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Behaviour of a statistic		

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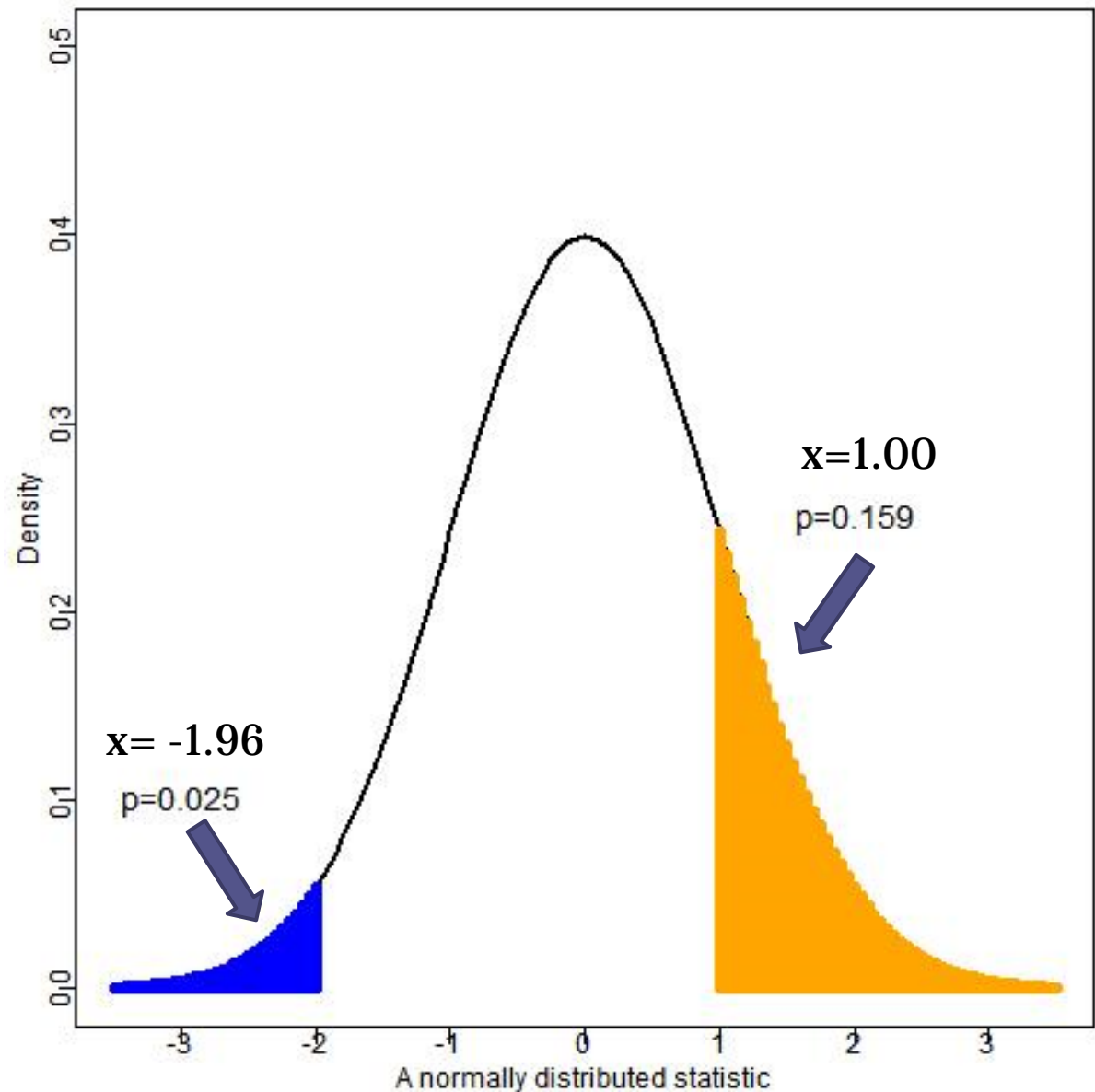
