



Power Analysis and Sample Size Determination Using Simulation

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Presentation Outline

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General Approaches to Power Analysis

An Old, but Unappreciated Idea

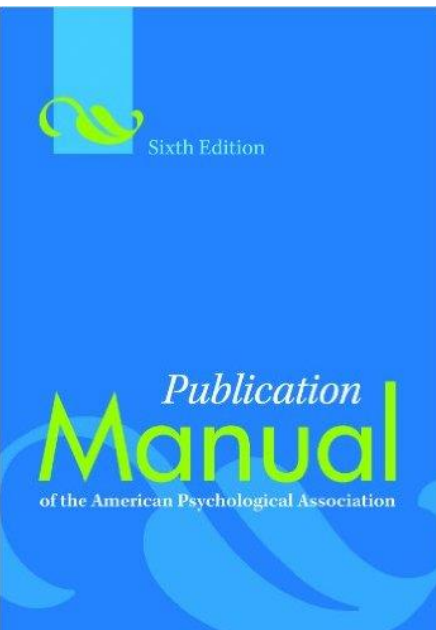


“The problem is that, as practiced, current research hardly reflects much attention to power....Last year, in *Psychological Bulletin*, Sedlmeier and Gigerenzer (1989) published an article entitled “Do Studies of Statistical Power Have an Effect on the Power of Studies?”. The answer was no.”

“But I do not despair. I remember that W.S. Gosset, the fellow who worked in a brewery and appeared in print modestly as “Student,” published the t test a decade before we entered World War I, and the test didn’t get into the psychological statistics textbooks until after World War II.

These things take time. So, if you publish something that you think is really good, and a year or a decade or two go by and hardly anyone seems to have taken notice, remember the t test, and take heart.”

- Jacob Cohen, *American Psychologist* (1990)



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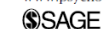
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What is Power?

- **Power:** The probability of rejecting a false null hypothesis
 - The inverse of the probability of a Type II Error (β)
 - $1 - \beta$

OR

- The chance that your study will “work” given that your hypothesis is correct

Decision	H_0 True	H_0 False
Reject H_0	Type I Error $p = \alpha$	Correct Decision $p = 1 - \beta$
Retain H_0	Correct Decision $p = 1 - \alpha$	Type II Error $p = \beta$

→ POWER

Decreasing the Standard Error

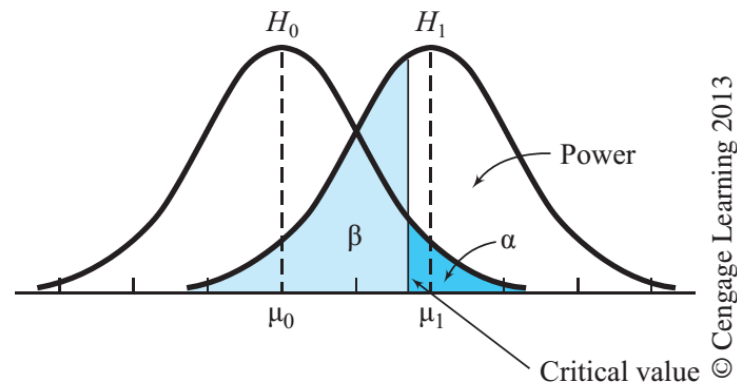


Figure 8.3 Effect on β of increasing $\mu_0 - \mu_1$

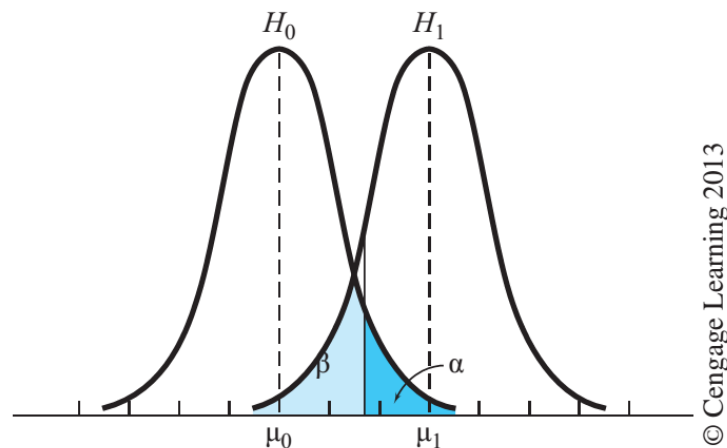


Figure 8.4 Effect on β of decrease in standard error of the mean

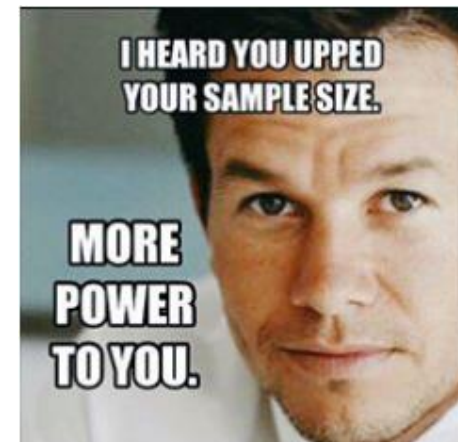
Effect Sizes vs. p Values

- **Effect Size:** Magnitude of effect (e.g., r , r^2 , θ , η^2 , d)
 - Independent of sample size
 - Mean difference or association relative to variability
- **p Value:** Probability of obtaining an effect at least as large as what was actually observed if the null hypothesis is true
 - Highly dependent on sample size
 - Mean difference or association relative to the ratio of variability to sample size

GOAL: Identify minimum sample to have a high likelihood (e.g., 80%) of a low likelihood (e.g., 5%) of obtaining predicted effect if null is true

Why Should I Do a Power Analysis?

- Limited Resources
 - Studies are effortful, expensive, and time-consuming
 - Power analyses are free and less time consuming
- Efficiency
 - Increases chances of finding significant effects
 - Increases chances of replicating prior effects
 - Decreases null effects (file drawer)
 - Increase confidence in null effects



Why Should I Do a Power Analysis?

