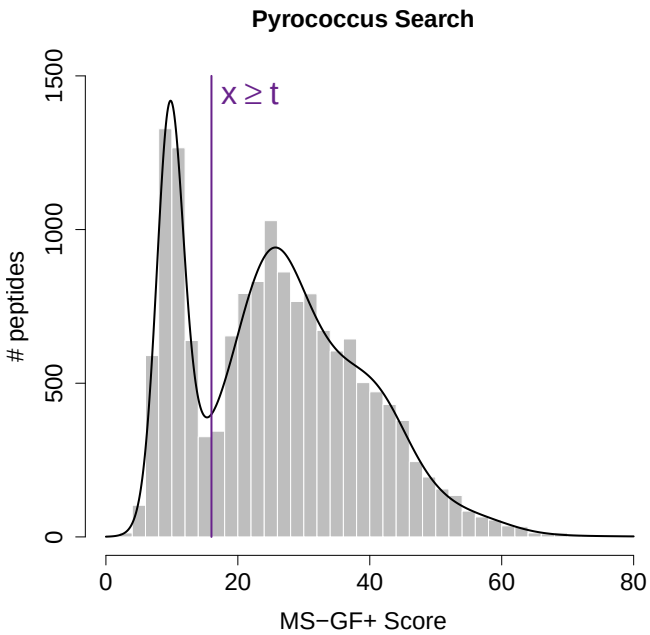

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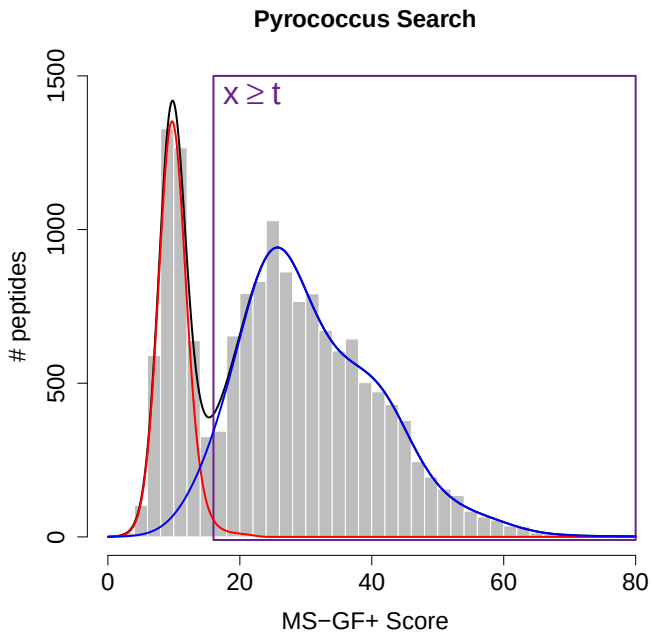

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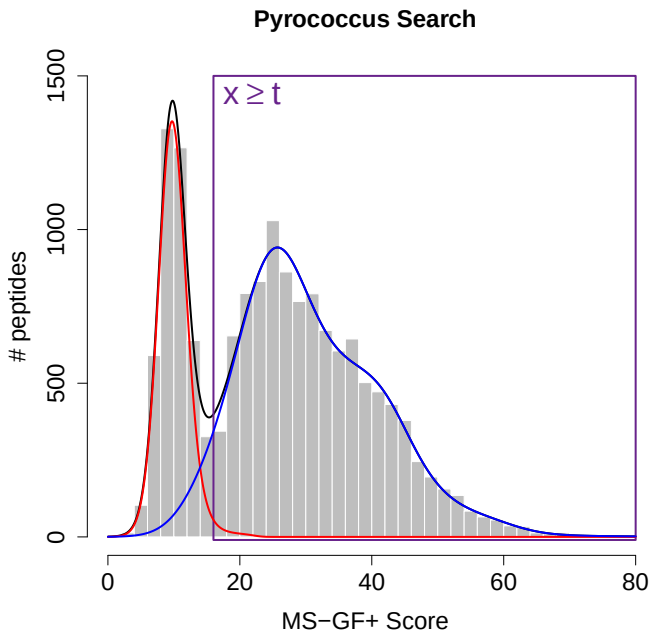

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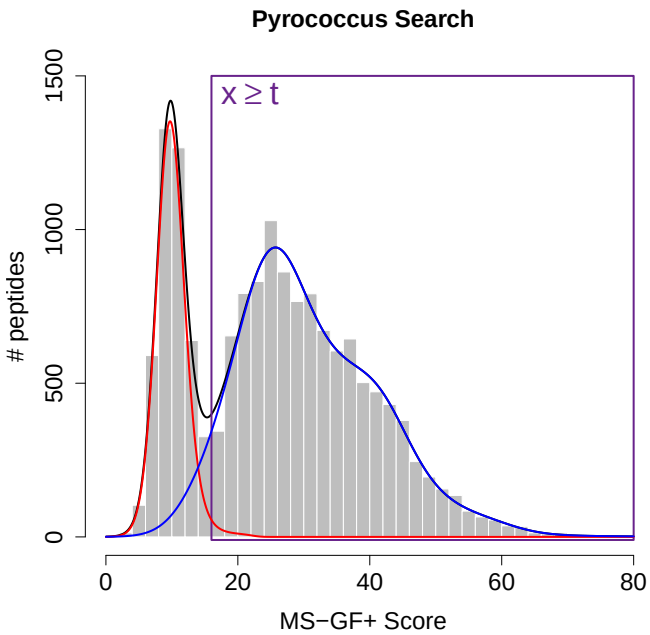

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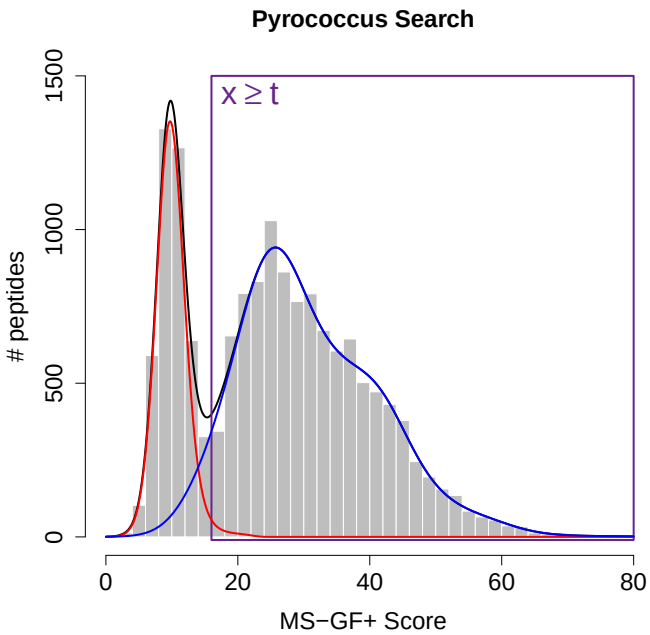

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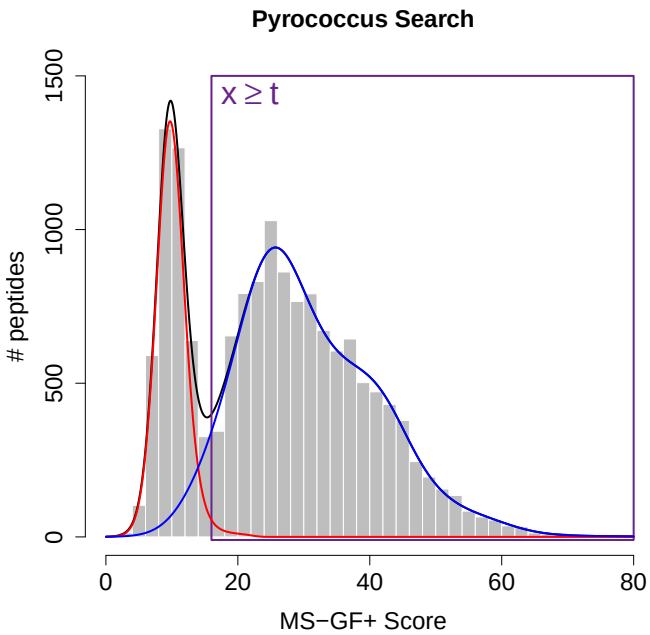

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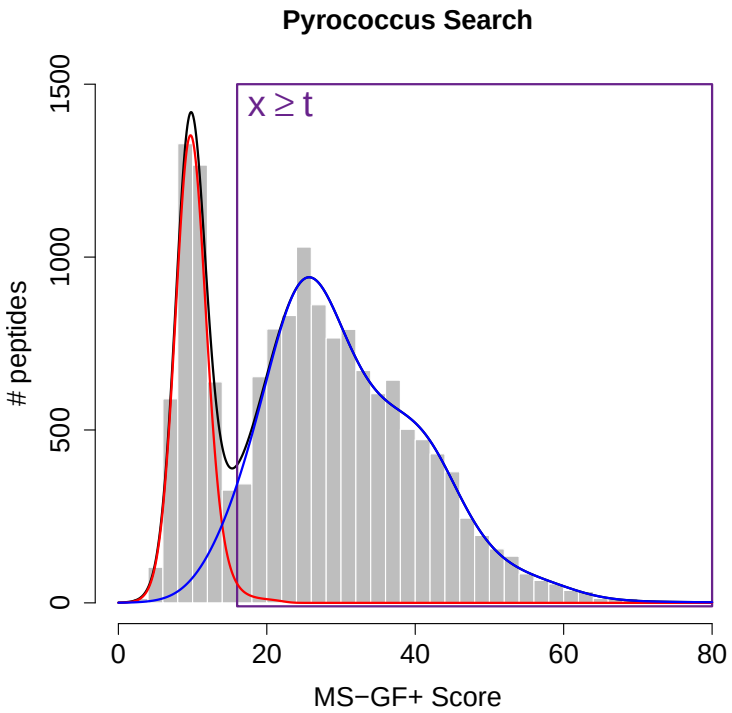

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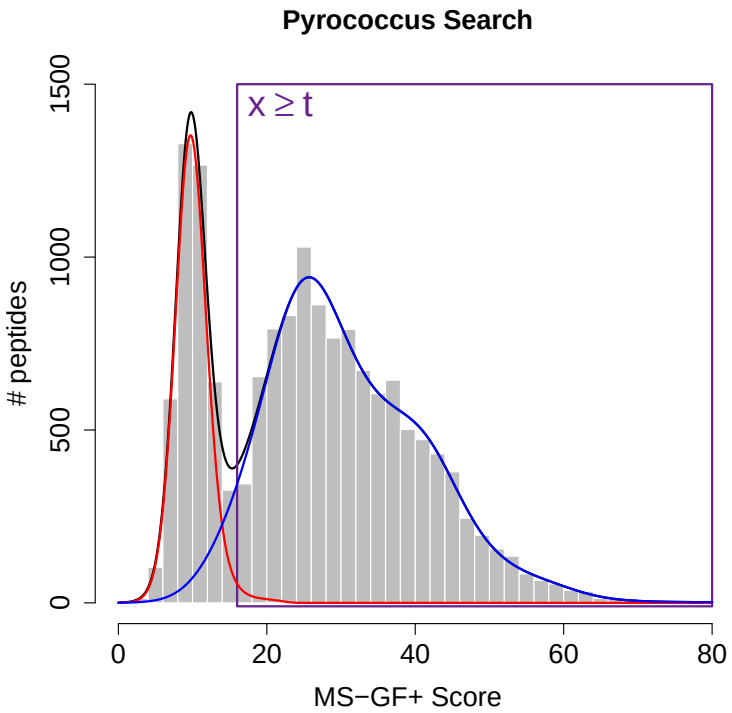

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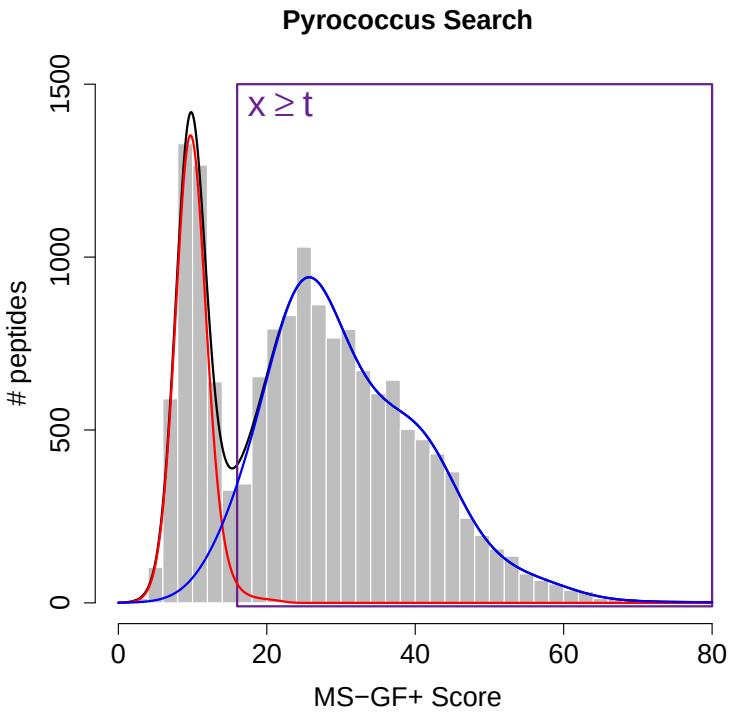

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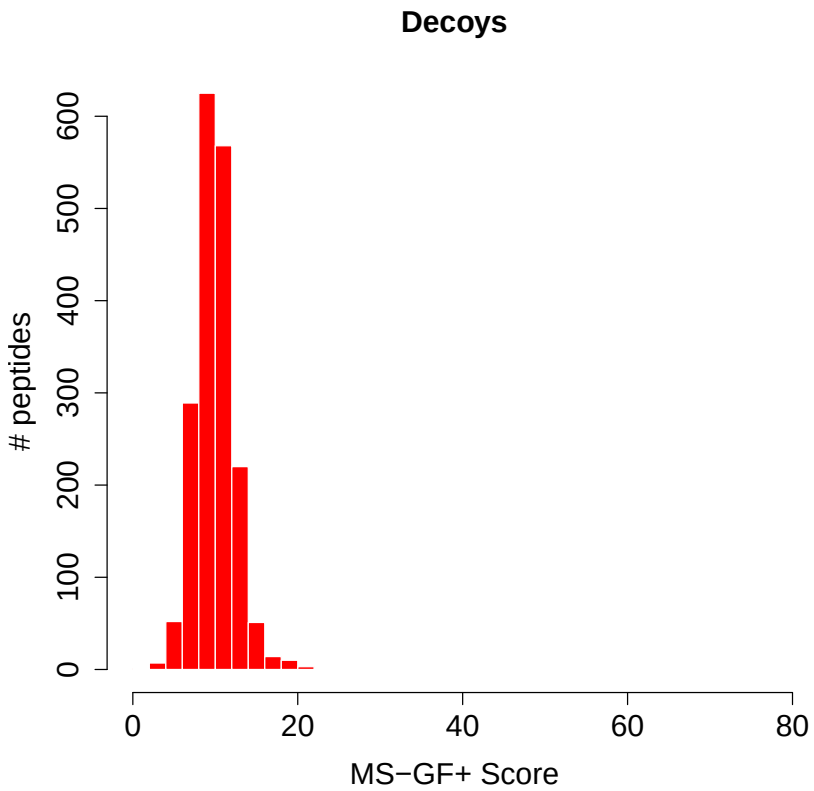

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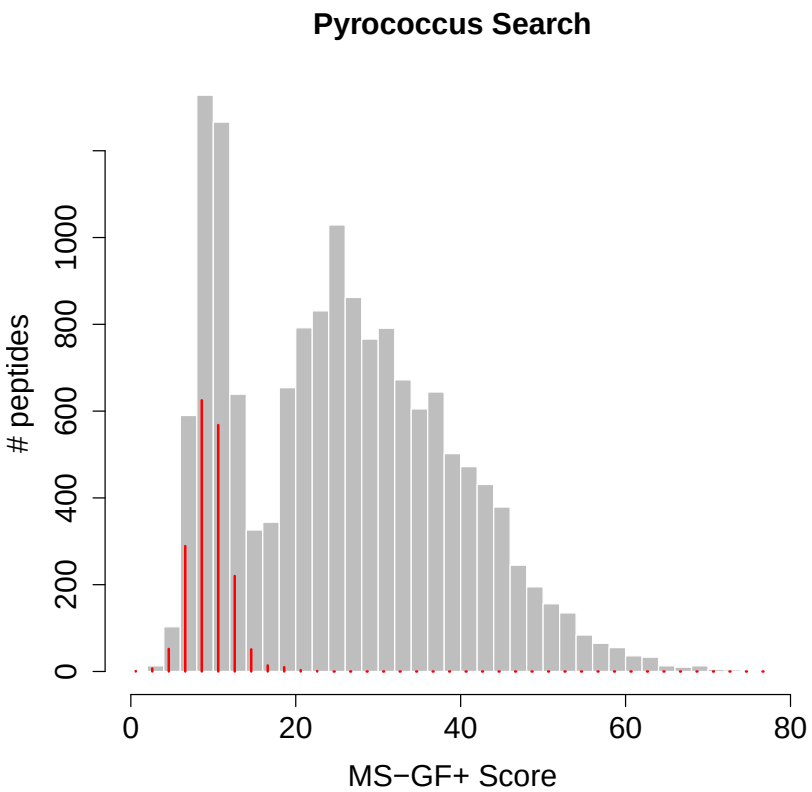

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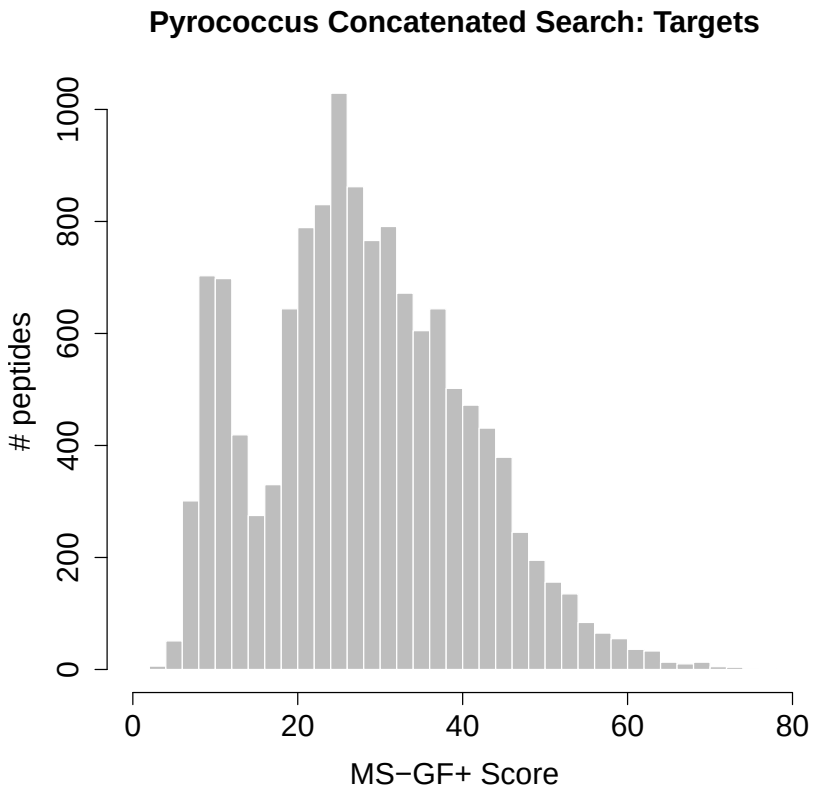

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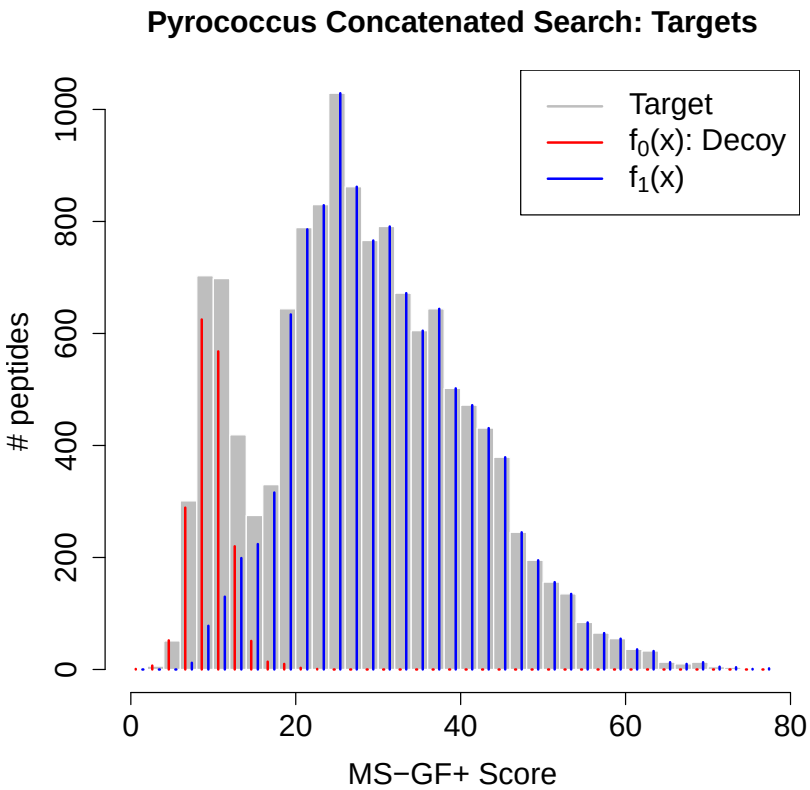

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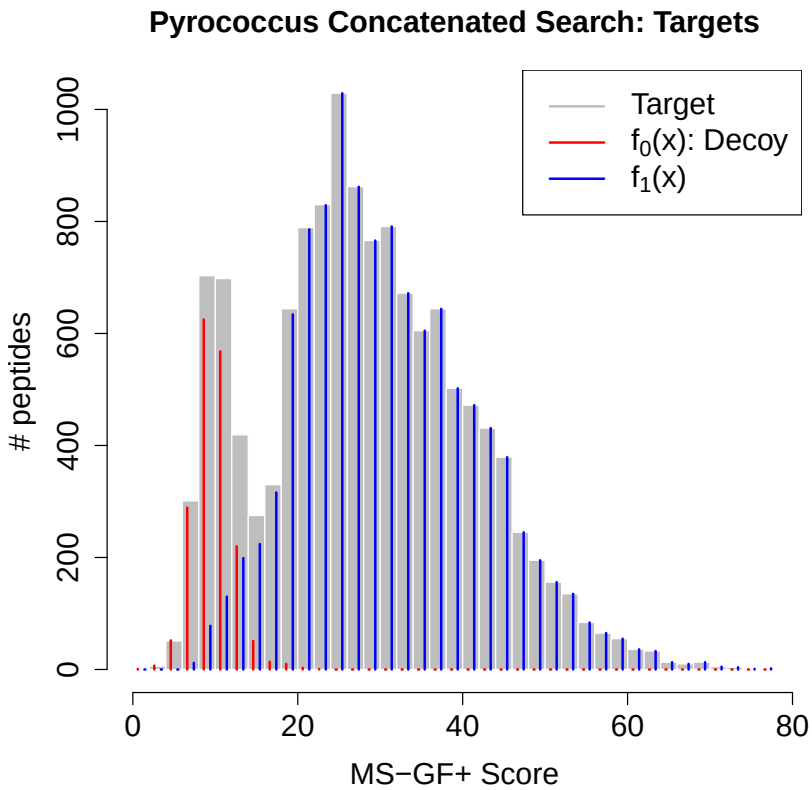