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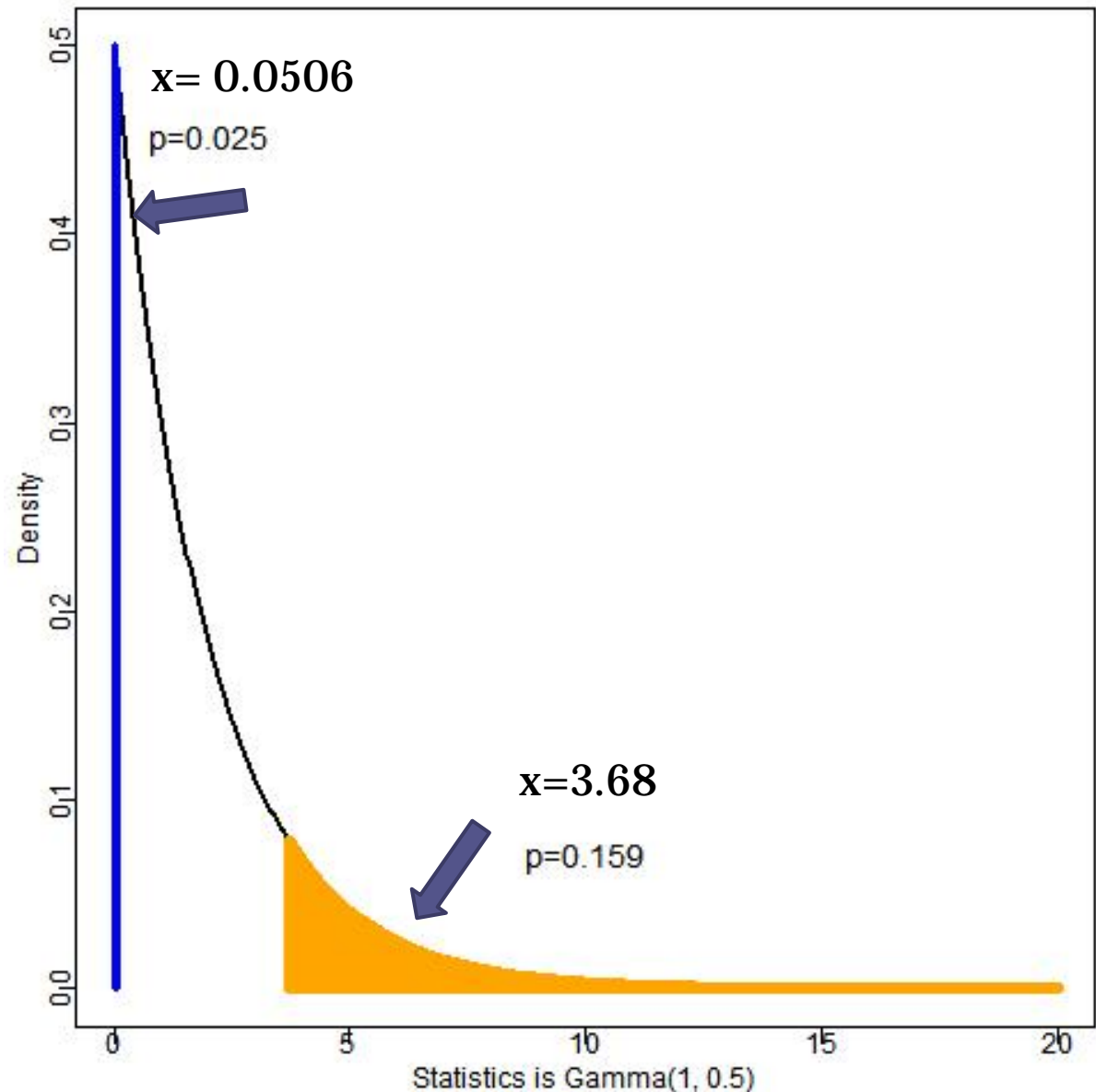
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A normally distributed statistic

