

Statistics Review

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 - Samples and Population
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- Examples of parametric families:
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- Estimation
- One-Sample Testing
- Two-Sample Testing

Exact Parametric Methods

In some cases, if we assume the population has a distribution, we can explicitly characterize the finite-sample distribution

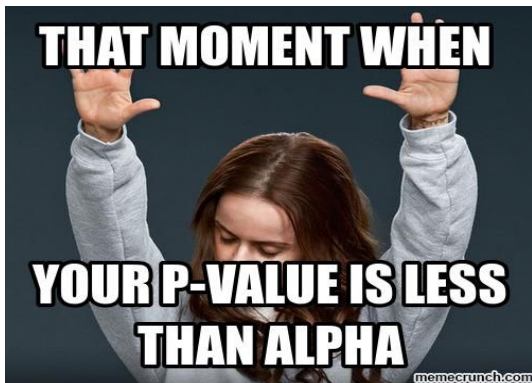


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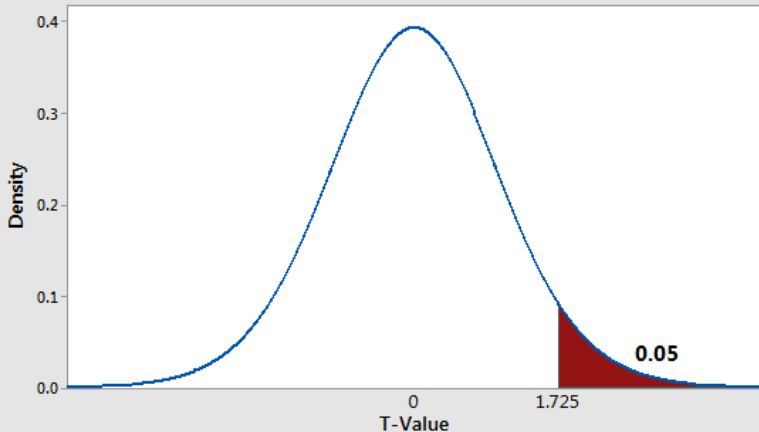


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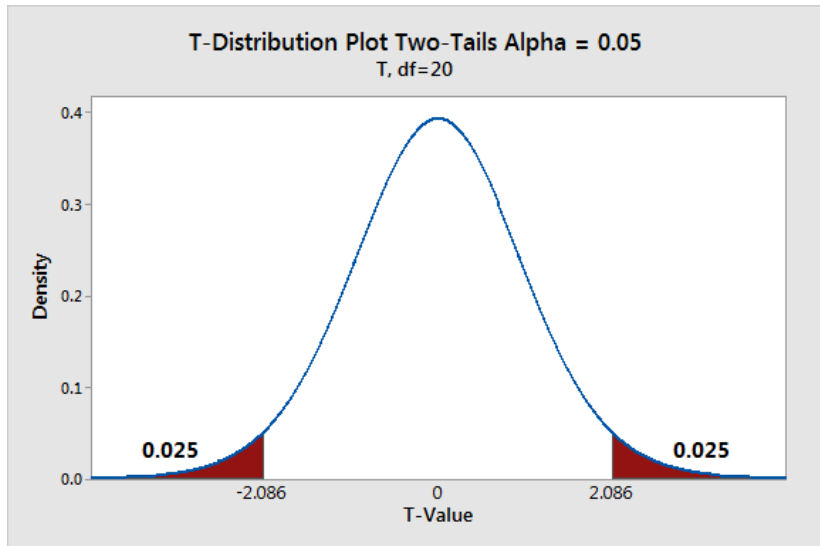


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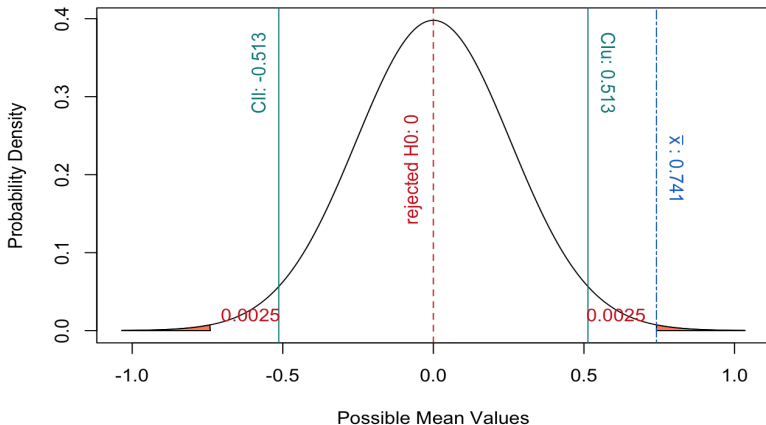