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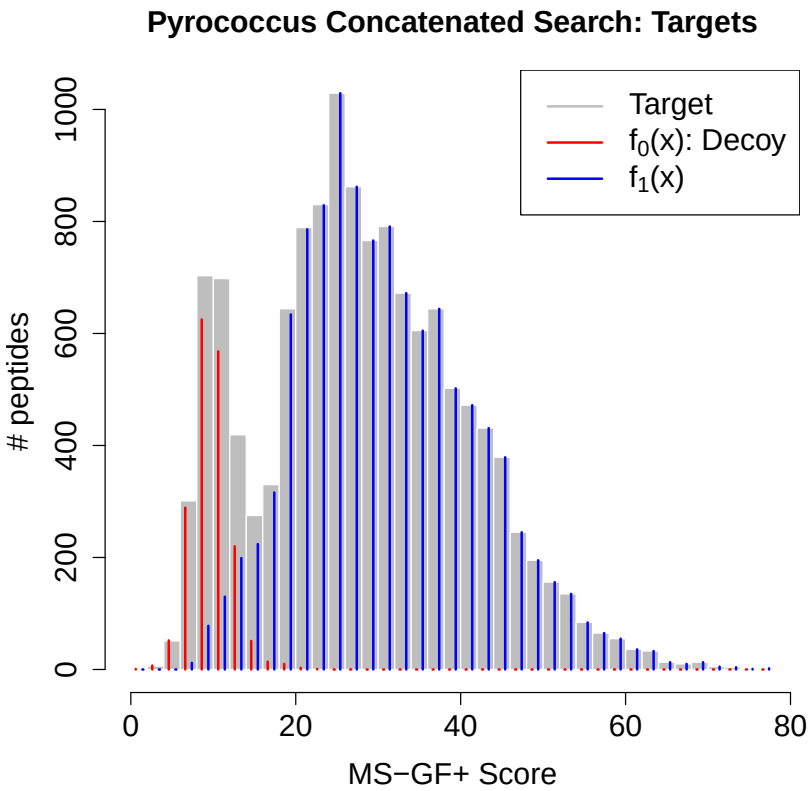

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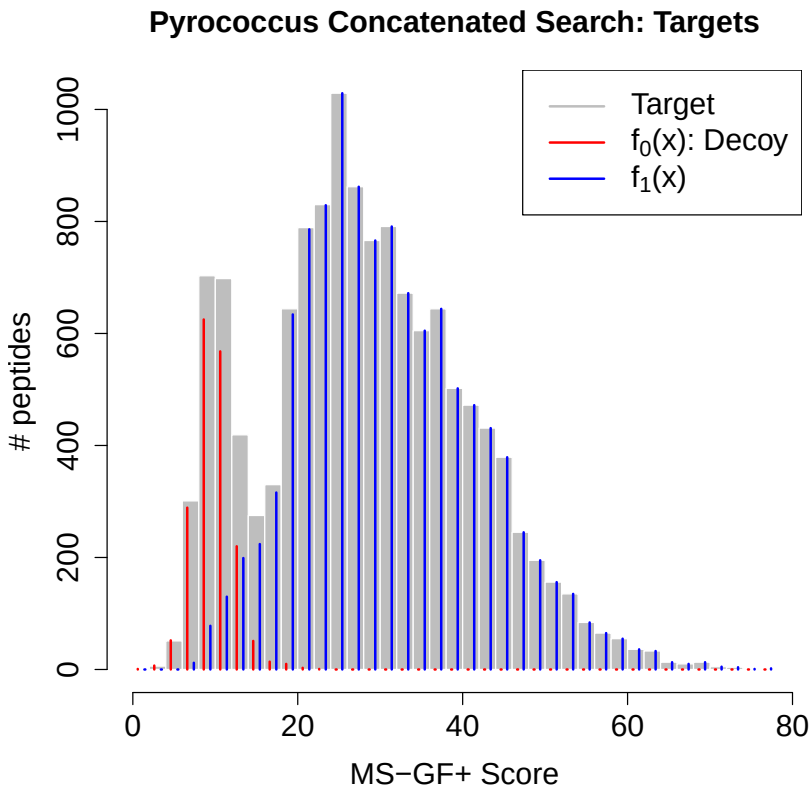

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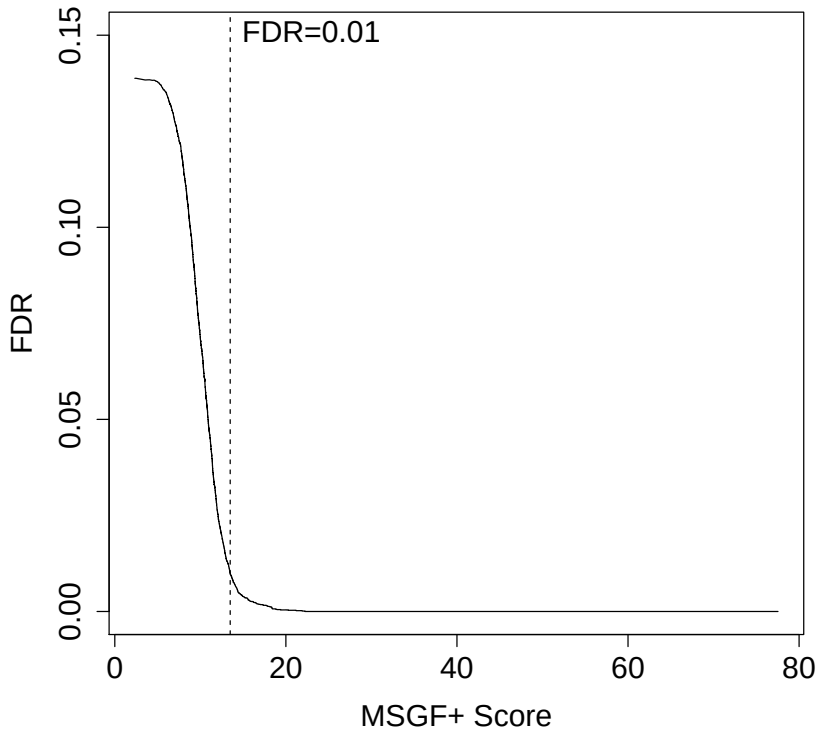

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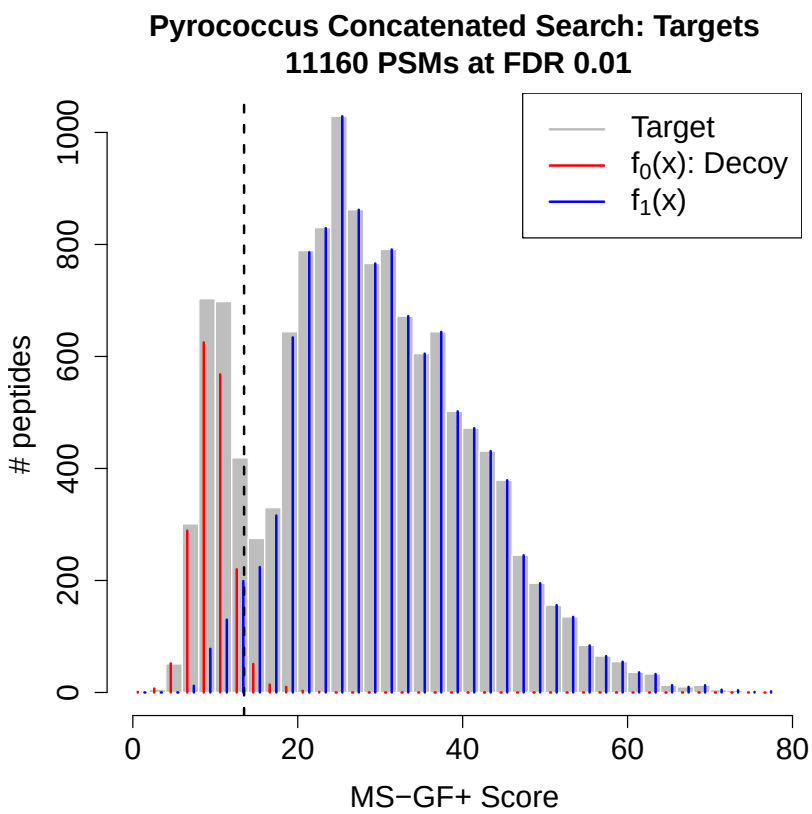

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Assess TDA assumptions

We have to evaluate that

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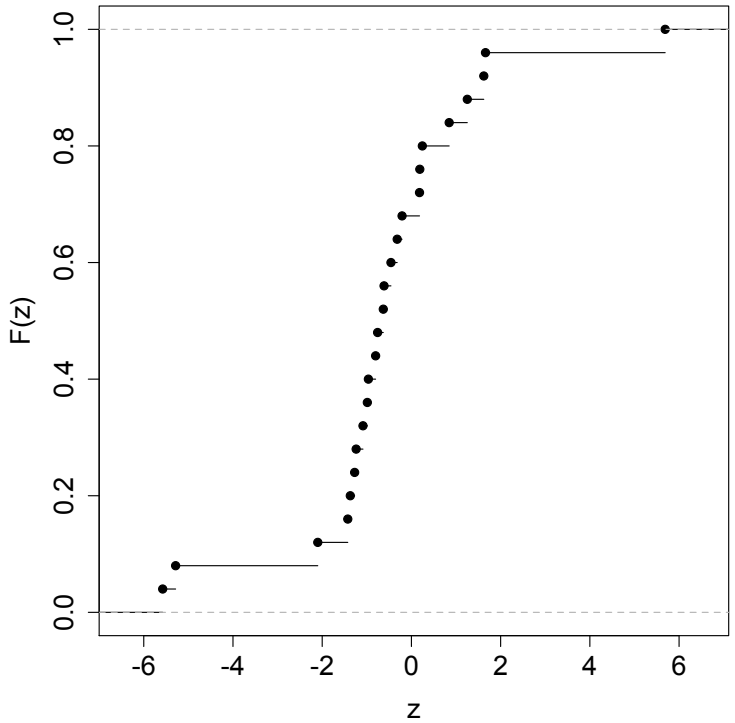
- $\hat{\pi}_0 = \frac{\#decoys}{\#targets}$ is a good estimator for π_0.

- We will use Probability-Probability-plots (PP-plot) for this purpose.

- To make PP-plots we need estimates for $F_0(x)$ and $F(x)$.
- The empirical cumulative distribution (ECDF) is used for that purpose



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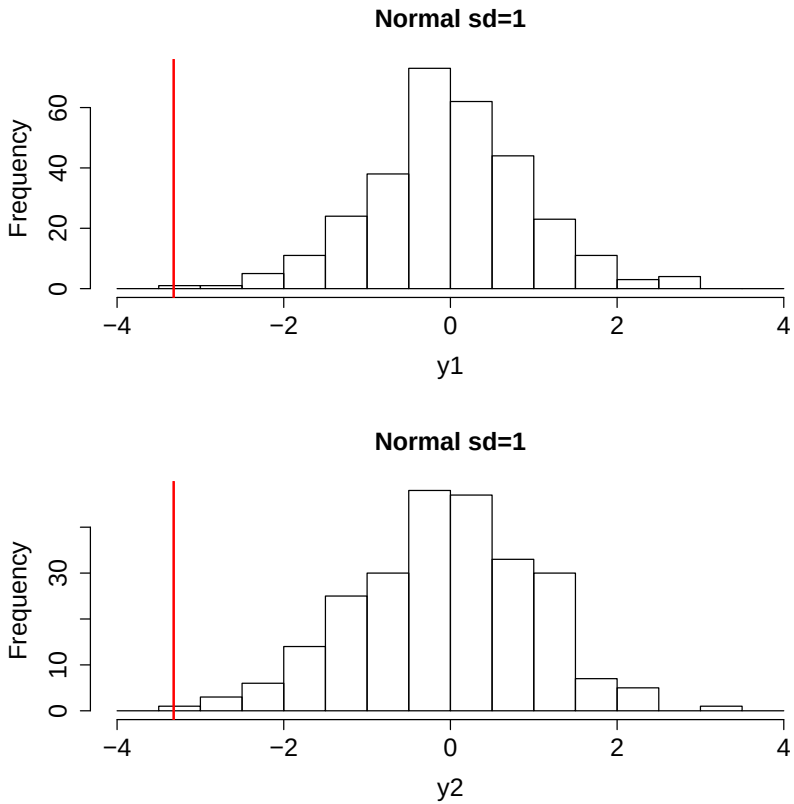

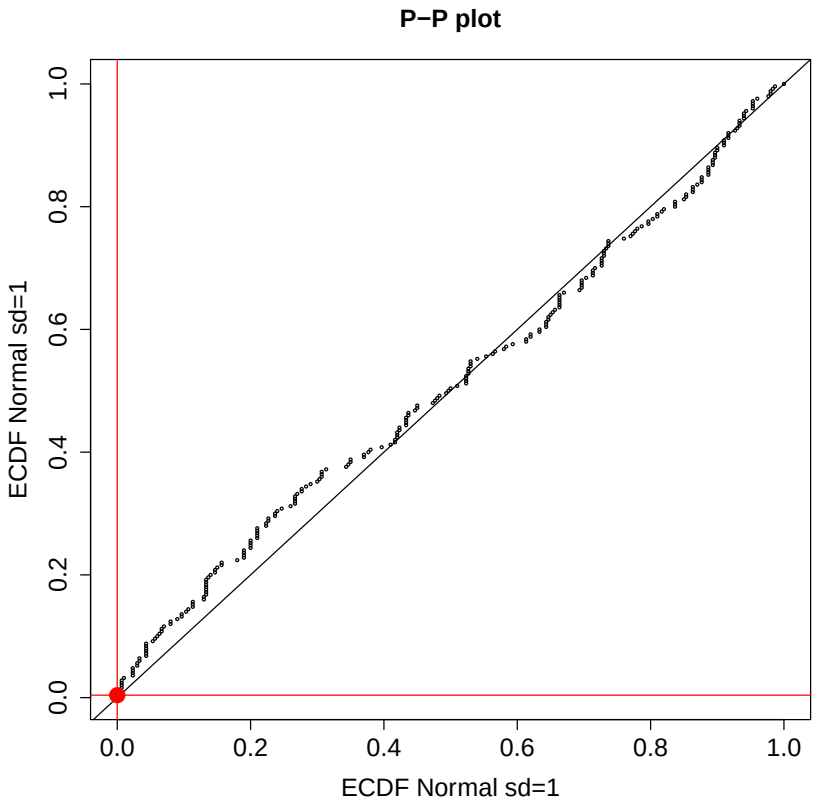

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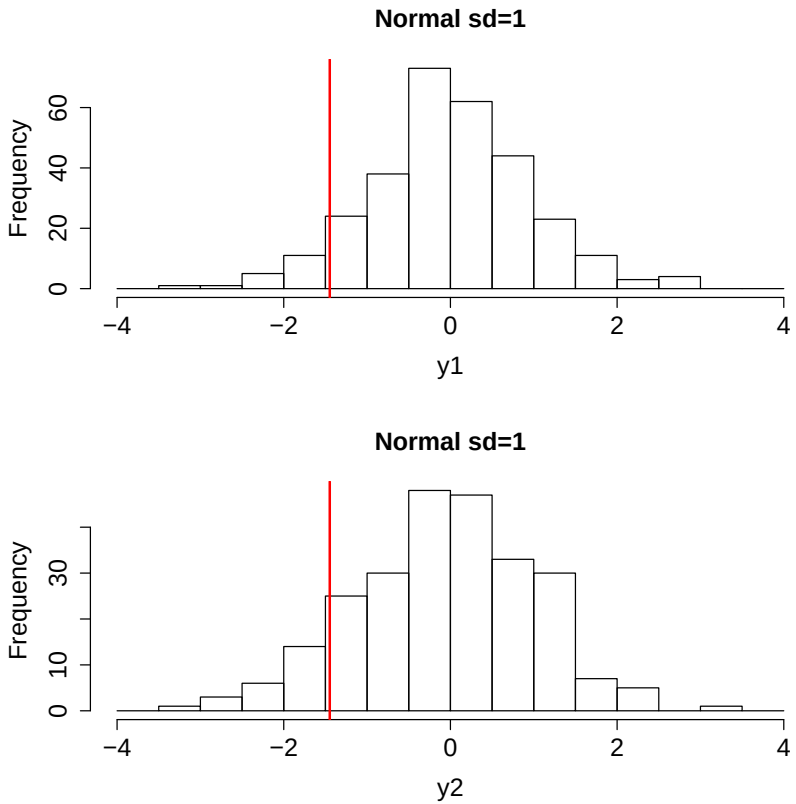

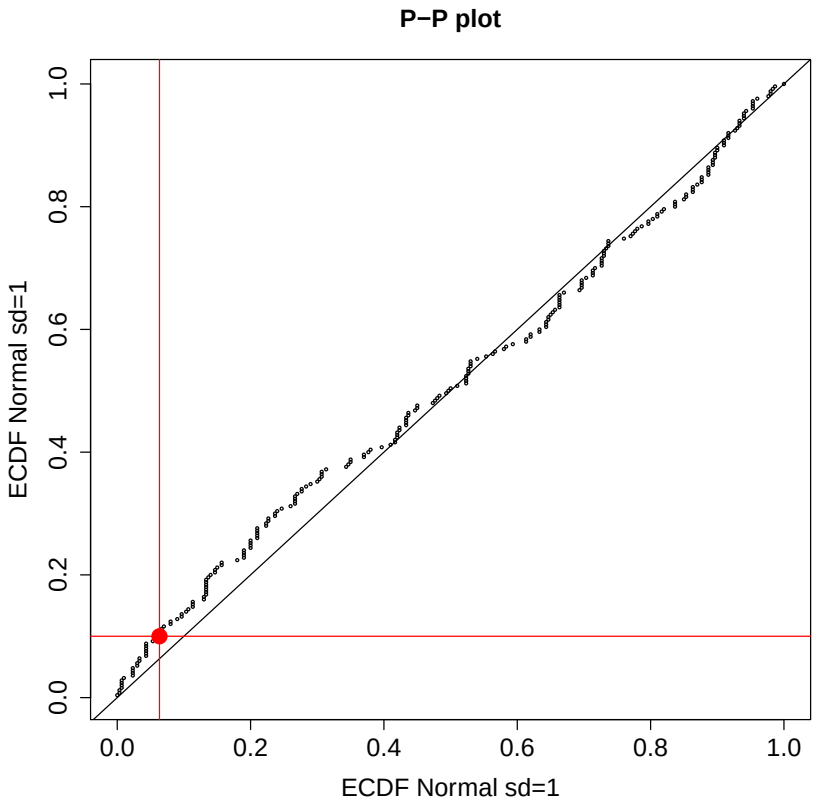

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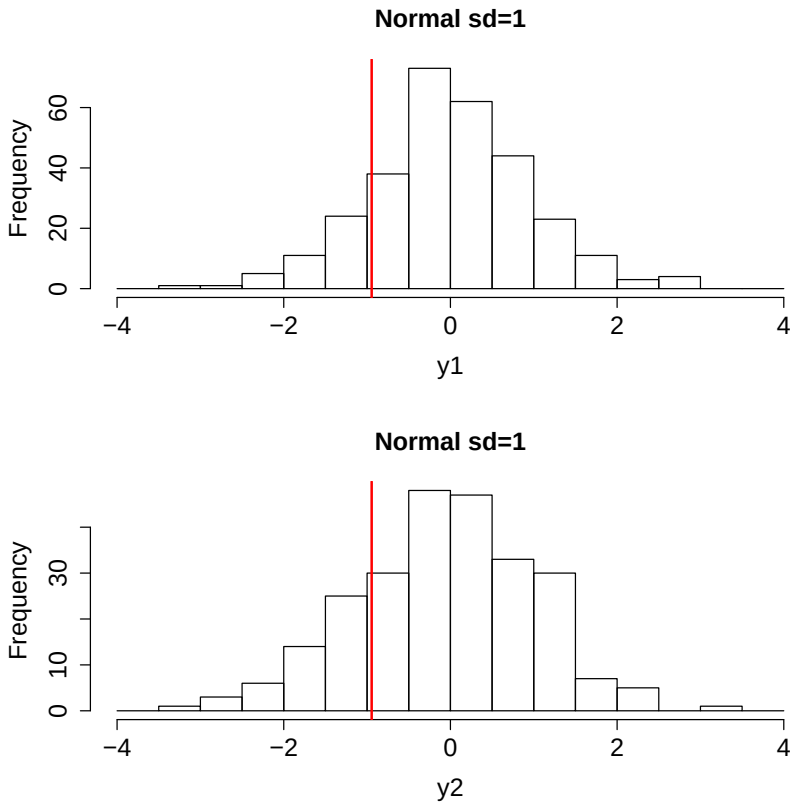