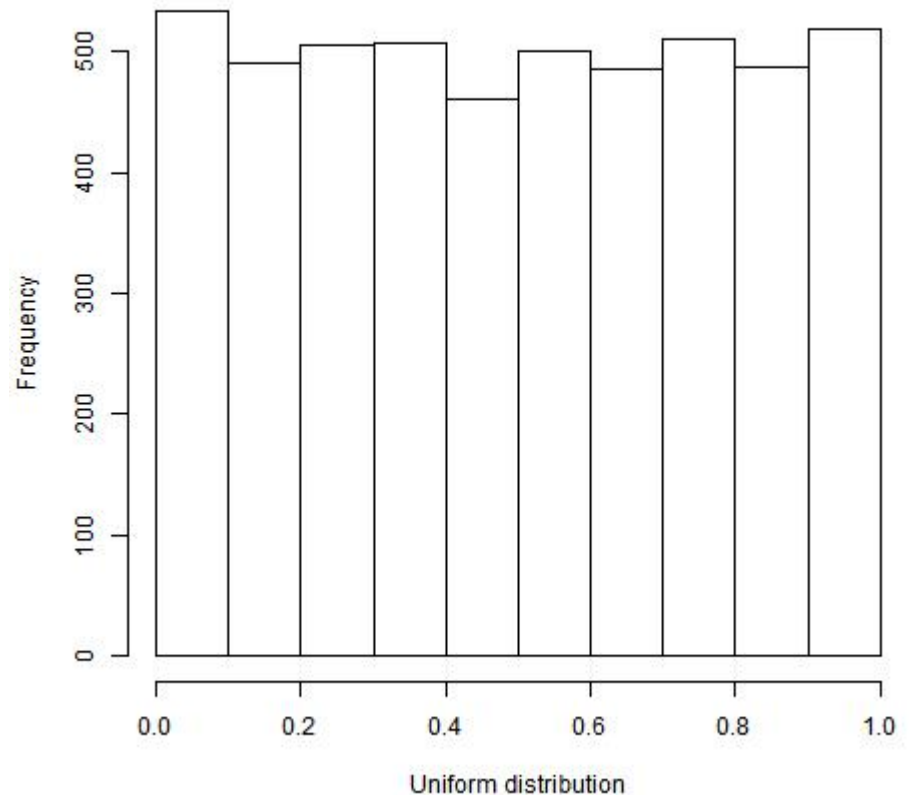


A gamma-distributed statistic
 $\text{Gamma}(1, 0.5)$



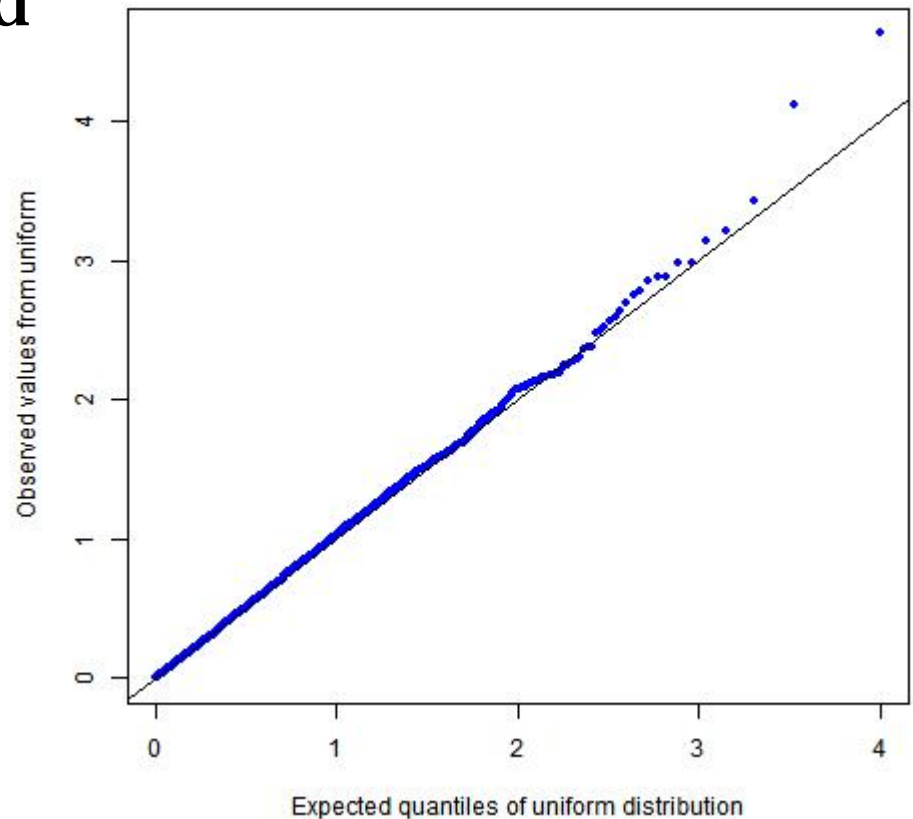
Uniform distribution

- P-values have a uniform distribution when the null hypothesis is true



QQ plot