- Grants require them
- Good for science
 - Protects from temptation to use researcher degrees of freedom
 - Increases precision of estimates – increasing study-to-study stability (replicability crisis)

What Information Do I Need?

- Generally working within a regression framework
 - Although we can also power ANOVA designs using M and SD
- Effect sizes and additional sources of variability
 - Using standardized effects will often reduce the number of parameters that we need to determine
- Ex. Simple linear regression

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Example: Calculating A Priori Power By Hand for Simple Linear Regression

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

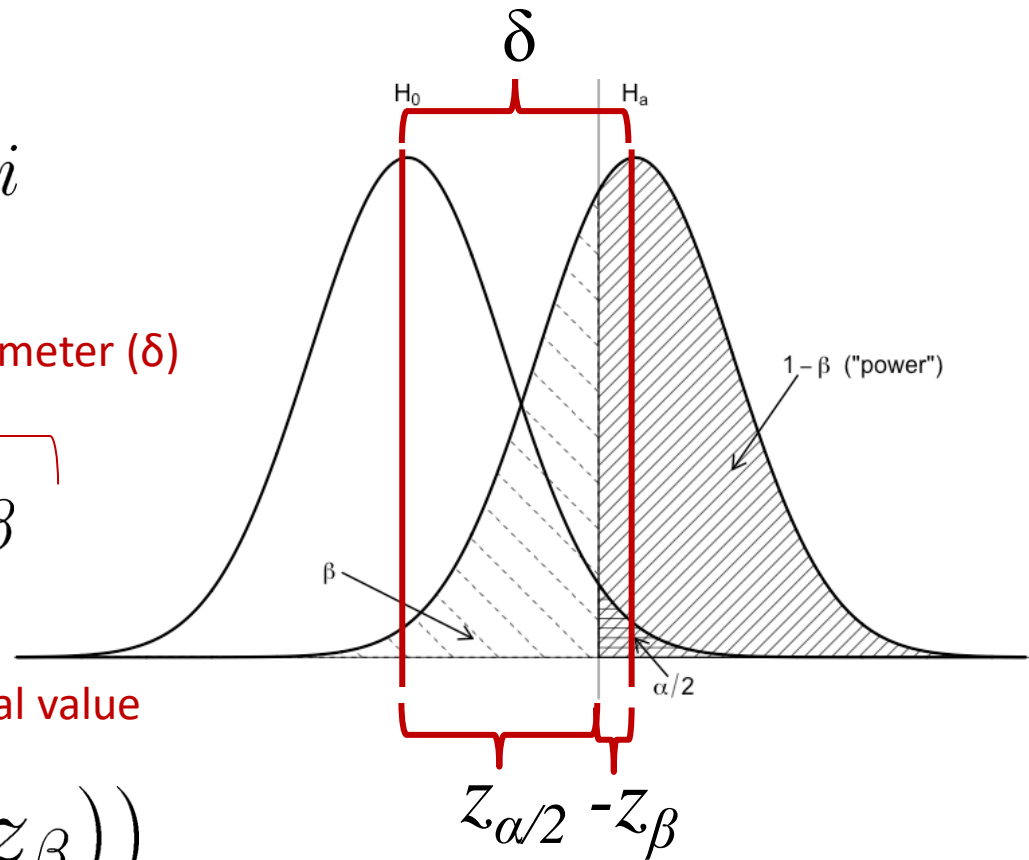
Standardized slope

Noncentrality parameter (δ)

$$\frac{\beta_1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{N\sigma_X^2}}} = z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - z_\beta$$

$1 - \beta^2$ (pointing to the denominator)
 $z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ (Critical value)
 z_β (Critical value)

$$Power = (1 - Pr(z_\beta))$$



Example: Calculating A Priori Power By Hand for Simple Linear Regression

Use $\beta = .15$

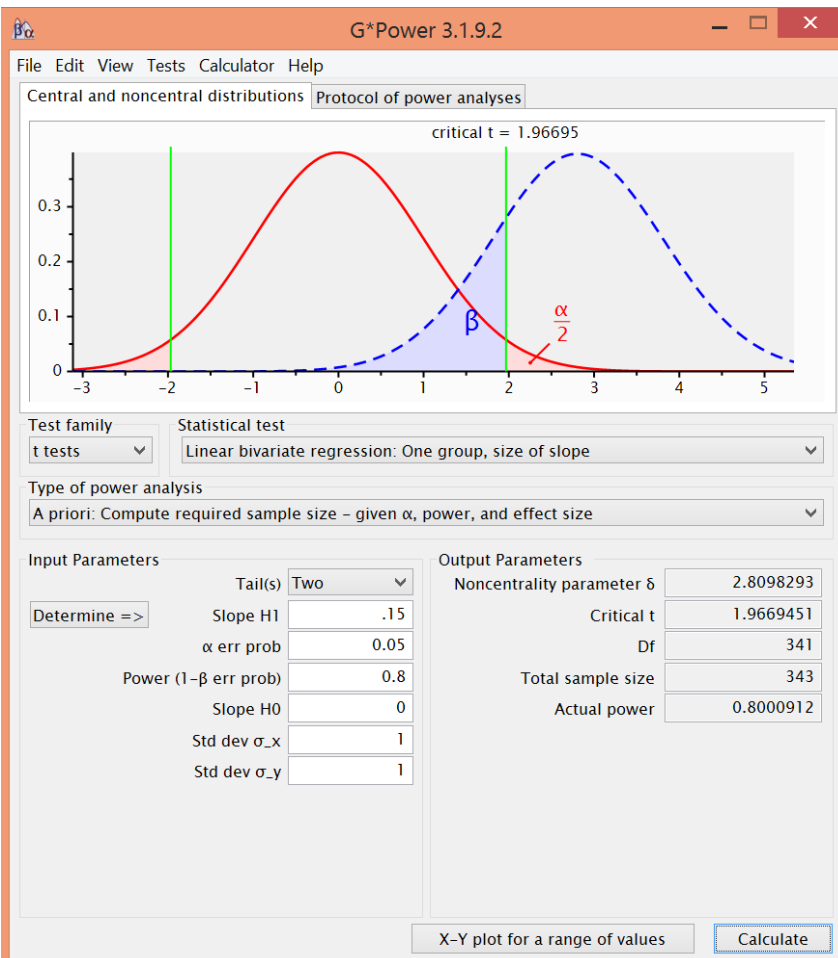
- Small effect
- Approximate association between height and weight in the population

