

**Elements Of Data Science - F2022**

## **Week 4: Hypothesis Testing**

**9/28/2022**

# TODOs

- Readings
  - PDSH Chap 5: What is Machine Learning and Introduction to Scikit-Learn
    - PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Linear Regression
    - PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Decision Trees and Random Forests
  - Recommended PML Chap 3
  - Optional PML Chap 2
  - Optional PDSH Chap 5 In Depth: Support Vector Machines
- Quiz 4: due Tuesday Oct 4th, 11:59pm ET via Gradescope
- HW1: due Friday Oct 15th 11:59pm E via Gradescope
  - *Make sure to indicate on which page each question output is displayed*

# Additional Resources

- Statistical Rules of Thumb, Gerald van Belle [Chapter 2 online](#)
- On the use of p-values
  - [The ASA's Statement on p-Values: Context, Process, and Purpose](#)
  - [Moving to a World Beyond “ \$p < 0.05\$ ”](#)
  - [“The 2019 ASA Guide to P-values and Statistical Significance: Don’t Say What You Don’t Mean” \(Some Recommendations\)\(ii\).](#)

# Today

- Confidence Intervals
- Hypothesis Testing
- Multi-Armed Bandit (MAB)

Questions?

# Environment Setup

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```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

sns.set_style('darkgrid')

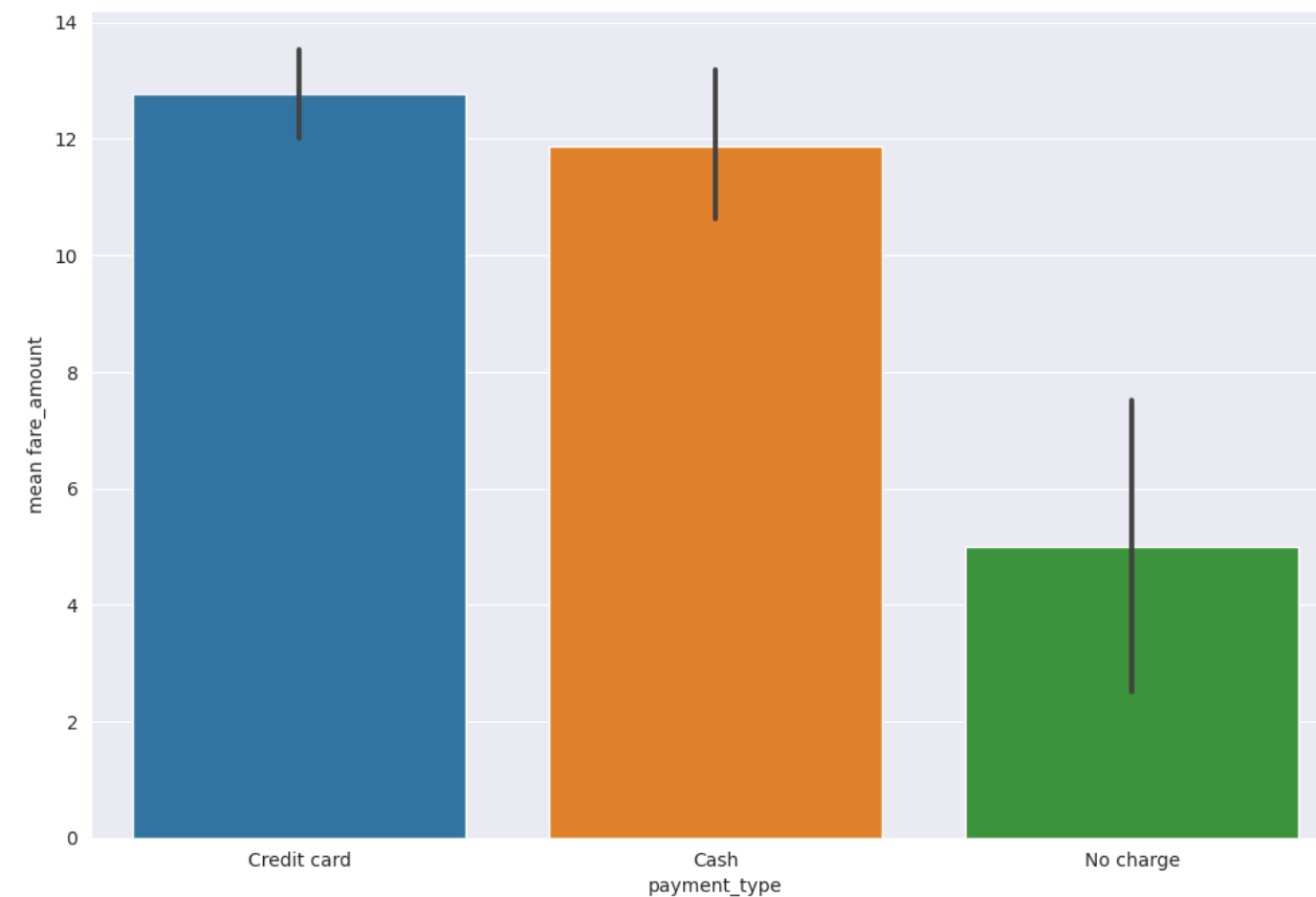
%matplotlib inline
```

# Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Testing

- Random Sampling
- Confidence Intervals
- Hypothesis Testing
- Permutation Tests
- A/B Tests
- p-values
- Multi-Armed Bandit

# Questions and More Questions

- Have web conversions gone up?
- Which ad generates more sales?
- Which headline generates more clicks?
- Did the number of "likes" change?





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```
In [2]: df_taxi = (
    pd.read_csv('../data/yellowcab_demo_withdaycategories.csv',
                header=1,
                parse_dates=['pickup_datetime', 'dropoff_datetime'])
    .assign(
        weekpart = lambda df_: df_.is_weekend.apply(lambda x: 'Weekend' if x else 'Weekday'),
    )
    .loc[:, ['trip_distance', 'is_weekend', 'weekpart']]
    .dropna()
)
print(df_taxi.shape)
display(df_taxi.head(5))
```

(1000, 3)

	trip_distance	is_weekend	weekpart
0	0.89	False	Weekday
1	2.70	True	Weekend
2	1.41	True	Weekend
3	0.40	False	Weekday
4	2.30	False	Weekday

# Mini Probability Review

- **Random Variable**
  - takes values from an associated probability distribution
  - Ex: trip\_distance
- **Distribution**
  - describes probability of values of a Random Variable
- **$P(x)$ : Probability**
  - probability of seeing  $x$ , takes value in  $[0,1]$
  - Ex:  $P(\text{trip\_distance} > 1)$
- **$P(x \mid y)$ : Conditional Probability**
  - probability of seeing  $x$ , given some  $y$
  - Ex:  $P(\text{trip\_distance} > 1 \mid \text{is\_weekend} == \text{True})$

# Population Distributions and Sampling

- "The World" or "Ground Truth"
  - Ex: The length of taxi rides
- "A Sample" or "Our Data"
  - Ex: The length of taxi rides we saw in Jan 2017

# Population Distributions and Sampling

- **Population Distribution:** The actual distribution out in the world
  - Ex: Actual distribution of taxi trip lengths
- **Random Sample:** Our observations of the true population distribution
  - We hope this does not differ systematically from the true distribution
  - Ex: The taxi trip lengths recorded in Jan 2017
- **Sample Size (n):** The number of observations, the larger the better
  - Ex: We saw 1,000 trips

# Population Dists and Sampling

- **Population Mean vs. Sample Mean:**
  - Ex: The true mean trip length ( $\mu$ ) vs the one we observed ( $\bar{x}$ )
- **Population Std. Dev. vs Sample Std. Dev.:**
  - Ex: The true spread of trip length ( $\sigma$ ) vs the one we observed ( $s$ )
- **Sample Statistic:**
  - eg. mean, median, standard deviation
  - Ex: We're interested in mean trip length
- **Sampling Distribution:**
  - Distribution of the sample statistic
  - Ex: How is mean trip length distributed if we were to repeat our experiment many times?

# Things To Know First

- sample size
- shape (skewed?, multimodal?)
- location (central tendencies)
- spread (variance, standard deviation, IQR)

# Sampling From the Population



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```
In [3]: trip_distance_sample = df_taxi.trip_distance.sample(
        n=50,                # our sample size
        random_state=123,    # needed for reproducibility
        replace=False        # sample without replacement
    )