- Observed vs. expected
- $-\log_{10}$ p-values



Basics of power

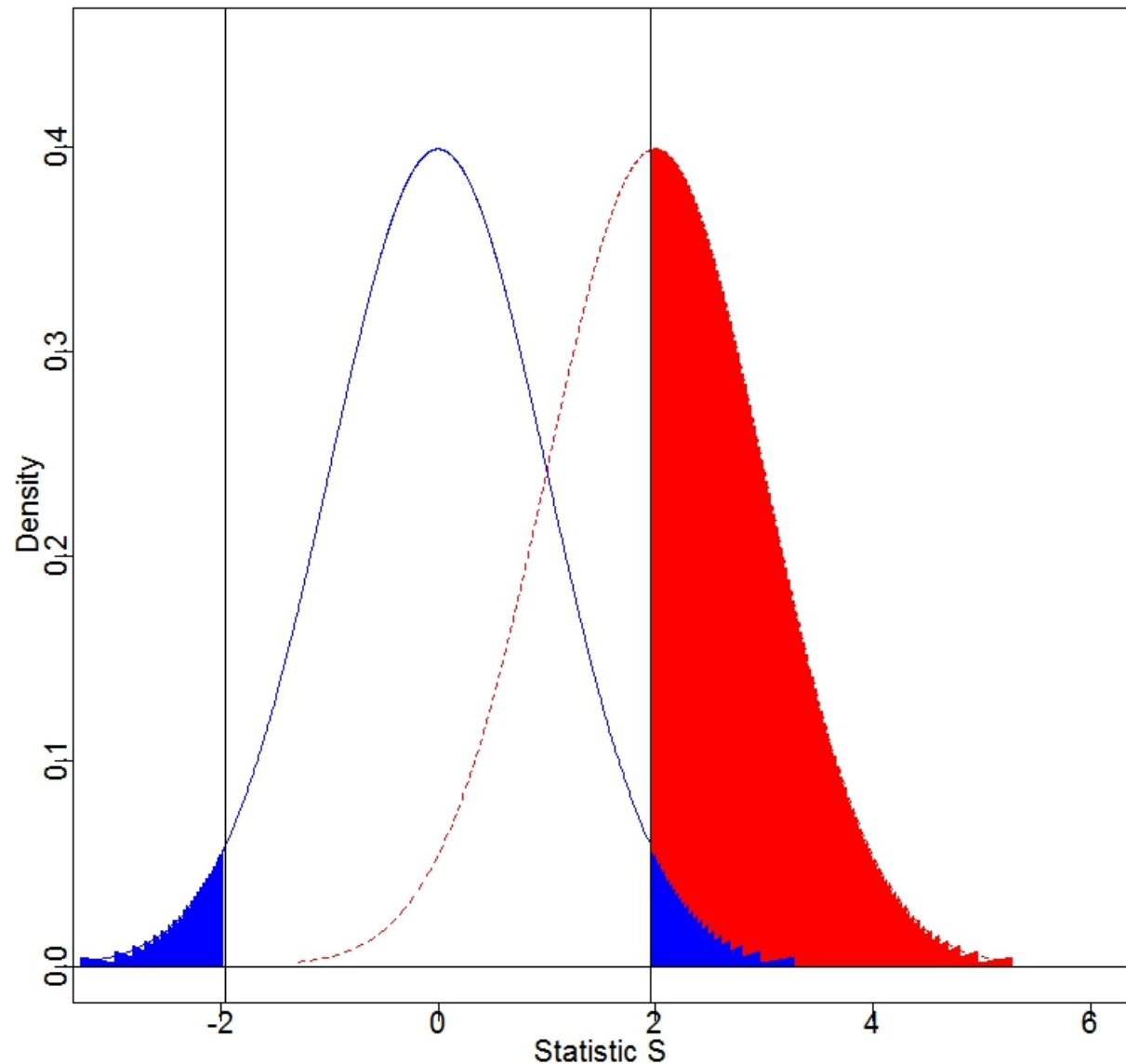
Decision based on a Statistic	Null hypothesis is true	Null hypothesis is false
Reject the null	α	$1 - \beta$
Do not reject	$1 - \alpha$	β