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 - Central Limit Theorem
 - Estimation and Testing for Proportions
 - Estimation and Testing for More General Parametric Families

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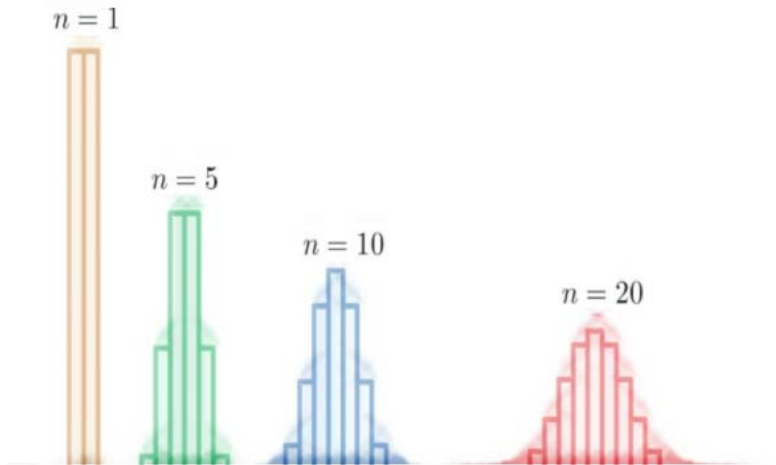


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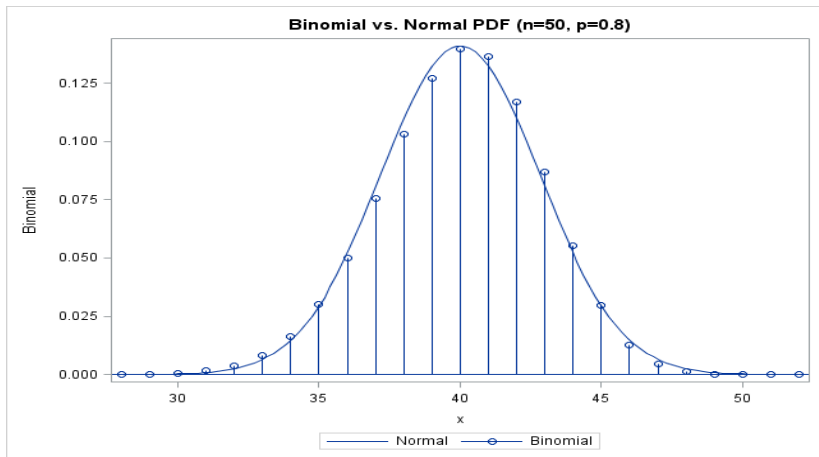


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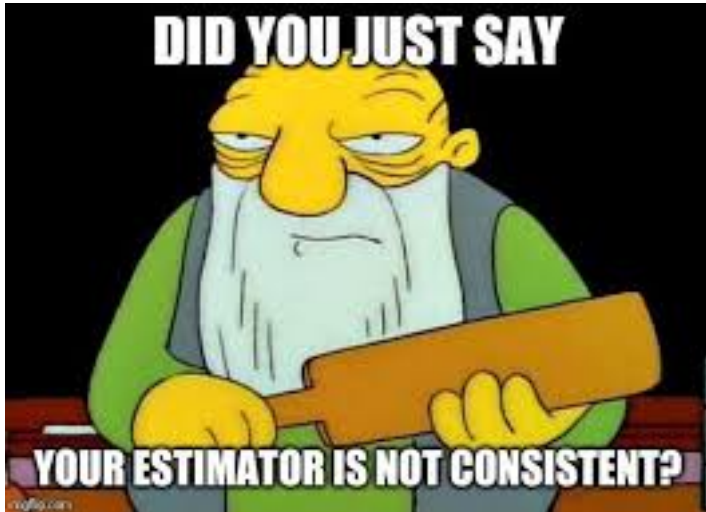


