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BOT DETECTION ALGORITHM

Leveraging Benford's Law and
Semi-Supervised Machine Learning

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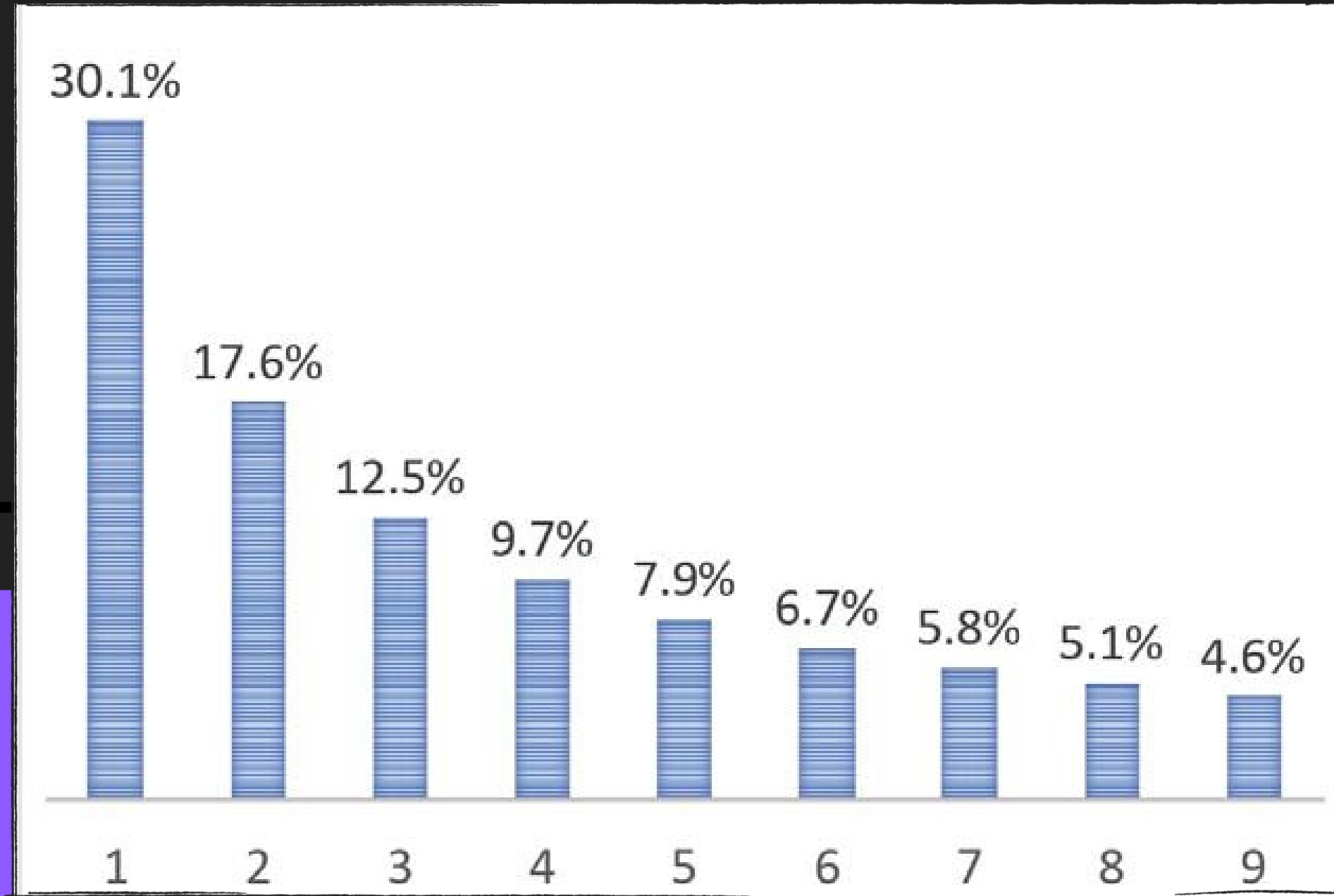
Bounty and solution approach



Bot Detection Algorithm Challenge:

- 1** Analyzed Synoptic-like dataset, identifying common metrics;
- 2** Detected crucial variables using logistic regression, gradient boosting, random forest and SVM;
- 3** Applied Benford's Law;
- 4** Incorporated semi-supervised methods alongside Benford's Law for improved bot detection efficiency;
- 5** Conclusions