- Power: probability that the null is rejected when it is false
- α : Type 1 error
- β : Type 2 error

Power

Depends on 3 factors

- α
- β
- Effect size: i.e. the difference between the distributions



For example: the t-test comparing 2 groups

- **Null hypothesis**: two groups have the same mean
- The usual **statistic** is

$$\frac{(\text{mean}_1 - \text{mean}_2)}{sd_{pooled} \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}}$$

- **Result implicitly assumes you are interested in a general phenomenon – i.e. *inference***
- **Power varies with**
 - **How far apart are the means**
 - **Standard deviation (sd)**

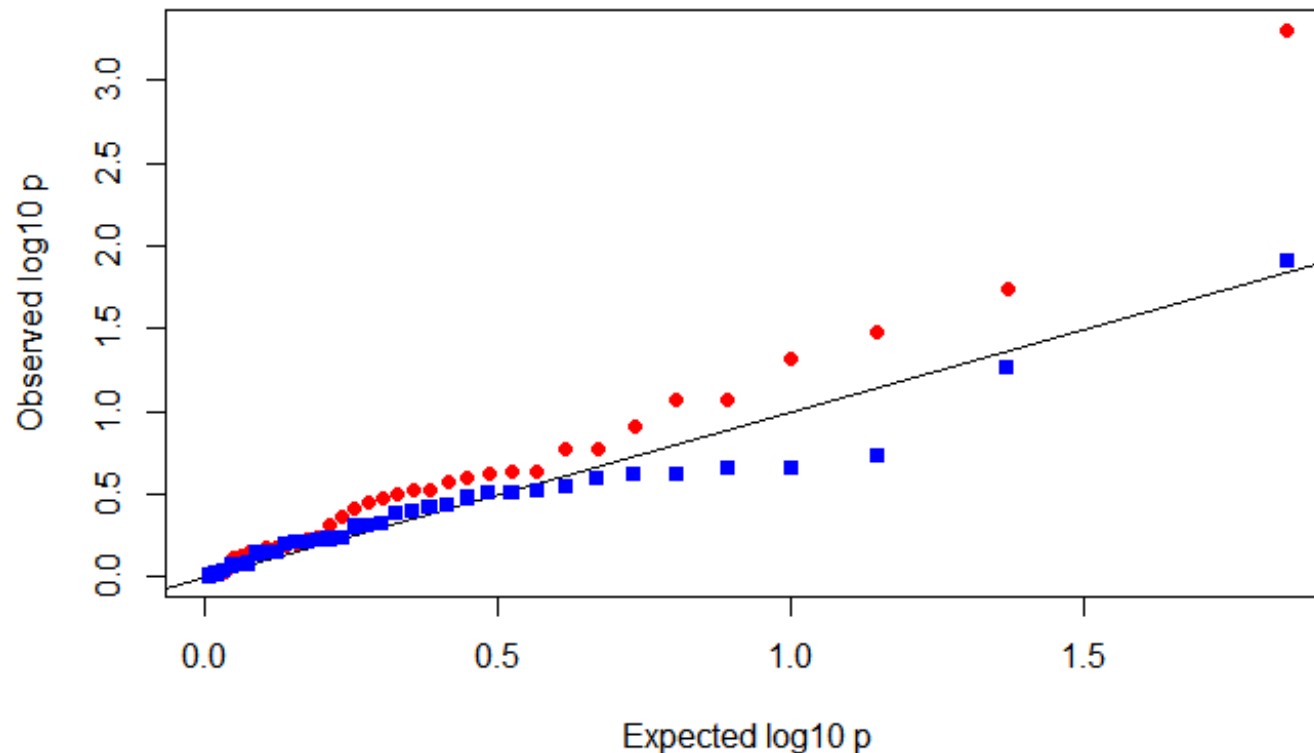
Now

