

Review of Standard Deviation, Skew and Kurtosis

Standard Deviation

large SD => wide distribution => heterogeneity

Small SD => narrow distribution => homogeneity

Skew

Positive => lots of bigger values

Negative => lots of smaller values

Kurtosis

Positive => More outliers than normal distribution

Negative => Less outliers than normal distribution

The height distribution taken from Computer Science class in Queen College will have a mean similar (higher/lower/similar) than the whole college and a _____ (positive/zero/negative) skews

The height distribution taken from the basketball Team in Queen College will have a mean higher (higher or lower) than the whole college and a positive or zero (positive/zero/negative) skews

mean larger (in terms of x-axis) than median means POSITIVE skew.

The height distribution taken from Computer Science class in Queen College will have a mean higher (higher or lower) than the whole college and positive (positive/zero/negative) skews if we know many are also in the basketball Team

Questions

What are the factors that drive house prices?

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What are the factors that drive house prices
in a city?

Mortgage Rates
Unemployment Rates
Local School performance
...

Questions

How would you determine which factors are really important in 5 minutes (ie without developing any models)?

Covariance and Correlation

Covariance measures the linear relationship between two variables.

- **Positive covariance**: Indicates that two variables tend to move in the same direction.
- **Negative covariance**: Reveals that two variables tend to move in inverse directions

Covariance can range from negative infinity to positive infinity.

Correlation is the scaled measure of covariance. It is dimensionless. In other words, the correlation coefficient is always a pure value and not measured in any units.

Correlation is between -1 and +1

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Check link below

$\rho(X,Y)$ – the correlation between X and Y

$\text{Cov}(X,Y)$ – the covariance between X and Y

σ_X – the standard deviation of X

σ_Y – the standard deviation of Y

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_j - \bar{Y})}{n}$$

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

<https://corporatefinanceinstitute.com/resources/knowledge/finance/covariance/>

Covariance and Correlation

Measures the linear portion (slope) of the data

Pearson product moment correlation

The Pearson correlation evaluates the linear relationship between two continuous variables. A relationship is linear when a change in one variable is associated with a proportional change in the other variable.

For example, you might use a Pearson correlation to evaluate whether home price increase in a city is related to the unemployment rate in that area.

Spearman rank-order correlation

monotonic - whether a function preserves its order or reverses the given order.

The Spearman correlation evaluates the monotonic relationship between two continuous or ordinal variables.

In a monotonic relationship, the variables tend to change together, but not necessarily at a constant rate.

The Spearman correlation coefficient is based on the ranked values for each variable rather than the raw data.

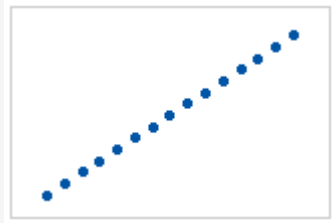
Spearman correlation is often used for ordinal variables. For example, you might use a Spearman correlation to study how the order in which employees complete a test exercise is related to the months they have been employed.

In a scatterplot, Pearson Correlation coefficients measure linear relationship while Spearman is more concerned on whether the relationships is monotonic or not.

:IMPORTANT → pearson cares for linear relationship while Spearman cares for monotonic

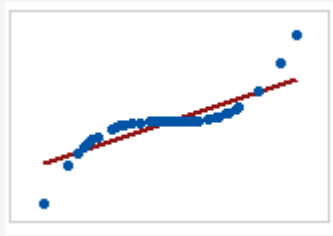
Pearson vs Spearman Correlation

Fig 1



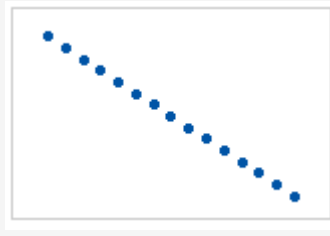
Pearson: +1
Spearman: +1

Fig 2



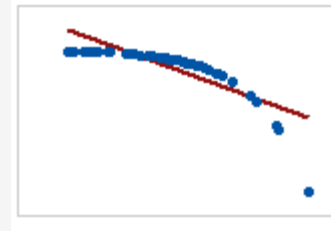
Pearson: ?
Spearman: ?