$$N = \frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 \left(\frac{z_{\alpha}}{2} - z_{\beta} \right)^2}{\beta^2 \sigma_X^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \beta^2) \left(\frac{z_{\alpha}}{2} - z_{\beta} \right)^2}{\beta^2 \sigma_X^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - [.15]^2) \times (1.96 - [-.84])^2}{.15^2 \times 1^2} = 343$$

Example: Calculating A Priori Power Using G*Power for Simple Linear Regression



t tests – Linear bivariate regression: One group, size of slope

Analysis: A priori: Compute required sample size

Input:

Tail(s)	=	Two
Slope H1	=	0.1500000
α err prob	=	0.05
Power (1- β err prob)	=	0.8
Slope H0	=	0
Std dev σ_x	=	1
Std dev σ_y	=	1

Output:

Noncentrality parameter δ	=	2.8098293
Critical t	=	1.9669451
Df	=	341
Total sample size	=	343
Actual power	=	0.8000912

Existing Power Software

Design	<u>G*Power</u>	<u>Power & Precision</u>	<u>PS</u>	<u>PASS</u>
t-tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Correlation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ANOVA	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Multiple regression	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Multilevel regression	No	No	No	No
Path analysis	No	No	No	No
Latent variables	No	No	No	No

- Many models are not supported and even some basic models give limited or imperfect estimates

Early Work

1990s: Closed form or iterative solutions for estimating standard errors and power for two-level models

- Approximation for estimating standard errors for two-level models (Snijders & Bosker, 1993; Liu & Liang, 1997)
- Accommodating CS, AR1, and TOEP residual covariance matrices (Hedeker, Gibbons, & Waternaux, 1999)
- Software for basic nested models [Optimal Design] (Raudenbush & Liu, 2000)

Early Work - Limitations

- Overly restrictive assumptions
- Approximations that had very limited generalizability
- Authors conducted analyses themselves and presented tables of sample sizes
 - Single papers often consisted of tables for only one type of model
 - Did not instruct researchers to conduct power analyses on their own
- Published in statistics and education journals

Early Work (Liu & Liang, 1997 example)

with $\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{u}_{jl}$ and $\mathbf{z}_{ij} = \mathbf{v}_{jl}$. Similarly, Σ_1 reduces to

$$\Sigma_1 = mE(\mathbf{P}^* V^{-1} \text{cov}_{H_1}(\mathbf{y}) V^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{*'}) = m \sum_{l=1}^L \pi_l \mathbf{P}_l^* V_l^{-1} \text{cov}_{H_1}(\mathbf{y}_l) V_l^{-1} \mathbf{P}_l^{*'} \quad (10)$$

Let $\tilde{\xi} = E[\mathbf{P}^* V^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}^*)]$ and $\tilde{\Sigma}_1 = E(\mathbf{P}^* V^{-1} \text{cov}_{H_1}(\mathbf{y}) V^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{*'})$, then the noncentral parameter ν in (4) can be re-expressed as

$$\nu = m \tilde{\xi}' \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \tilde{\xi},$$

and hence the sample size needed to achieve the nominal power is approximately

$$m = \nu / (\tilde{\xi}' \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{-1} \tilde{\xi}), \quad \leftarrow \text{OBVIOUSLY} \quad (11)$$

where ν is derived from a noncentral chi-square distribution and the given values of nominal power and significance level of the test.

Finally, equation (6), which leads to the solution of λ_0^* , may now be expressed as

$$\sum_{l=1}^L \pi_l \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_l^*}{\partial \lambda} \right)' V_l^{-1} (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_l^1 - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_l^*) = 0. \quad (12)$$

Note that $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^1$, the expectation of \mathbf{y} , was computed given ψ_1 and λ_1 . This equation can be solved by the GEE method with the weights $\{\pi_l, l = 1, \dots, L\}$.

In sample size calculations, all parameters in the models under the null and alternative hypotheses

Recent Work

2000s-: More flexible simulation approaches, additional software packages

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Recent Work - Limitations

Design	<u>G*Power</u>	<u>Power & Precision</u>	<u>PS</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>RMASS</u>	<u>PinT</u>	<u>Optimal Design</u>	<u>ML-DEs</u>	Simulation
t-tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Correlation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
ANOVA	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	No	No	No	No	Yes
Multiple regression	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	No	No	No	No	Yes
Multilevel regression	No	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes
Path analysis	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Latent variables	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Power Analysis Using Simulation

What is Simulation?

1. Randomly generate data for a hypothetical study
 - Based on predefined model
2. Repeat 1000s of times to simulate 1000s of studies
3. Analyze each study
4. Record if hypothesized effect is significant
5. Aggregate results from all studies
6. % of significant results = Power

Model: $Y = b_0 + b_1 * X + e$

Parameter Values: All means, variances, covariances

Population Model

Sample Size(s)

Sample 1

Sample 2

...