- Read in phenotypes.aug.csv
- Select 30 people
 - Test for association between parahippocampal cortical volume and GENDER
 - Test for association between parahippocampal volume and MYSTERY

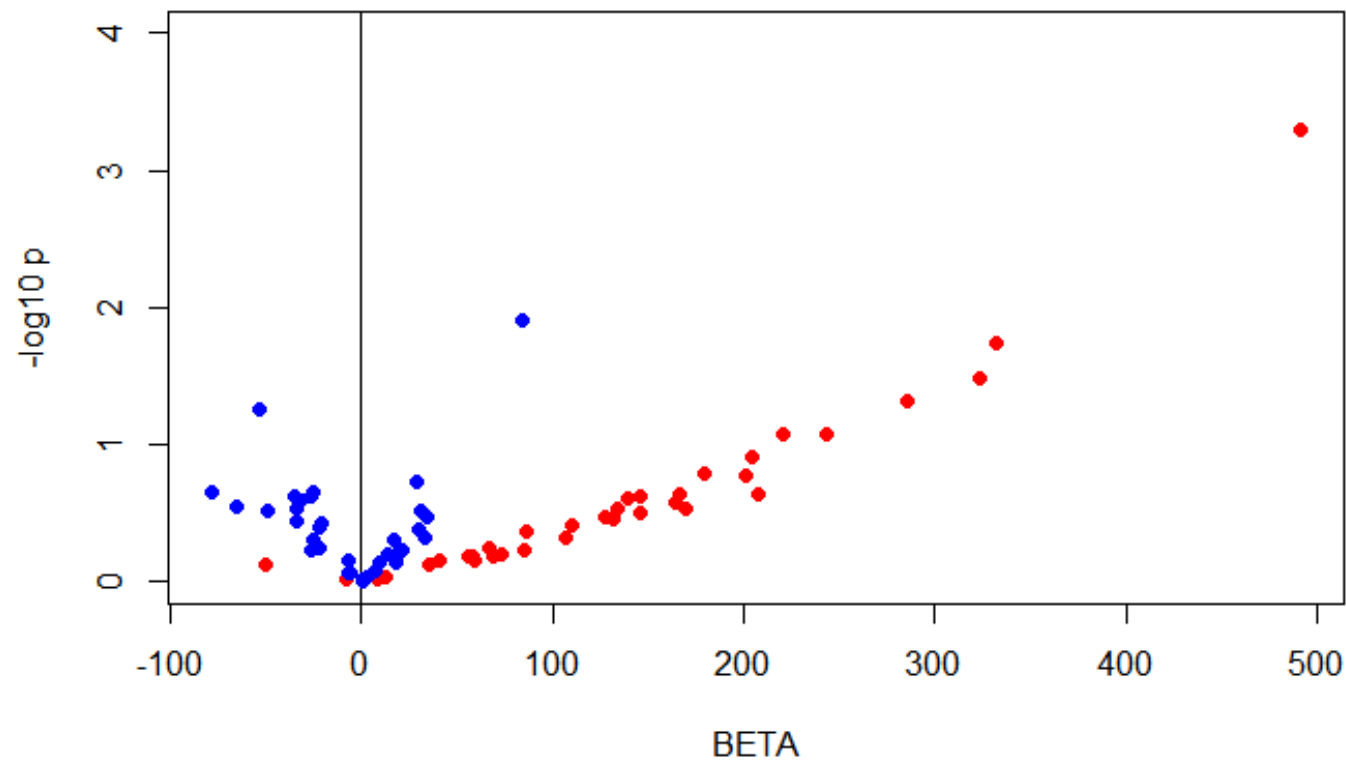
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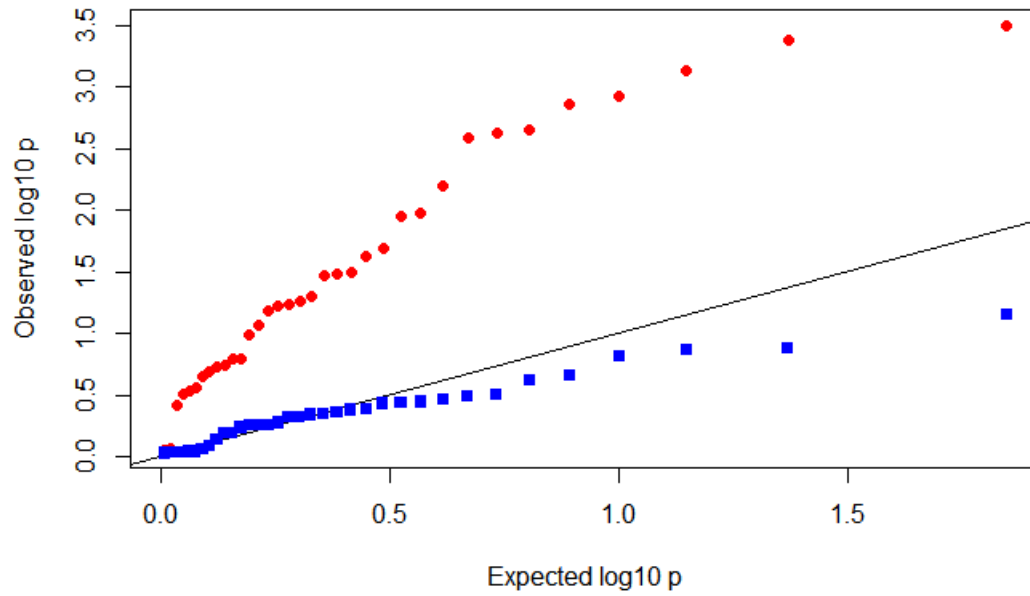
QQ plot: $N=30$.

