Formulating and simulating a hypothesis
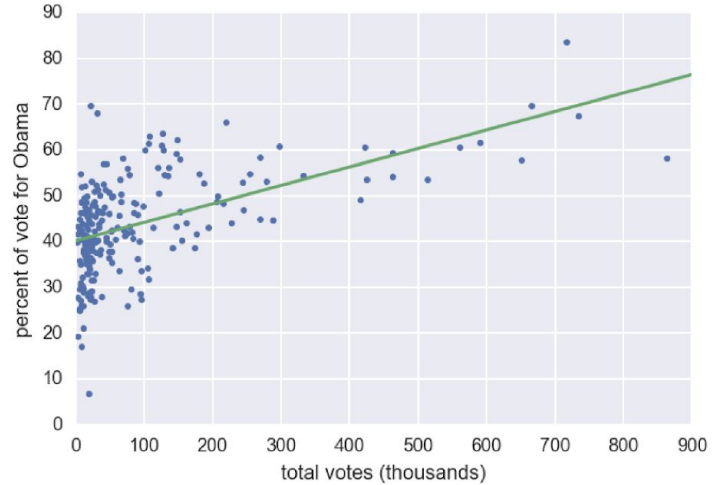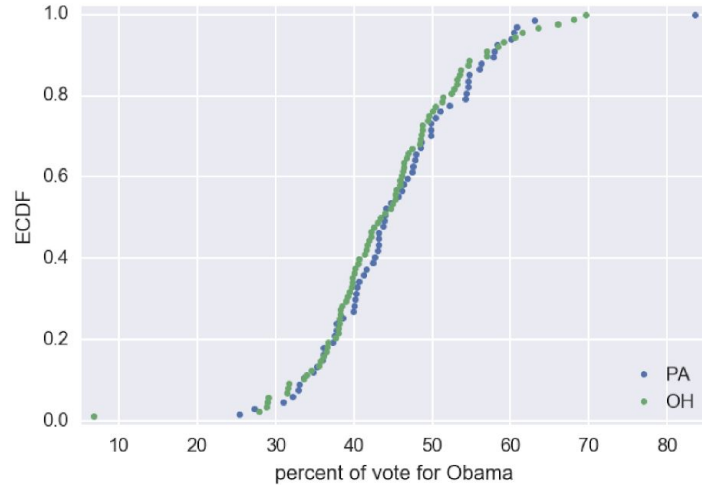
2008 US swing state election results

Hypothesis testing

- Assessment of how reasonable the observed data are assuming a hypothesis is true

Null hypothesis

- Another name for the hypothesis you are testing

ECDFs of swing state election results

Percent vote for Obama

	PA	OH	PA — OH difference
mean	45.5%	44.3%	1.2%
median	44.0%	43.7%	0.4%
standard deviation	9.8%	9.9%	−0.1%

[1] Data retrieved from Data.gov (https://www.data.gov/)

Simulating the hypothesis

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"Pennsylvania"

"Ohio"

Permutation

- Random reordering of entries in an array
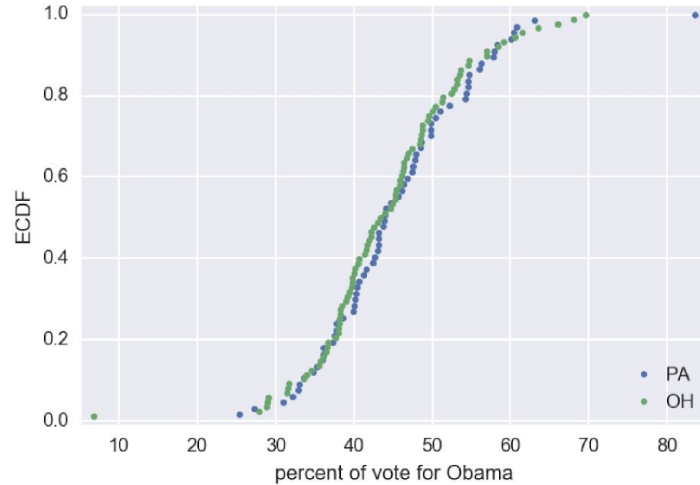
Generating a permutation sample

```python
import numpy as np
dem_share_both = np.concatenate(
                        (dem_share_PA, dem_share_OH))

dem_share_perm = np.random.permutation(dem_share_both)

perm_sample_PA = dem_share_perm[:len(dem_share_PA)]
perm_sample_OH = dem_share_perm[len(dem_share_PA):]
```

Let's practice!

Test statistics and p-values

Are OH and PA different?

Hypothesis testing

- Assessment of how reasonable the observed data are assuming a hypothesis is true

Test statistic

- A single number that can be computed from observed data and from data you simulate under the null hypothesis

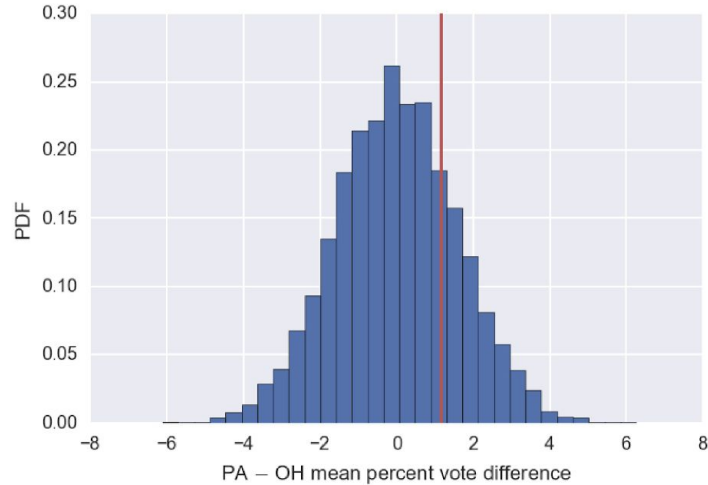- It serves as a basis of comparison between the two

Permutation replicate

```python
np.mean(perm_sample_PA) - np.mean(perm_sample_OH)
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1.122220149253728
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```python
np.mean(dem_share_PA) - np.mean(dem_share_OH) # orig. data
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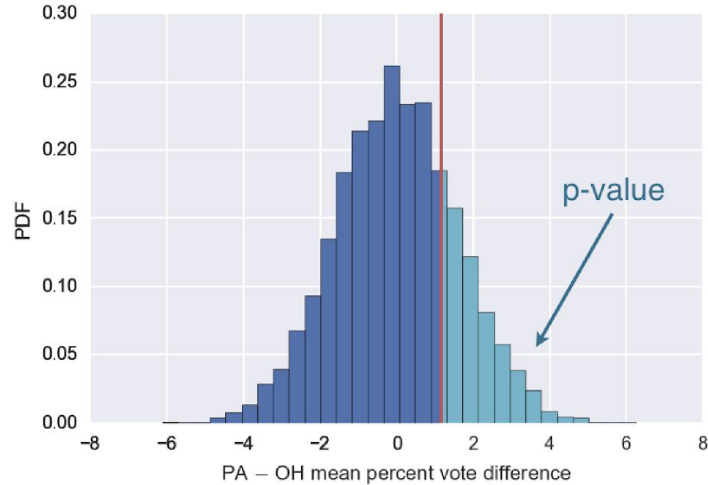
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1.1582360922659518
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Mean vote difference under null hypothesis

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p-value

- The probability of obtaining a value of your test statistic that is at least as extreme as what was observed, under the assumption the null hypothesis is true

- **NOT** the probability that the null hypothesis is true

Statistical significance

- Determined by the smallness of a p-value