Sample 1000

Analysis 1

Analysis 2

Analysis 1000

$p < .05?$

$p < .05?$

$p < .05?$

Power = % of significant effects

Simulate G*Power Example in SAS

```
DATA EXAMPLE1;  
  RETAIN SUBNUM ;  
  RETAIN SEED 20160129;  
  RETAIN B0 1;  
  RETAIN B1 .15;  
  RETAIN SAMPLES 10000;  
  DO SAMPLE=1 TO SAMPLES;  
    DO SUBNUM=1 TO 343;  
      X = RANNOR(SEED);  
      Y = B0 + B1*X + SQRT(1-B1**2)*RANNOR(SEED);  
      OUTPUT;  
    END;  
  END;  
  DROP SEED b0 b1 SAMPLES;  
RUN;
```

```
ODS GRAPHICS OFF; ODS SELECT NONE;
```

```
PROC reg DATA=EXAMPLE1;  
  BY SAMPLE;  
  MODEL Y = X / stb;  
  ODS OUTPUT parameterestimates=fixedeffects;  
RUN;
```

```
ODS SELECT ALL; ODS GRAPHICS ON; ODS LISTING;
```

```
data Xvar; set fixedeffects; if variable='X'; if probt le .05 & estimate gt 0 then sig=1; else sig=0; run;  
proc means data=Xvar; var estimate standardizedest sig; run;
```


Generate the Data

DATA EXAMPLE1; ← Declare the dataset we want to create

RETAIN SUBNUM ; ← Create variable for subject id

RETAIN SEED 20160129; ← Choose value for random number generator

RETAIN B0 1; ← Intercept value

RETAIN B1 .15; ← Slope value

RETAIN SAMPLES 10000; ← Number of studies to simulate

DO SAMPLE=1 TO SAMPLES; ← Loops to create data for studies and

DO SUBNUM=1 TO 343; subjects within studies

X = RANNOR(SEED); ← Random predictor value

Y = B0 + B1*X + SQRT(1-B1**2)*RANNOR(SEED); ← The model

OUTPUT; ← Output generated data to dataset

END;

END;

DROP SEED b0 b1 SAMPLES;

RUN;

Define
parameters

Simulate
studies

Analyze the Data

`ODS GRAPHICS OFF; ODS SELECT NONE;` ← Turn off output

The analysis

`PROC reg DATA=EXAMPLE1;` ← Run a regression using generated data
`BY SAMPLE;` ← Analyze each sample separately
`MODEL Y = X / stb;` ← The model
`ODS OUTPUT parameterestimates=fixedeffects;`
`RUN;` Save model parameters

`ODS SELECT ALL; ODS GRAPHICS ON; ODS LISTING;`

Turn output back on

Dataset of Estimates from Each Sample

```
data Xvar; set fixedeffects; if variable='X'; if probt le .05 & estimate gt 0 then sig=1; else sig=0; run;
```

VIEWTABLE: Work.Fixedeffects (Parameter Estimates)

	SAMPLE	Model	Dependent	Variable	DF	Estimate	StdErr	tValue	Probt	StandardizedEst
1	1	MODEL1	Y	Intercept	1	0.97384	0.05459	17.84	<.0001	0
2	1	MODEL1		X	1	0.14345	0.05340	2.69	0.0076	0.14396
3	2	MODEL1	Y	Intercept	1	1.01207	0.05421	18.67	<.0001	0
4	2	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.12749	0.05422	2.35	0.0193	0.12632
5	3	MODEL1	Y	Intercept	1	0.94712	0.05429	17.45	<.0001	0
6	3	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.13906	0.05292	2.63	0.0090	0.14089
7	4	MODEL1	Y	Intercept	1	1.03225	0.05011	20.60	<.0001	0
8	4	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.06480	0.04869	1.33	0.1841	0.07189

A Little Data Cleaning

```
data Xvar; set fixedeffects; if variable='X'; if probt le .05 & estimate gt 0 then sig=1; else sig=0; run;
```

p-value significant?

	SAMPLE	Model	Dependent	Variable	DF	Estimate	StdErr	tValue	Probt	StandardizedEst	sig
1	1	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.14345	0.05340	2.69	0.0076	0.14396	1
2	2	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.12749	0.05422	2.35	0.0193	0.12632	1
3	3	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.13906	0.05292	2.63	0.0090	0.14089	1
4	4	MODEL1	Y	X	1	0.06480	0.04869	1.33	0.1841	0.07189	0

Estimate Power

```
proc means data=Xvar; var estimate standardizedest sig; run;
```

The MEANS Procedure

Variable	Label	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
Estimate	Parameter Estimate	10000	0.1504423	0.0539107	-0.0443288	0.3694533
StandardizedEst	Standardized Estimate	10000	0.1504054	0.0533023	-0.0449166	0.3515363
sig		10000	0.8006000	0.3995693	0	1.0000000



“Same” as G*Power – (Sampling variability)

Everything We are Doing Can Be Done in SPSS, R, Mplus, etc.

SPSS

Generate Data

```
1 INPUT PROGRAM.
2 LOOP #s=1 to 10000.
3 LOOP #i=1 to 343.
4
5 COMPUTE sample=#s.
6 COMPUTE id=#i.
7 COMPUTE x=RV.NORMAL(0,1).
8 COMPUTE y=1+.15*x+SQRT(1-.15**2)*RV.NORMAL(0,1).
9 END CASE.
10
11 END LOOP.
12 END LOOP.
13 END FILE.
14 END INPUT PROGRAM.
15 EXECUTE.
16
```

Analyze Data

```
17 SPLIT FILE SEPARATE BY sample.
18
19 DATASET DECLARE estimates.
20 REGRESSION
21 /MISSING LISTWISE
22 /STATISTICS COEFF OUTS R ANOVA
23 /CRITERIA=PIN(.05) POUT(.10)
24 /NOORIGIN
25 /DEPENDENT y
26 /METHOD=ENTER x
27 /OUTFILE=COVB(estimates).
28
29 DATASET ACTIVATE estimates.
30 FILTER OFF.
31 USE ALL.
32 SELECT IF (ROWTYPE_="EST" | ROWTYPE_="SIG").
33 EXECUTE.
34
35 SORT CASES BY sample ROWTYPE_.
36 CASESTOVARS
37 /ID=sample
38 /INDEX=ROWTYPE_
39 /GROUPBY=VARIABLE.
40
41 COMPUTE X_SIG=0.
42 IF X.EST>0 & X.SIG<=.05 X_SIG=1.
43 EXECUTE.
44
45 DESCRIPTIVES VARIABLES=X.EST X_SIG
46 /STATISTICS=MEAN STDDEV MIN MAX.
47
```

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SPSS

Power Results

Descriptives

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
x.EST	10000	-.03	.32	.1505	.05232
X_SIG	10000	.00	1.00	.8030	.39775
Valid N (listwise)	10000				

- It runs, but it took over an hour (SAS < 1 minute)
- Clunkier syntax
- Difficult to suppress output when using included procedures

Everything We are Doing Can Be Done in SPSS, R, Mplus, etc.