Fig 3



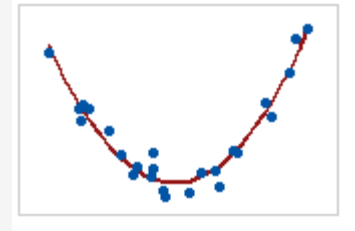
Pearson: -1
Spearman: -1

Fig 4



Pearson: ?
Spearman: ?

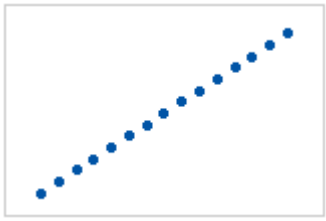
Fig 5



Pearson: ?
Spearman: ?

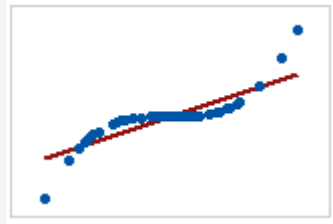
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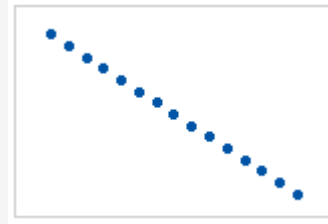
Pearson: +1
Spearman: +1

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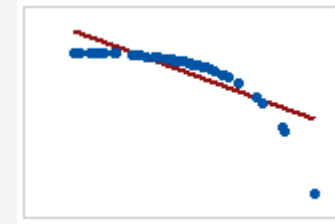
Pearson: +0.85
Spearman: +1

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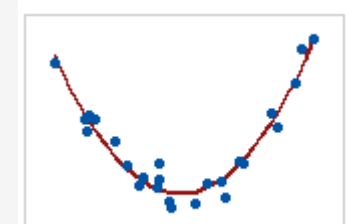
Pearson: -1
Spearman: -1

Fig 4



Pearson: -0.85
Spearman: -1

Fig 5



Pearson: 0
Spearman: 0

IMPORTANT: This means that 2 variables w/ zero/low correlation CAN be dependent on one another and it also means that 2 variables that have correlation can still be INDEPENDENT

Zero correlation does not mean the variables are independent

Low correlation does not mean there is no dependence between two variables

CHECK LINK BELOW FOR EXAMPLES and explanation

<https://support.minitab.com/en-us/minitab-express/1/help-and-how-to/modeling-statistics/regression/supporting-topics/basics/a-comparison-of-the-pearson-and-spearman-correlation-methods/>

Questions

Go to www.menti.com and use the code **99 93 16**

Have you heard of eating ice cream can turn you into a murderer?

0
Yes

0
No

Correlation and Causation

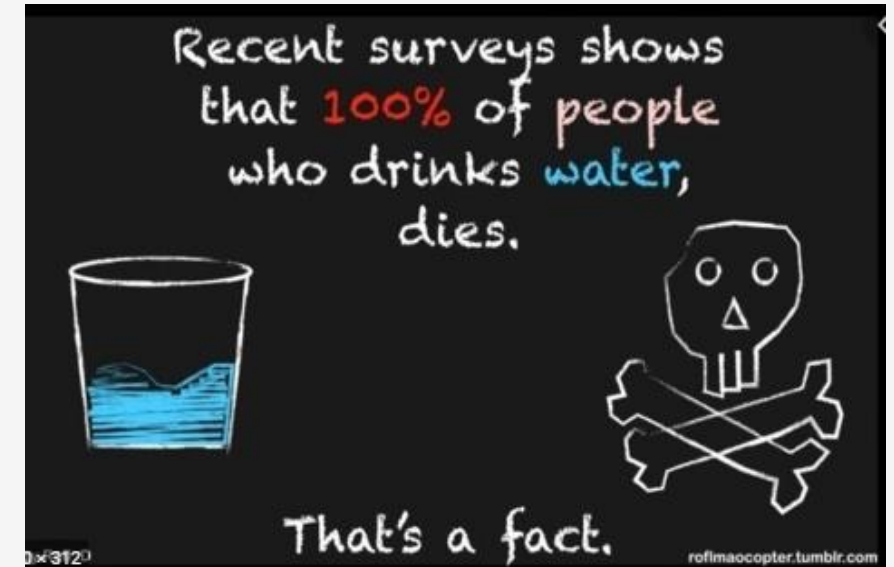
Causation will lead to high correlation, but high correlation **may not necessarily imply causation relationship**