print(trip_distance_sample.describe().round(2))
print()
print(f"sample skew = {trip_distance_sample.skew().round(2)}")
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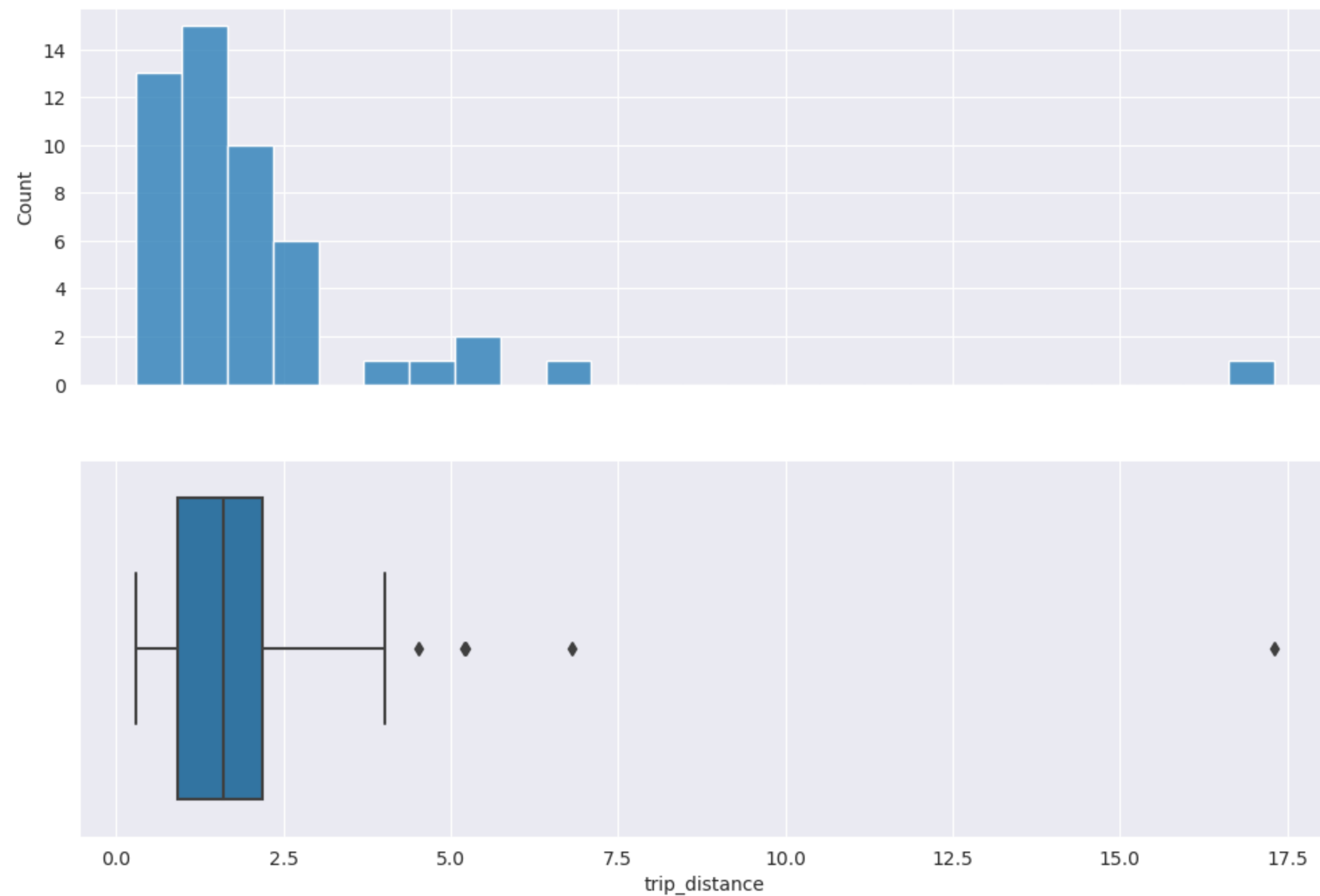
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mean        2.14
std         2.56
min         0.30
25%         0.91
50%         1.60
75%         2.19
max         17.30
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sample skew = 4.55
```

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```
In [4]: fig,ax = plt.subplots(2,1,figsize=(12,8),sharex=True)
sns.histplot(x=trip_distance_sample, ax=ax[0]);
sns.boxplot(x=trip_distance_sample, ax=ax[1]);
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- Is this sample statistic a good approximation?
- Let's take more samples!

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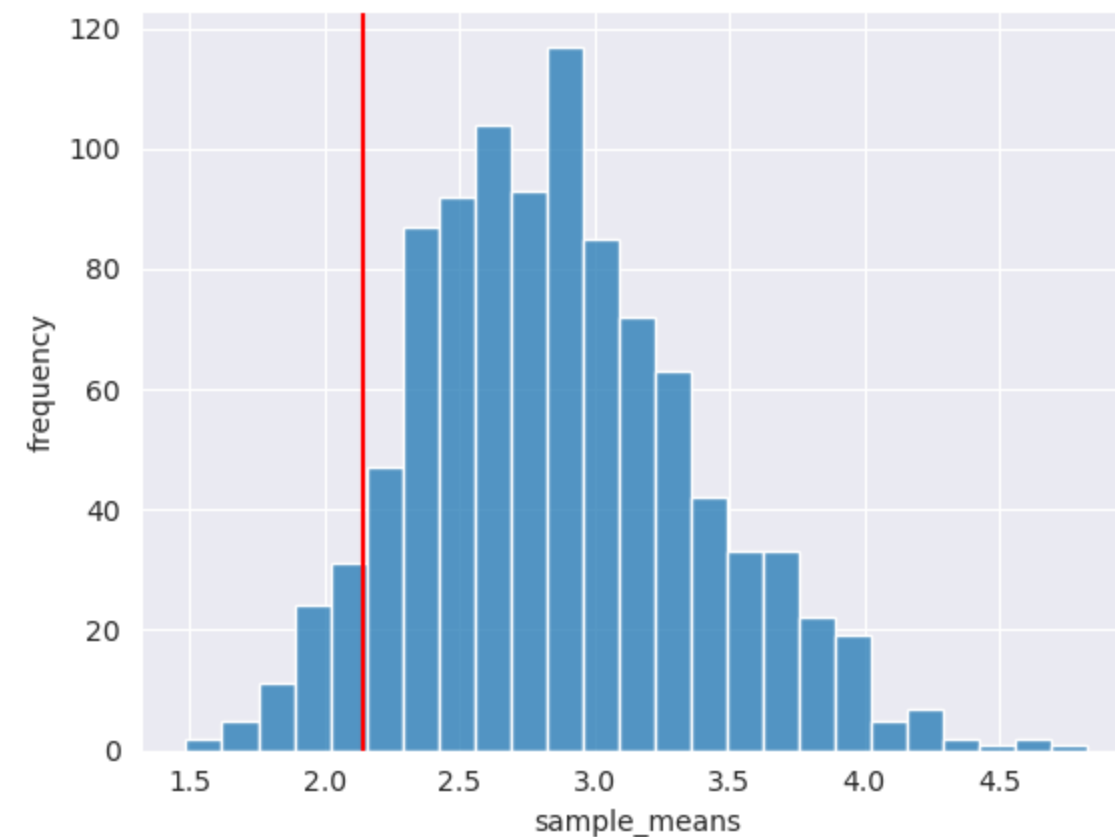
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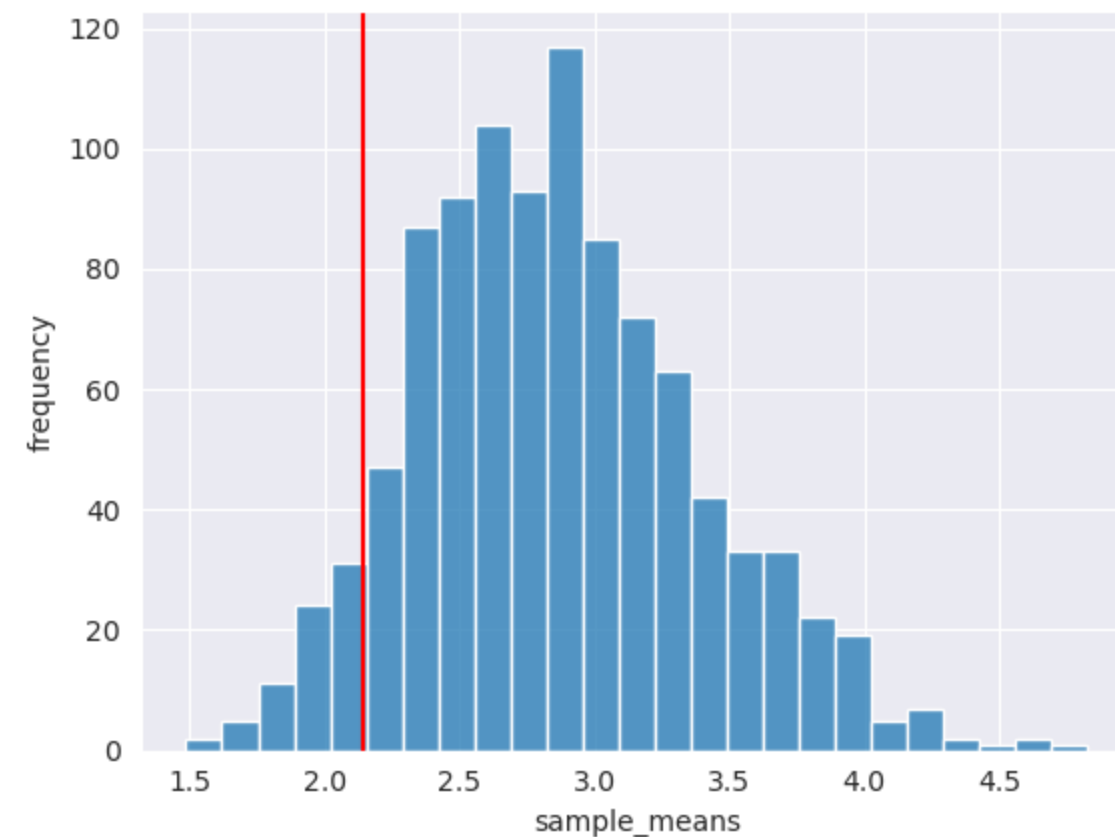
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In [7]: ax = sns.histplot(x=sample_means)  
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But what if we can't generate additional samples? **Bootstrap Confidence Intervals**

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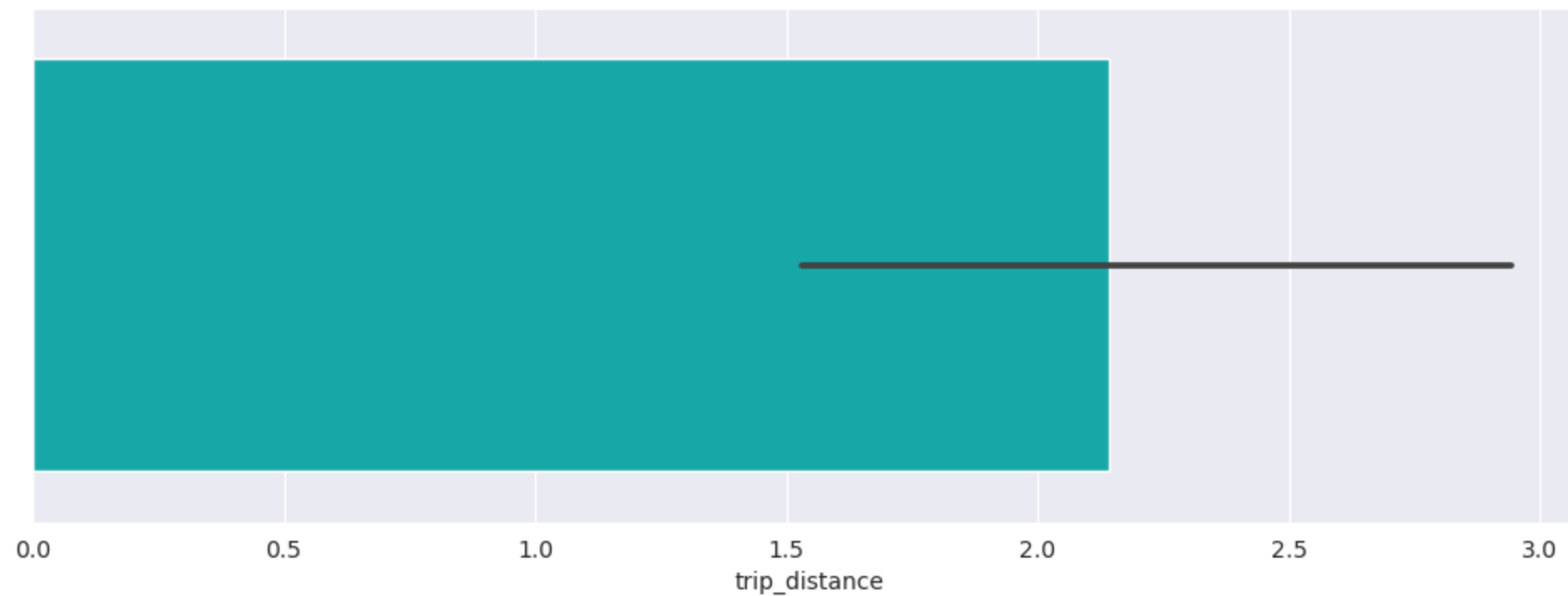
- What is the spread of our sample statistic?
- What other values would it be reasonable to observe?

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            color='c',
            );
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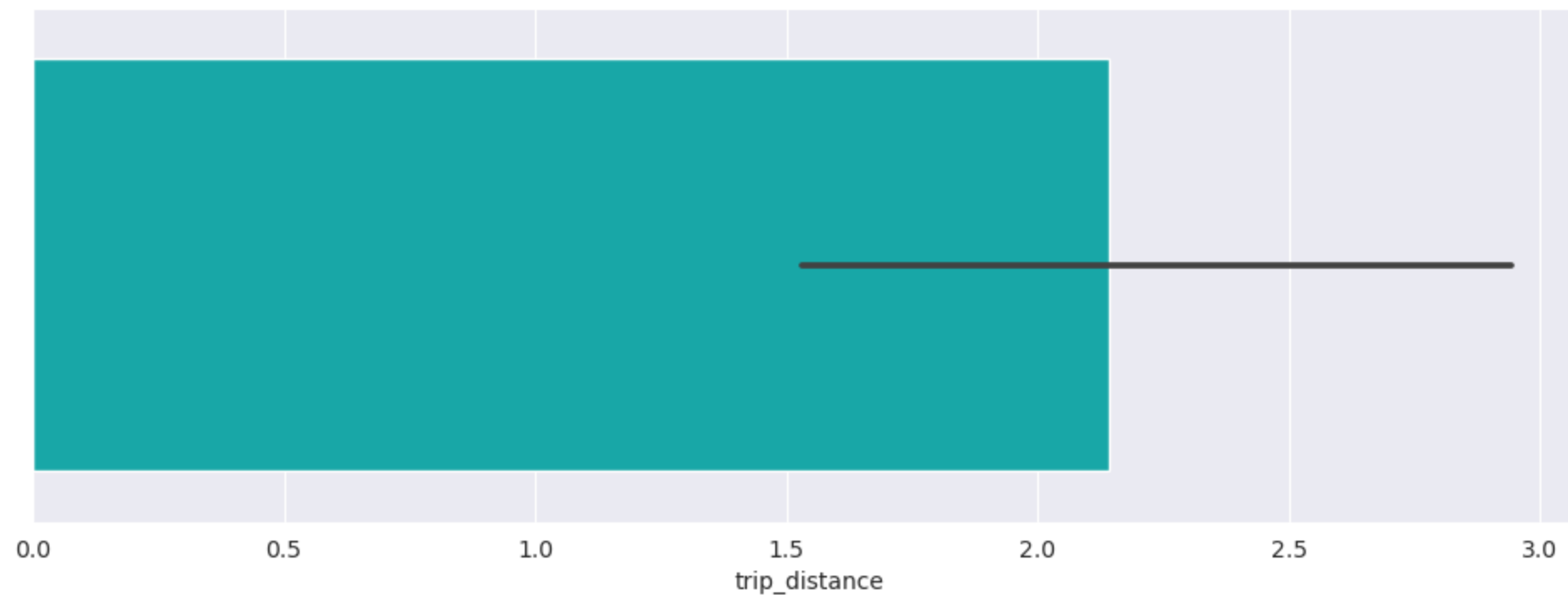




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- How are these confidence intervals generated from only one sample?
- What does a 95% confidence interval mean?

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3. repeat 1 and 2 many times
4. for an  $x\%$  CI, find the trim points to remove  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{100} \right)$  of the data from both ends
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    replace=True,                    # sample with replacement
    random_state=123                 # for reproducibility
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random_sample.head(3)
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In [12]: # 2. record sample statistic
sample_means = []
sample_means.append(random_sample.mean())
[x.round(2) for x in sample_means]
```

