Is Doing Nothing Something?

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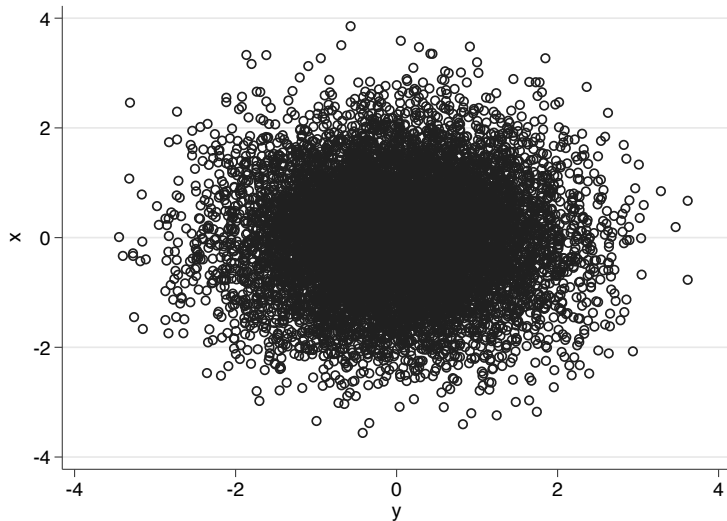
Some Results

Table: Something or Nothing?[†]

	Coefficient	Std. Err.	z-score
Meaningful Variable 1	0.001	0.019	0.06
Meaningful Variable 2	11.525	3.010	3.83
Meaningful Variable 3	-1.296	0.529	-2.45
intercept	-2.023	0.143	-14.16
N	a billion		
model χ^2	63.53*		

[†] I made these up. You should not do this in a paper. * $p \leq .01$

Conclusions

Doing nothing is not always not the same as doing something.

- finding 1
- finding 2
- finding 3