this situation is just a coincidence

Classic Example: Murder rates goes up when ice cream sales go up

The rates of violent crime and murder have been known to jump when ice cream sales do. **But, presumably, buying ice cream doesn't turn you into a killer** (unless they're out of your favorite kind?)

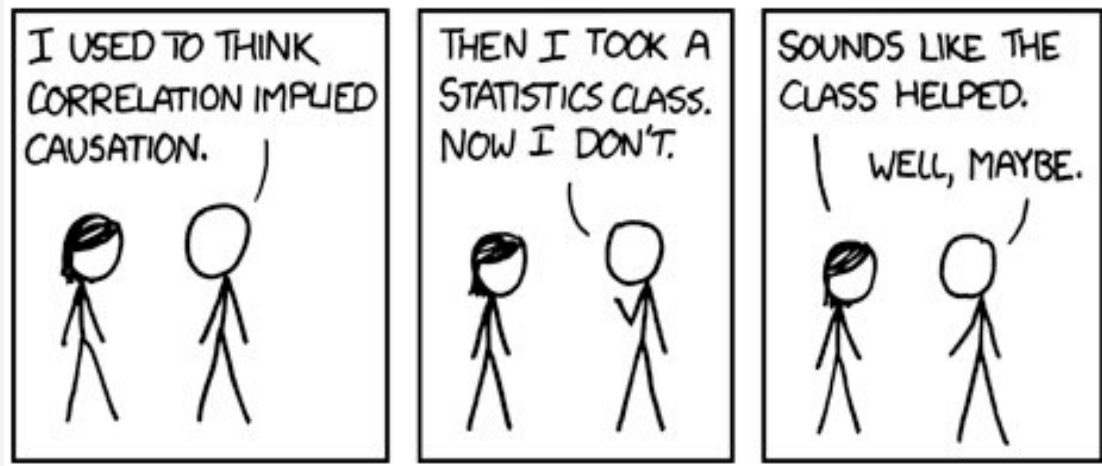
But, correlation is still one good tool to identify driving factors.