Mplus

Generate & Analyze Data

```
MONTECARLO:
  NAMES ARE x y;
  NOOBSERVATIONS = 343;
  SEED = 20160129;
  NREPS = 10000;
ANALYSIS:
  MODEL POPULATION:
    y ON x*.15;
    [x*0];
    [y*1];
    x*1;
    y*1;
MODEL:
  y ON x*.15;
  [x*0];
  [y*1];
  x*1;
  y*1;
OUTPUT: SAMPSTAT TECH9;
```


Everything We are Doing Can Be Done in SPSS, R, Mplus, etc.

Mplus

Power Results

MODEL RESULTS

		Population	ESTIMATES Average	Std. Dev.	S. E. Average	M. S. E.	95% Cover	% Sig Coeff
Y	ON							
X		0.150	0.1500	0.0542	0.0540	0.0029	0.950	0.793
Means								
X		0.000	-0.0005	0.0538	0.0539	0.0029	0.948	0.052
Intercepts								
Y		1.000	0.9997	0.0540	0.0539	0.0029	0.946	1.000
Variances								
X		1.000	0.9966	0.0756	0.0761	0.0057	0.945	1.000
Residual Variances								
Y		1.000	0.9945	0.0759	0.0759	0.0058	0.943	1.000

- Runs quickly
- Easily specify wide variety of models
- Can't loop multiple sample sizes without batch jobs (re: later)

Everything We are Doing Can Be Done in SPSS, R, Mplus, etc.

Generate & Analyze Data

```
2 ex1.sim <- function (J){  
3   person <- rep(1:J)  
4   x <- rnorm(J,0,1)  
5   b0 <- 1  
6   b1 <- .15  
7   y <- rnorm(J, b0+b1*x,(1-b1*b1))  
8   return(data.frame(person,y,x))  
9 }  
10  
11 ex1.power <- function (J,n.sims=10000){  
12   signif <- rep(NA,n.sims)  
13   estim <- rep(NA,n.sims)  
14   pval <- rep(NA,n.sims)  
15   for (s in 1:n.sims){  
16     sim <- ex1.sim(J)  
17     lm.power <- lm(y ~ x, data=sim)  
18     est <- coef(summary(lm.power))["x","Estimate"]  
19     p <- coef(summary(lm.power))["x","Pr(>|t|)"]  
20     se <- coef(summary(lm.power))["x","Std. Error"]  
21     signif[s] <- est>0 & p<=.05  
22   }  
23   power <- mean(signif)  
24   return(power)  
25 }  
26  
27 ex1.power(J=343,n.sims=10000)
```

R

Power Results

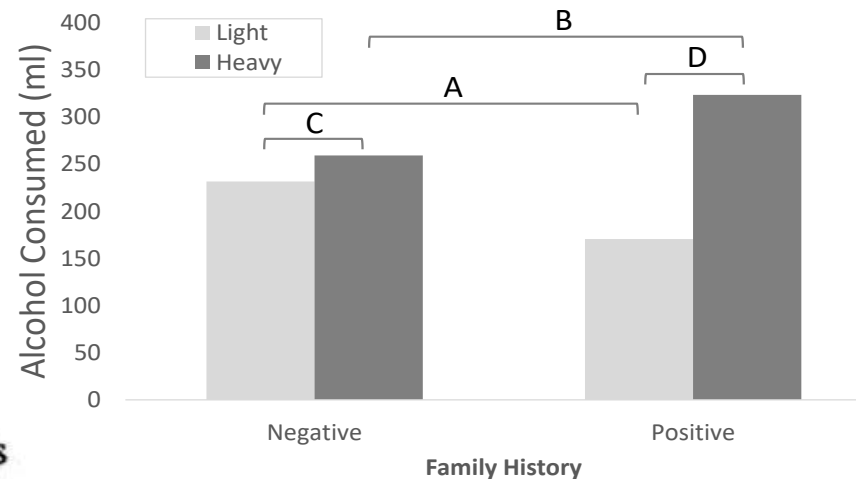
```
>  
> ex1.power(J=343,n.sims=10000)  
[1] 0.8061  
>
```

- Runs quickly
- Easily specify wide variety of models
- Can loop multiple sample sizes or effect sizes

Mechanics of Generating and Analyzing a Simulated Power Analysis

2x2 Between-Subjects ANOVA Example (SAS)

- Replicating Chipperfield & Vogel-Sprott (1988): *Family History of Problem Drinking among Young Male Social Drinkers: Modeling Effects on Alcohol Consumption*
 - Individuals model the drinking behavior of others
 - This effect is amplified among people who have a family history of alcoholism
 - Original study $N = 50$