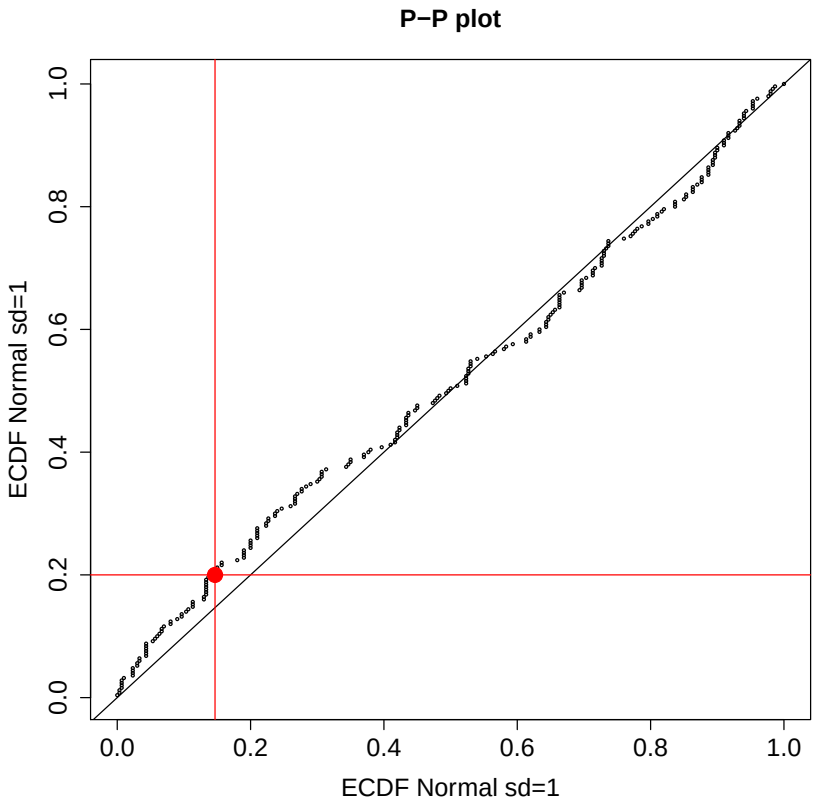

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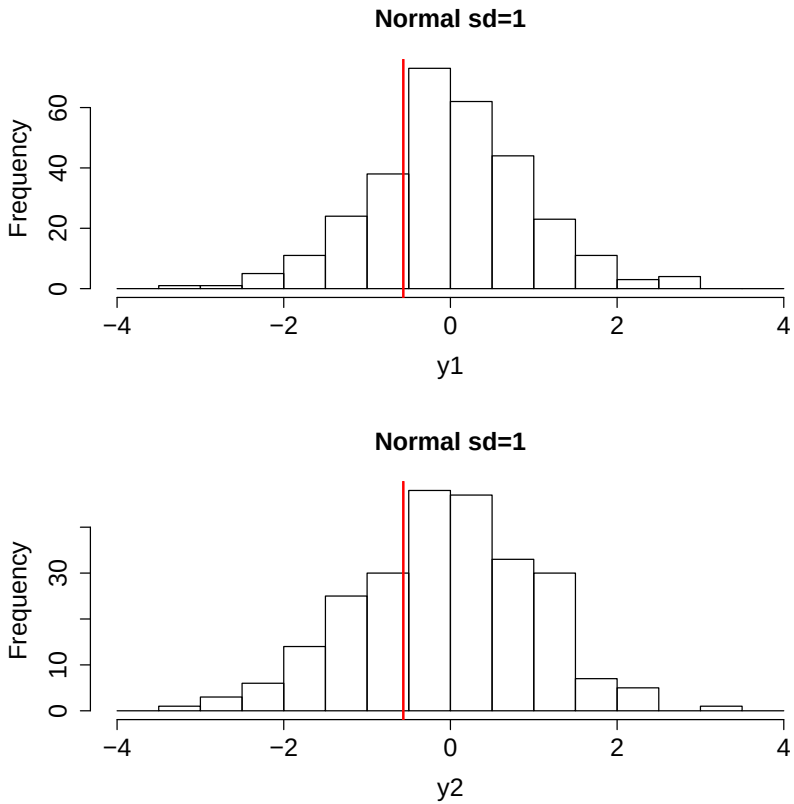

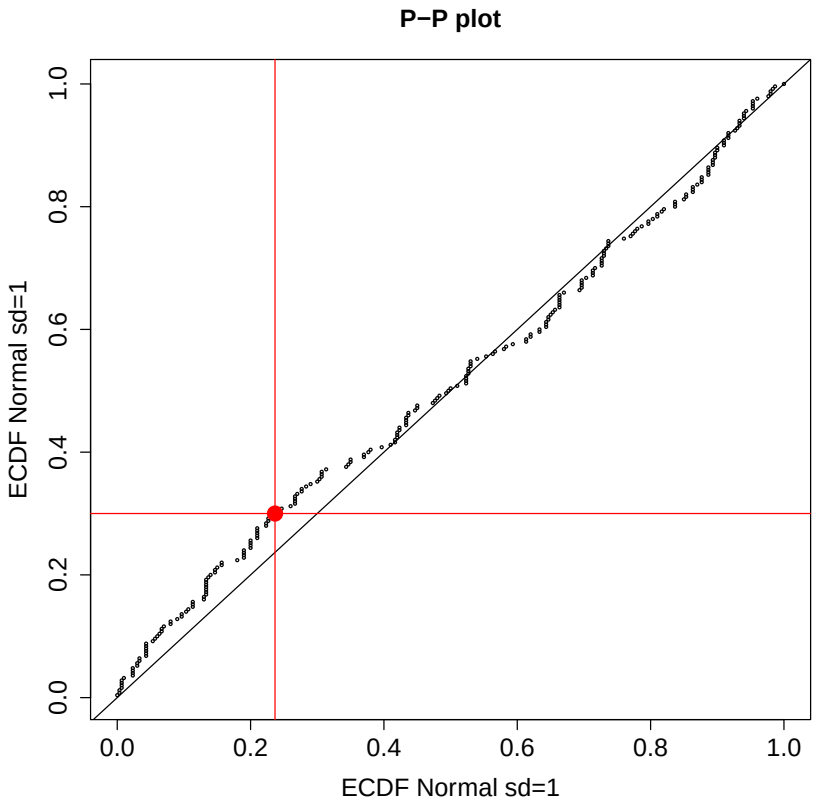

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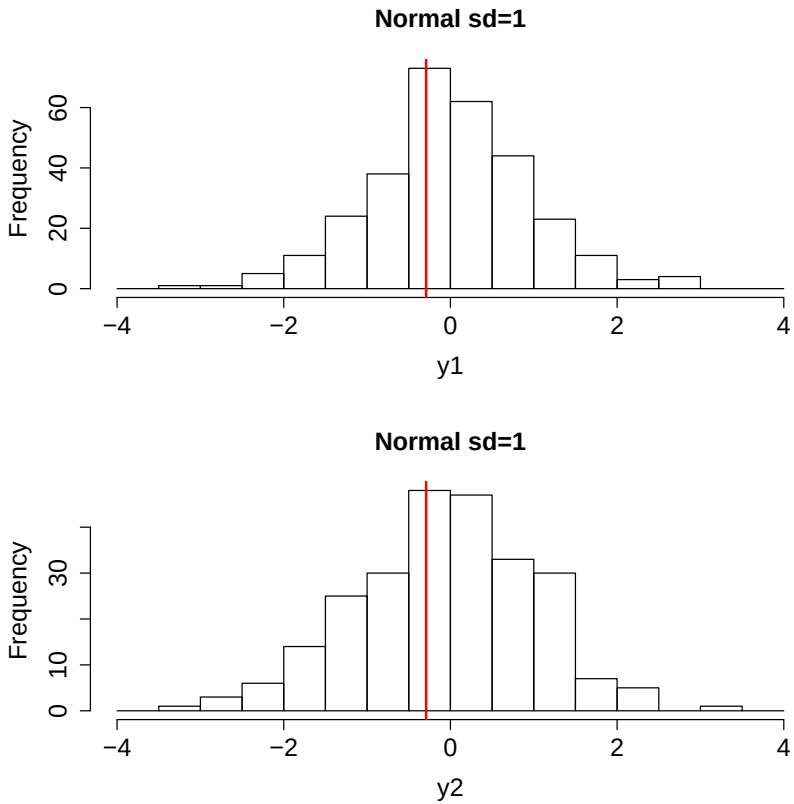

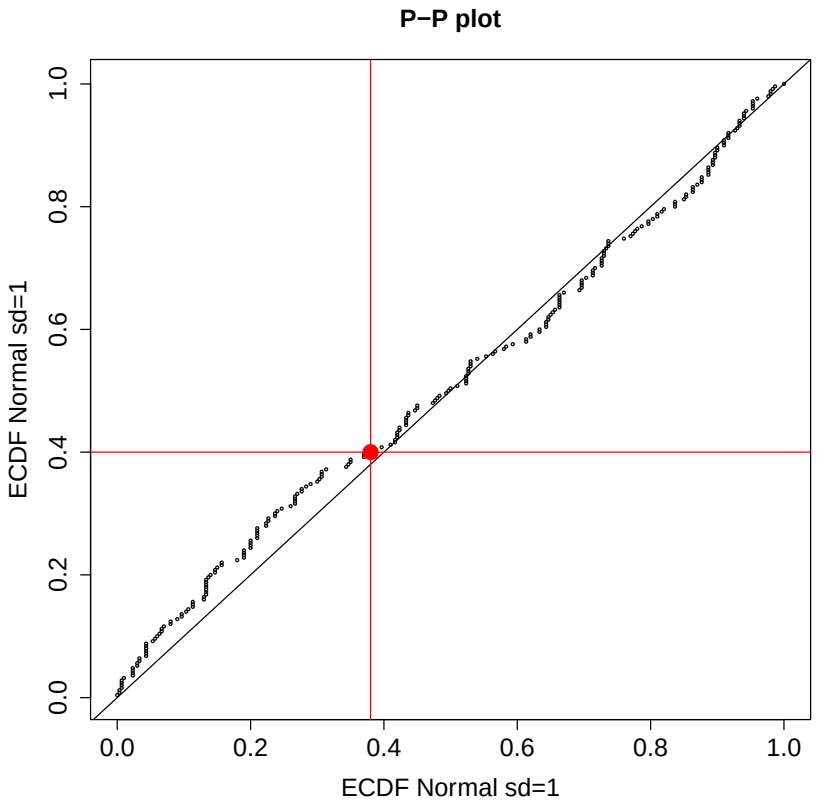

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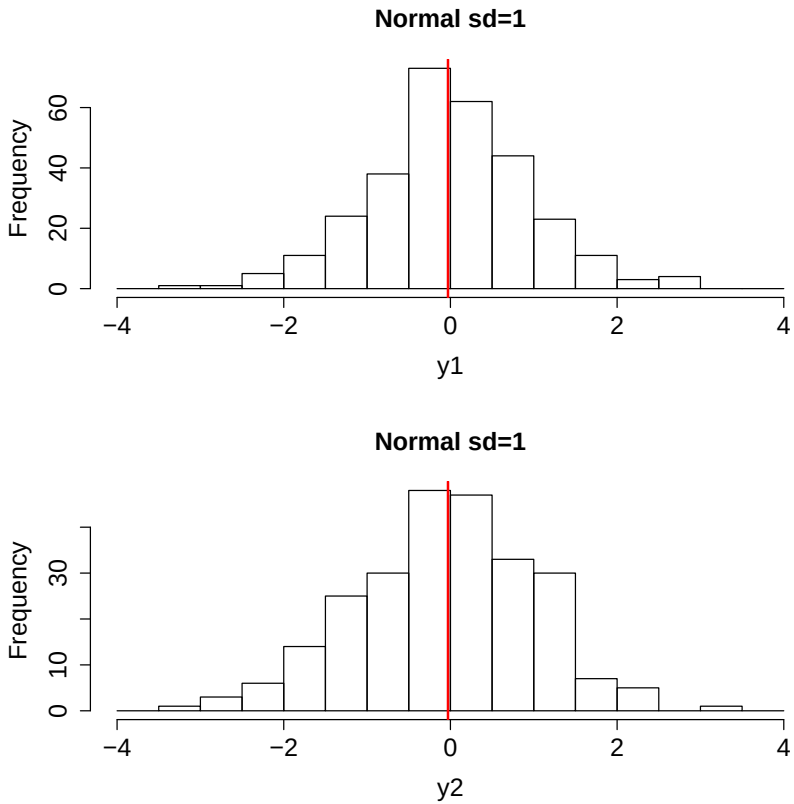

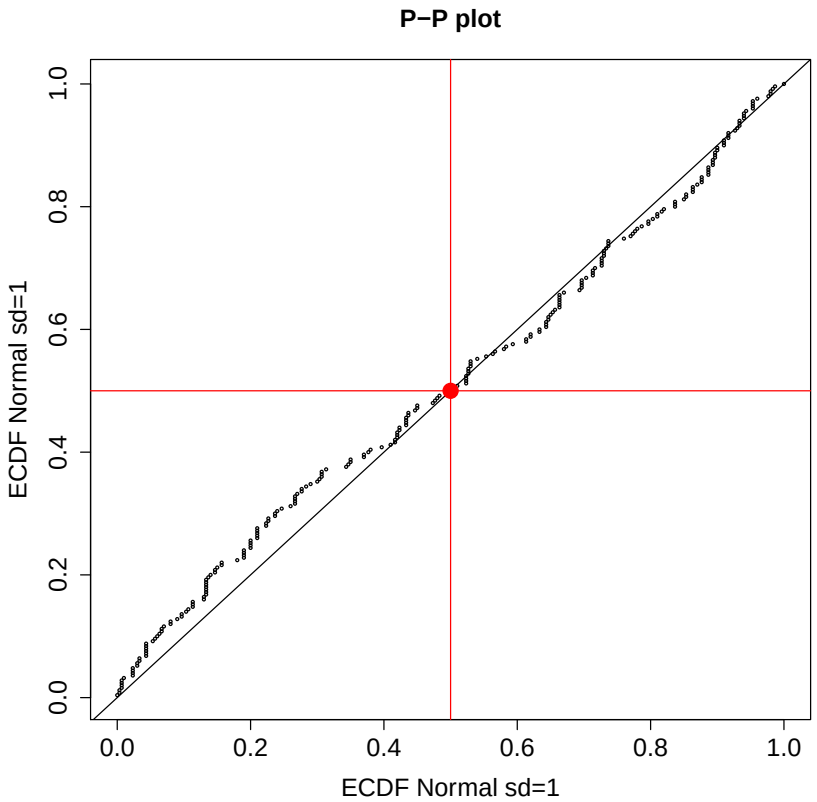

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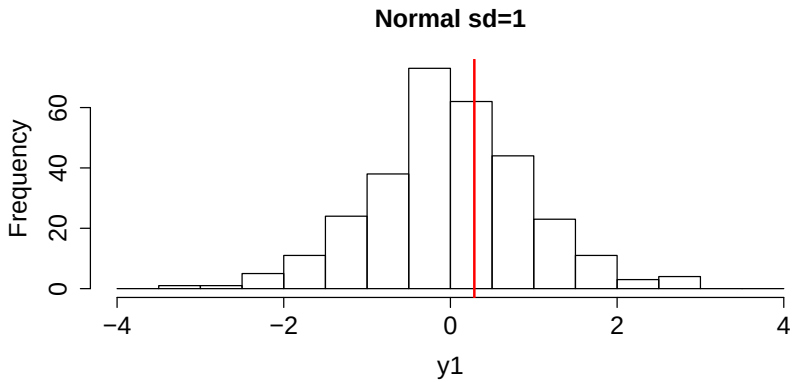

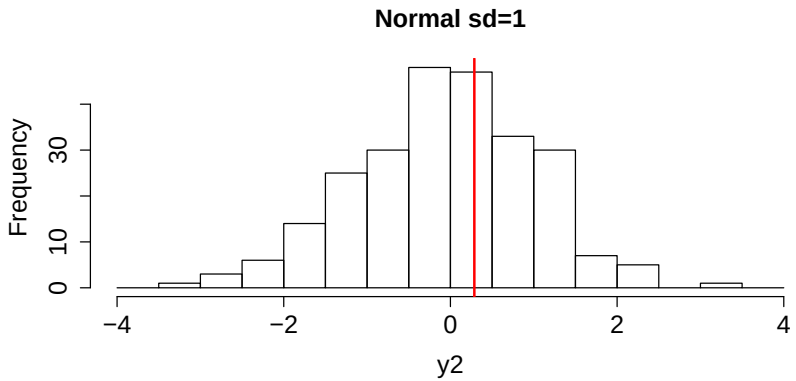

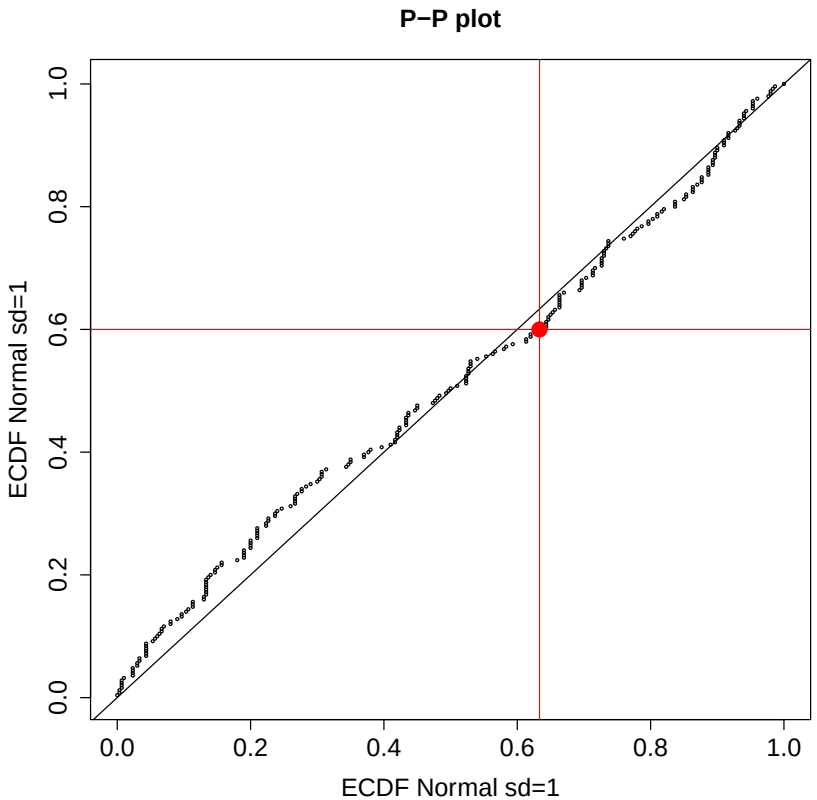

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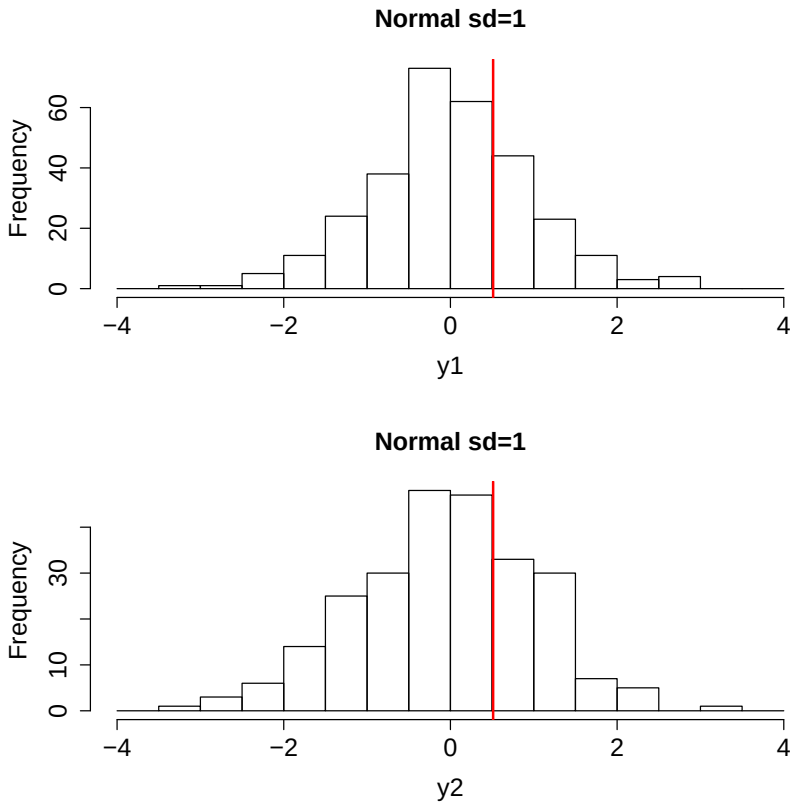

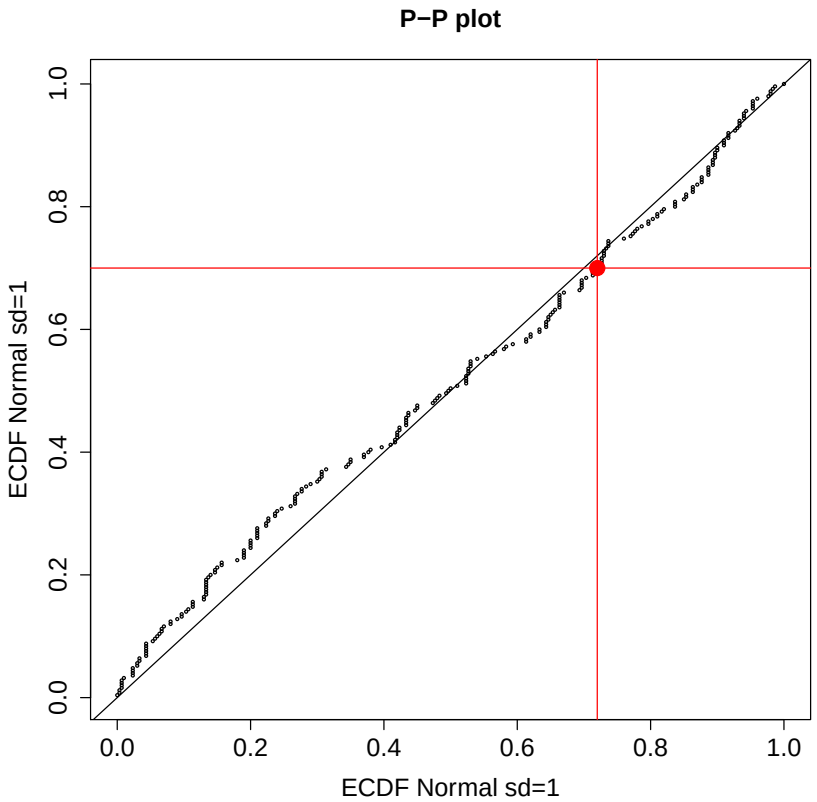

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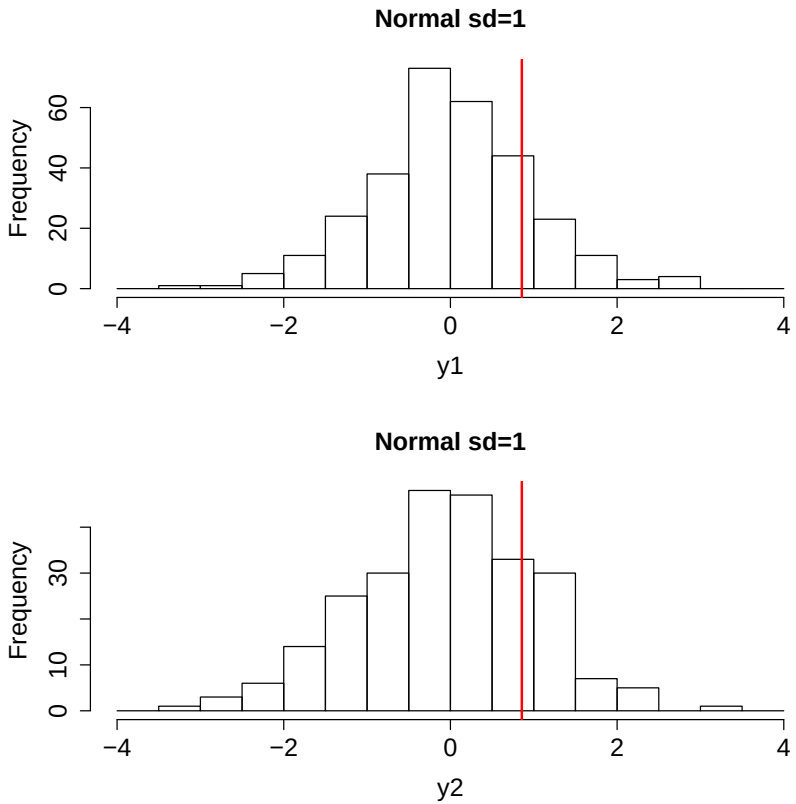