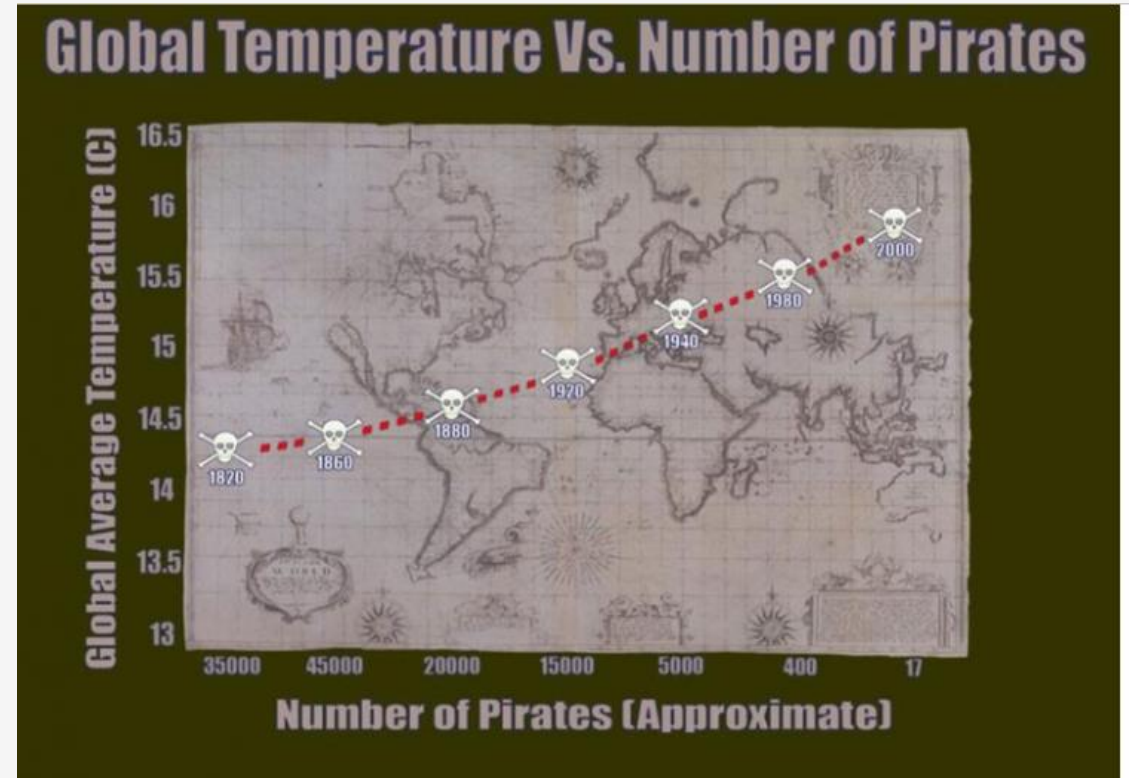
<https://science.howstuffworks.com/innovation/science-questions/10-correlations-that-are-not-causations.htm>

<https://www.georanker.com/correlation-vs-causality-differences-and-examples>

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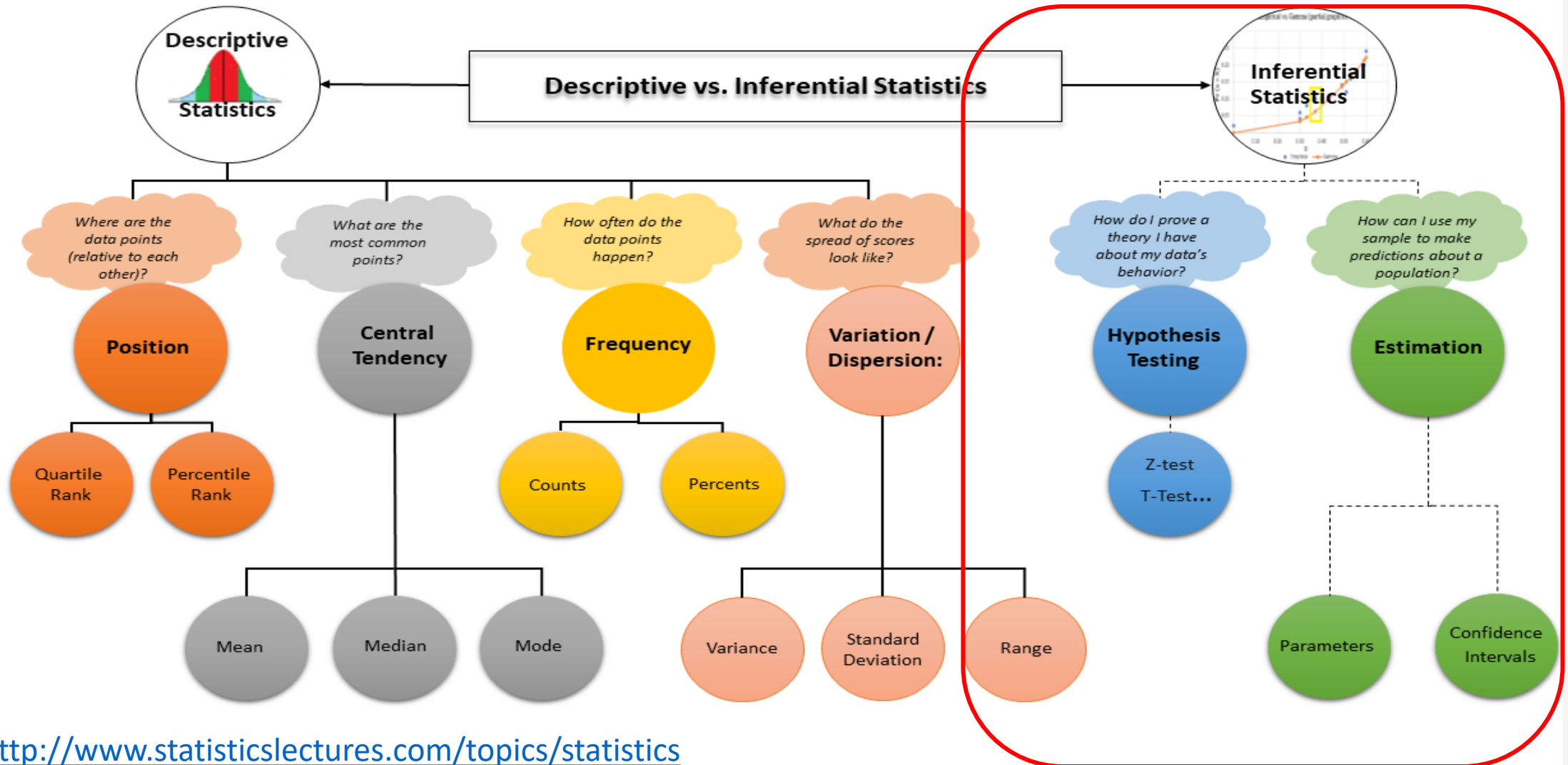