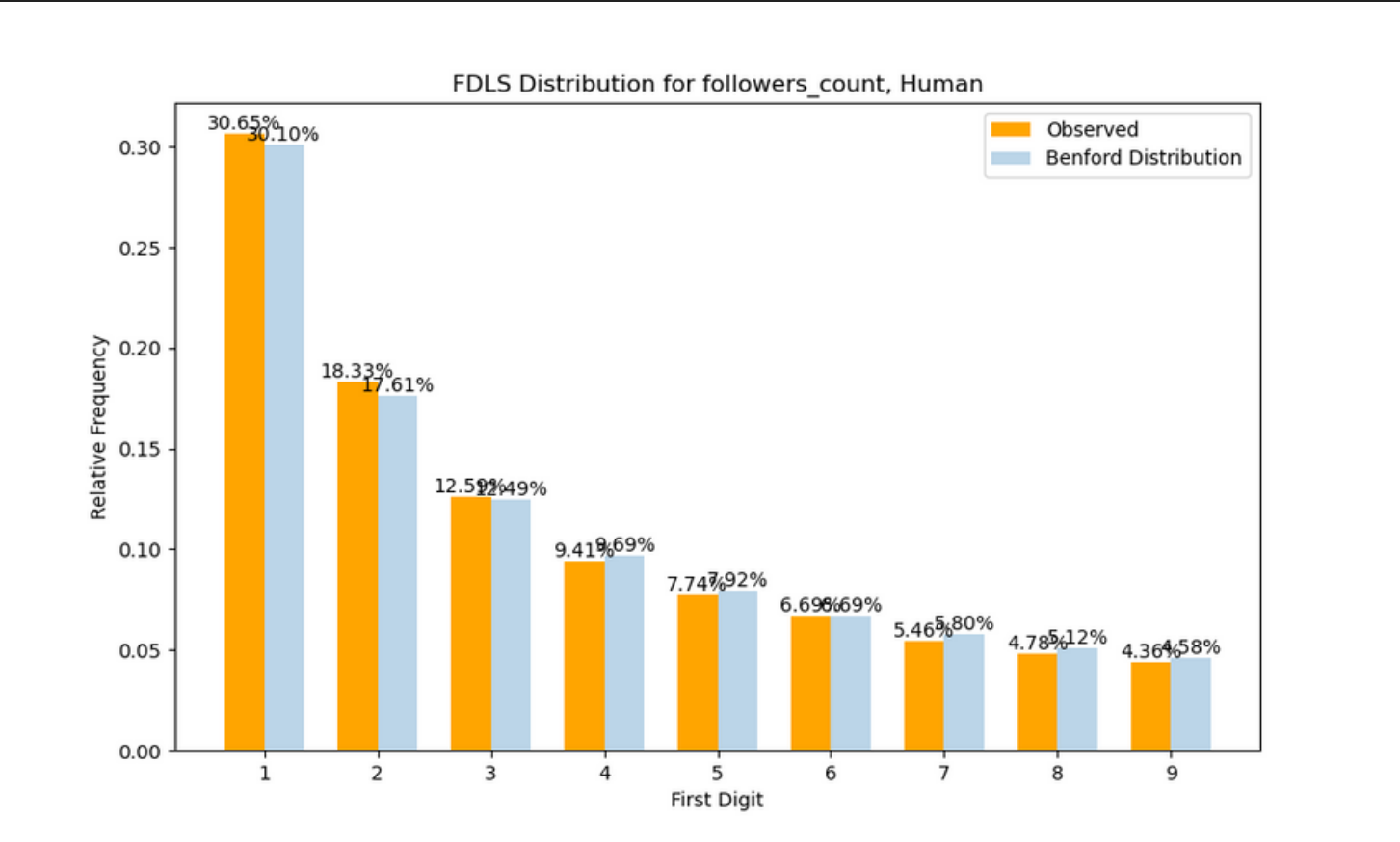
Benford's Law



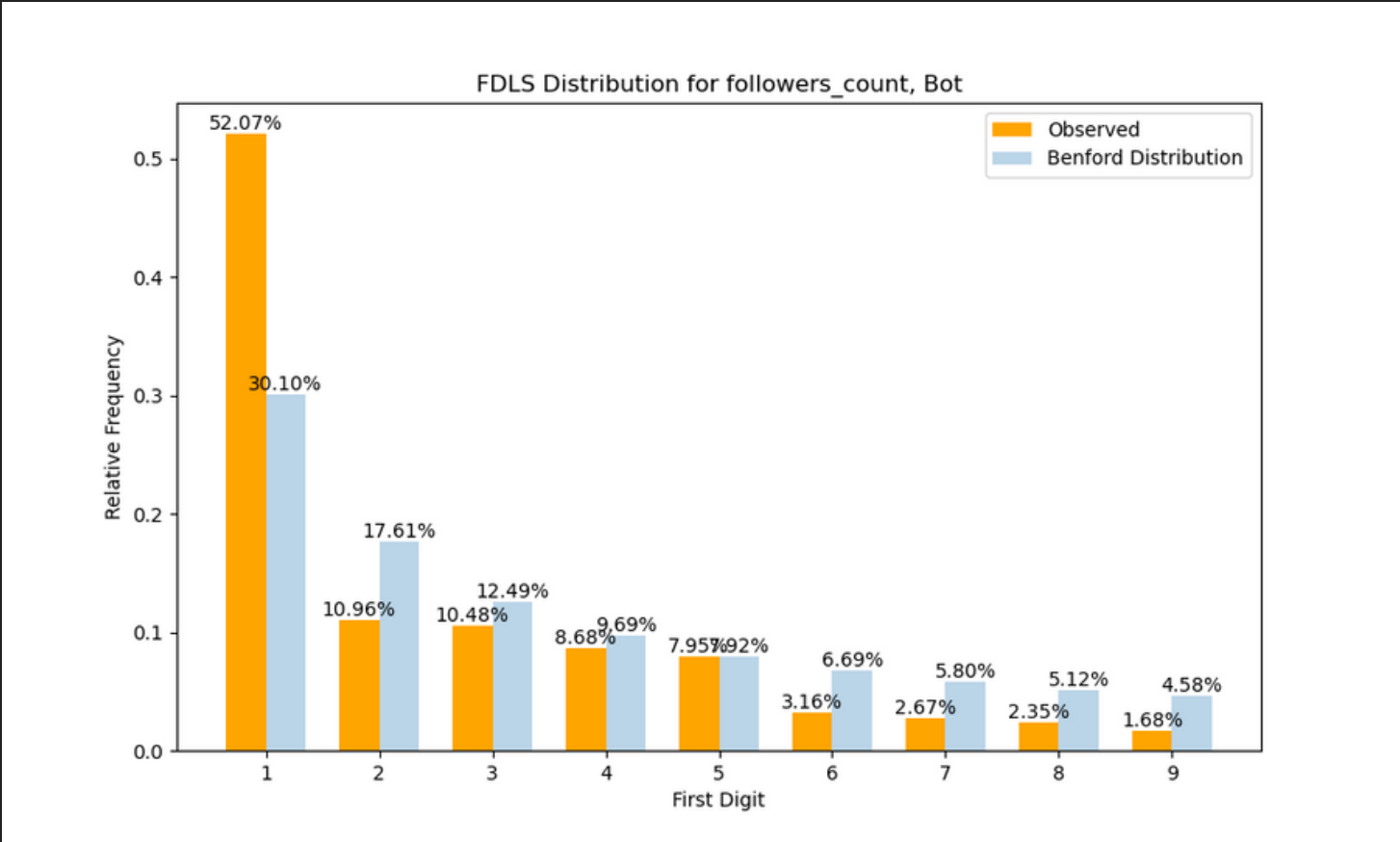
Benford's Law: our findings



Humans: cannot reject H_0



Bots: reject H_0



Semi-Supervised ML

According to our findings, we are now able to apply Semi-Supervised ML methods to achieve in every dataset of this kind:

1 **Efficiency:** less labeled data required compared to supervised methods, making them more efficient for tasks where labeled data is scarce.

2 **Scalability:** can handle large volumes of data efficiently, making them suitable for big data applications.