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Out[12]: [1.82]
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for i in tqdm(range(num_iterations)):
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    random_sample = df_taxi.trip_distance.sample(n=df_taxi.trip_distance.shape[0], # or frac=1
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                                                  random_state=i # for reproducibility
                                                  )

    # 2. record the sample statistic from this random sample
    sample_means.append(random_sample.mean())

# convert into a numpy array
sample_means = np.array(sample_means)

sample_means[:10].round(2)
```

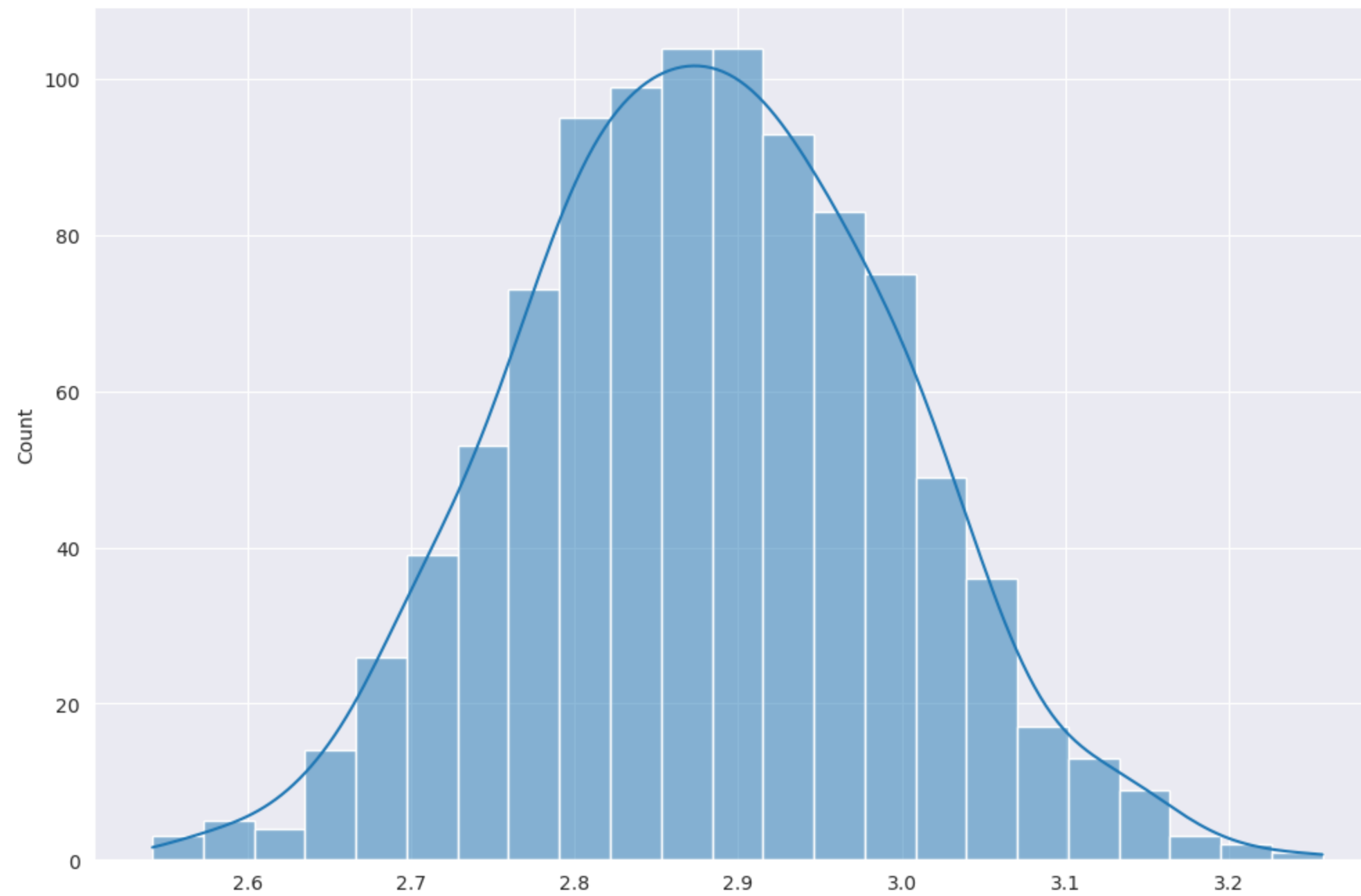
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0%|          | 0/1000 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

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Out[14]: array([2.98, 2.96, 3.02, 2.96, 3.01, 2.92, 2.74, 2.7 , 2.68, 2.82])
```

# Distribution of Sample Means?

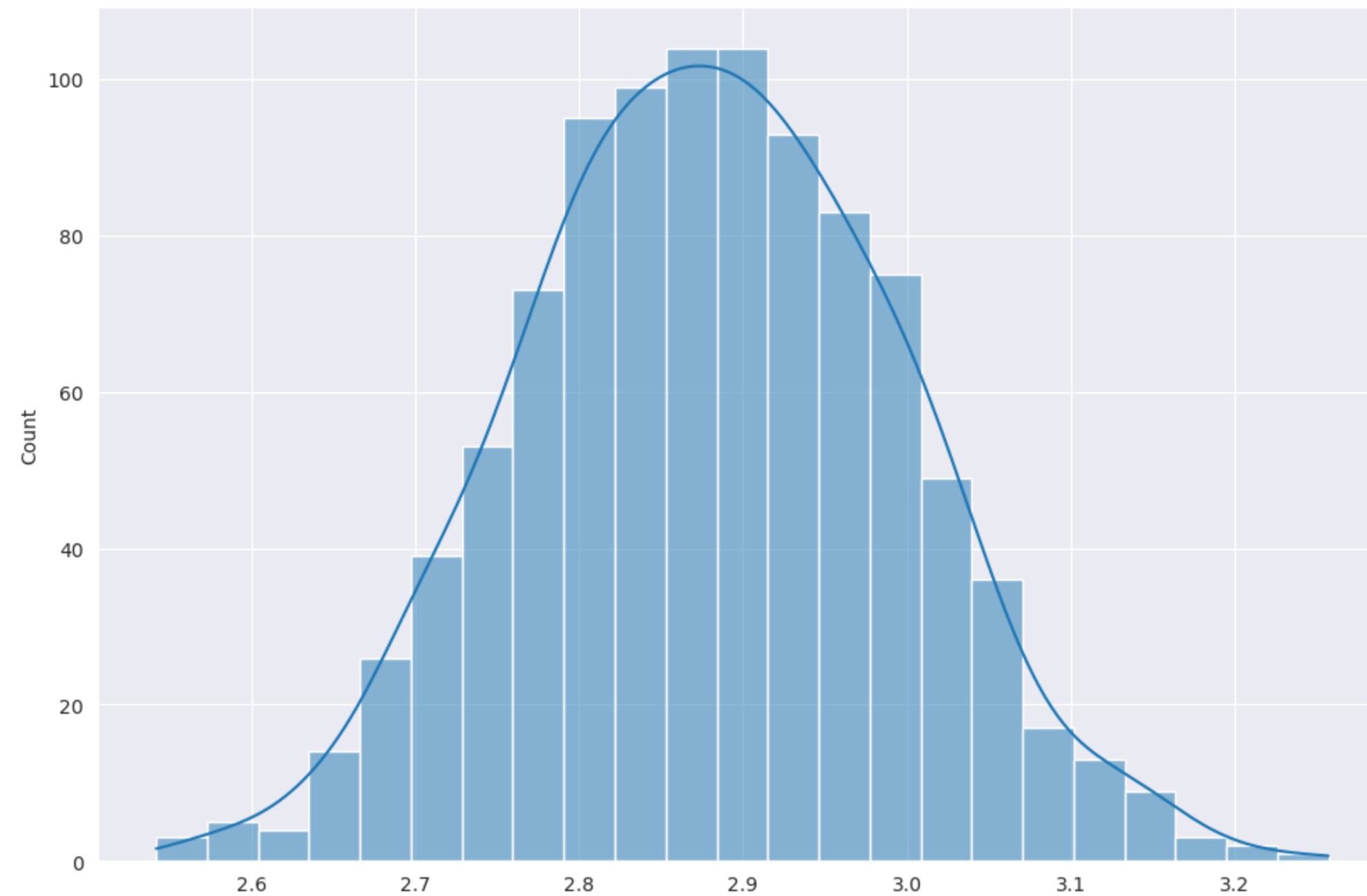
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- Between what two values do 95% of these samples fall?