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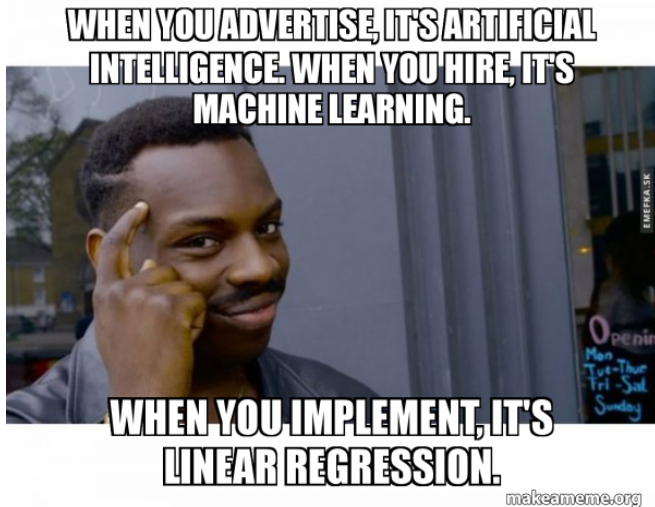


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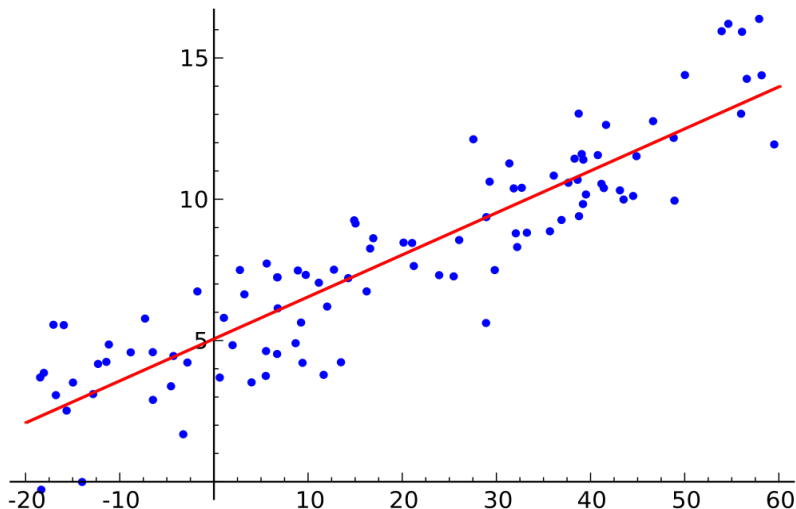


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so $\hat{\beta}$ is *unbiased*.

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Hence, the covariance $\mathbb{E}\left[(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)^\top\right]$ satisfies

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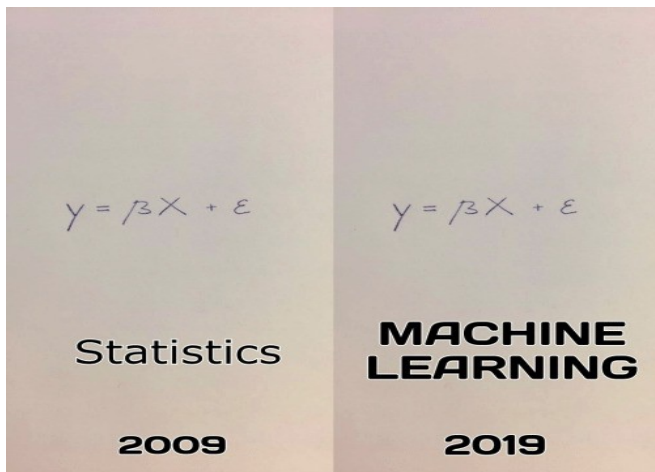
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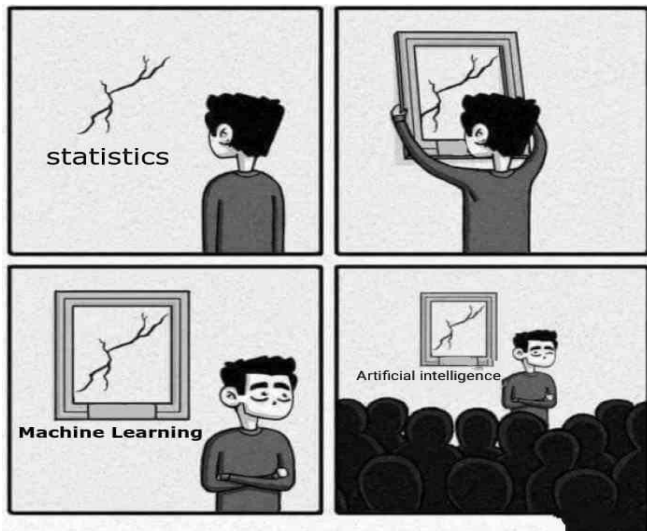