Global Warming caused by Lack of Pirate



<https://www.sisense.com/blog/global-warming-caused-lack-pirates-bad-graph-lessons/>

Inferential Statistics / Predictive Statistics



Inferential Statistics – making estimations of the population from samples

Parameters: A characteristic that describes a population is called a parameter. Because it is often difficult (or impossible) to measure an entire population, parameters are most often estimated

<http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/parametersstatistics/>

Check out all the links for each topic

Statistic: A characteristic that describes a sample is called a statistic. Statistics are most often used to estimate the value of unknown parameters

<http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/distributionsamplemean/>

- Distribution of Sample Mean:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

<http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/centrallimittheorem/>

- The Central Limit Theorem: Independent of the actual distribution of the population, if we take a big enough sample size, when we repeat taking sample again and again, the distribution of the sample mean follows a normal distribution.
- That is why we can often use the normal distribution behind hypothesis testing

Hypothesis Testing

- Type I error (false positive, too excited to claim something non-existence)
- Type II error (false negative, failed to realize something real is going on)

Type I error

Type II error

False Positive = Prediction is positive, result is negative (type 1 error)

False Negative = Prediction is negative, result is positive (type 2 error)

- Null Hypothesis (nothing to see, life is as usual)
- Alternate Hypothesis (something is going on)

We REJECT null hypothesis when in reality, it is false

We do NOT REJECT null hypothesis when in reality, it is true

1. Define Null and Alternative Hypotheses
2. State Alpha
3. State Decision Rule
4. Calculate Test Statistic
5. State Results
6. State Conclusion

<http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/typeonetypetwoerrors/>