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In [16]: # 4. For a 95% conf. int., trim off .5*(1-(95/100)) of the data from both ends

# calculate where to trim
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# find the closest integer
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In [17]: # for 1000 iterations and a 95% CI, we want to find the 25th value and (1000-25)th value

# 5. those trim points are the endpoints of the the x% Bootstrap CI

ci = np.sort(sample_means)[[trim, -trim-1]] # sort the array first!
ci.round(2)
```

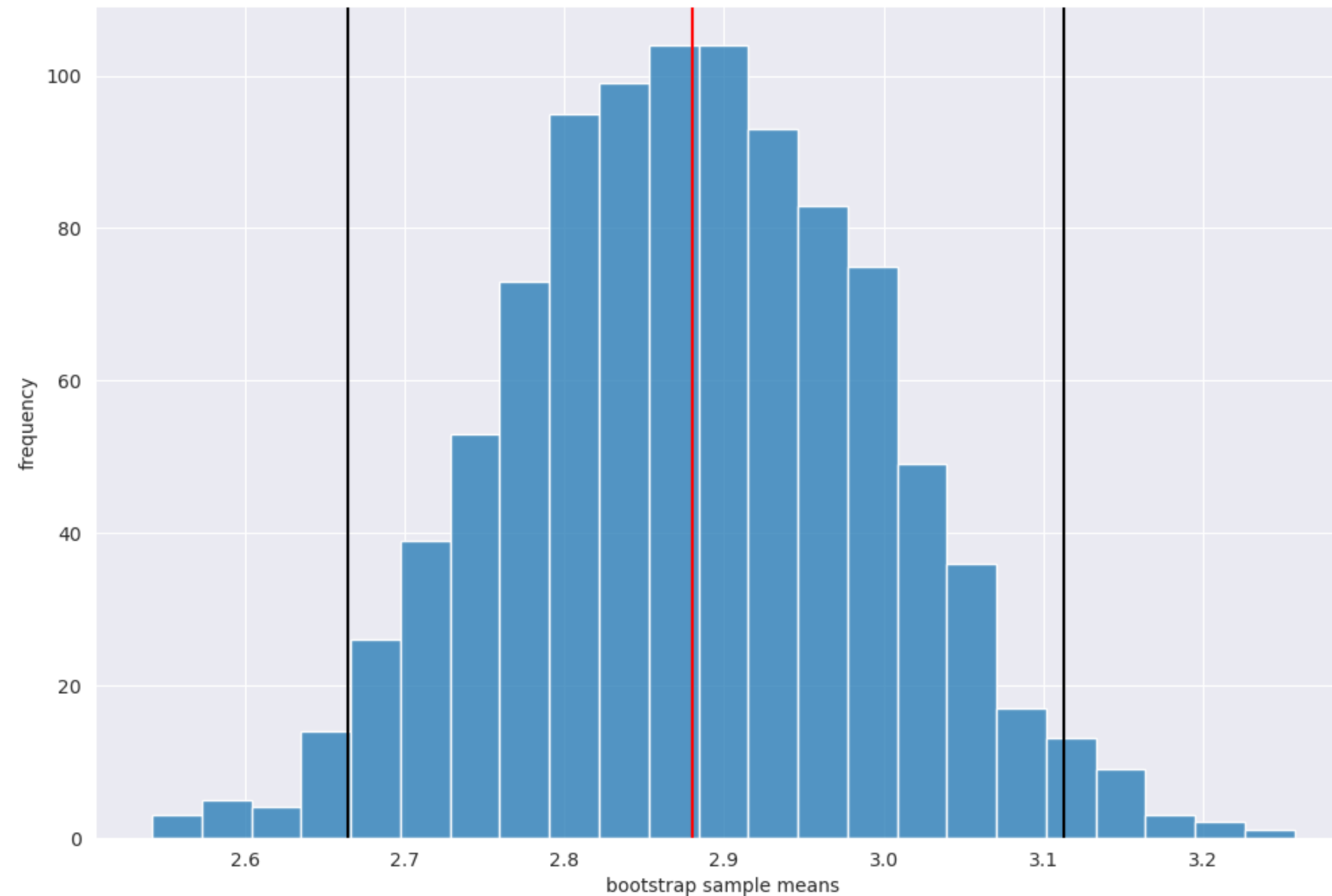
Out[17]: array([2.66, 3.11])

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```
In [18]: fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
ax = sns.histplot(sample_means)
ax.axvline(df_taxi.trip_distance.mean(), color='r');
ax.axvline(ci[0],color='k');ax.axvline(ci[1],color='k')
ax.set_xlabel('bootstrap sample means');
ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
```



# Interpreting CIs

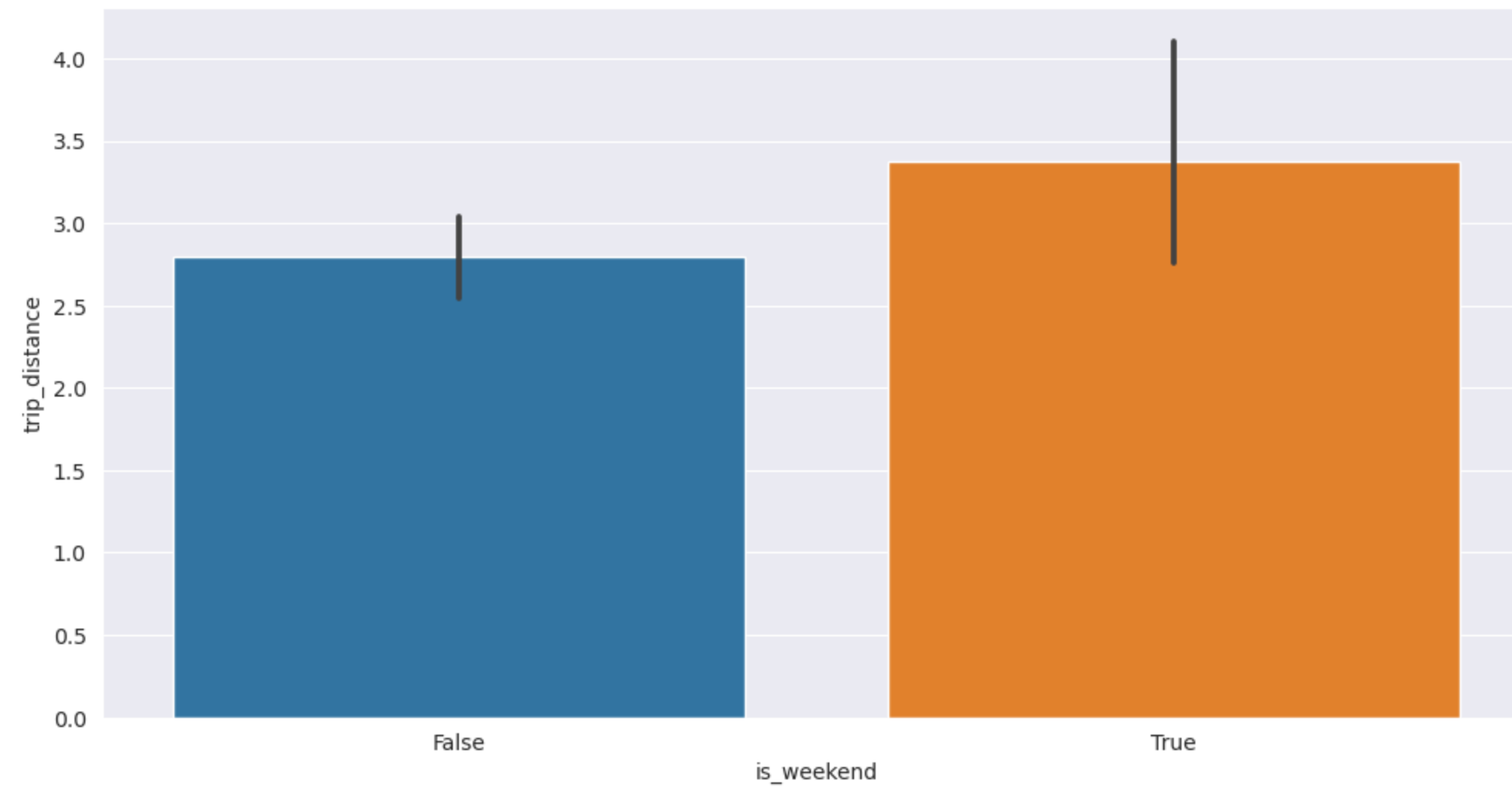
- **Does NOT tell us:** "the probability that the true value lies within that interval"
- **Tells us:** something about the variability of this statistic
- **Tells us:** how confident we should be that our parameter lies in the interval

*If confidence intervals are constructed using a given confidence level from an infinite number of independent sample statistics, the proportion of those intervals that contain the true value of the parameter will be equal to the confidence level.*