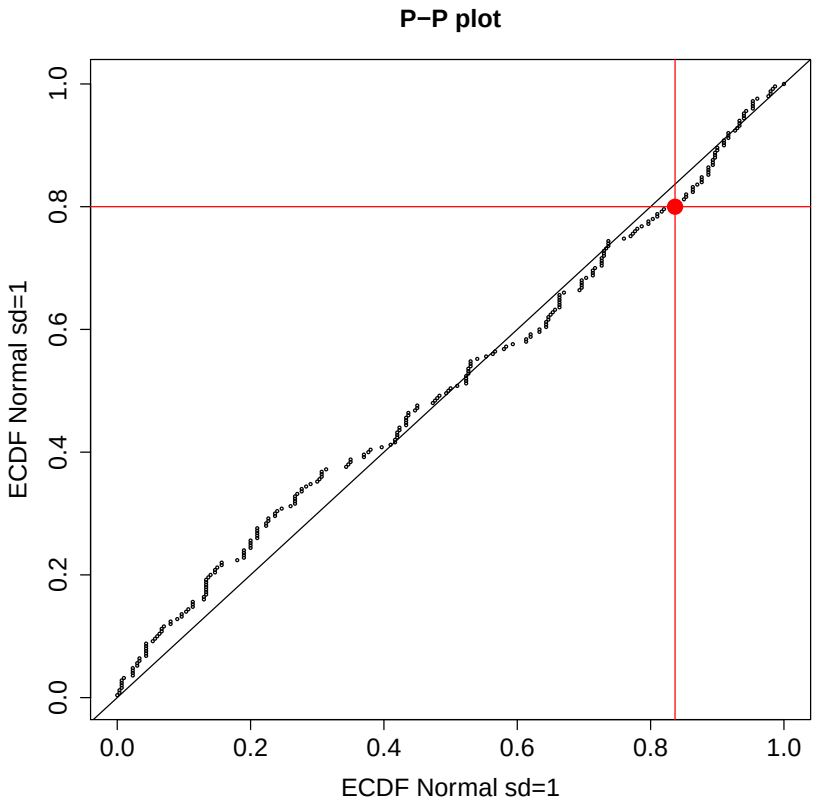

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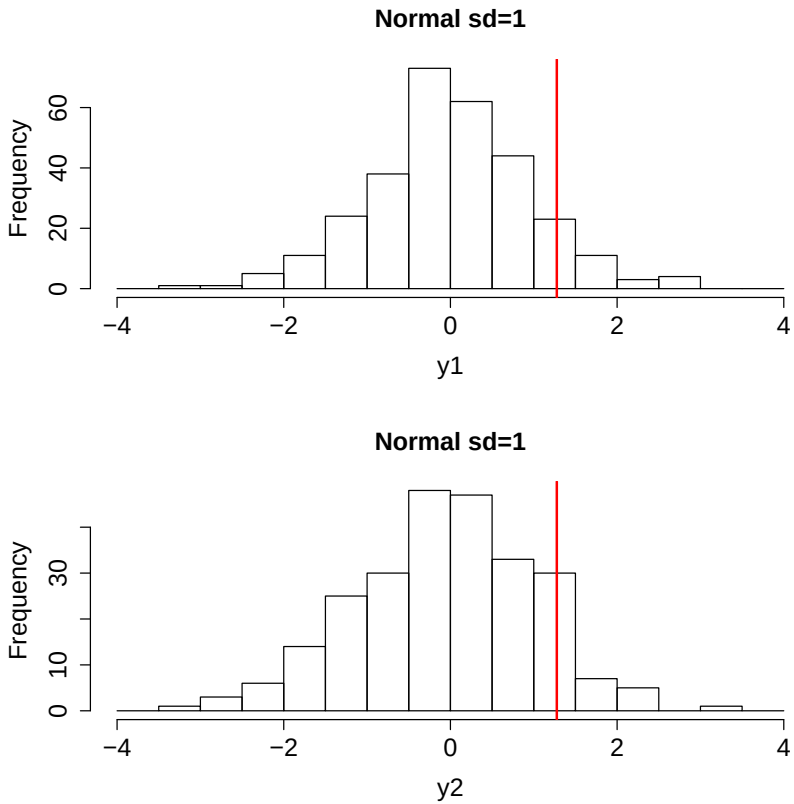

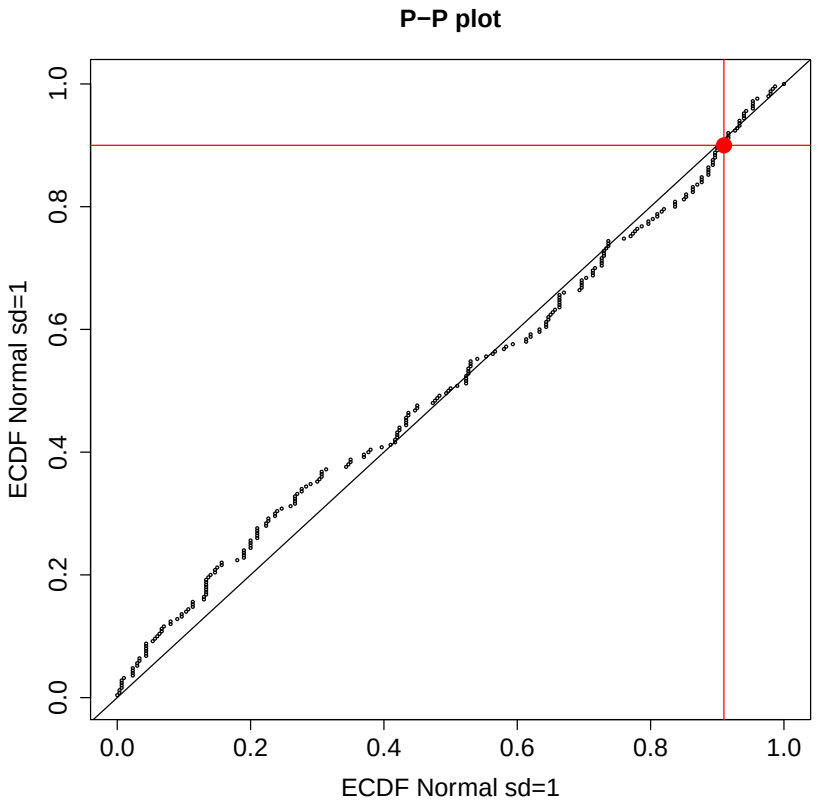

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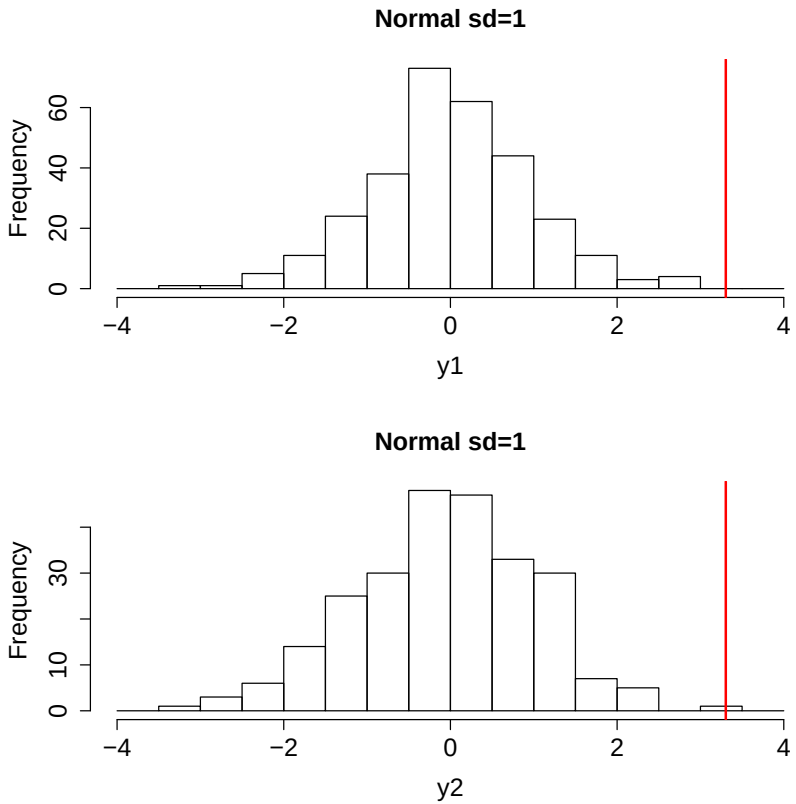

