The Random package, Defining Custom Functions

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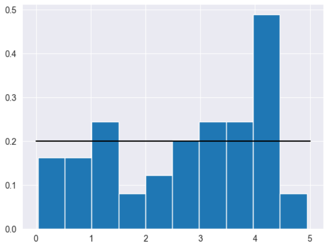

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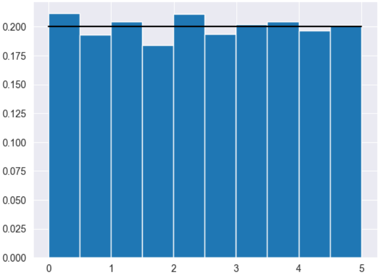

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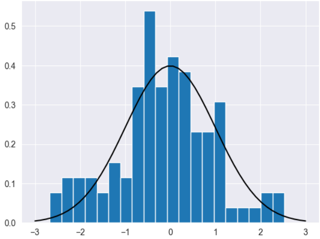

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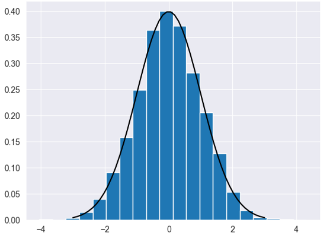

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# to get 30x2 matrix, entries from normal N(0,1)
np.random.normal(size=(30,2))
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def coloring(array_of_points):
    ref_vector = np.array([2,-2/3])
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Additional arguments, default values, keyword arguments

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Getting the "best fit" regression line[4] is straightforward in NumPy.

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# returns slope and intercept of best fit line
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