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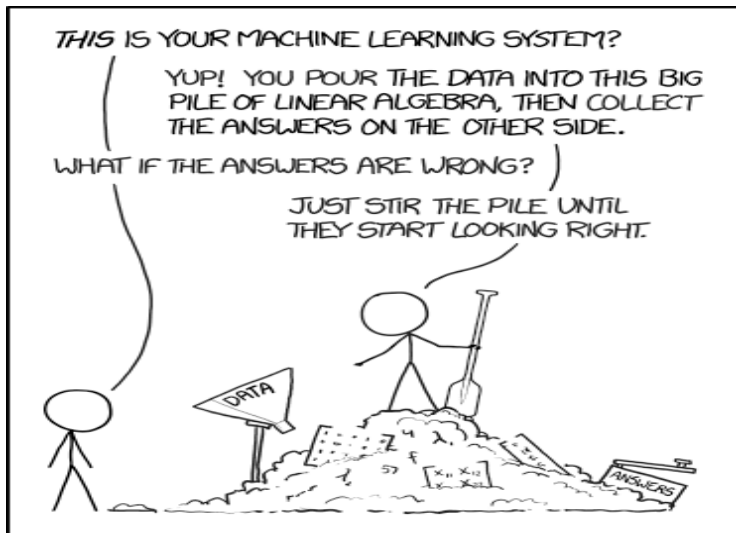


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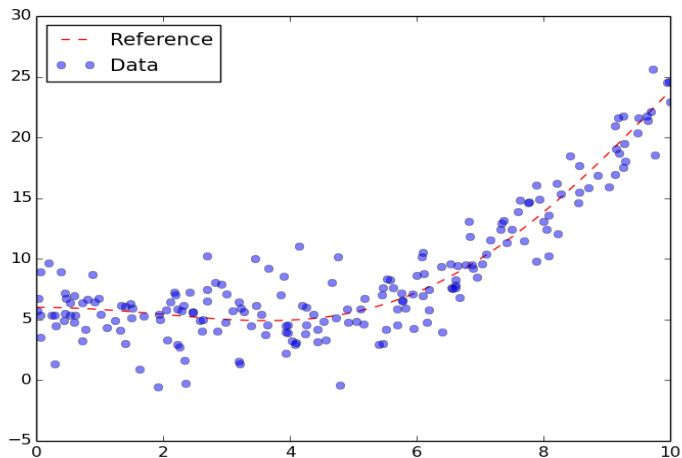