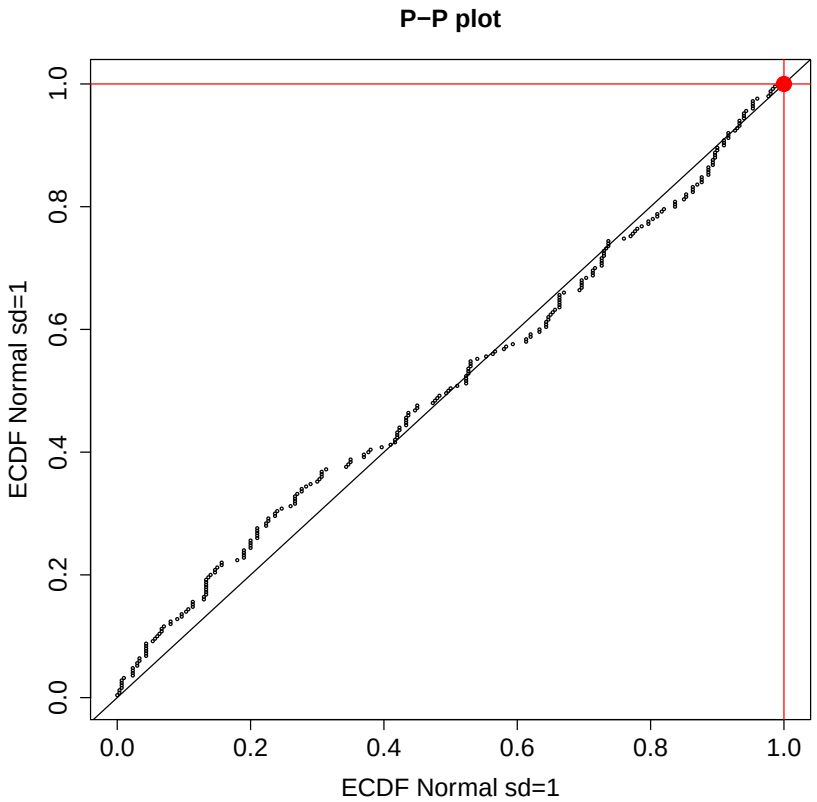

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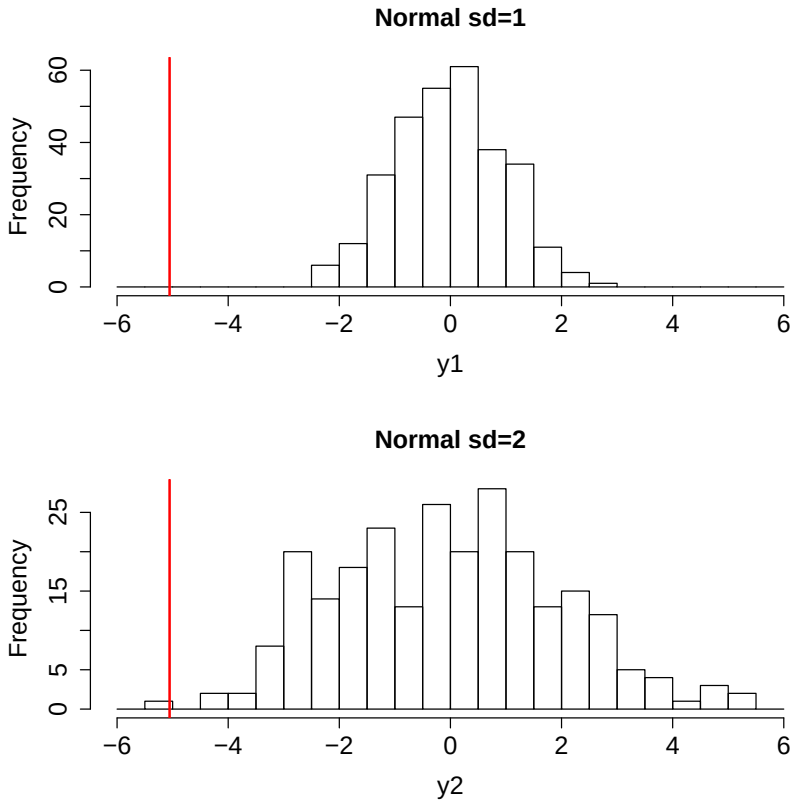
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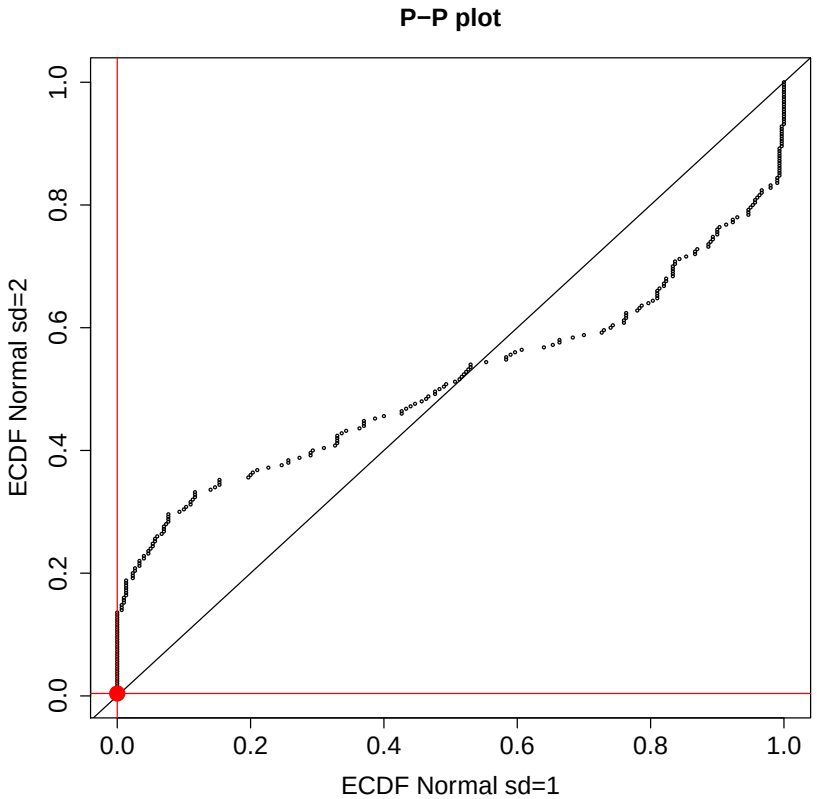
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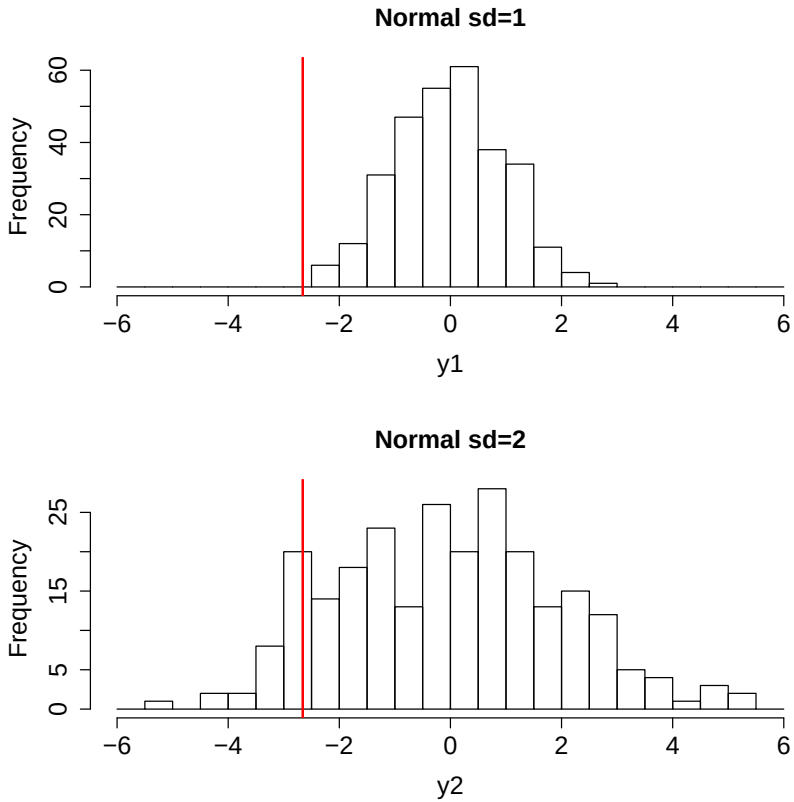
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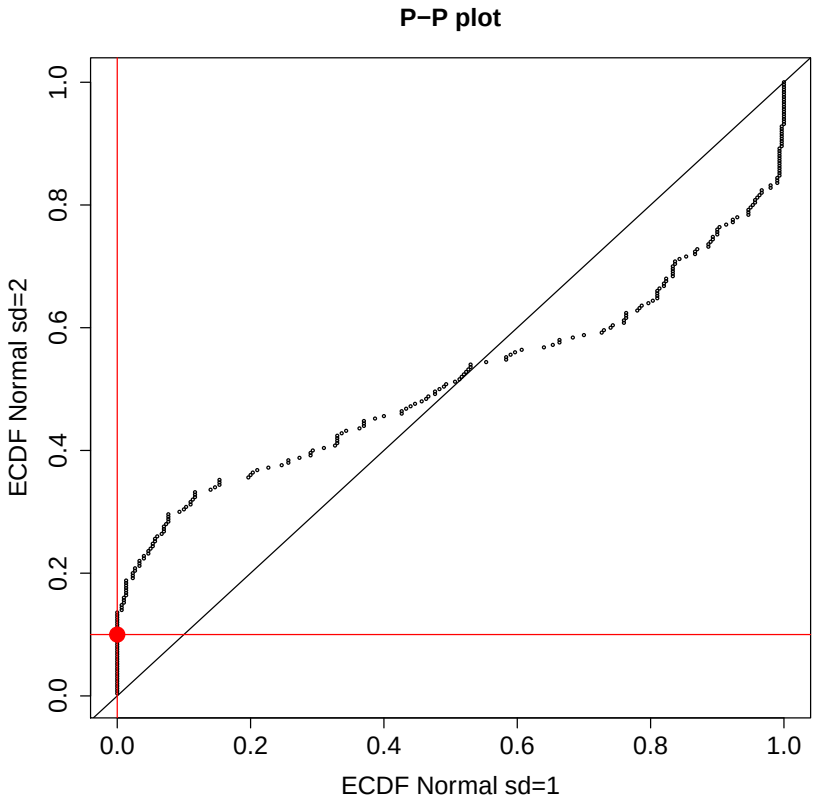
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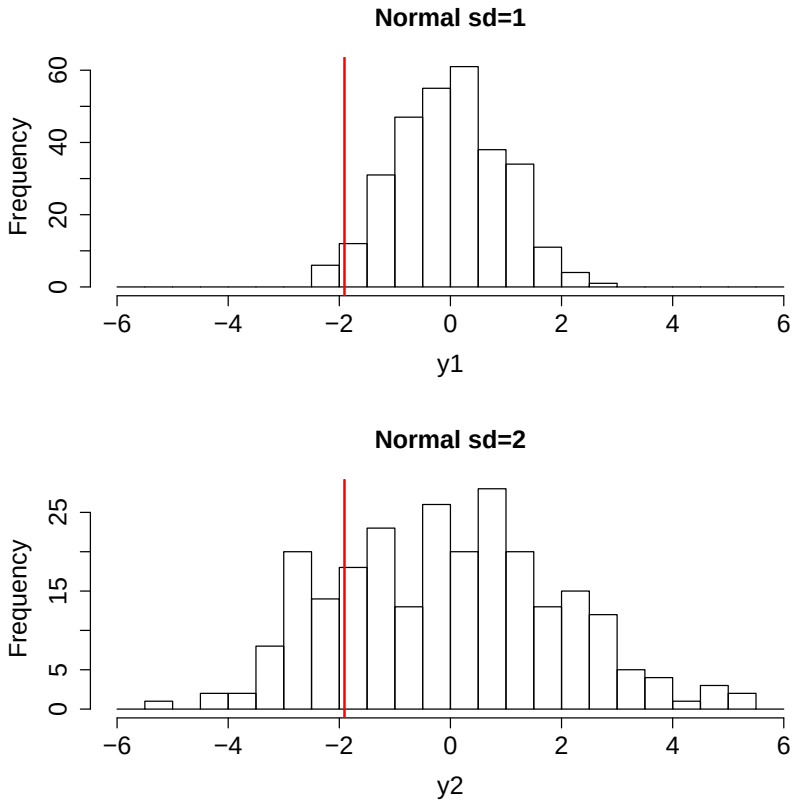
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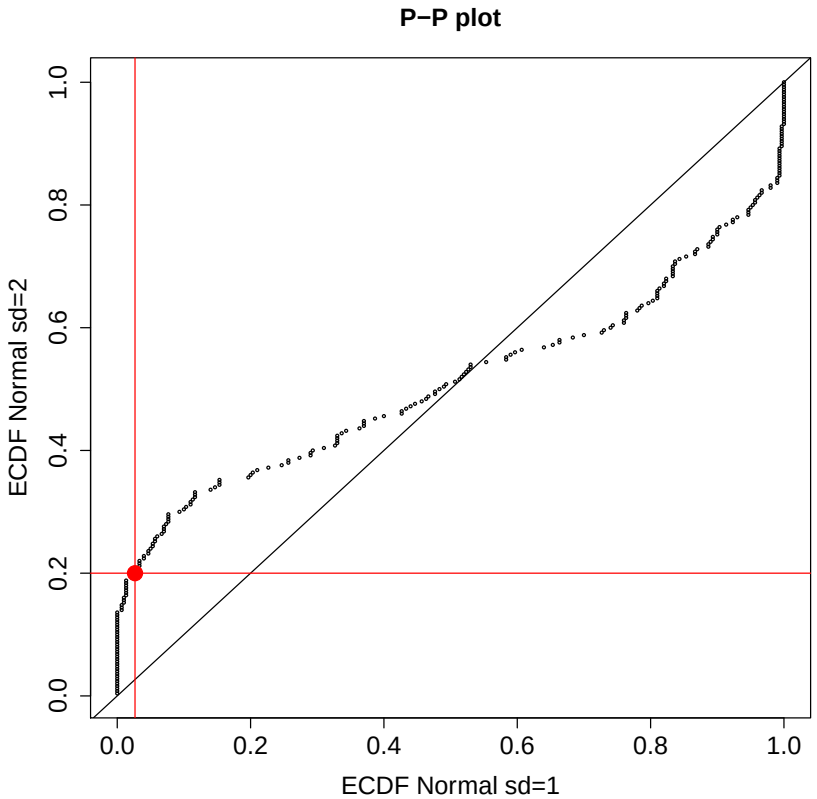
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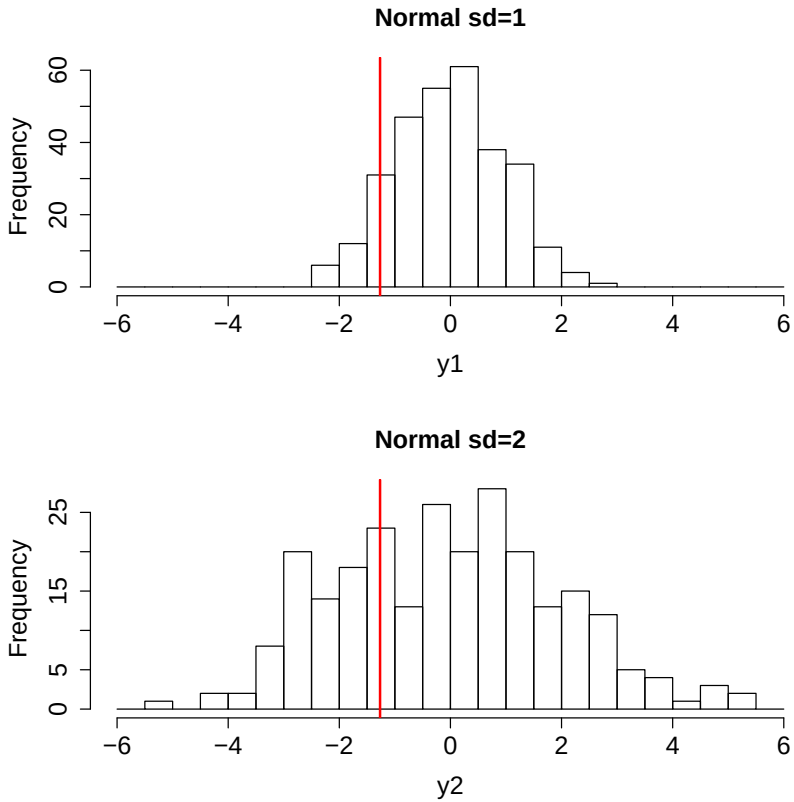
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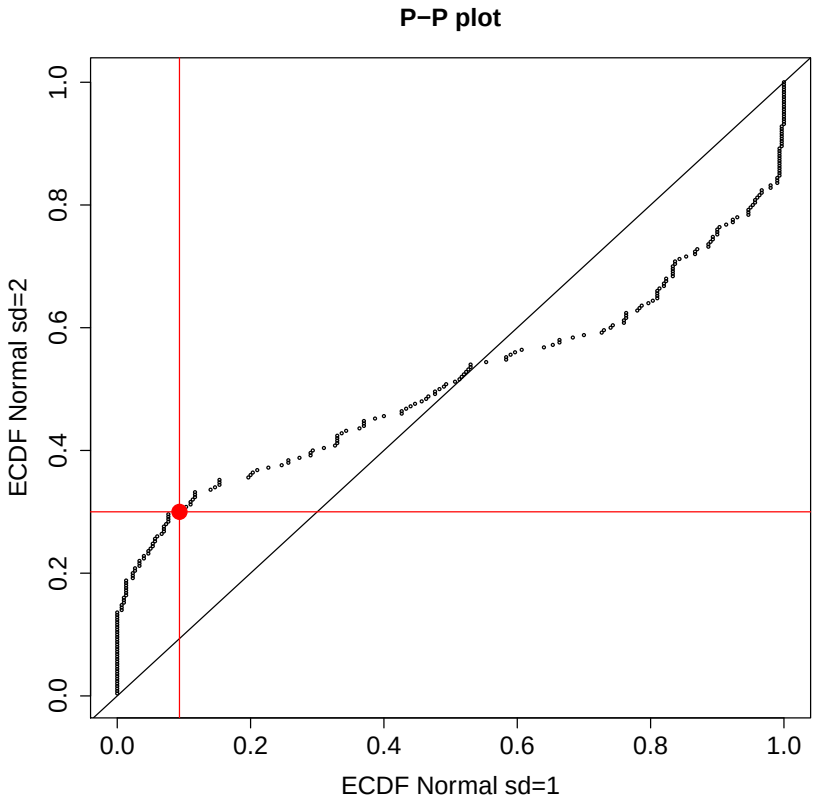
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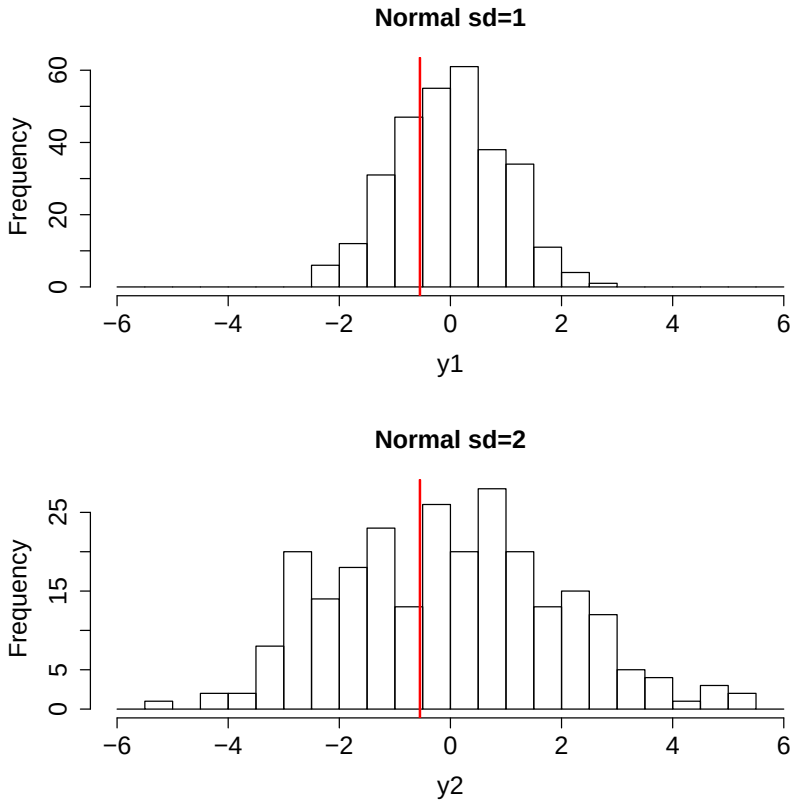
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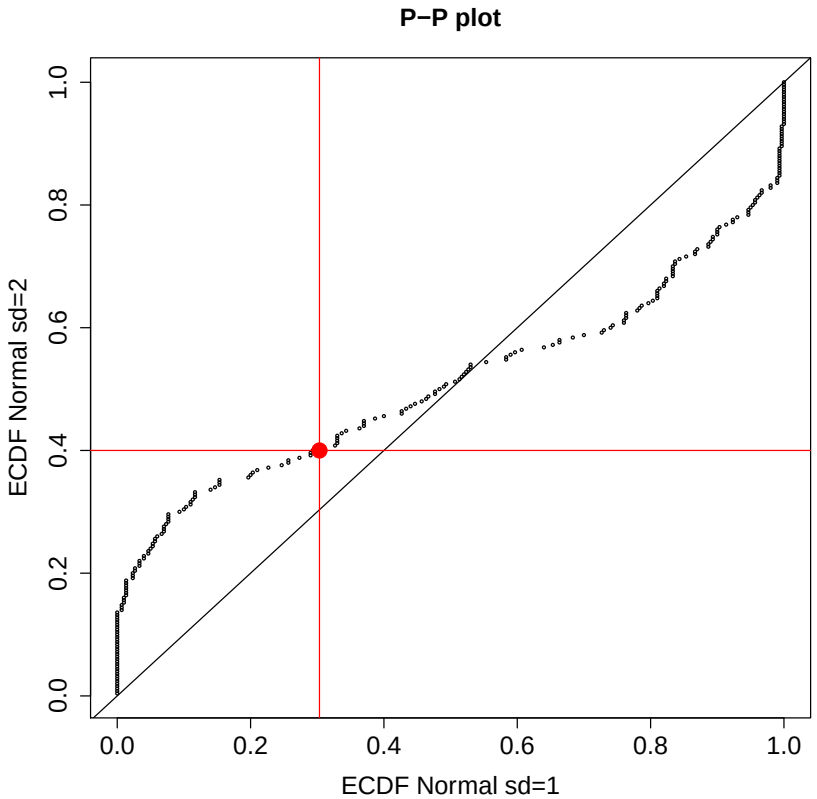
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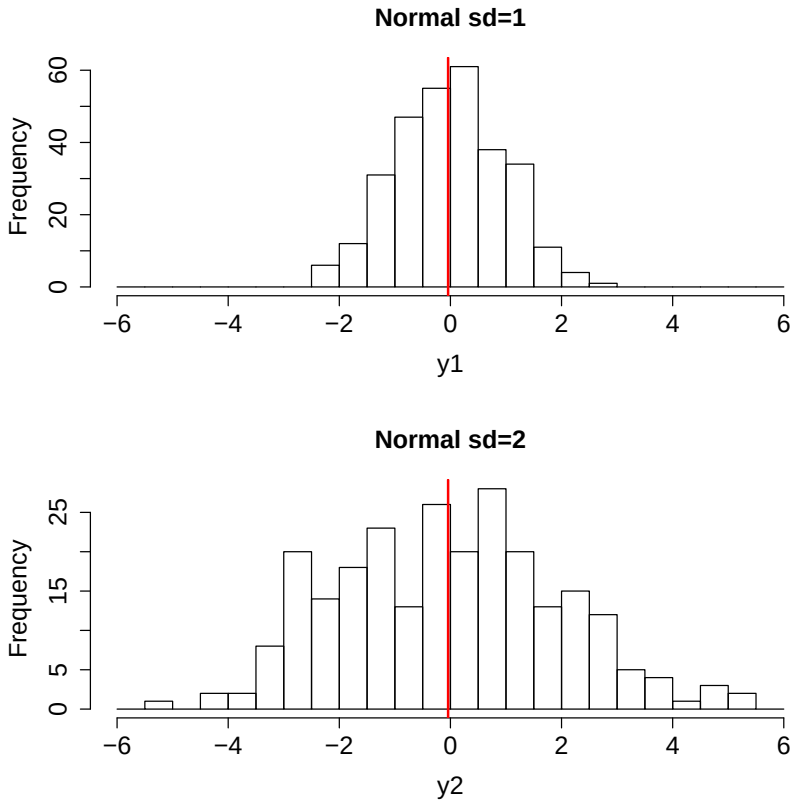
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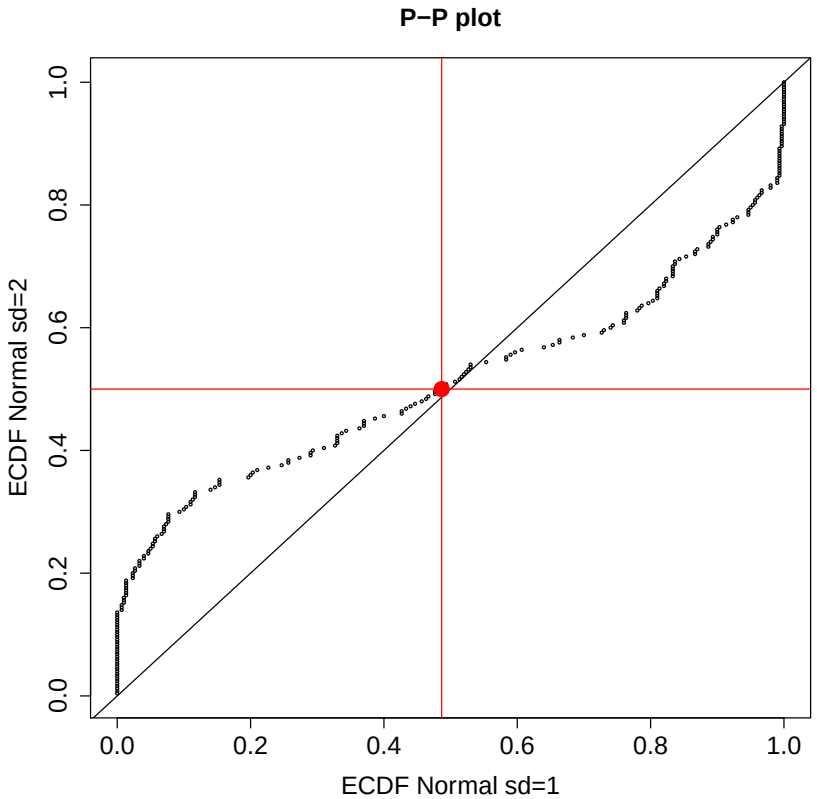
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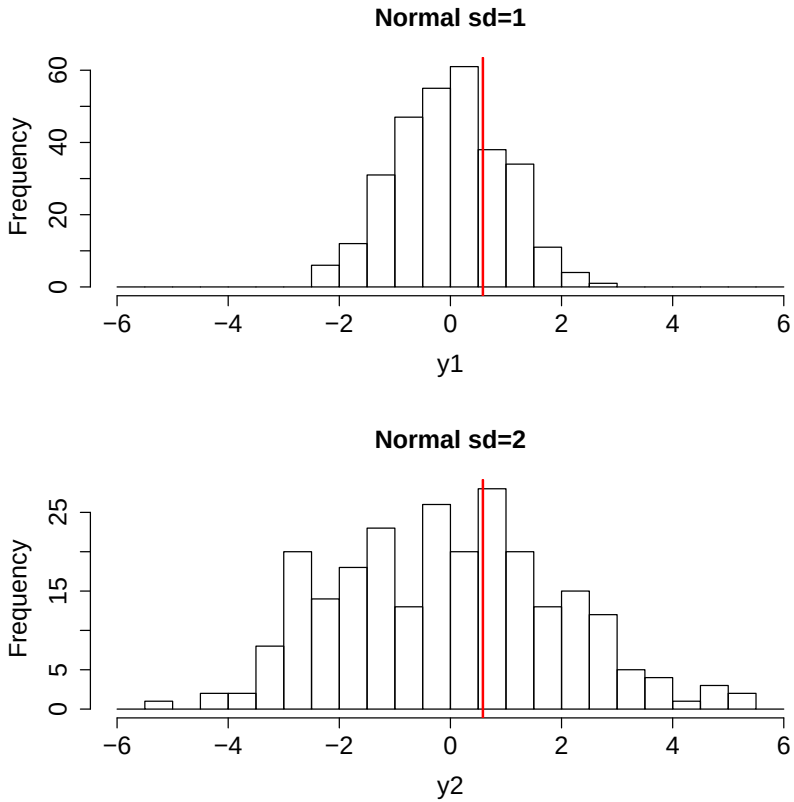
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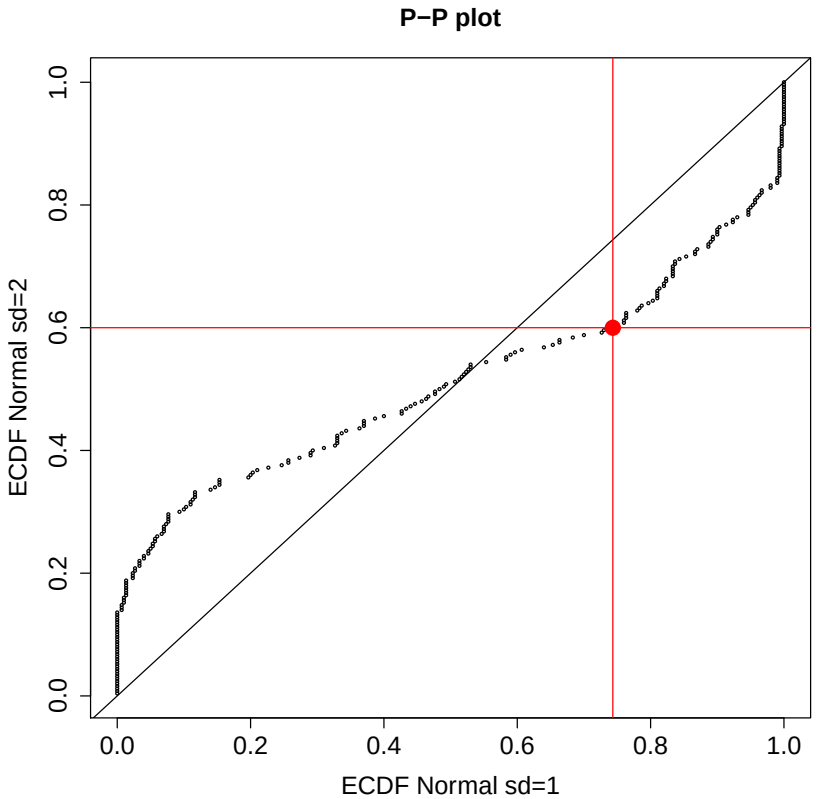
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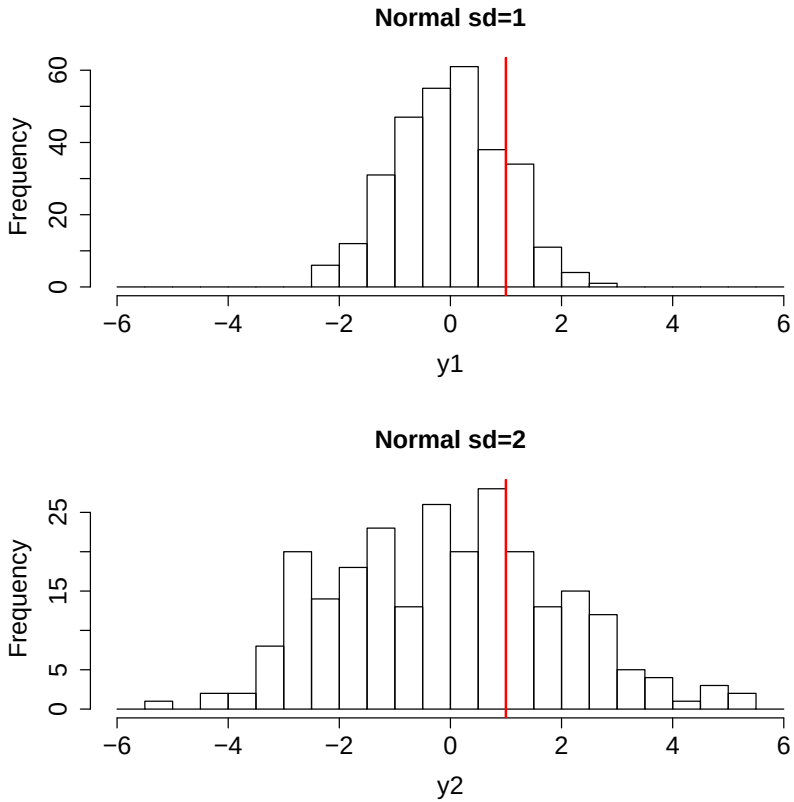
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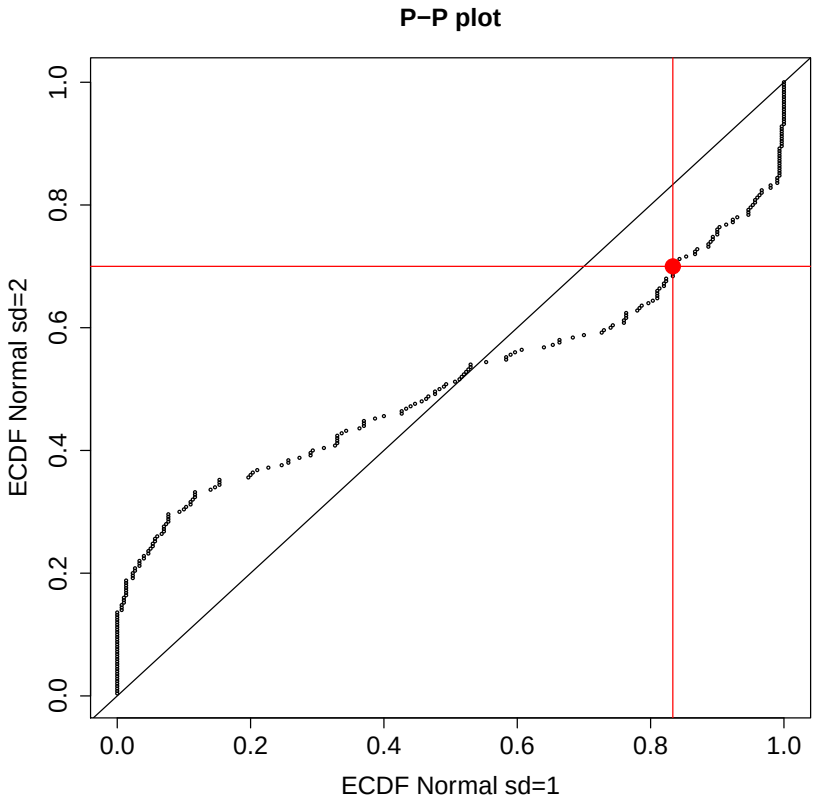
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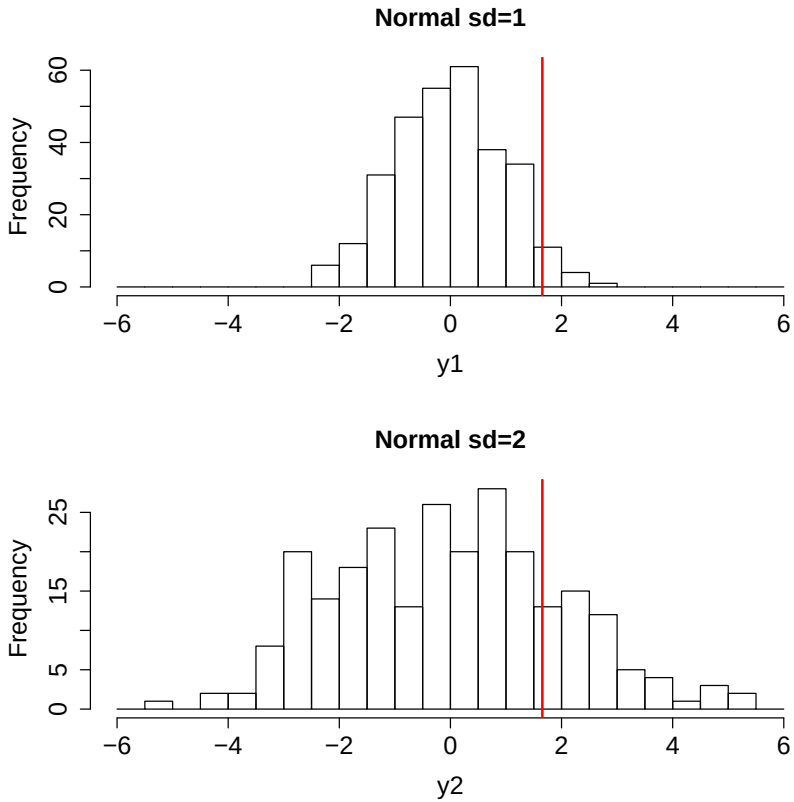
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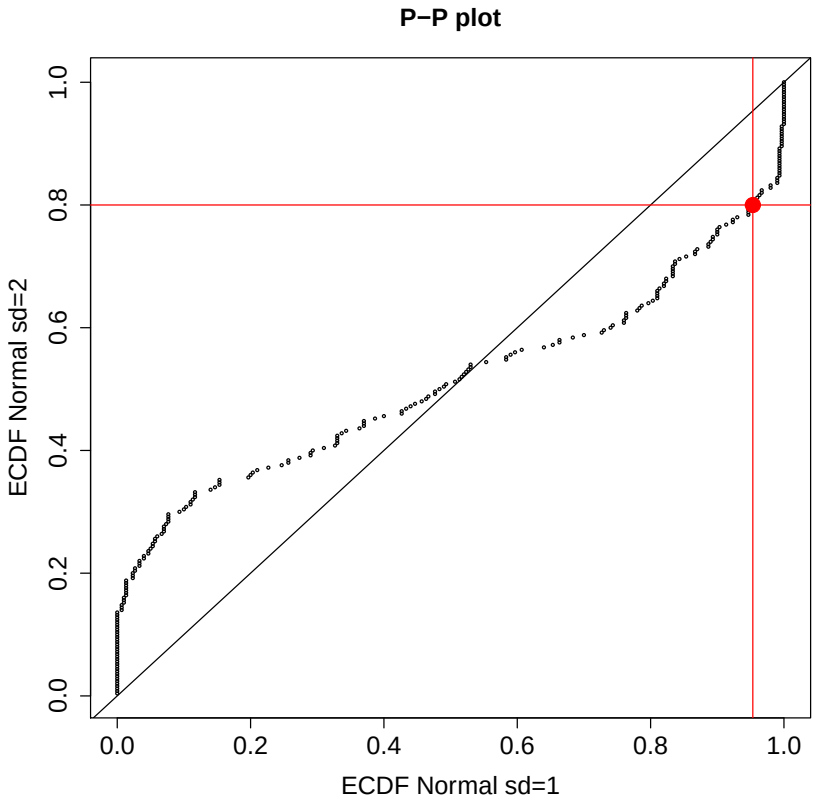
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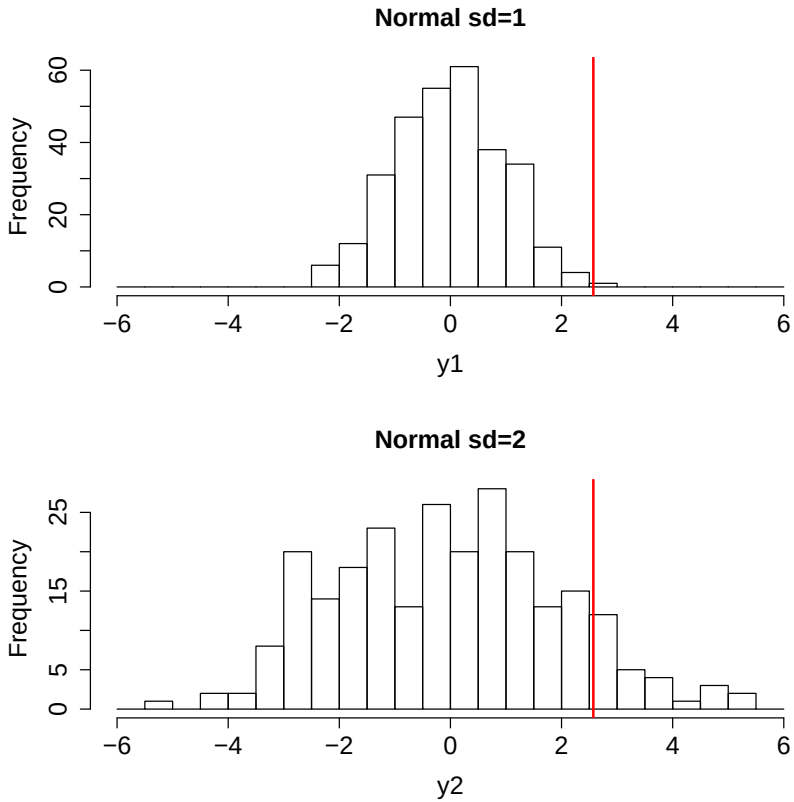
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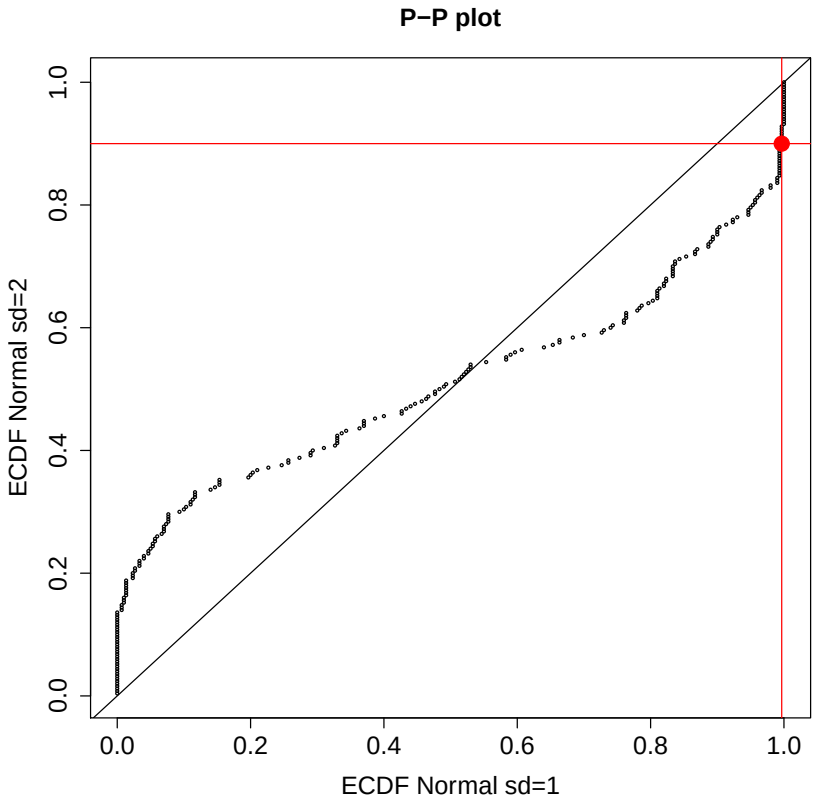
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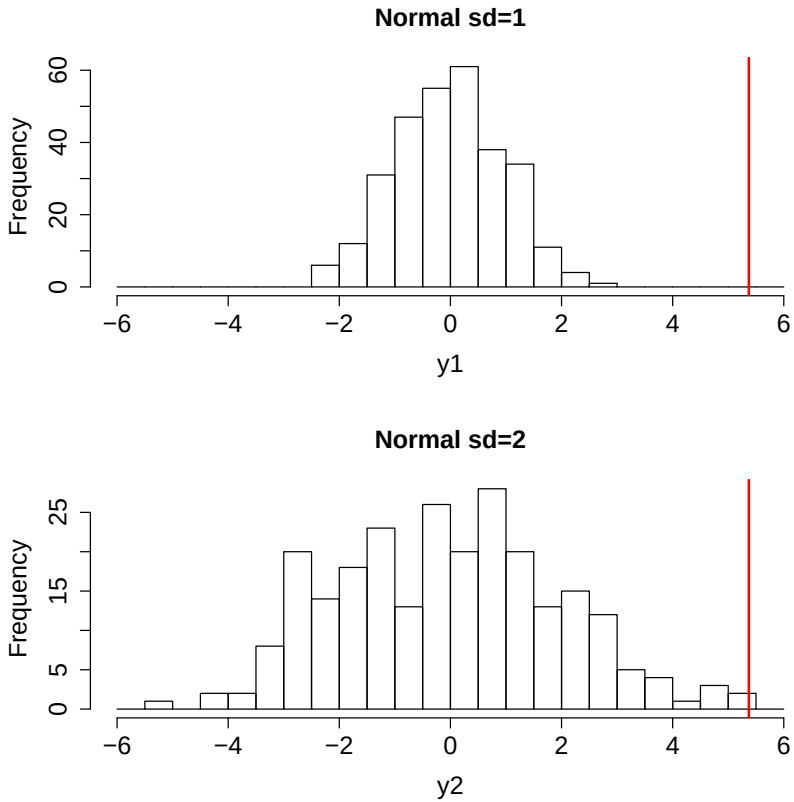
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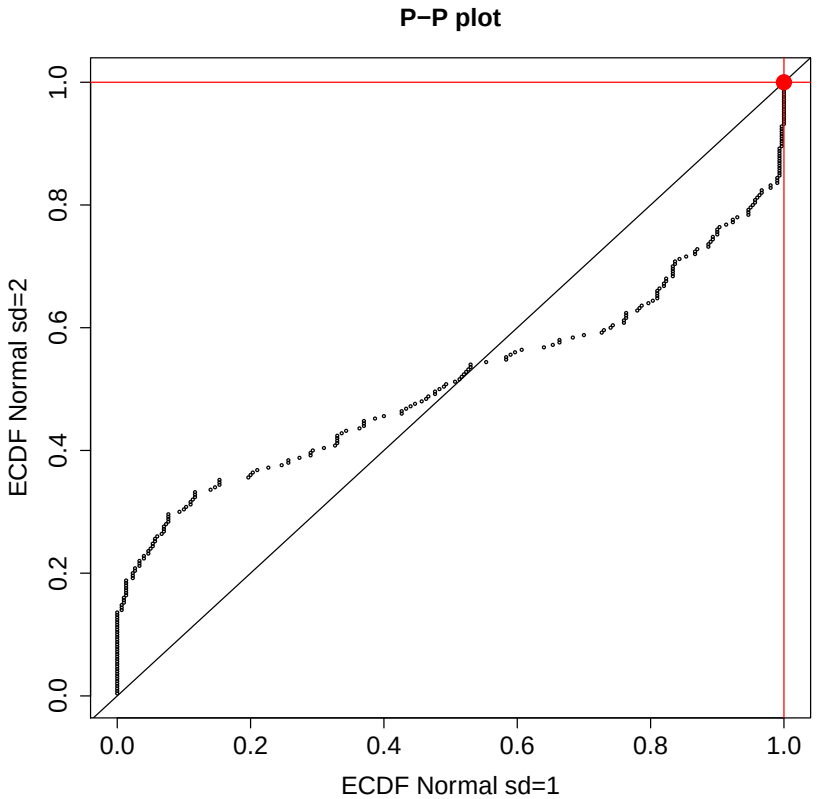
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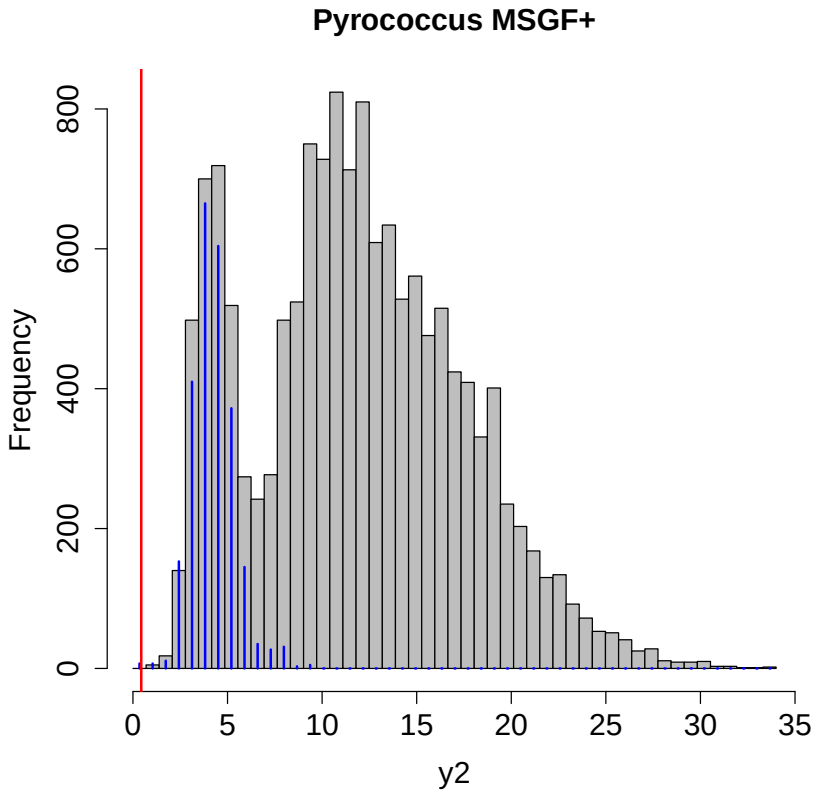

