Lecture 13: Bayesian Multiple Testing

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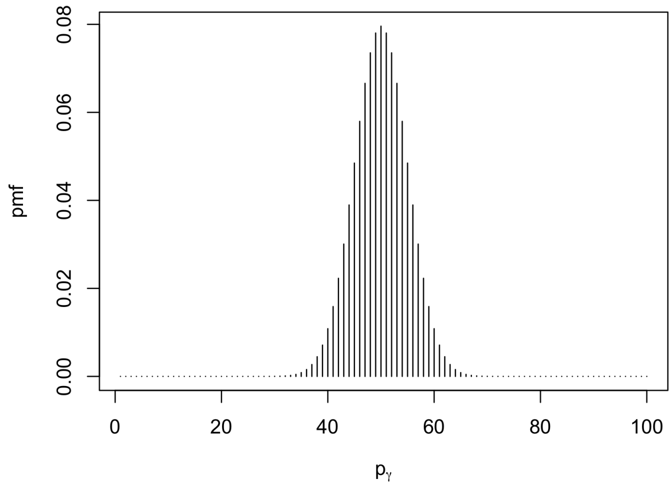

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- Clyde & George (2000) Silverman & Johnstone (2004) for wavelet regression

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