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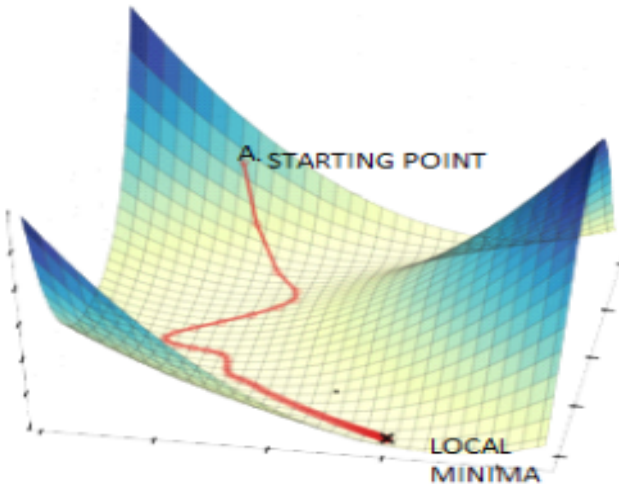
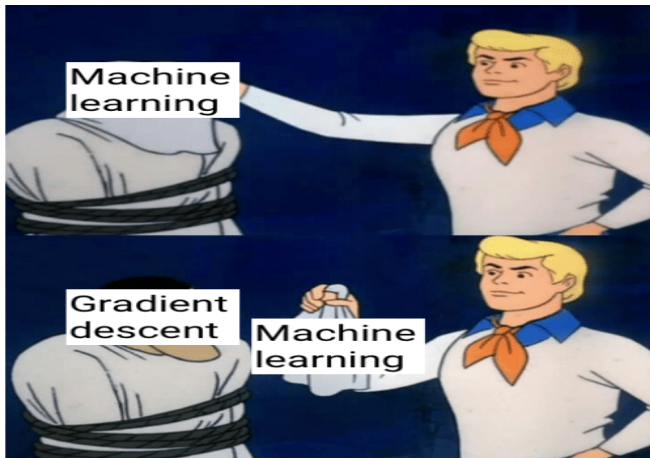


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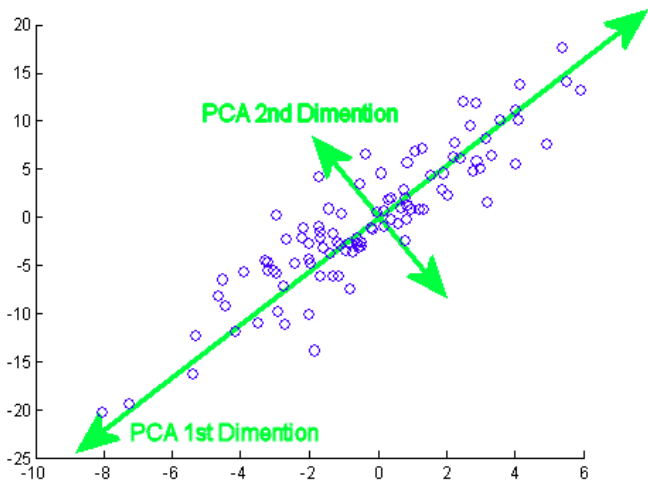


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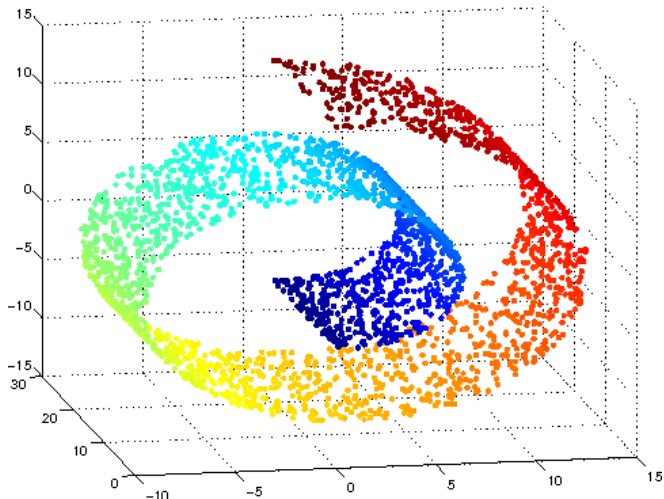


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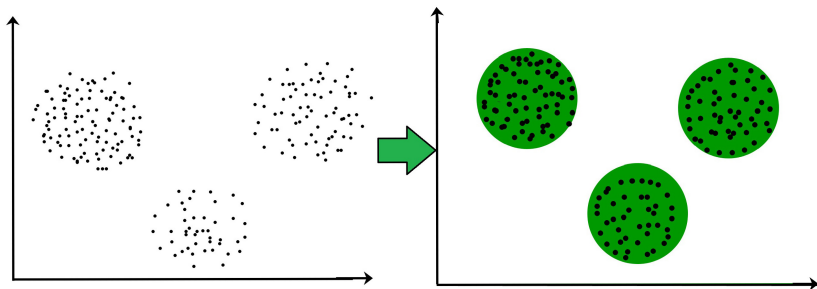


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