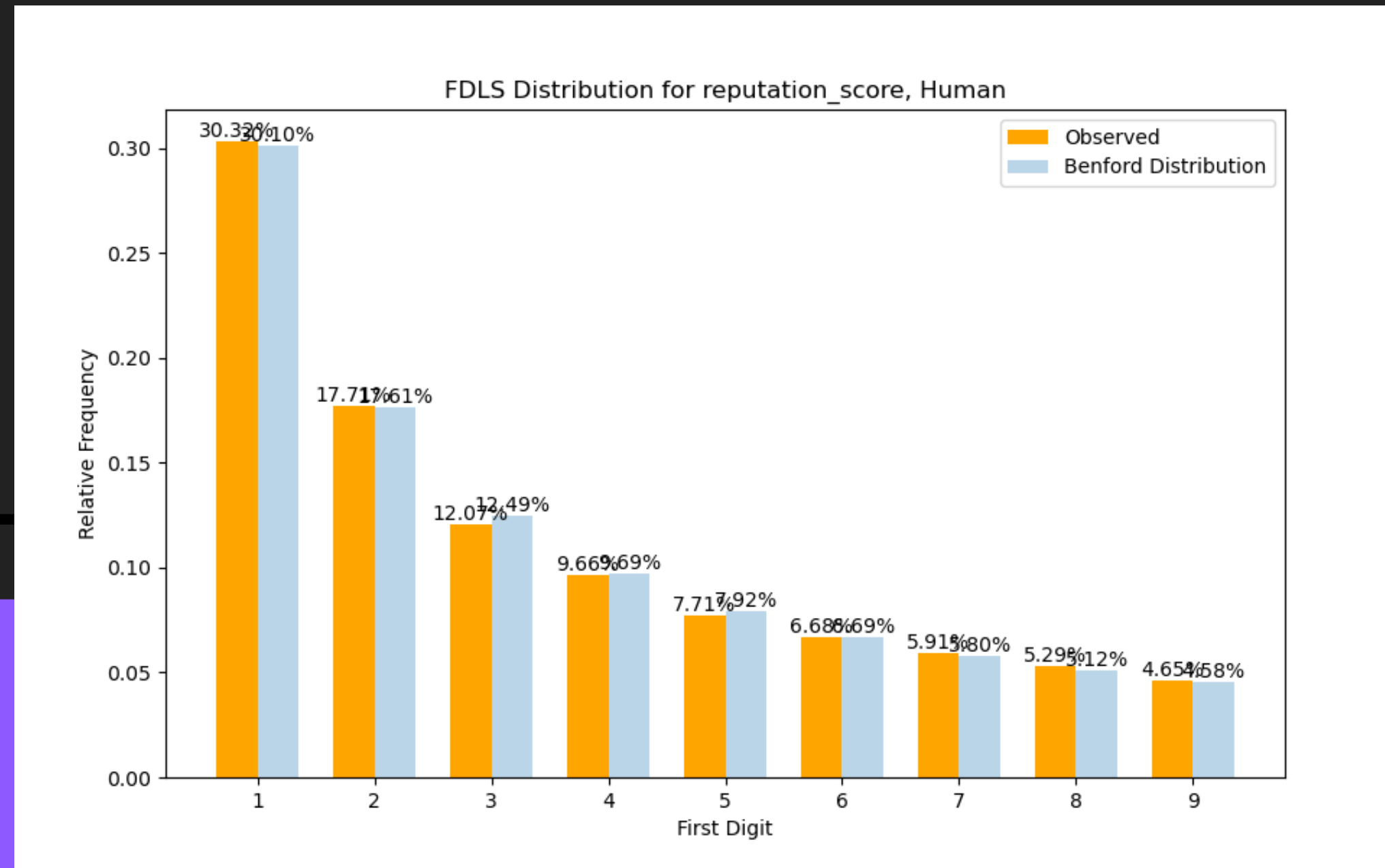
3 **Flexibility:** can discover hidden patterns and structures within data without relying on predefined labels, allowing for more flexible and exploratory analysis.