<http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/onetailtwotail/>

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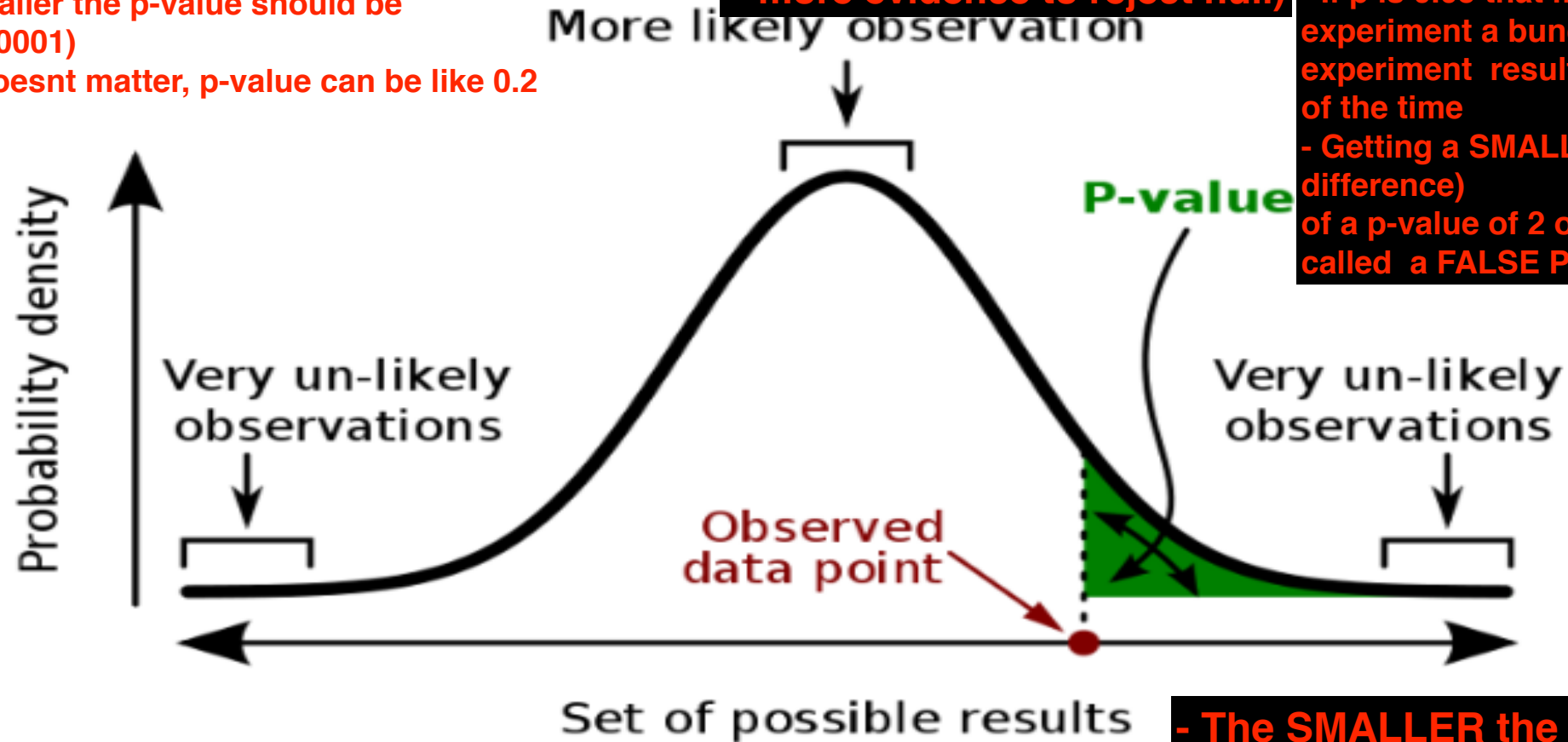
P-value and Confidence interval

- The more important the situation the smaller the p-value should be (like .00001)
- if it doesn't matter, p-value can be like 0.2

P-Value = probability we get the observed data point. How much evidence there is to REJECT the NULL hypothesis (smaller p = more evidence to reject null)

P-Value: Numbers between 0 and 1 that quantify how confident you should be in the data. CLOSER to 0, the more confident (better probability) that we are sure that the 2 values are DIFFERENT from one another

- If p is 0.05 that means if we did the experiment a bunch of times, the experiment result would be wrong 5% of the time
- Getting a SMALL (meaning there's a difference) of a p-value of 2 of the SAME groups is called a FALSE POSITIVE



VIDEO BELOW:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vemZtEM63GY>

- The SMALLER the p-value, the GREATER the evidence against the NULL hypothesis

Online Statistics Review

Watch this online Statistics Lectures as much as you can

- <http://www.statisticslectures.com/topics/statistics/>

TO-DO Task

Read Chapter 4 Data Mining of the Textbook

(first part of the chapter, especially on data cleansing and preparation)