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```
In [19]: fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,6))  
sns.barplot(x='is_weekend',y='trip_distance',data=df_taxi);
```



**Questions re Cls?**

# Hypothesis Testing

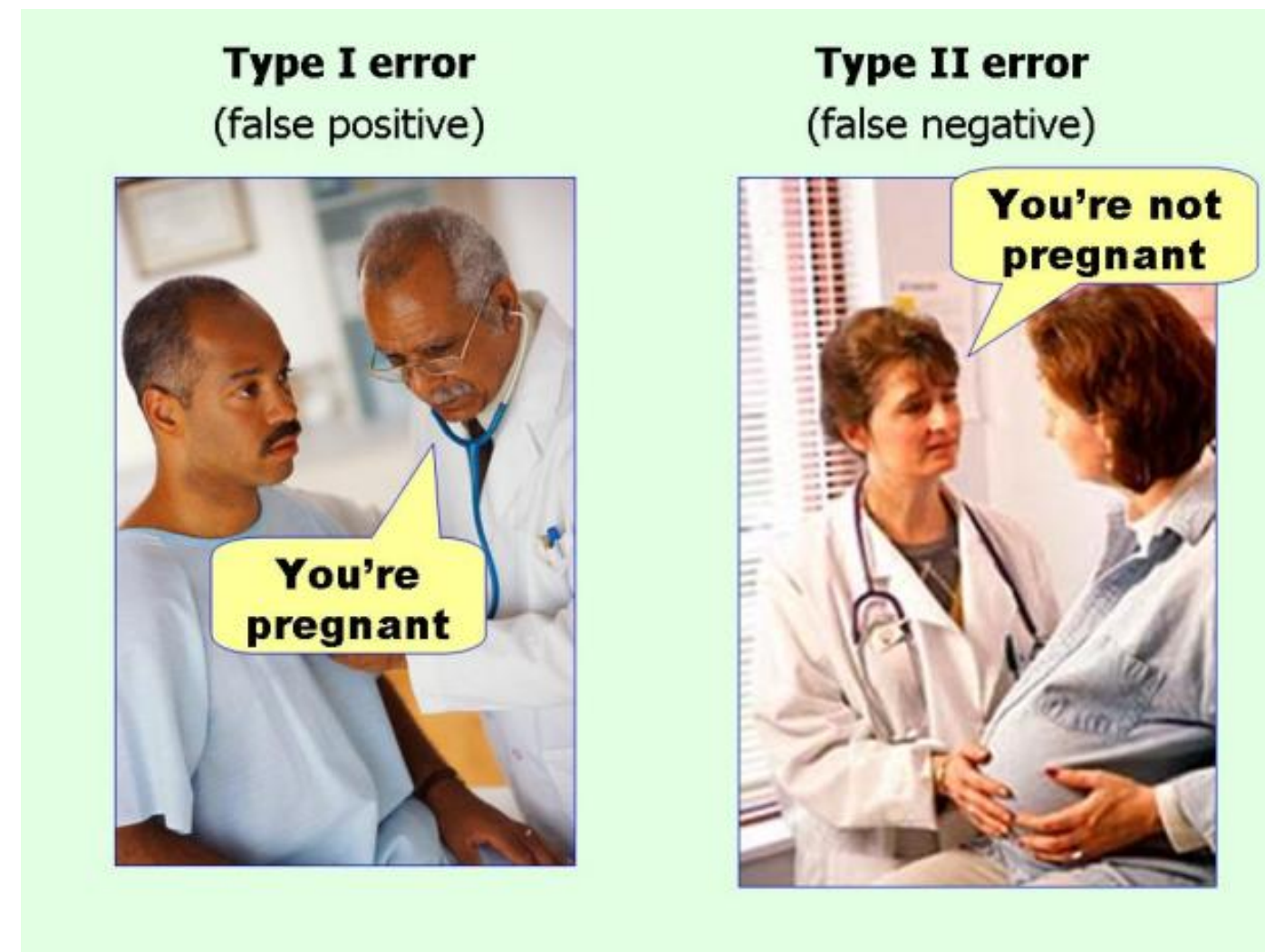
- Ex: Is the average trip longer on weekends compared to weekdays?
- Ex: Does one advertisement lead to more sales than another?
- **Null Hypothesis:  $H_0$** 
  - the thing we're observing is happening due to random chance
  - there are no differences between two groups
- **Alternative Hypothesis:  $H_1$** 
  - the thing we're observing is happening not due to random chance
  - there is a difference between two groups
- Experiment: given data, do we **accept or reject  $H_0$** ?
  - Ex: can we say the difference between average trip on weekdays vs. weekends isn't random?

# Errors in Hypothesis Tests

		Reality	
		True	False
Measured/ Perceived	True	Correct 😊	Type I False Positive
	False	Type II False Negative	Correct 😊

[https://www.gilliganondata.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/TypeI\\_TypeII1.JPG](https://www.gilliganondata.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/TypeI_TypeII1.JPG)

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<https://flowingdata.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Type-I-and-II-errors1-620x465.jpg>



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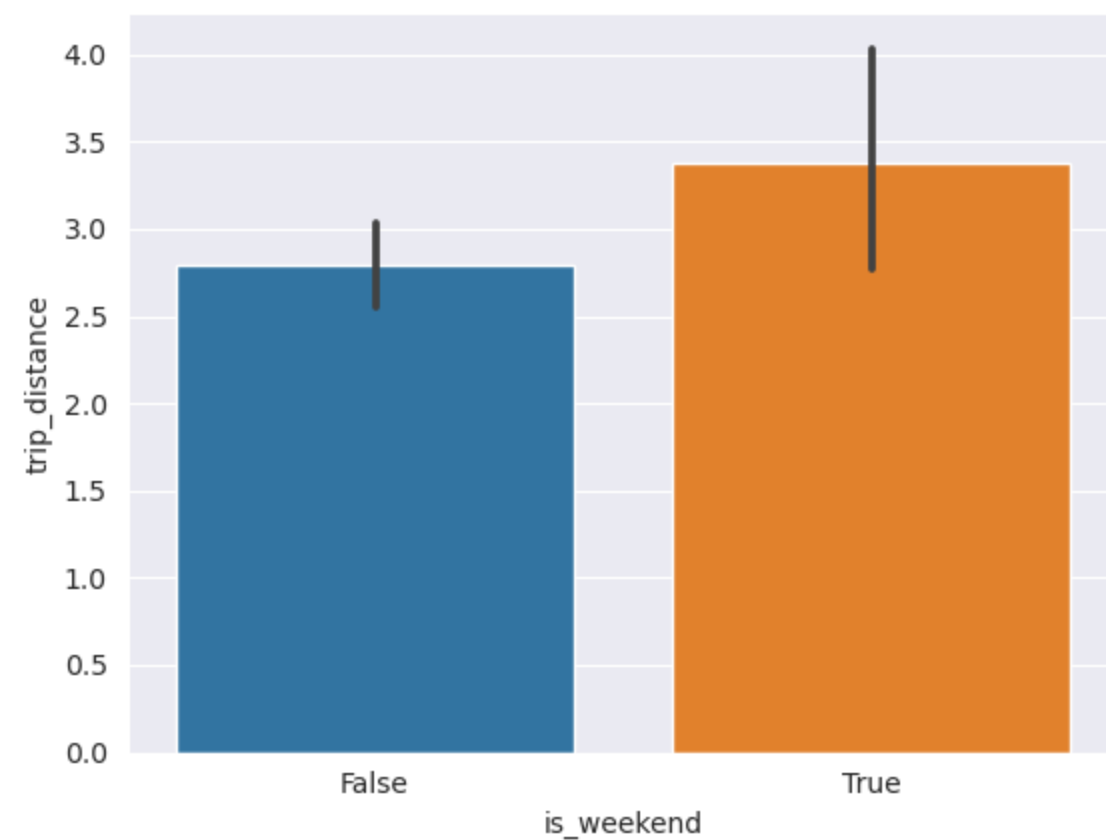
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## **Ex: Trip-Distance by Weekday vs. Weekend**

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- Question: Is the average trip\_distance different on weekdays vs weekends?

```
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```



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observed_trip_metric = mean_weekend - mean_weekday  
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- Is this surprising? Should we reject the null?
  - Assuming that  $H_0$  is true, is this observation surprising?



# Permutation Test

- How do we generate additional samples of the difference in means? Resampling!
- Need to repeatedly split the data into two groups and take the difference in means
- One way to do this: combine, permute (reorder) and split

# Permutation Test

1. combine groups together (assume  $H_0$  is true)
2. permute (reorder) observations
3. create new groups (same sizes as original groups)
4. calculate metric
5. repeat many times
6. see where our original observation falls in the distribution of sample statistics

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n_weekday = (~df_taxi.is_weekend).sum()
print(f'{n_weekend=} {n_weekday=}')
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iterations = 10_000

for i in tqdm(range(iterations)):
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    rand_mean_weekend = permuted_trip_distances[:n_weekend].mean()
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    rand_mean_trip_diffs.append(rand_mean_weekend - rand_mean_weekday)

rand_mean_trip_diffs = np.array(rand_mean_trip_diffs) # convert list to numpy array