Technical overview of our algorithms

	Model		Metric				
			Accuracy	F1-Score	Precision	Recall	AUC
Supervised Learning	LR		0.96	0.57	0.69	0.49	0.74
	Lasso + SVM		0.97	0.58	0.70	0.49	0.74
	GB		0.98	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.90
	Random Forest		0.98	0.84	0.88	0.81	0.90

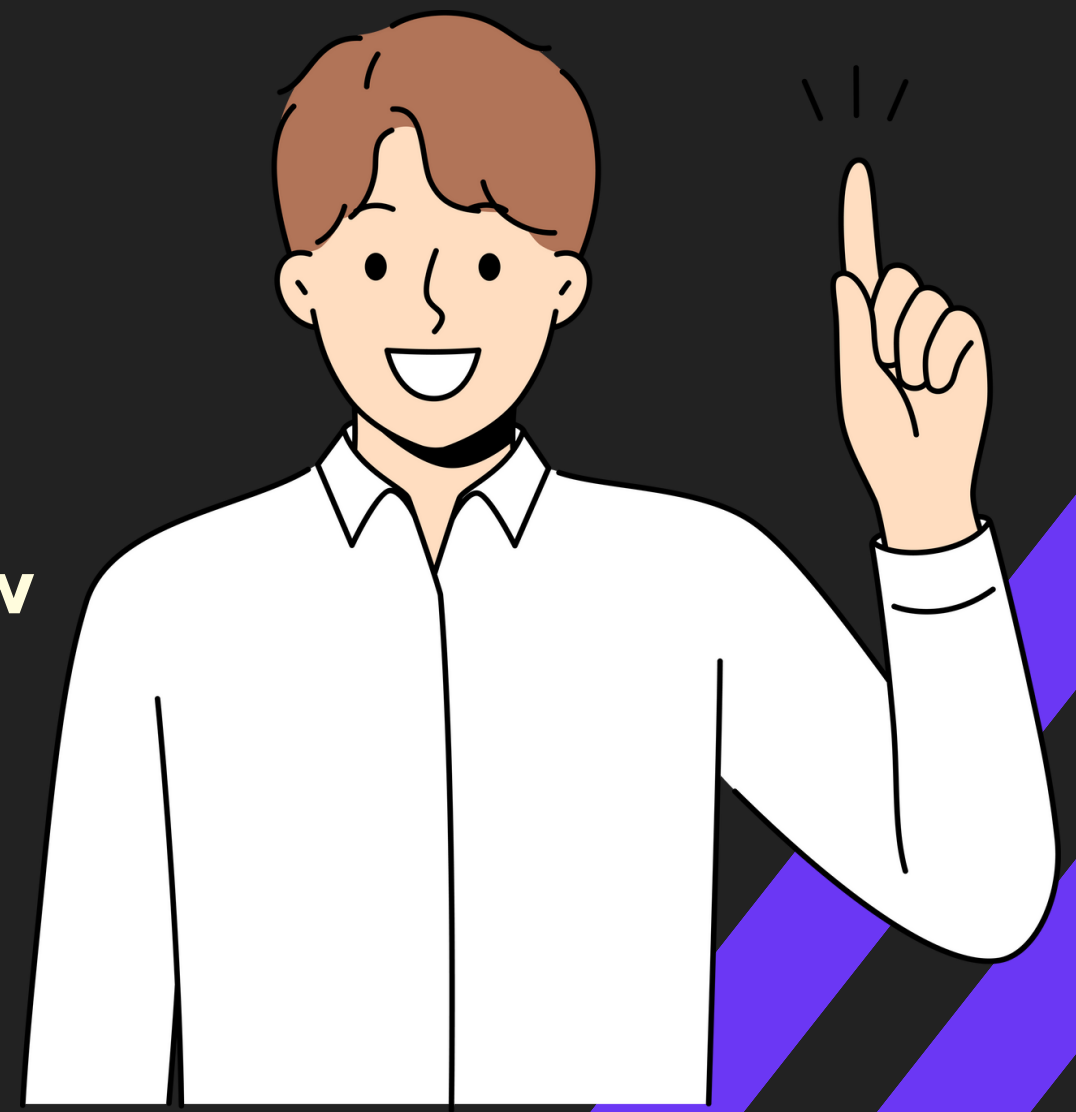
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Semi Supervised Learning	GMM		0.78	0.26	0.15	0.92	0.85
	SVC		0.97	0.48	0.68	0.56	0.73
	Label Propagation		0.99	0.87	0.92	0.83	0.91
	Label Spreading		0.99	0.87	0.90	0.84	0.92

Practical example for new metrics



Next steps...

- 1** Explore semi-supervised ML algorithms, using your data and techniques available.
- 2** Redefine the existing metrics to make them consistent with Benford's Law.
- 3** Use other data that were not available for us to test this law



THANK YOU!