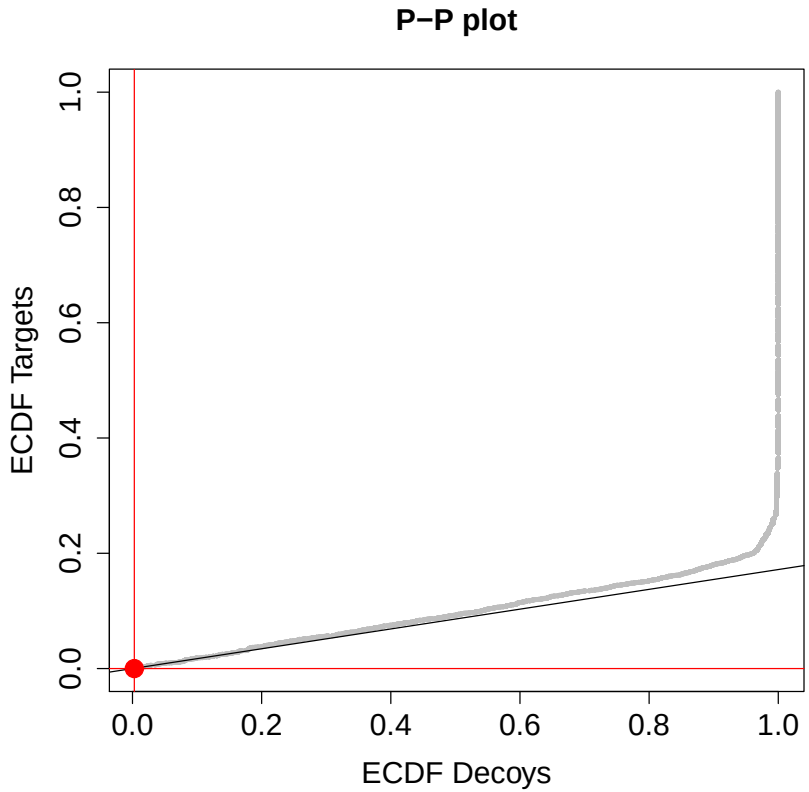

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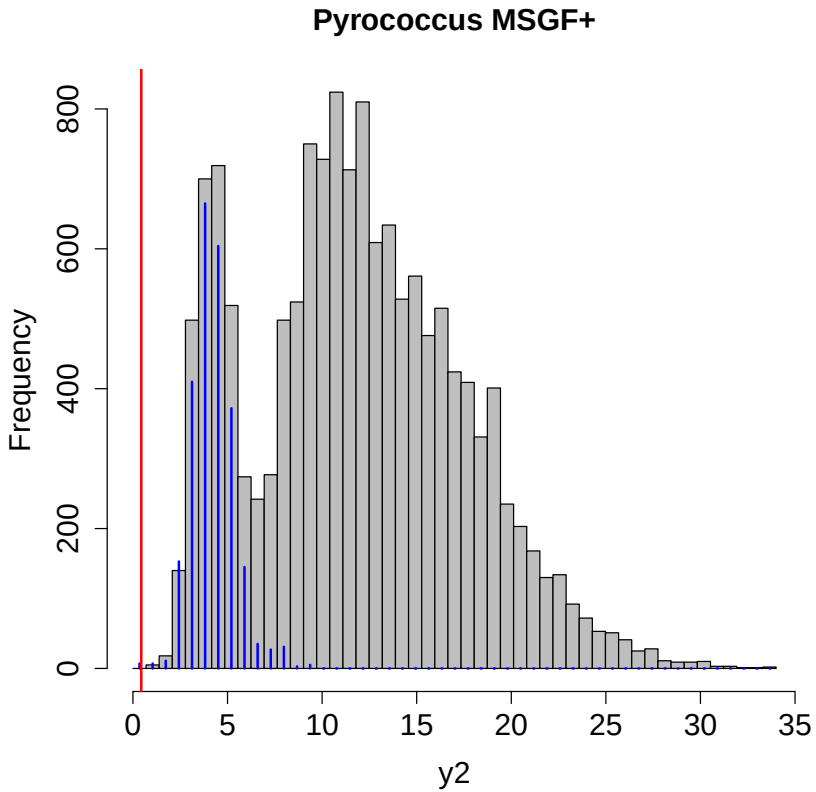

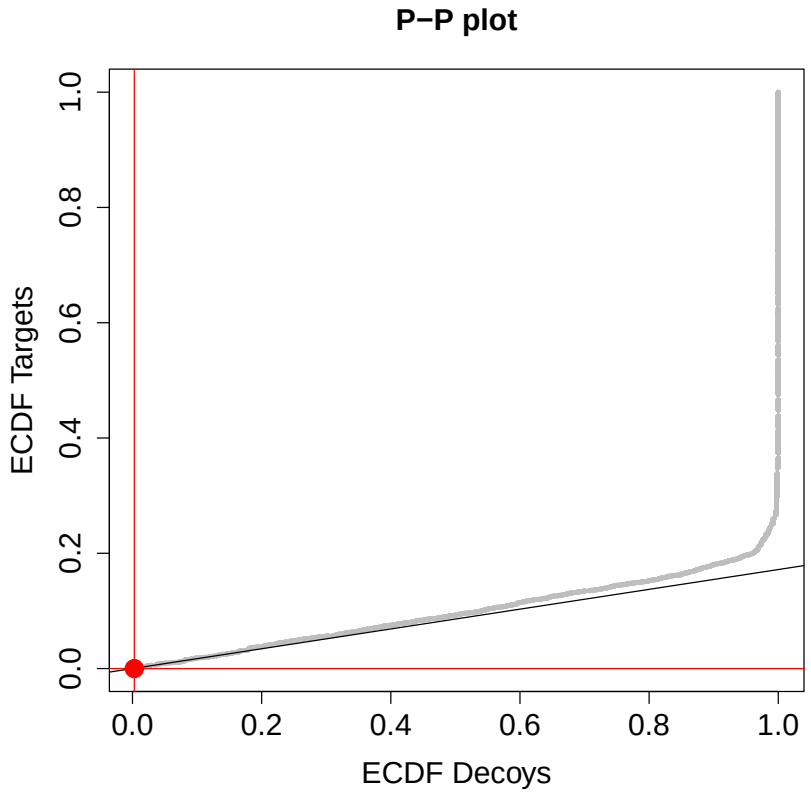

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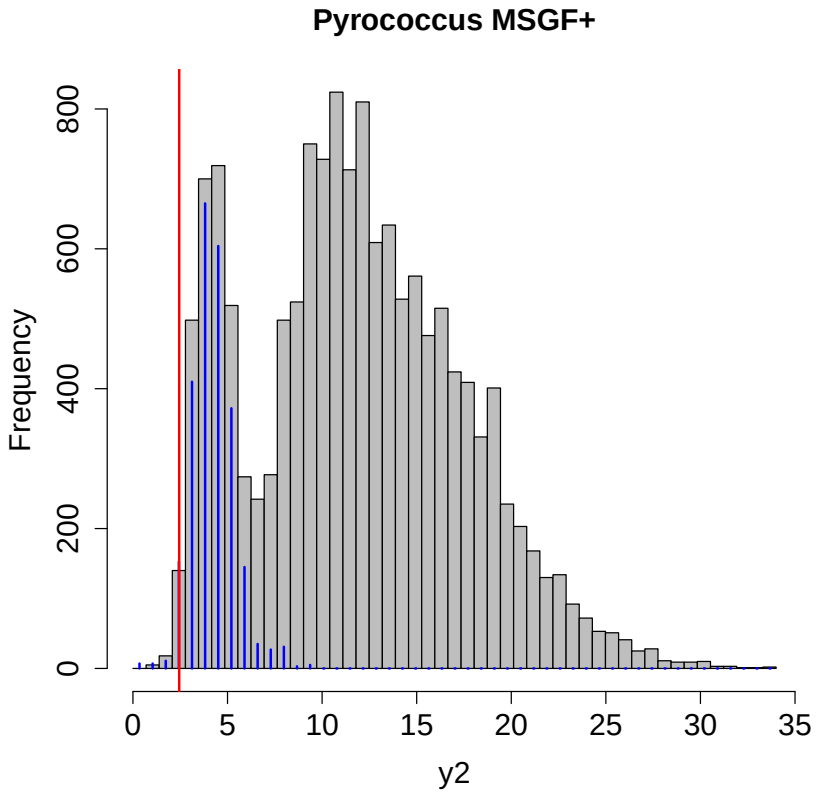