rand_mean_trip_diffs[:5].round(2)
```

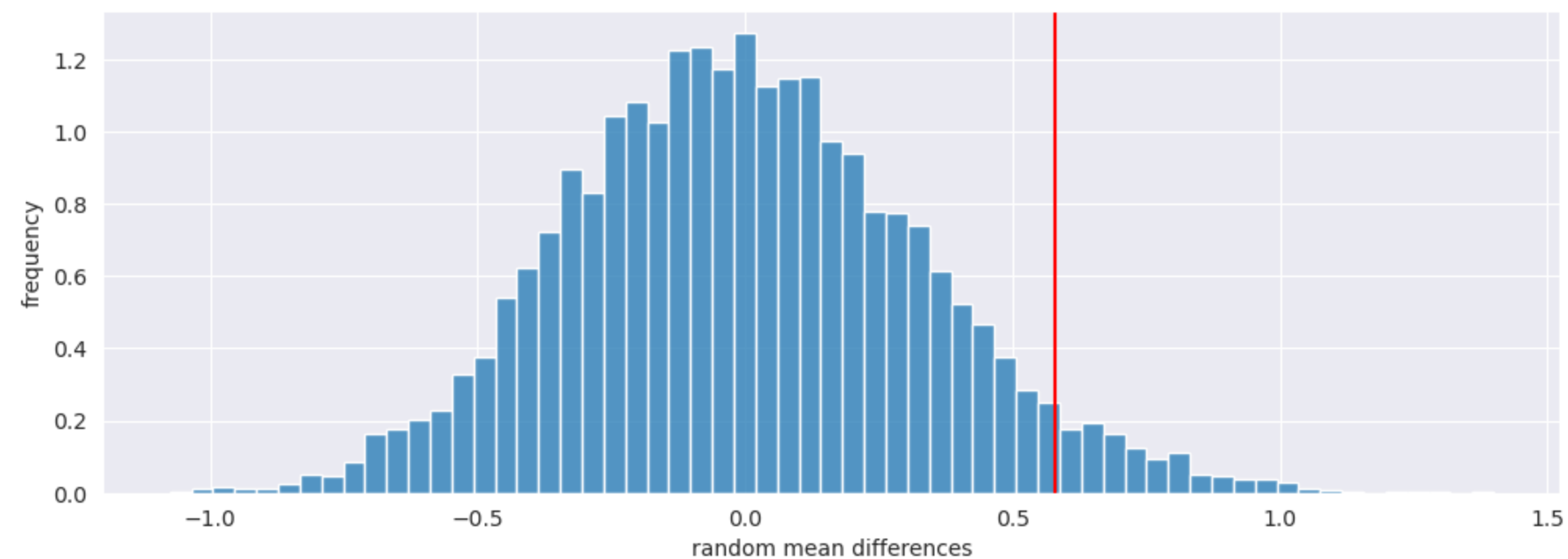
```
0%|          | 0/10000 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

```
Out[26]: array([-0.49, -0.21,  0.58, -0.09, -0.37])
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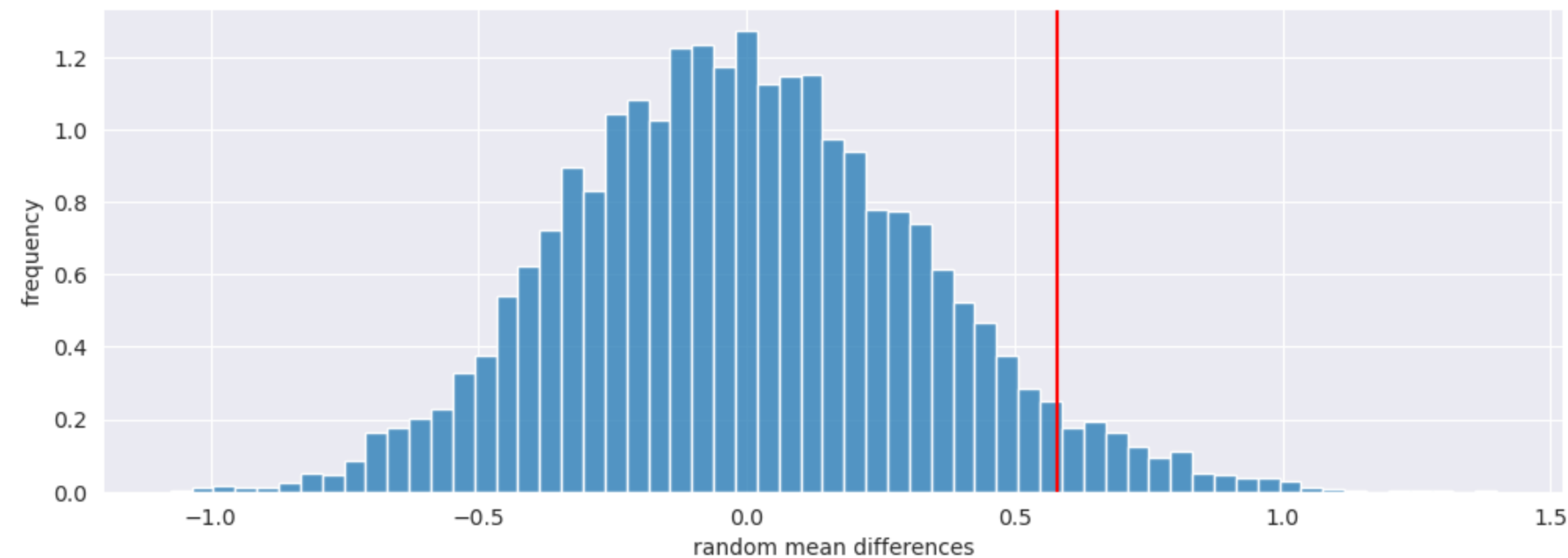
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- This looks like a normal distribution?
- Why would that be?
- How can we turn this into a Standard Normal distribution...

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If all samples are randomly drawn from the same sample population:

For reasonably large samples (usually  $n \geq 30$ ), the distribution of sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is normal regardless of the distribution of  $X$ .

The sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$  becomes approximately normal as the the sample size  $n$  gets large.

Ex:

- $X$  = trip\_distance
- $\bar{x}$  = mean trip\_distance
- $n$  = 50

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distribution defined by mean ( $\mu$ ) and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ )

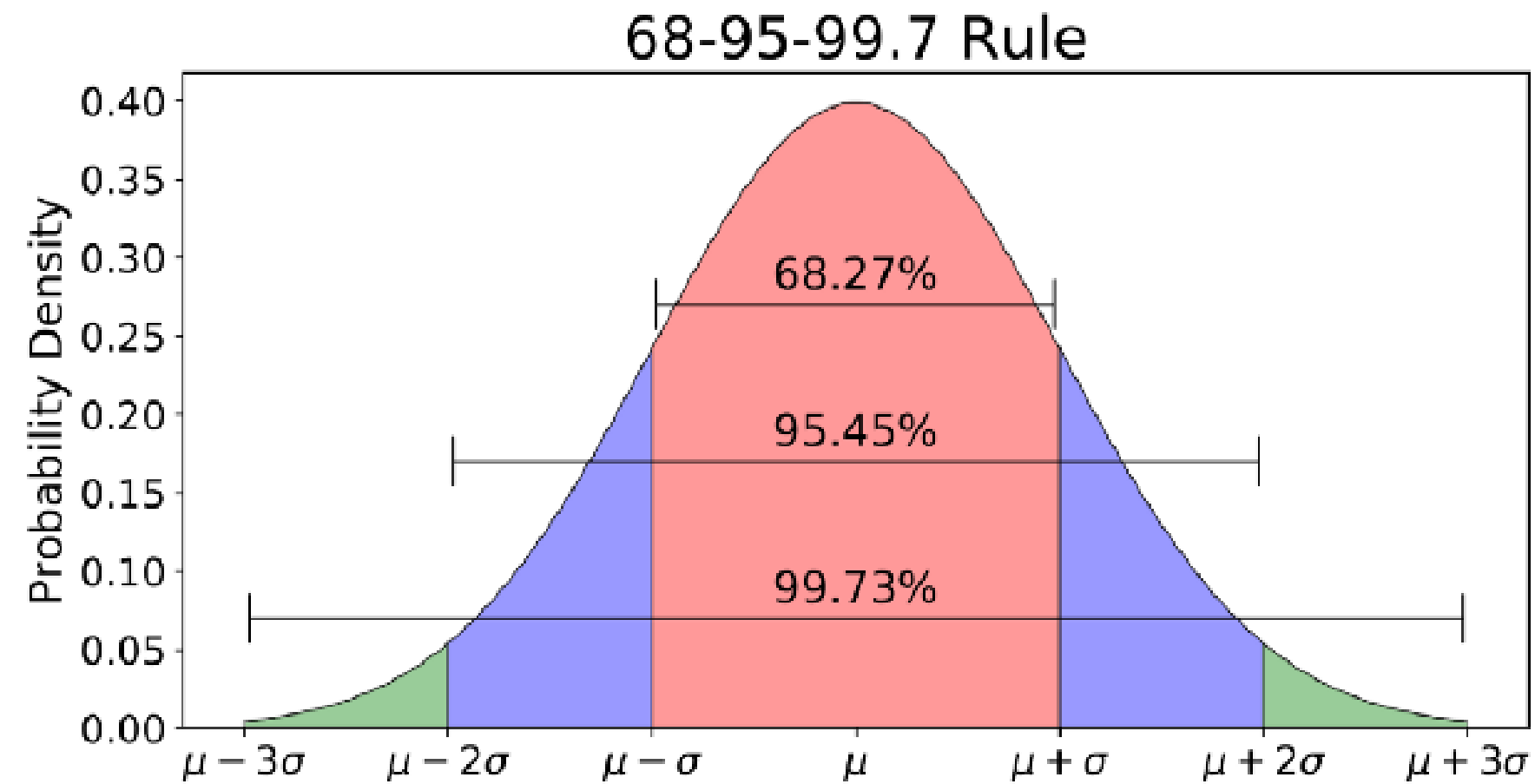
$$N(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

**PDF (Probability Density Function):**

- function of a continuous random variable that provides a relative likelihood of seeing a particular sample of a random variable.



# Aside: Properties of a Normal Distribution



<https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-the-68-95-99-7-rule-for-a-normal-distribution-b7b7cbf760c2>

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```

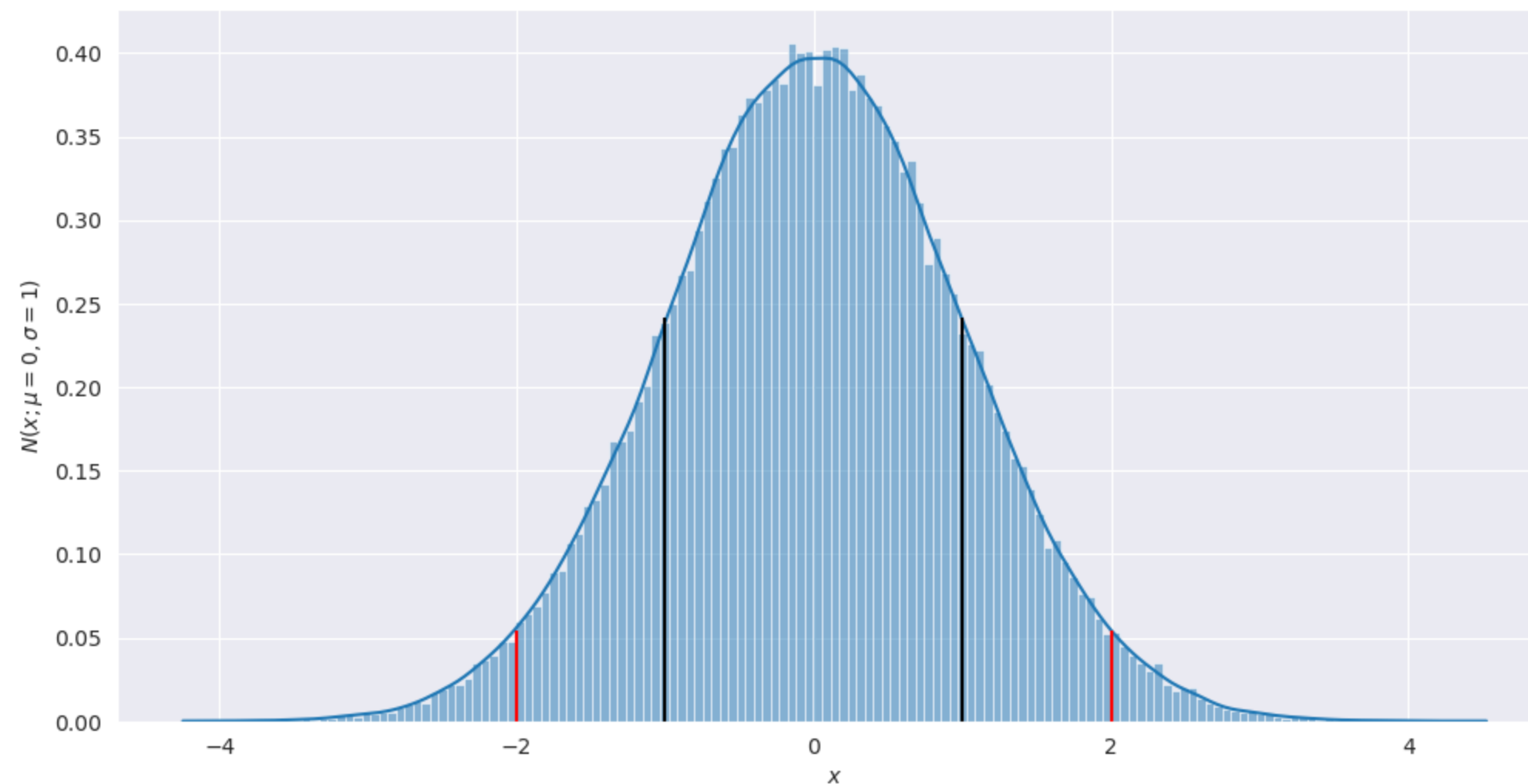
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In [29]: x = np.random.normal(0,1,size=100_000)           # generate many random samples
fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,6))
ax = sns.histplot(x=x,stat='density',kde=True);          # using density to normalize bin counts
ax.set_xlabel('$x$');ax.set_ylabel('$N(x;\mu=0,\sigma=1)$'); # using latex in labels
ax.vlines([-1,1],0,sp.stats.norm.pdf(1), colors='k');      # 1 standard deviation
ax.vlines([-2,2],0,sp.stats.norm.pdf(2), colors='r');      # 2 standard deviations
```



