0.1 1e Distribution of p-values

Now, we are going to imagine that we have a bunch of samples (each drawn either from the null distribution or the alternative distribution). We want to predict whether each sample was generated from H_0 or H_1 by looking at its p-value. As a reminder, the two hypothesis to consider are:

The null hypothesis:

$$H_0: X \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

The alternative hypothesis:

$$H_1: X \sim \mathcal{N}(2,1)$$

In the example below, we simulate n = 10000 draws, in which approximatively 80% come from the null distribution (Reality = 0), and approximately 20% come from the alternative distribution (Reality = 1).

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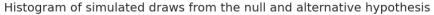
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rs = np.random.RandomState(0)
n = 10000

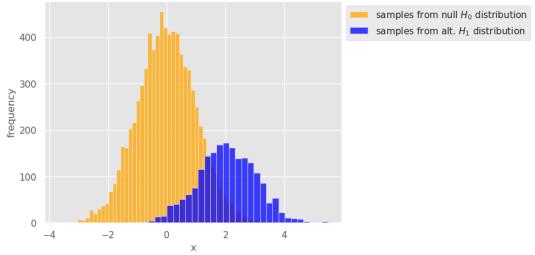
# roughly 80% of the data comes from the null distribution
# true_values is an n-dimensional array of indicators, where "1" means that x is from the alte
true_values = rs.binomial(1, 0.2, n)

# null distribution is N(0, 1) and alternative distribution is N(2, 1)
x_obs = rs.randn(n) + 2*true_values

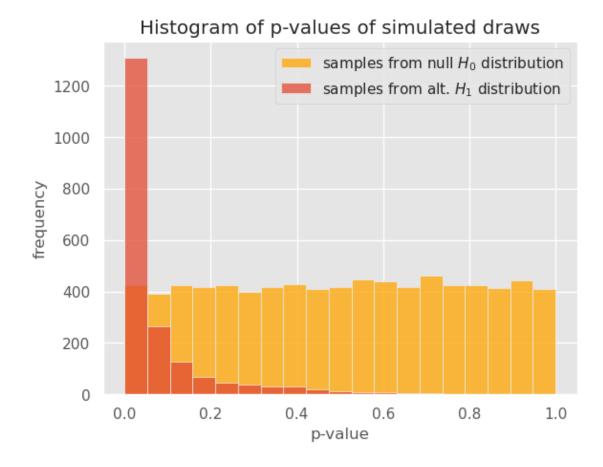
sns.histplot(x_obs[np.where(true_values == 0)], label="samples from null $H_0$ distribution",
sns.histplot(x_obs[np.where(true_values == 1)], label="samples from alt. $H_1$ distribution",

plt.title("Histogram of simulated draws from the null and alternative hypothesis")
plt.ylabel("x")
plt.ylabel("frequency")
plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1));
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Now, let's take these simulated draws, calculate their p-values, and visualize the p-values corresponding to each of these simulated draws.



Using the histogram of our calculated p-values, write down a few of your observations (≤ 3 sentences). In particular, your observations should address: 1. The shape of the distribution of p-values under the null hypothesis, 2. how it contrasts with the shape of the p-values under the alternative hypothesis, 3. ...and why, for any given p-value close to zero, we're able to state with high confidence that the data point was generated under the alternative hypothesis.

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0.2 2e Conclusions

Finally, write a short (≤ 4 sentences) summary comparing the three different methods from this problem.

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