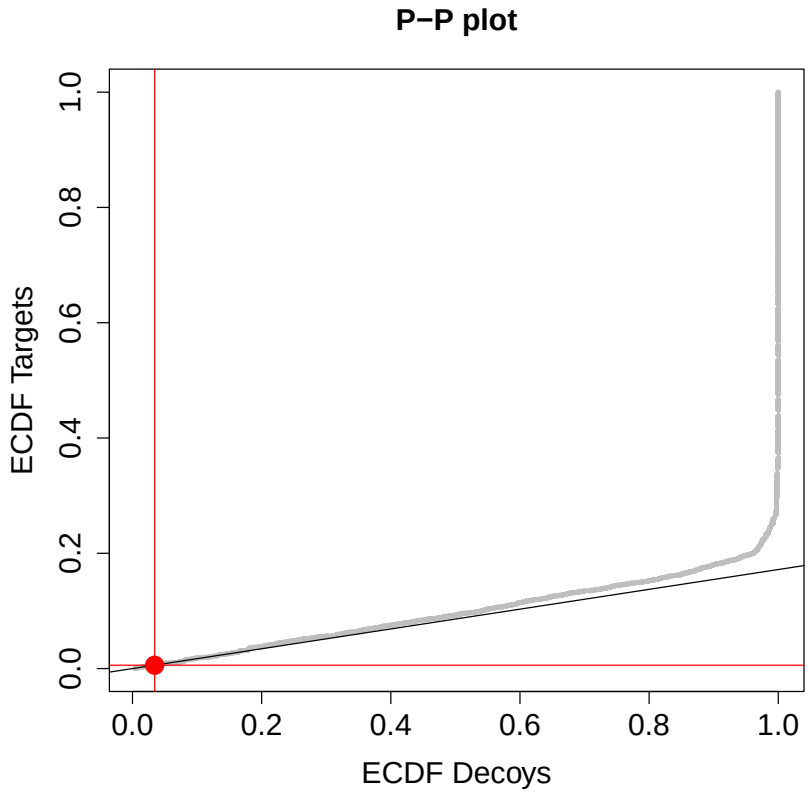

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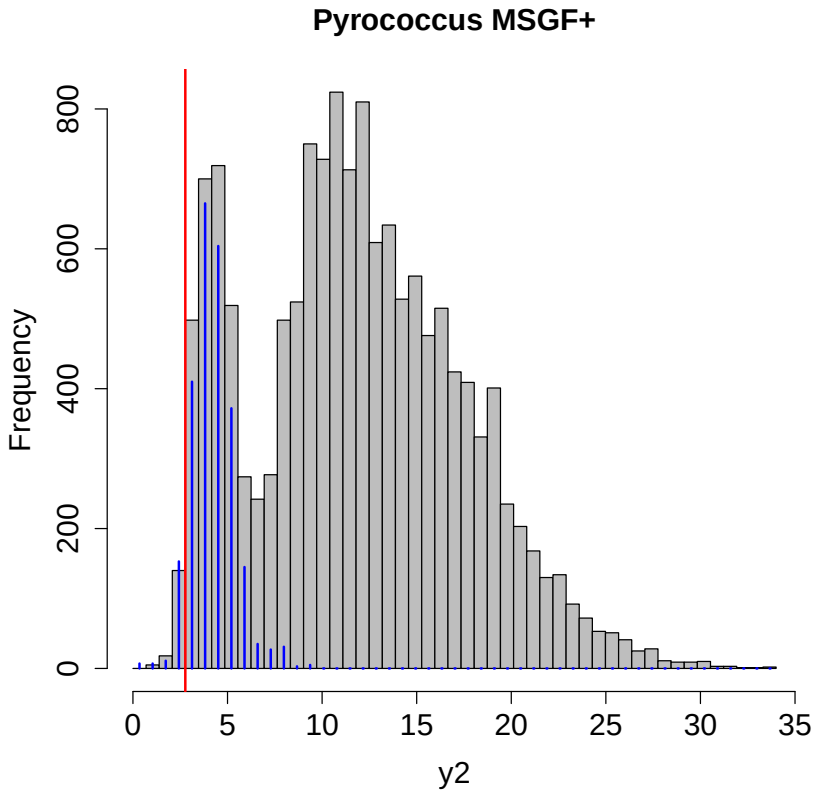

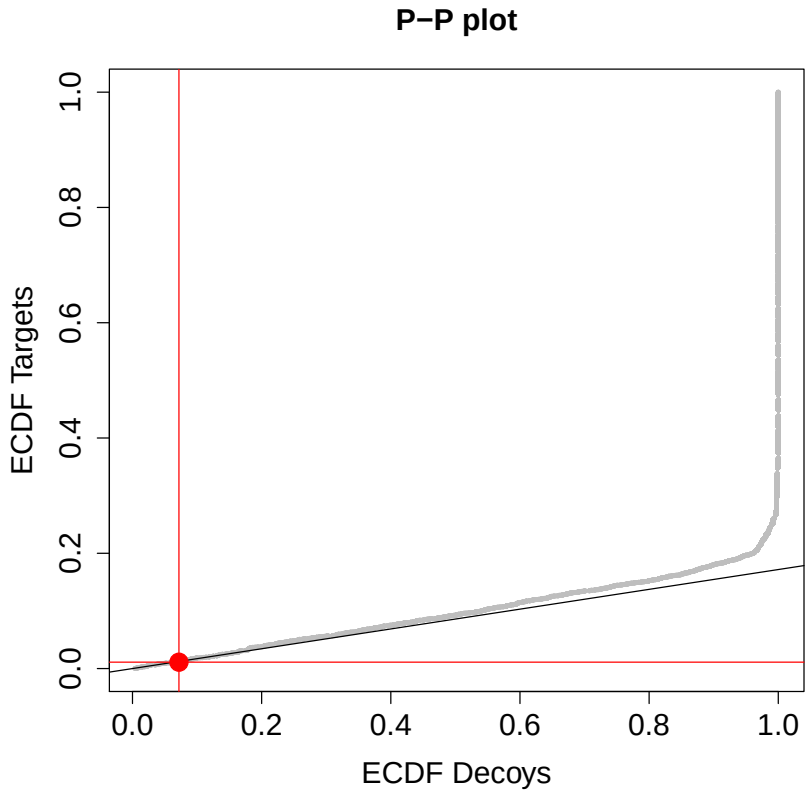

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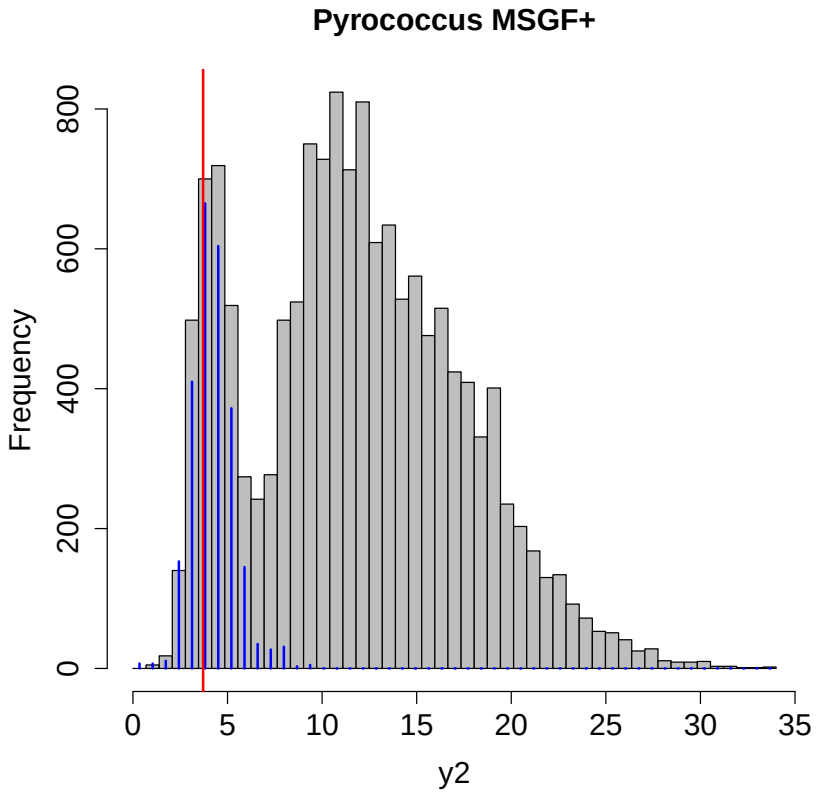

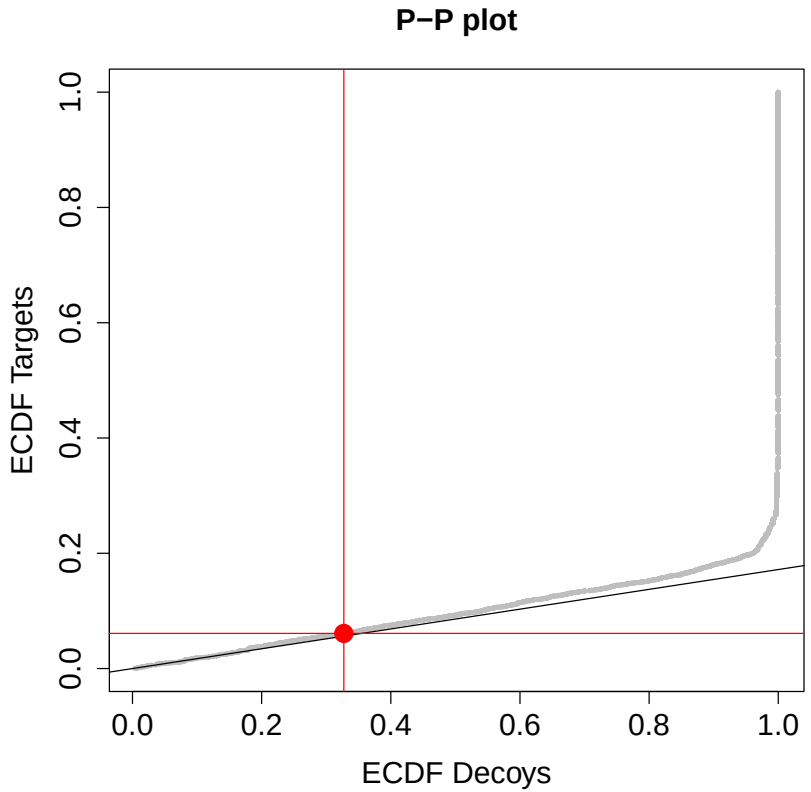

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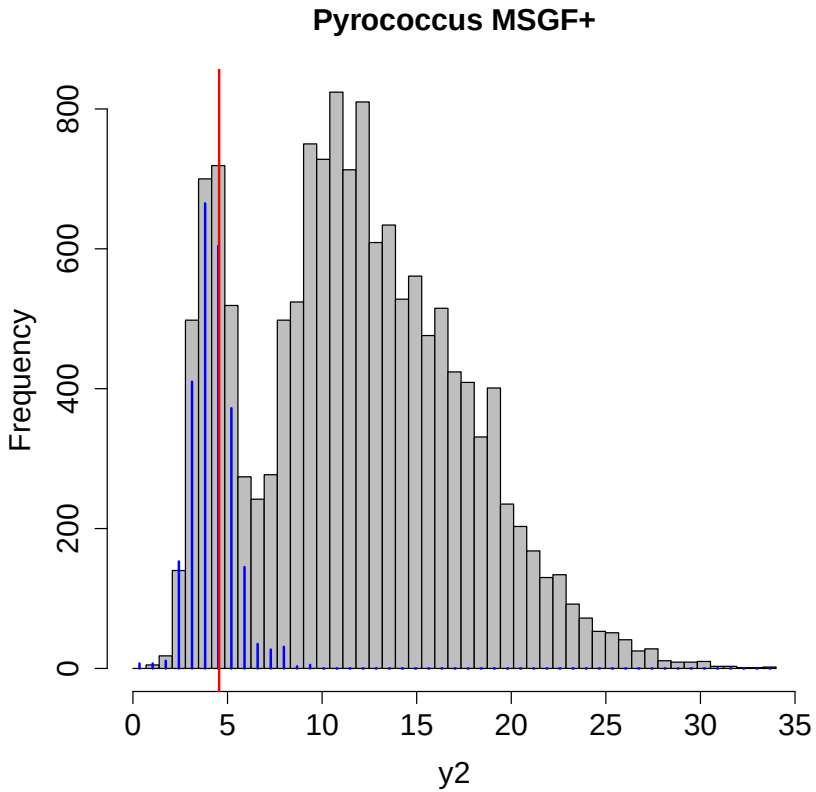

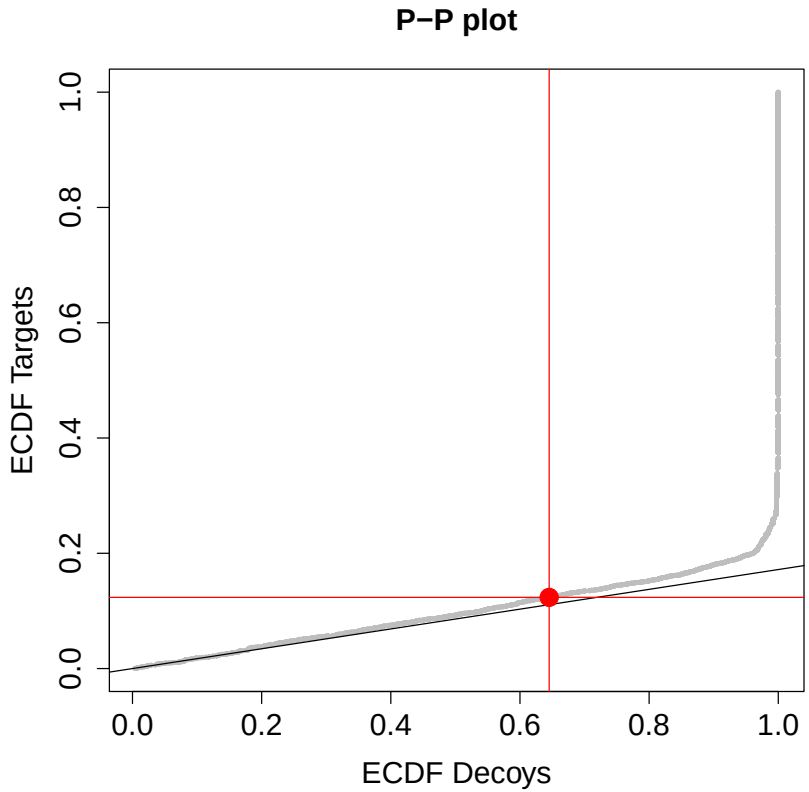

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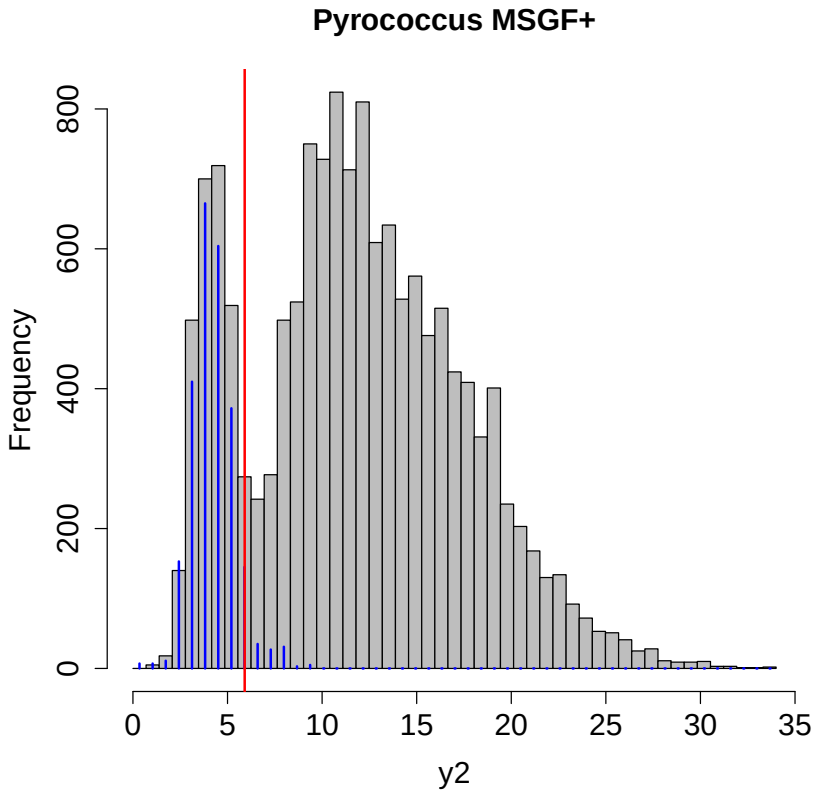

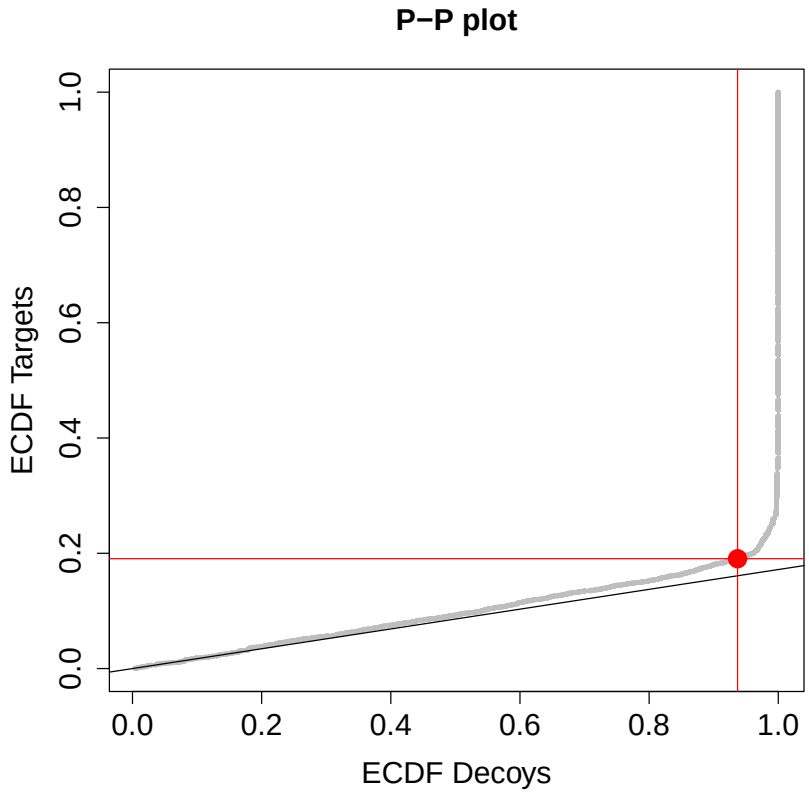

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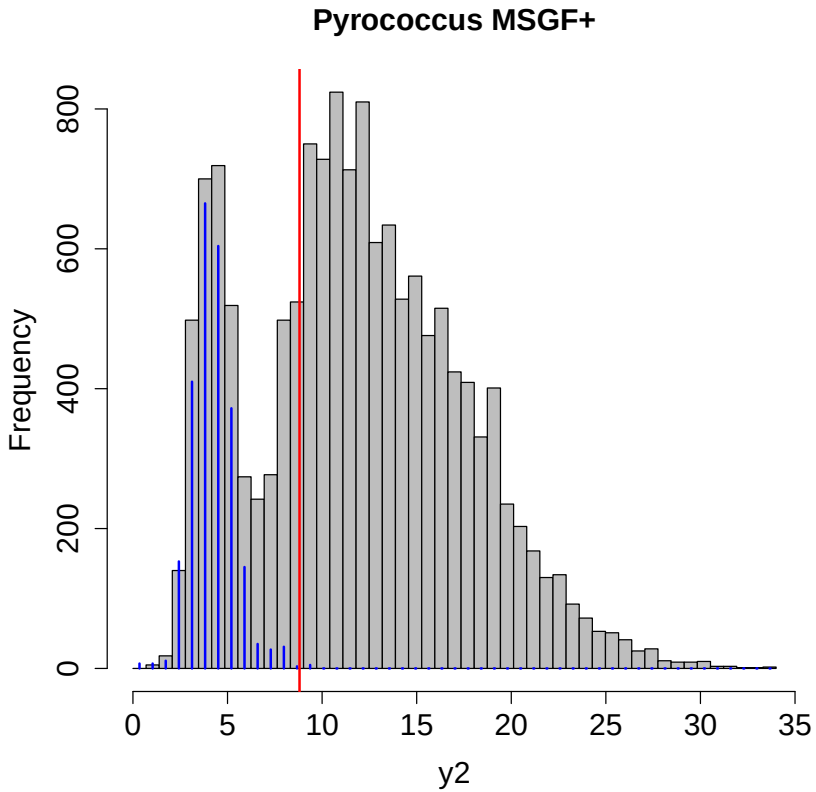

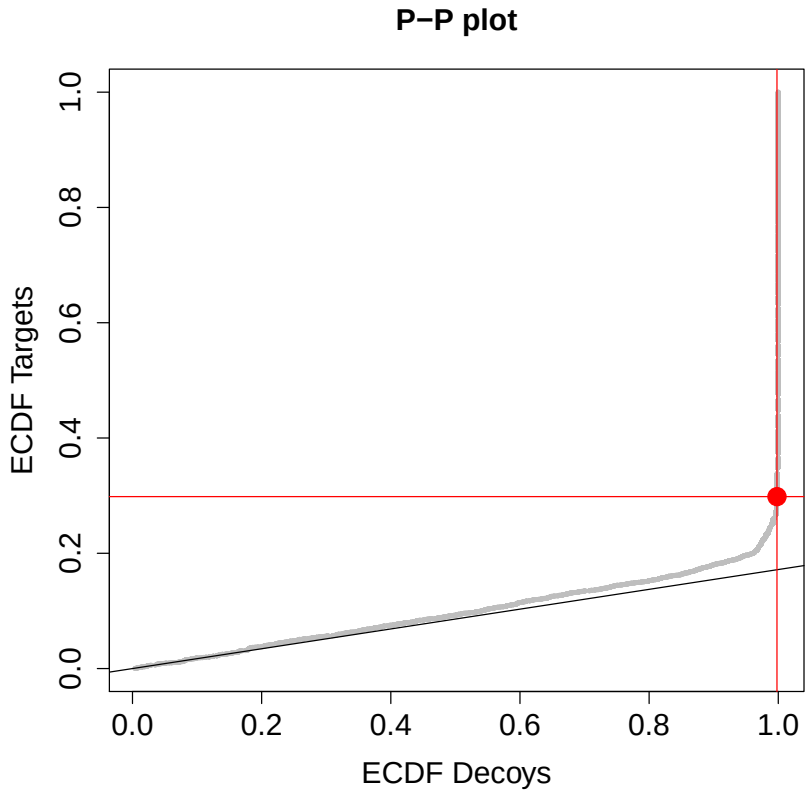

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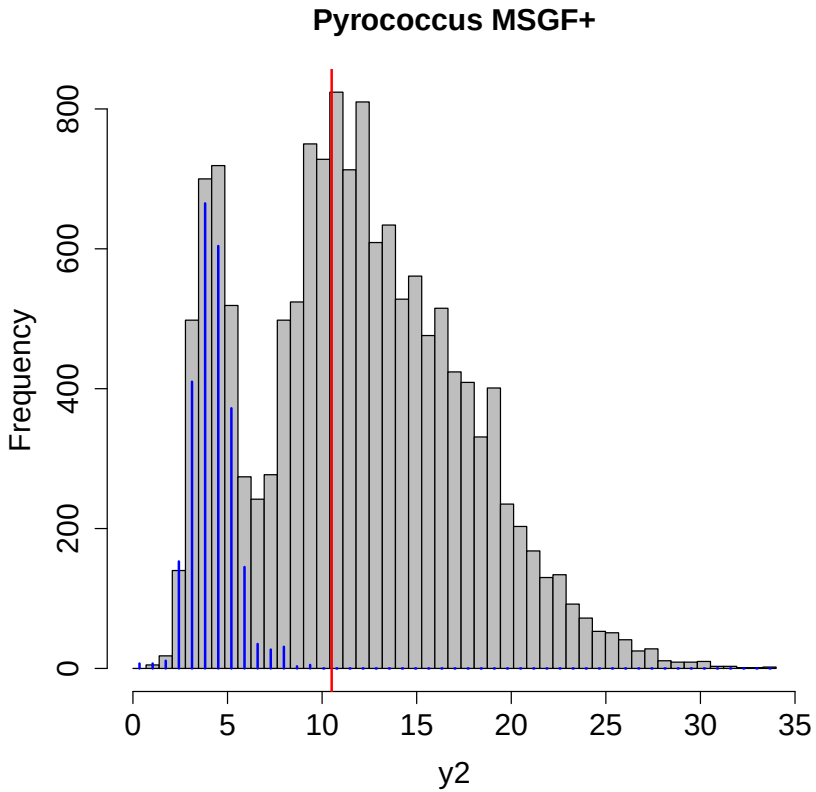