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```
In [31]: observed_trip_metric_zscore = (observed_trip_metric - rand_mean_trip_diffs_xbar) / rand_mean_trip_diffs_s
observed_trip_metric.round(2), observed_trip_metric_zscore.round(2)
```

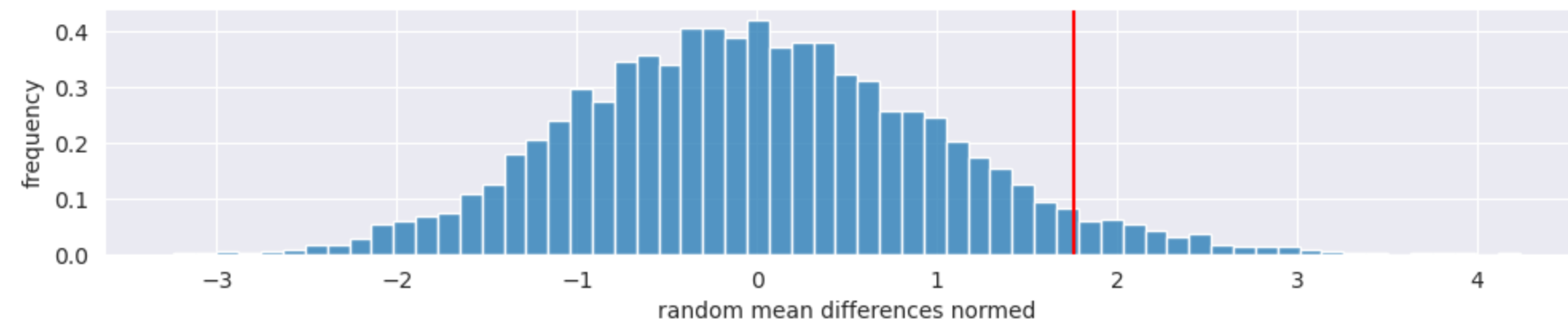
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Out[31]: (0.58, 1.76)
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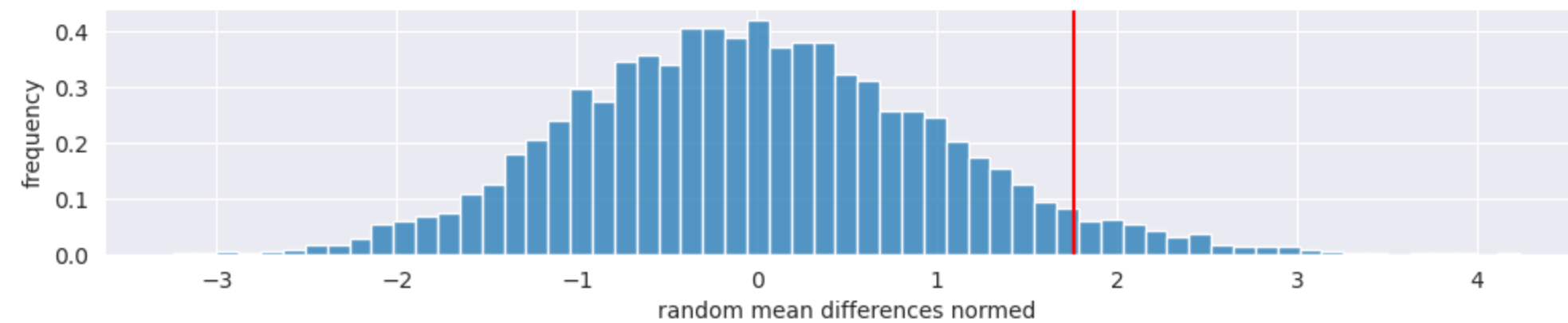
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ax.axvline(observed_trip_metric_zscore,color='r');
```

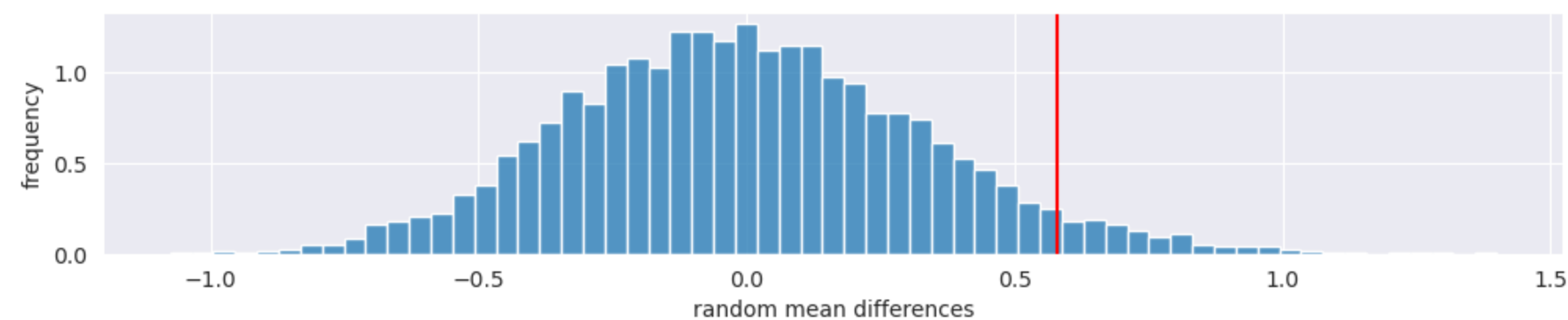


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In [33]: # Compared to our original distribution
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ax = sns.histplot(x=rand_mean_trip_diffs, stat='density')
ax.set_xlabel('random mean differences');ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
ax.axvline(observed_trip_metric, color='r');
```



# Why Use Permutation Tests?

- data can be numeric or boolean (ex. temperature, conversion, etc)
- sample sizes can be different
- assumptions about normally distributed data are not needed (with many permutations)

# A/B Tests

- Do one of two treatments produce superior results?
  - testing two prices to determine which generates more profit
  - testing two web headlines to determine which produces more clicks
  - testing two advertisements to see which produces more conversions
- Often Used Test Statistics
  - difference in means
  - difference in counts

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In [34]: session_times = pd.read_csv('../data/web_page_data.csv')
print(session_times.shape)

session_times.head(3)
```

```
(36, 2)
```

```
Out[34]:
```

	Page	Time
0	Page A	12.6
1	Page B	151.7
2	Page A	21.0

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```
In [35]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(12, 4), sharey=True)
sns.boxplot(x='Page', y='Time', data=session_times, ax=ax[0]);
sns.swarmplot(x='Page', y='Time', data=session_times, ax=ax[1]);
sns.barplot(x='Page', y='Time', data=session_times, ax=ax[2]);
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In [36]: mean_a = session_times.loc[session_times.Page == 'Page A', 'Time'].mean()  
mean_b = session_times[session_times.Page == 'Page B'].Time.mean()  
observed_ad_metric = mean_a - mean_b  
print('observed metric: {:.2f}'.format(observed_ad_metric))
```

```
observed metric: -49.77
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rand_mean_b = session_times_permuted[n_a:].mean()

# 4. calculate metric
rand_mean_ad_diff = (rand_mean_a - rand_mean_b)
print('{:.2f}'.format(rand_mean_ad_diff))

```

11.89



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In [41]: # 5. repeat many times
rand_mean_ad_diffs = []
iterations = 10_000

for i in tqdm(range(iterations)):
    session_times_permuted = session_times.Time.sample(frac=1, replace=False, random_state=i)

    rand_mean_a = session_times_permuted[:n_a].mean()
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    rand_mean_ad_diffs.append(rand_mean_a - rand_mean_b)

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rand_mean_ad_diffs[:5].round(2)
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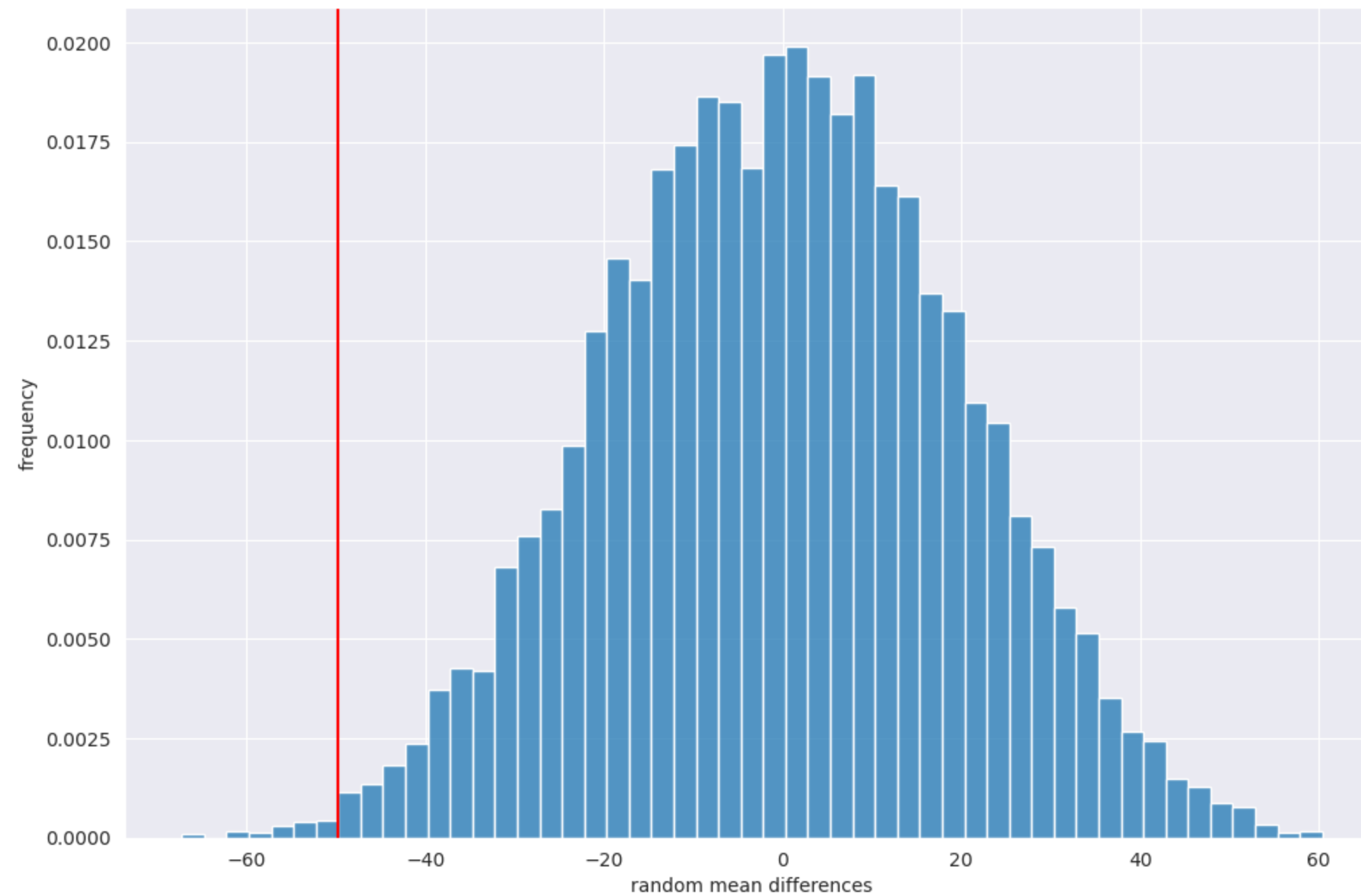
```
0%|          | 0/10000 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

```
Out[41]: array([ 9.79, -13.71, -15.83, 34.99, -4.67])
```