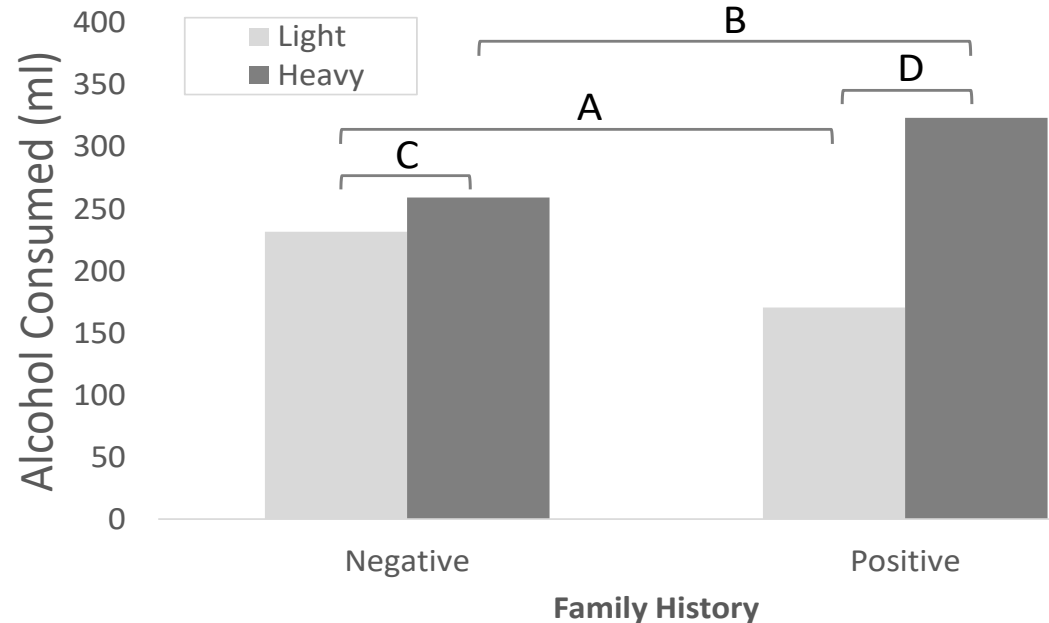
(FH) \times 2 (model) ANOVA of the milliliter scores. This analysis obtained a significant FH \times Model interaction, $F(1, 46) = 4.10$, $p < 0.05$, and main effect of model, $F(1, 46) = 8.48$, $p < 0.01$. The FH groups did not differ in response to the model treatments, $F(1, 46) = 0.003$, $p > 0.99$. Figure 1, which plots the

2x2 Between-Subjects ANOVA Example (SAS)

```

DATA EXAMPLE1;                                /*1*/
RETAIN SEED 20160129;                          /*2*/
RETAIN B0 231.7; RETAIN B1 -61.1; RETAIN B2 27.5; RETAIN B3 125.4; /*3*/
RETAIN SAMPLES 10000;                         /*4*/
ARRAY SIZE[3] (50 80 800);                    /*5*/
DO SSIZE=1 TO 3;                               /*6*/
  DO SAMPLE=1 TO SAMPLES;                     /*7*/
    DO SUBNUM=1 TO SIZE[SSIZE];                /*8*/
      IF SUBNUM LE SIZE[SSIZE]/2 THEN X1 = 0; ELSE X1=1; /*9*/
      IF SUBNUM LE SIZE[SSIZE]/4 THEN X2 = 0; /*10*/
      ELSE IF (SUBNUM GT SIZE[SSIZE]/2 & SUBNUM LE SIZE[SSIZE]*(3/4)) /*11*/
        THEN X2=0; ELSE X2=1; /*12*/
      Y = B0 + B1*X1 + B2*X2 + B3*X1*X2 + SQRT(10300)*RANNOR(SEED); /*13*/
      OUTPUT; /*14*/
    END; END; END; /*15*/
  DROP SEED b0 b1 b2 b3 SAMPLES; RUN; /*16*/
DATA EXAMPLE1; SET EXAMPLE1; /*17*/
if SSIZE=1 then SSIZE=size1; else if SSIZE=2 then SSIZE=size2; /*18*/
else SSIZE=size3; /*19*/
DROP size1 size2 size3; RUN; /*20*/
/*21*/
ODS GRAPHICS OFF; ODS SELECT NONE; /*22*/
PROC MIXED data=EXAMPLE1 noclprint method=type3; by ssize sample; /*23*/
class x1 x2; /*24*/
model y = x1 x2 x1*x2 / s; /*25*/
lsmeans x1*x2 / diff; /*26*/
ods output tests3=anova diffe=contrasts; RUN; /*27*/
ODS SELECT ALL; ODS GRAPHICS ON; ODS LISTING; /*28*/
/*29*/
data anova; set anova; if probf le .05 then sig=1; else sig=0; RUN; /*30*/
proc sort data=anova; by ssize sample; RUN; /*31*/
proc transpose data=anova out=anova2; /*32*/
by ssize sample; id effect; var sig; RUN; /*33*/
proc means data=anova2; by ssize; var x1 x2 x1_x2; RUN; /*34*/
/*35*/
data contrasts; set contrasts; /*36*/
if x1=0 & x2=0 & _x1=0 & _x2=1 then simple='C'; /*37*/
if x1=0 & x2=0 & _x1=1 & _x2=0 then simple='A'; /*38*/
if x1=0 & x2=1 & _x1=1 & _x2=1 then simple='B'; /*39*/
if x1=1 & x2=0 & _x1=1 & _x2=1 then simple='D'; /*40*/
if missing(simple)=0; /*41*/
if probt le .05 & estimate lt 0 & (simple!='A') then sig=1; /*42*/
else if probt le .05 & estimate gt 0 & (simple='A') /*43*/
then sig=1; else sig=0; RUN; /*44*/
/*45*/
proc sort data=contrasts; by ssize sample simple; RUN; /*46*/
proc transpose data=contrasts out=contrasts2; /*47*/
by ssize sample; id simple; var sig; RUN; /*48*/
proc means data=contrasts2; by ssize; var a b c d; RUN; /*49*/

```



Simulate the Data

```
DATA EXAMPLE1;
RETAIN SEED 20160129;
RETAIN B0 231.7; RETAIN B1 -61.1; RETAIN B2 27.5; RETAIN B3 125.4;
RETAIN SAMPLES 10000;
ARRAY SIZE[3] (50 80 800); ← NEW – Runs power analyses for 3 different sample sizes
DO SSIZE=1 TO 3;
  DO SAMPLE=1 TO SAMPLES;
    DO SUBNUM=1 TO SIZE[SSIZE]; ← NEW – Tells loop to reference the array to determine sample size
      IF SUBNUM le SIZE[SSIZE]/2 THEN X1 = 0; ELSE X1=1;
      IF SUBNUM le SIZE[SSIZE]/4 THEN X2 = 0; ← NEW – Assigns subjects to condition
      ELSE IF (SUBNUM gt SIZE[SSIZE]/2 & SUBNUM le SIZE[SSIZE]*(3/4))
        THEN X2=0; ELSE X2=1;
      Y = B0 + B1*X1 + B2*X2 + B3*X1*X2 + SQRT(10300)*RANDNOR(SEED);
      OUTPUT;
    END; END; END;
DROP SEED b0 b1 b2 b3 SAMPLES; RUN;
```