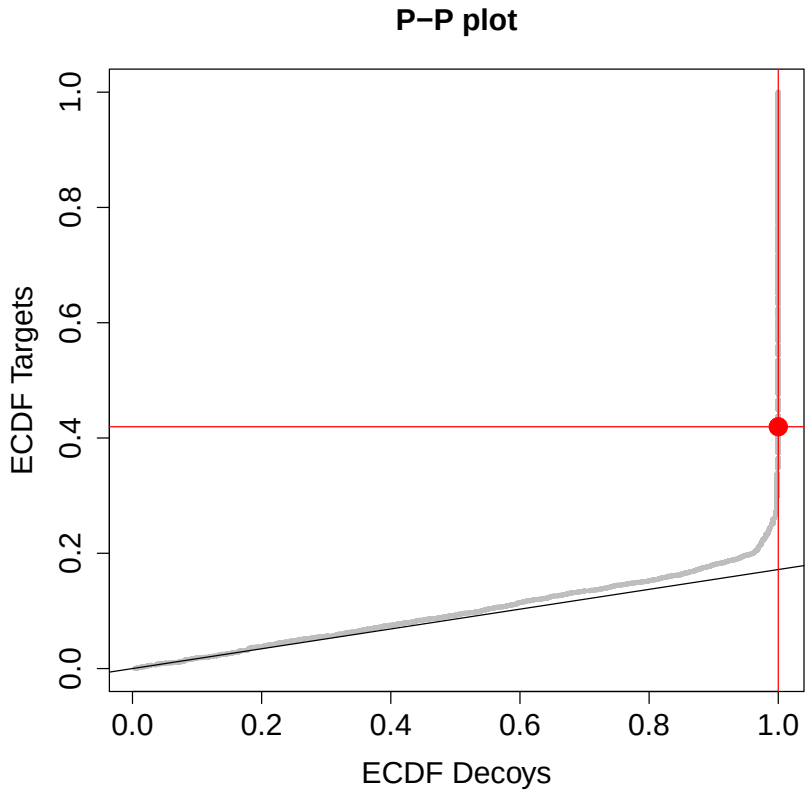

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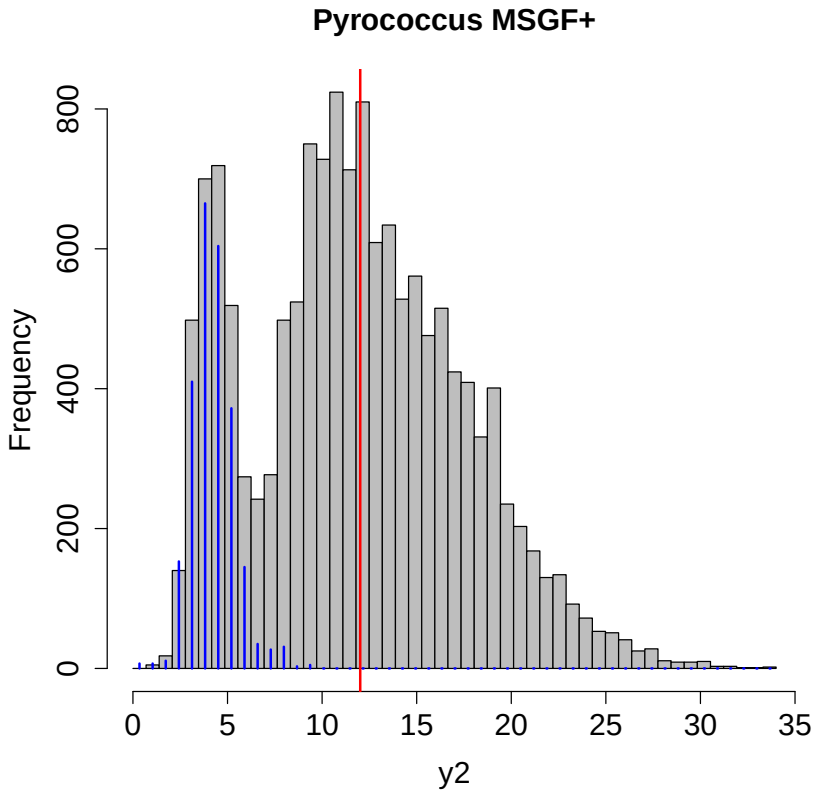

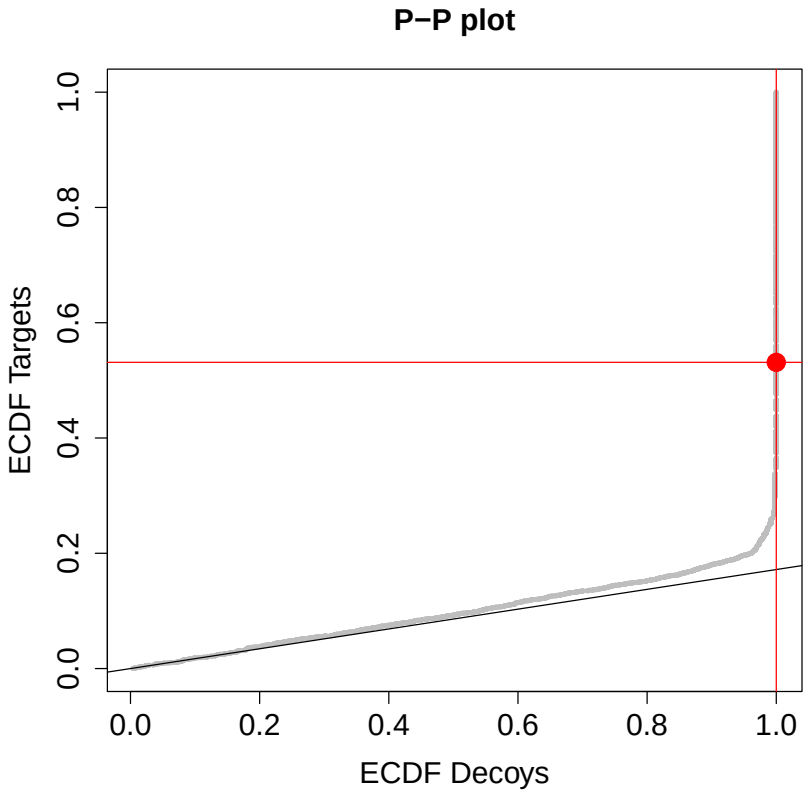

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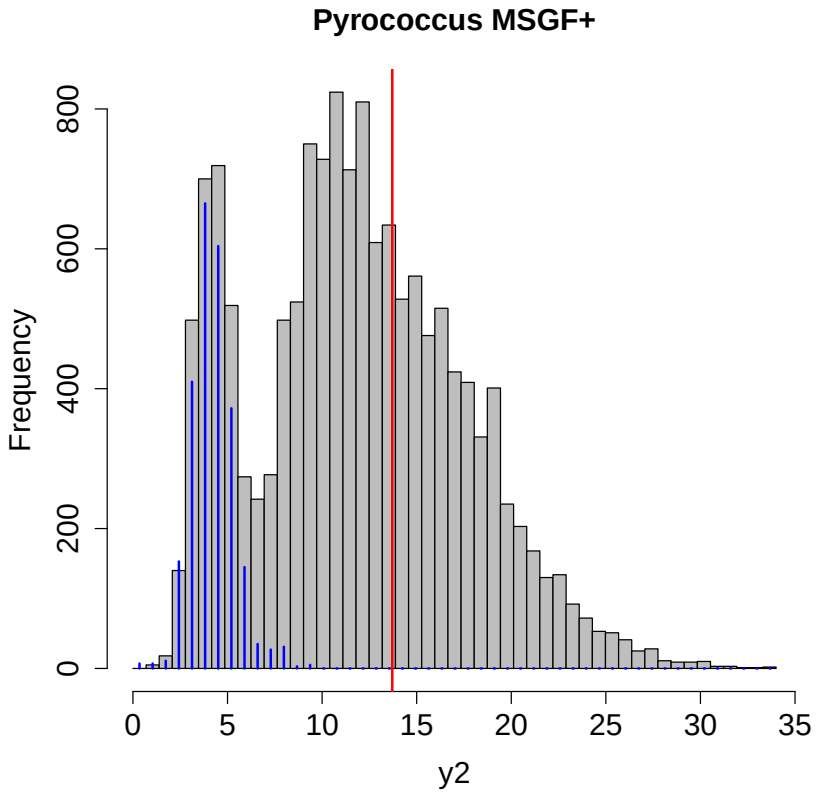

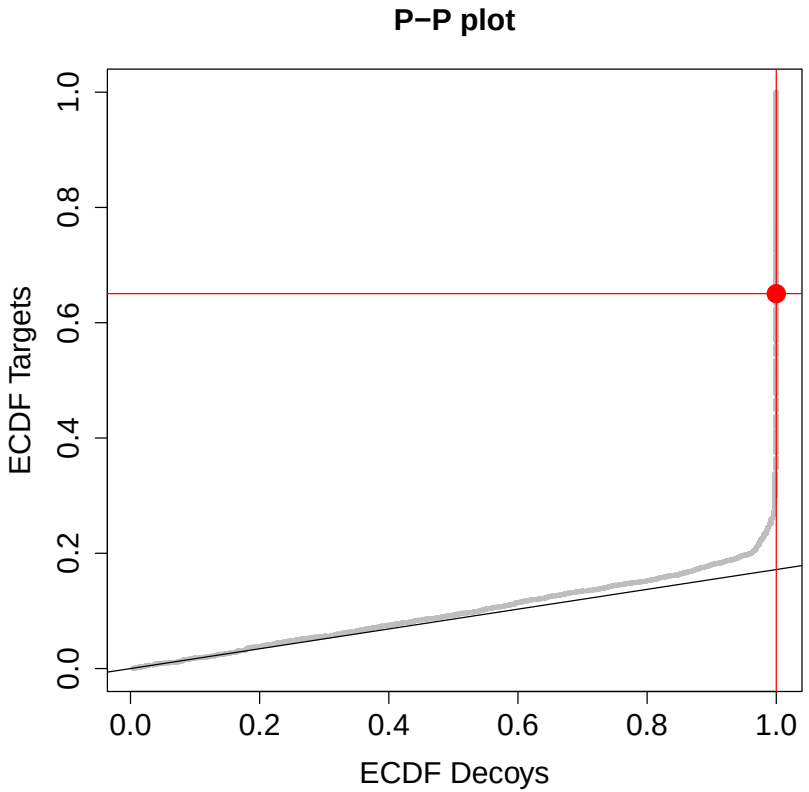

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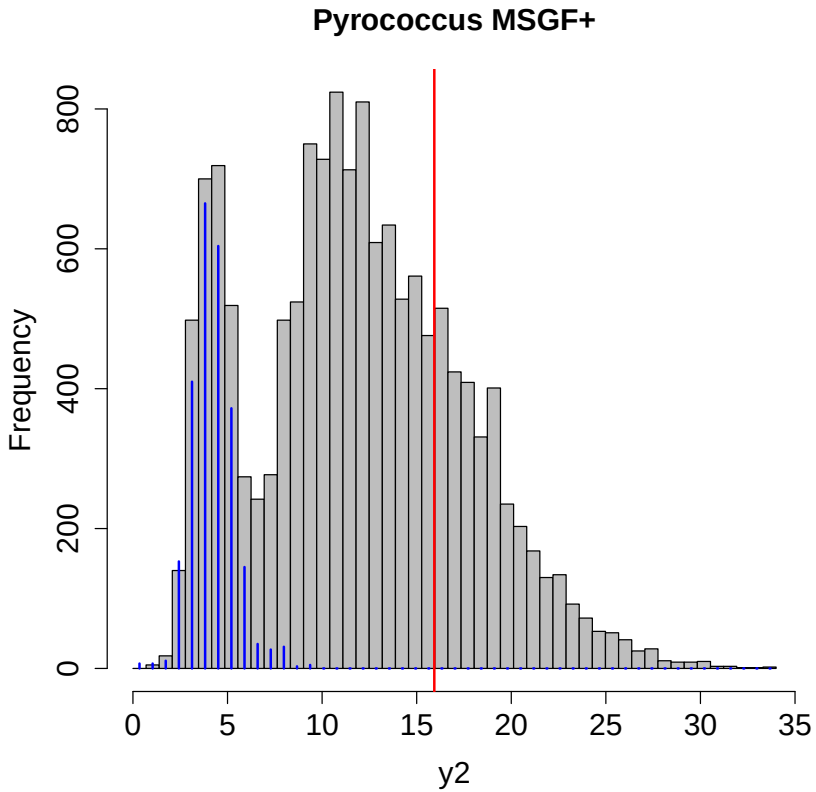

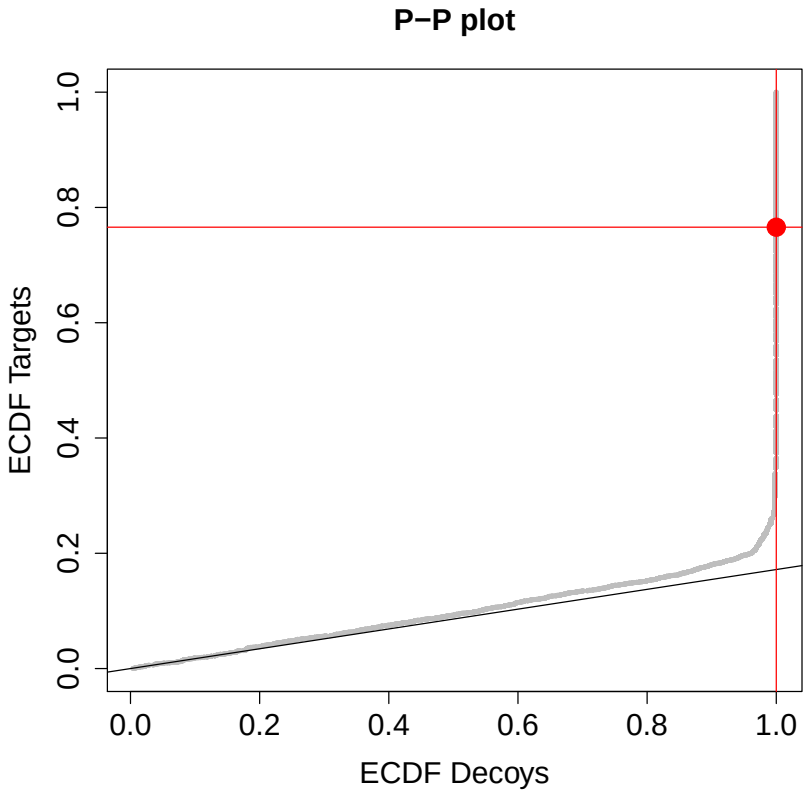

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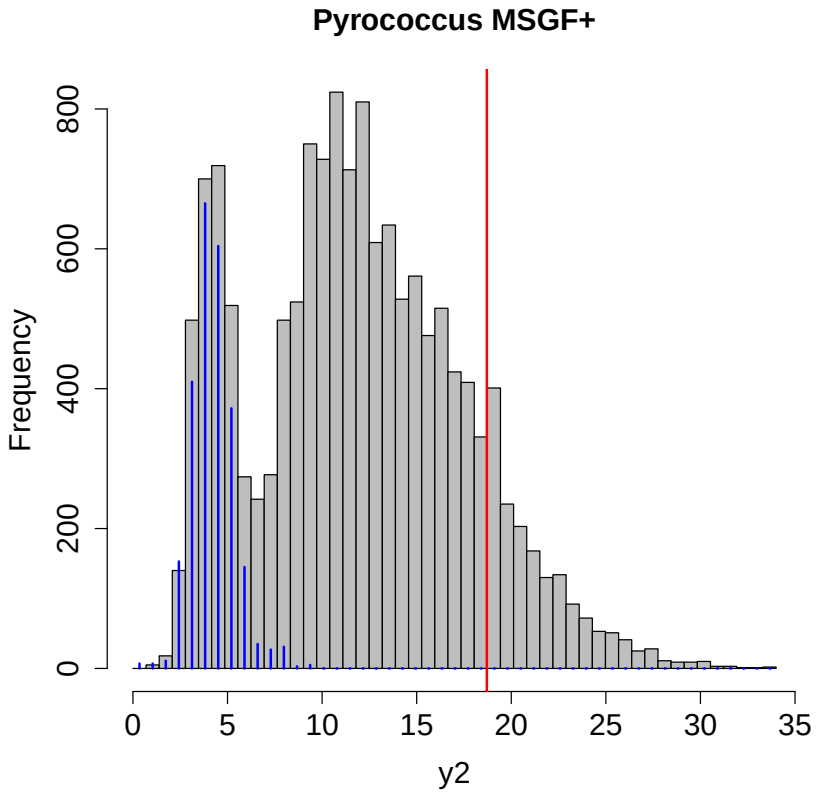

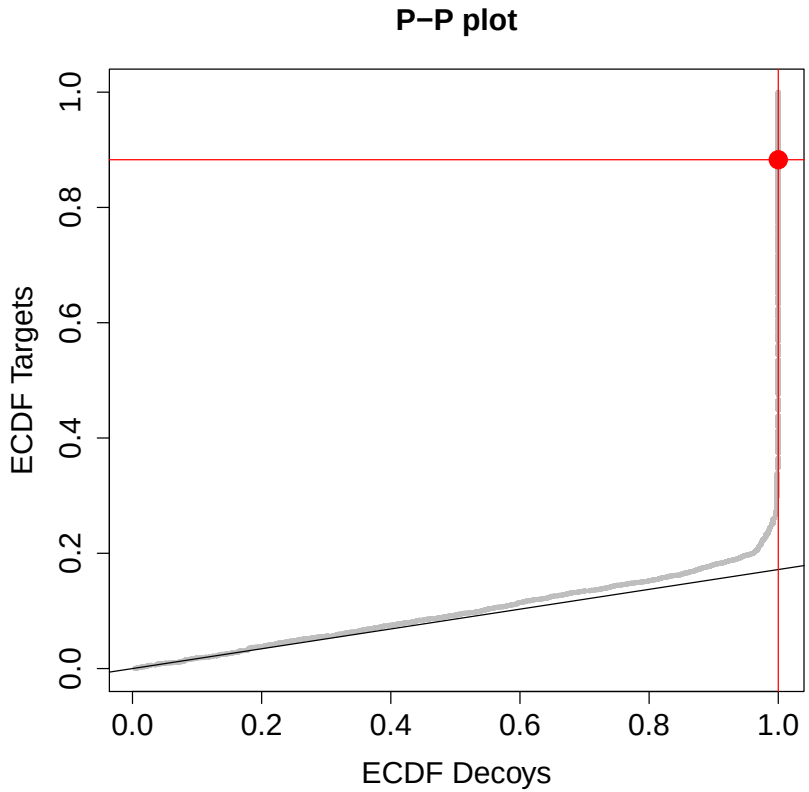
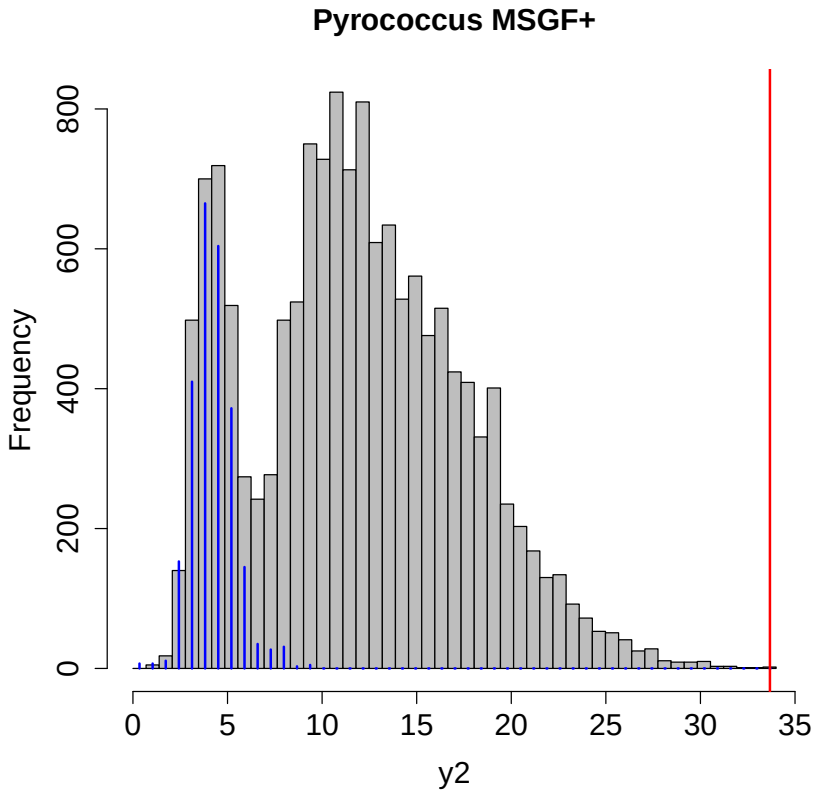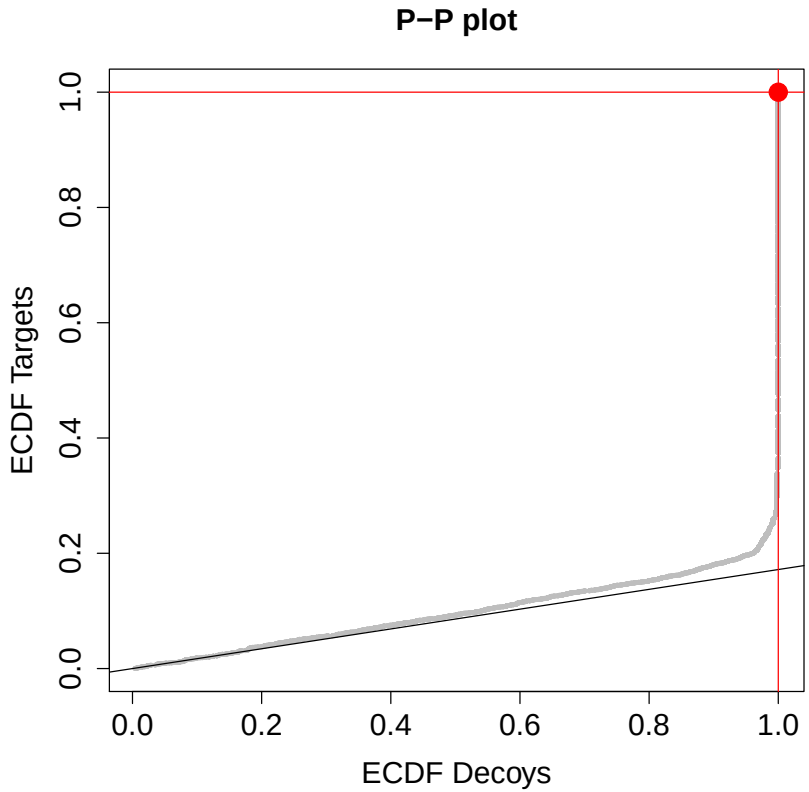
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