35 different datasets sampled
GENDER (red); MYSTERY (blue)

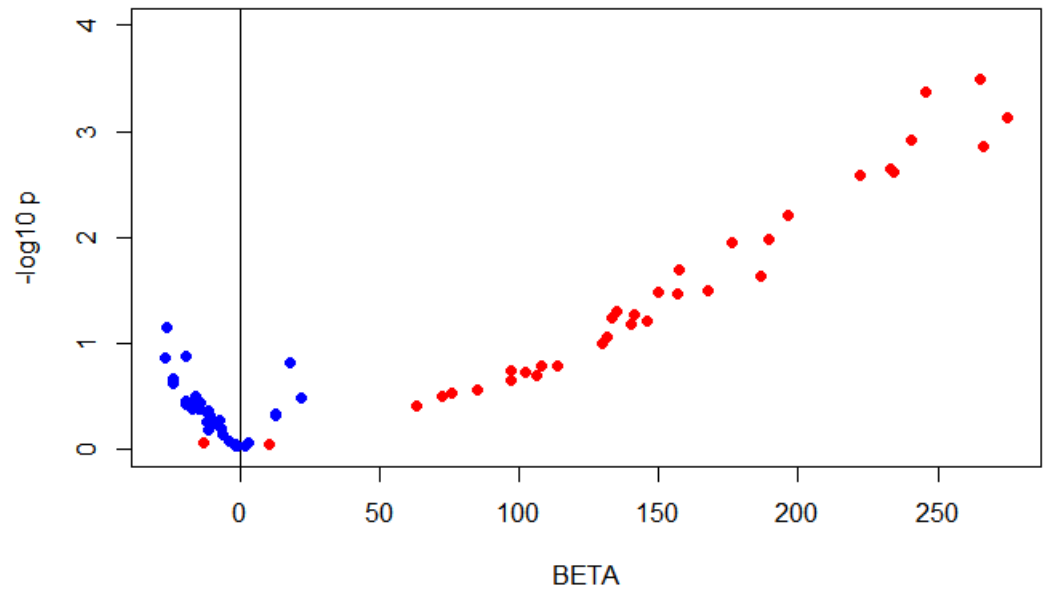


Volcano plot: $N = 30$ 35 different datasets sampled

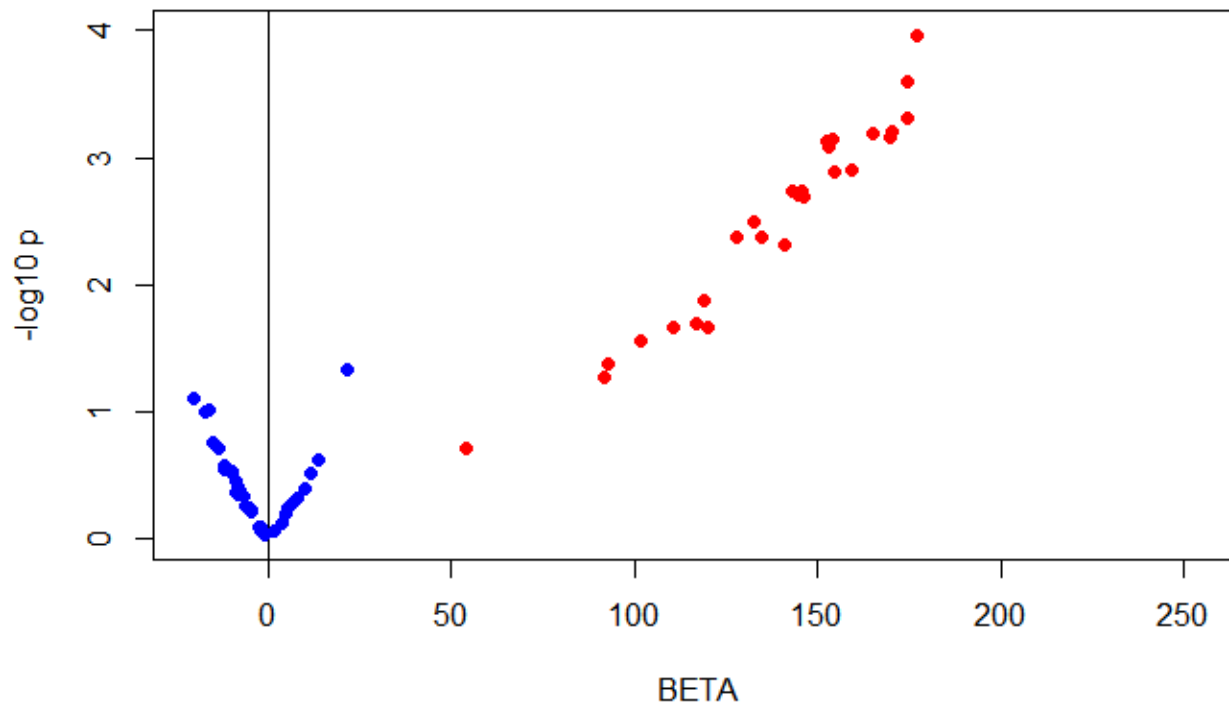




$N = 100$



$N = 250$



Comments

- Variability is only due to random sampling
 - Computer did the sampling
- As the sampled $N \rightarrow$ the full sample size (1000) the same individuals will be resampled
 - Studying the variability of the estimated “Statistics” can be informative
 - Bootstrap when $N\text{-sampled} = \text{full } N$

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