Regression coefficients for main effects and interaction

Error variance

```
DATA EXAMPLE1; SET EXAMPLE1;
if SSIZE=1 then SSIZE=size1; else if SSIZE=2 then SSIZE=size2;
else SSIZE=size3; Clean up dataset so 'ssize' corresponds to sample size
DROP size1 size2 size3; RUN;
```

Analyze the Simulated Data

```

ODS GRAPHICS OFF; ODS SELECT NONE;
❑ PROC MIXED data=EXAMPLE1 noclprint method=type3; by ssize sample;
  class x1 x2;
  model y = x1 x2 x1*x2 / s;
  lsmeans x1*x2 / diff;
  ods output tests3=anova diffs=contrasts; RUN; ← Save effects
ODS SELECT ALL; ODS GRAPHICS ON; ODS LISTING;

❑ data anova; set anova; if probf le .05 then sig=1; else sig=0; RUN;
❑ proc sort data=anova; by ssize sample; RUN;
❑ proc transpose data=anova out=anova2;
  by ssize sample; id effect; var sig; RUN;
❑ proc means data=anova2; by ssize; var x1 x2 x1_x2; RUN;

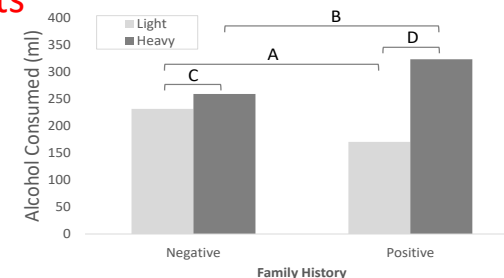
❑ data contrasts; set contrasts;
  if x1=0 & x2=0 & _x1=0 & _x2=1 then simple='C';
  if x1=0 & x2=0 & _x1=1 & _x2=0 then simple='A';
  if x1=0 & x2=1 & _x1=1 & _x2=1 then simple='B';
  if x1=1 & x2=0 & _x1=1 & _x2=1 then simple='D';
  if missing(simple)=0;
  if probt le .05 & estimate lt 0 & (simple~='A') then sig=1;
  else if probt le .05 & estimate gt 0 & (simple='A')
  then sig=1; else sig=0; RUN;

❑ proc sort data=contrasts; by ssize sample simple; RUN;
❑ proc transpose data=contrasts out=contrasts2;
  by ssize sample; id simple; var sig; RUN;
❑ proc means data=contrasts2; by ssize; var a b c d; RUN;
  
```

The analysis

Main Effects & Interaction

Simple Effects



Estimate Power – (Family History)

SSIZE=50

The MEANS Procedure

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
X1	10000	0.0520000	0.2220381	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	0.8661000	0.3405619	0	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	0.5646000	0.4958341	0	1.0000000

SSIZE=80

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
X1	10000	0.0486000	0.2150411	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	0.9769000	0.1502286	0	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	0.7827000	0.4124290	0	1.0000000

SSIZE=800

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
X1	10000	0.0556000	0.2291591	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	1.0000000	0	1.0000000	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	1.0000000	0	1.0000000	1.0000000

Estimate Power – (Modeling)

SSIZE=50

The MEANS Procedure

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
X1	10000	0.0520000	0.2220381	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	0.8661000	0.3405619	0	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	0.5646000	0.4958341	0	1.0000000

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X1	10000	0.0556000	0.2291591	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	1.0000000	0	1.0000000	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	1.0000000	0	1.0000000	1.0000000

Estimate Power – (Interaction)

SSIZE=50

The MEANS Procedure

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
X1	10000	0.0520000	0.2220381	0	1.0000000
X2	10000	0.8661000	0.3405619	0	1.0000000
X1_X2	10000	0.5646000	0.4958341	0	1.0000000

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X1	10000	0.0556000	0.2291591	0	1.0000000
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X1_X2	10000	1.0000000	0	1.0000000	1.0000000

Simple Effects

SSIZE=50

The MEANS Procedure

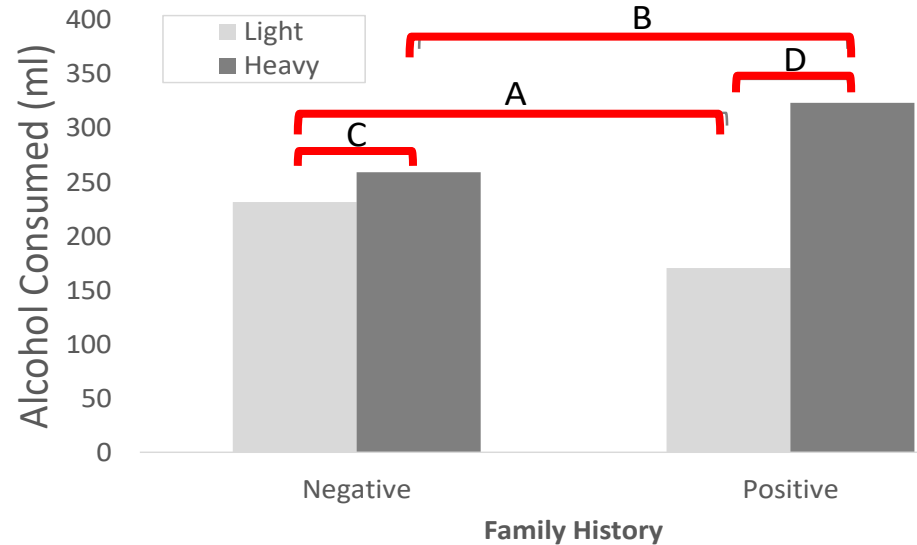
Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev
A	10000	0.3056000	0.4606841
B	10000	0.2461000	0.4757492
C	10000	0.1050000	0.3065687
D	10000	0.9560000	0.2051054

