

Teaching p -values

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- ASA Statement on p -values
- STAT 226 hypothesis testing recipe
- Hypothesis testing false dichotomy
- Interpreting a p -value through Bayes rule

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This slides are available

- <https://github.com/jarad/pvalue2019>
- <http://www.jarad.me/research/presentations.html>