SSIZE=80

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev
A	10000	0.4698000	0.4991121
B	10000	0.5082000	0.4999578
C	10000	0.1325000	0.3390505
D	10000	0.9966000	0.0582132

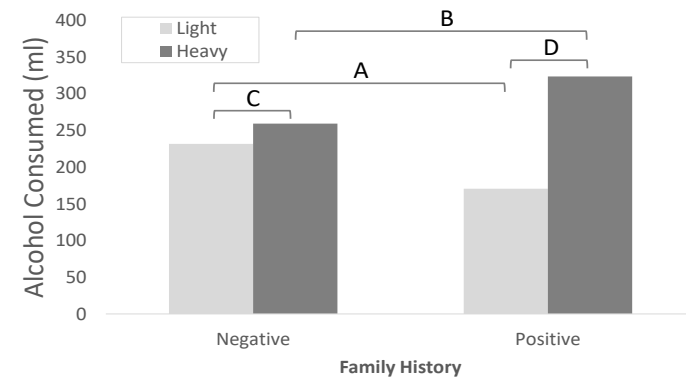
SSIZE=800

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev
A	10000	0.9999000	0.0100000
B	10000	1.0000000	0
C	10000	0.7753000	0.4174055
D	10000	1.0000000	0



Power of Omnibus and Simple Effects as a Function of N

Effect	$N = 80$	$N = 160$	$N = 800$
Family History Main Effect	.05	.05	.06
Modeling Main Effect	.98	.99	1.00
Interaction	.79	.97	1.00
Simple Effect A	.47	.76	1.00
Simple Effect B	.51	.80	1.00
Simple Effect C	.13	.22	.78
Simple Effect D	1.00	1.00	1.00



Where Do You Get the Parameter Estimates and What if You're Wrong?

Determining Parameters

- Published similar data
 - Common not to report all statistics (e.g., random effects, residuals)
 - May need to contact authors
- Published semi-similar data
 - Similar variables
 - e.g., using a study of change in racial bias post-intervention to estimate parameters for change in sexism post-intervention
 - Similar design
 - e.g., using a baseline | intervention | follow-up | follow-up study of racial bias to estimate parameters for a baseline | intervention | follow-up | followup study of self-esteem
 - Between-person estimates of within-person processes
 - e.g., using an intervention | control between-subjects lab study of racial bias to estimate parameters for a baseline | intervention within-subjects study of racial bias

Educated Guesses

- Fixed Effects
 - Interaction effects usually smaller than main effects
 - Indirect effects (multiplicatively) smaller than direct effects
 - Between-person effects usually larger than within-person effects
 - Self-report (Actor) effects usually larger than other-report (Partner) effects
- Random Effects
 - They are usually there (i.e. non-zero)
 - Random effect variances usually smaller than residual variance
 - Higher cluster variance (in intercept and slopes) has a stronger impact on power when there are more clusters
- Residuals
 - Usually autocorrelated in longitudinal designs
 - Usually increase over time in longitudinal designs

Educated Guesses

- Use possible % of variance explainable as a reference for estimating effect sizes and error variance
 - Specific to area of research
 - Daily life – lots of within-person variability
 - Upper bound of explainable variance ~10%
 - Largely random effects
 - Individual fixed effects < 1%
 - Cognitive experiment – might expect to explain > 50% of the total variance
- Know your area and what is reasonable – use that as a reference

Sensitivity Analysis

- How bad can things be?
 - Even informed guesses are still guesses
- Maximize likelihood of being well-powered even if you guessed incorrectly
- Systematically vary parameters of interest & recalculate power
 - Efficiently balance # people and # repeated measurements
 - Robustness of hypothesized effects
- Start with most theoretically important parameter
 - How small can it get?
- Most uncertain parameter
 - How small/big can it get?
 - Usually random effects (if clustered data)

Troubleshooting

- How do I know I did what I was intending to?
 1. Check means and variances of generated data and population parameters
 2. Check that the model recovers correct coefficients
 - Assuming, generating model = fit model

Example 1 Revisited

```
DATA EXAMPLE1;  
RETAIN SUBNUM ;  
RETAIN SEED 20160129;  
RETAIN B0 1;  
RETAIN B1 .15;  
RETAIN SAMPLES 10000;  
DO SAMPLE=1 TO SAMPLES;  
  DO SUBNUM=1 TO 343;  
    X = RANNOR(SEED);  
    Y = B0 + B1*X + SQRT(.5)*RANNOR(SEED);  
    OUTPUT;  
  END;  
END;  
DROP SEED b0 b1 SAMPLES;  
RUN;
```

Correct variance was $(1-B1**2)$

Variable	Label	N	Mean	Std Dev
Estimate	Parameter Estimate	10000	0.1503163	0.0385569
StandardizedEst	Standardized Estimate	10000	0.2078744	0.0522384
sig		10000	0.9725000	0.1635433

OH NO! Estimates don't match.

Conclusions

- Power analysis helps us design studies with high likelihoods of observing effects [big OR small] with a high degree of precision
- Cost-, resource-, and time-effective
- Classic power analysis tools generally not suitable for estimating factorial, multilevel, path, and latent factor models
- Simulation allows for flexible sample size estimates of any model using SPSS, SAS, MPlus, or R
 - If you can run the analysis, you can conduct the power analysis for it

Conclusions

- Requires a priori hypotheses with educated guesses about effect sizes and variability
 - Including random effects and residuals
- Similar published papers (even on very different topics) and pilot data can help estimate these parameters
- Sensitivity analysis helps make good decisions when there is uncertainty about the parameters
- Can be integrated into preregistration activities
- Can be adapted for Bayesian or other alternative hypothesis testing techniques

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