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```
In [42]: # 6. see where our original observation falls
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(12, 8))
ax = sns.histplot(x=rand_mean_ad_diffs, stat='density')
ax.set_xlabel('random mean differences'); ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
ax.axvline(observed_ad_metric, color='r');
```



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rand_mean_ad_zscores = (rand_mean_ad_diffs - rand_mean_ad_diffs_xbar) / rand_mean_ad_diffs_s
list(zip(rand_mean_ad_diffs[:3].round(2), rand_mean_ad_zscores[:3].round(2)))
```

```
Out[43]: [(9.79, 0.5), (-13.71, -0.69), (-15.83, -0.8)]
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```
In [44]: observed_ad_metric_zscore = (observed_ad_metric - rand_mean_ad_diffs_xbar) / rand_mean_ad_diffs_s
observed_ad_metric.round(2), observed_ad_metric_zscore.round(2)
```

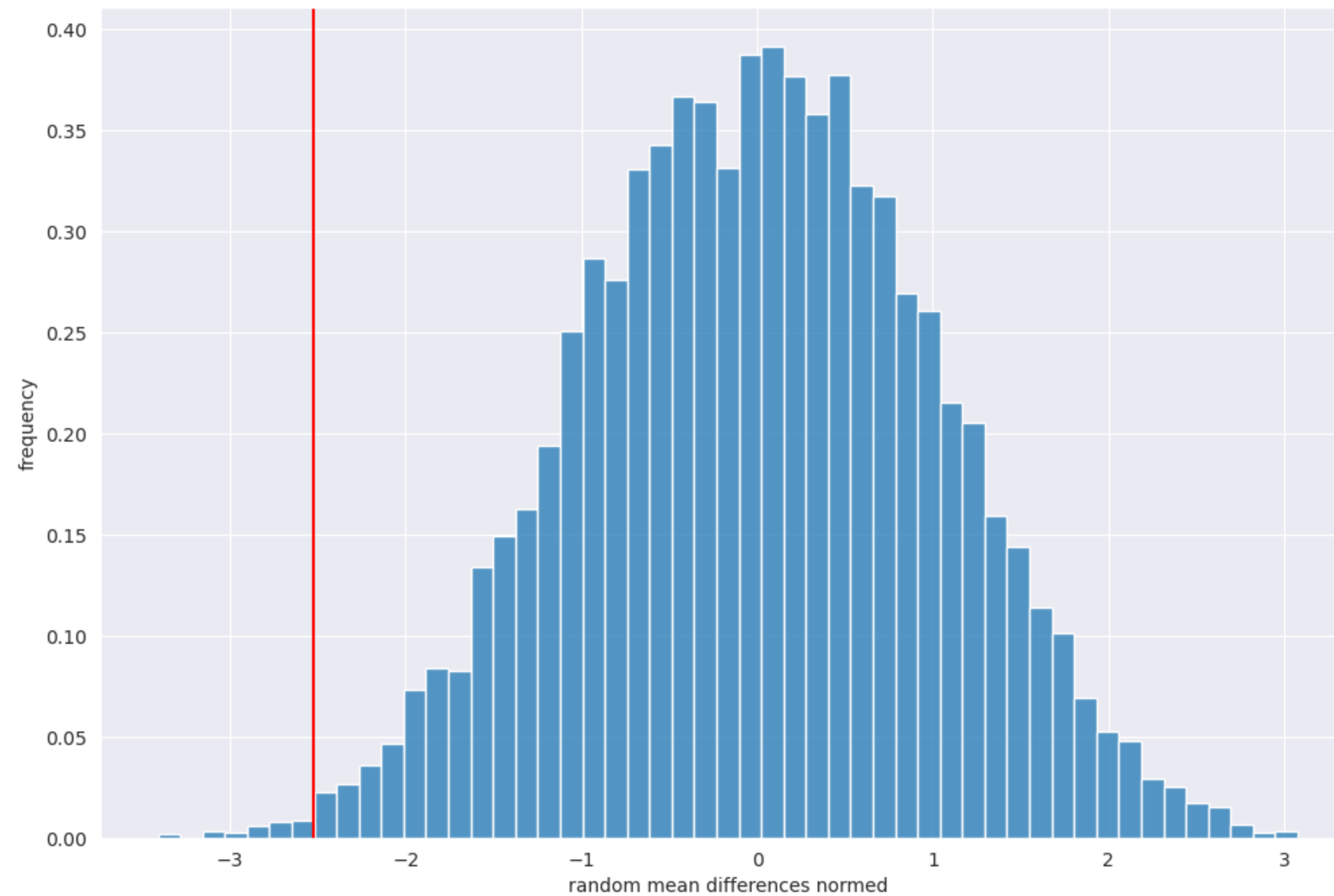
```
Out[44]: (-49.77, -2.52)
```

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In [45]: # 6. see where our original observation falls (normalized)
fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
ax = sns.histplot(rand_mean_ad_zscores, stat='density')
ax.set_xlabel('random mean differences normed');ax.set_ylabel('frequency');
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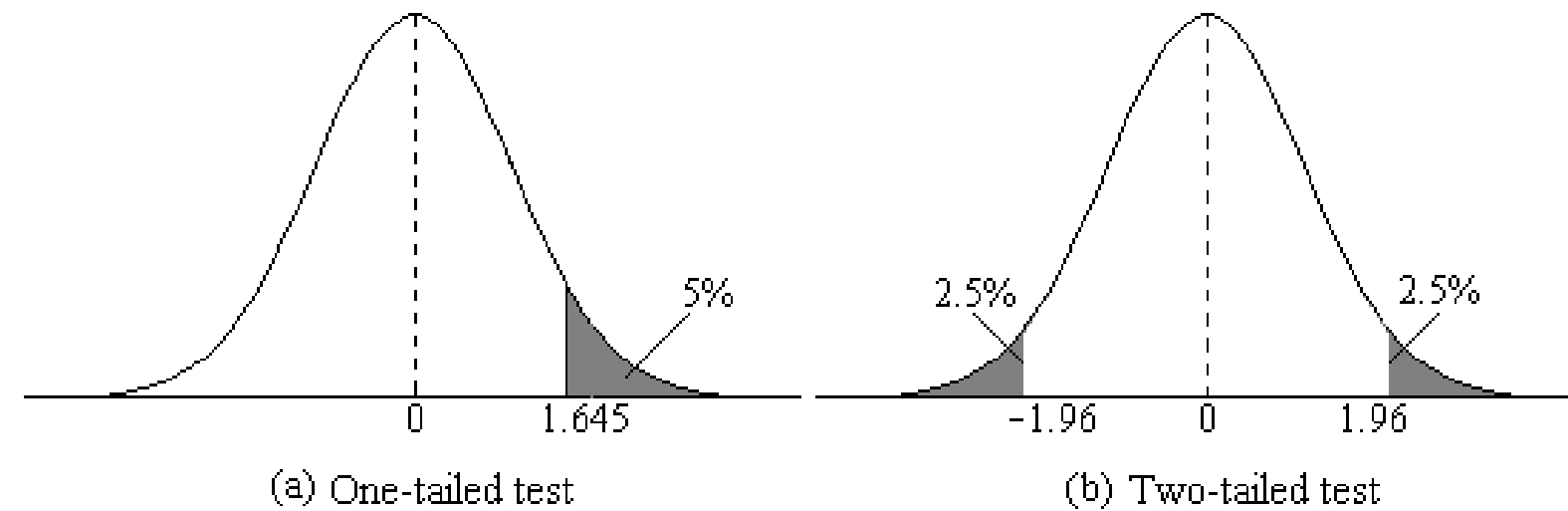
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*"How often did we see a value as or more extreme than our observed metric?"*

# One-Tailed vs Two-Tailed Tests



<https://towardsdatascience.com/one-tailed-or-two-tailed-test-that-is-the-question-1283387f631c?gi=9568e456cd13>

# Choosing One-Tailed vs Two-Tailed

- Do we have a strong reason for a one-directional question? One-Tailed
  - Ex:  $H_0$  is "difference is less than or equal to 0"
  - Need a strong reason
- Otherwise? Two-tailed
  - Ex:  $H_0$  is "there is no real difference between groups"
  - More conservative
  - Usually a better choice

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```
In [46]: # find absolute values greater than our observed_metric  
ad_gt = np.abs(rand_mean_ad_diffs) >= np.abs(observed_ad_metric)
```

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In [46]: # find absolute values greater than our observed_metric
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```

```
In [47]: # how many are greater?
num_ad_gt = ad_gt.sum()

# proportion of total that are as or more extreme
p = num_ad_gt / len(rand_mean_ad_diffs)
print(f'{p = :}')

```

```
p = 0.0078
```

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In [49]: # two-tailed test  
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```

Out[49]: 0.0078

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t = sp.stats.ttest_ind(session_times[session_times.Page == 'Page A'].Time.values,
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                      equal_var=False)
print(f'{t.pvalue = :0.3f}')

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- close to the 0.008 value we found via permutation test

# Choosing $\alpha$

- alpha ( $\alpha$ ): significance level
  - What we compare our p-value to
  - Best to choose this before calculating metrics
  - Probability of rejecting the null when it is true (Type I Error)
- Common values:
  - .1 (Error 1 out of 10 times)
  - .05 (Error 1 out of 20 times)
  - .01 (Error 1 out of 100 times)
- Should depend on how bad a Type I (False Positive) Error is

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```
In [51]: # Counts of observations
df = pd.DataFrame({'Price A': [200, 23539],
                  'Price B': [182, 22406]},
                  index=['Conversion', 'No Conversion'])
df
```

Out[51]:

	Price A	Price B
Conversion	200	182
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In [52]: pct_conv = df.loc['Conversion'] / df.sum(axis=0) * 100  
pct_conv.round(2)
```

```
Out[52]: Price A    0.84  
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dtype: float64
```

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```
In [53]: diff_pct_conv = pct_conv['Price A'] - pct_conv['Price B']
print(f'{diff_pct_conv.round(3)}%')
```

```
0.037%
```



# Another Example: Price vs Conversion Continued

- First: Choose our  $\alpha$ : 0.05
- Reminder of Permutation Test:
  0. get group sizes
  1. combine groups together
  2. permute observations
  3. create two new groups (same sizes as originals)
  4. calculate metric
  5. repeat many times
  6. see where our original observation falls

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```
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In [56]: conv_samples = np.zeros(n)  
conv_samples[:n_conversion] = 1  
  
assert sum(conv_samples) == n_conversion
```

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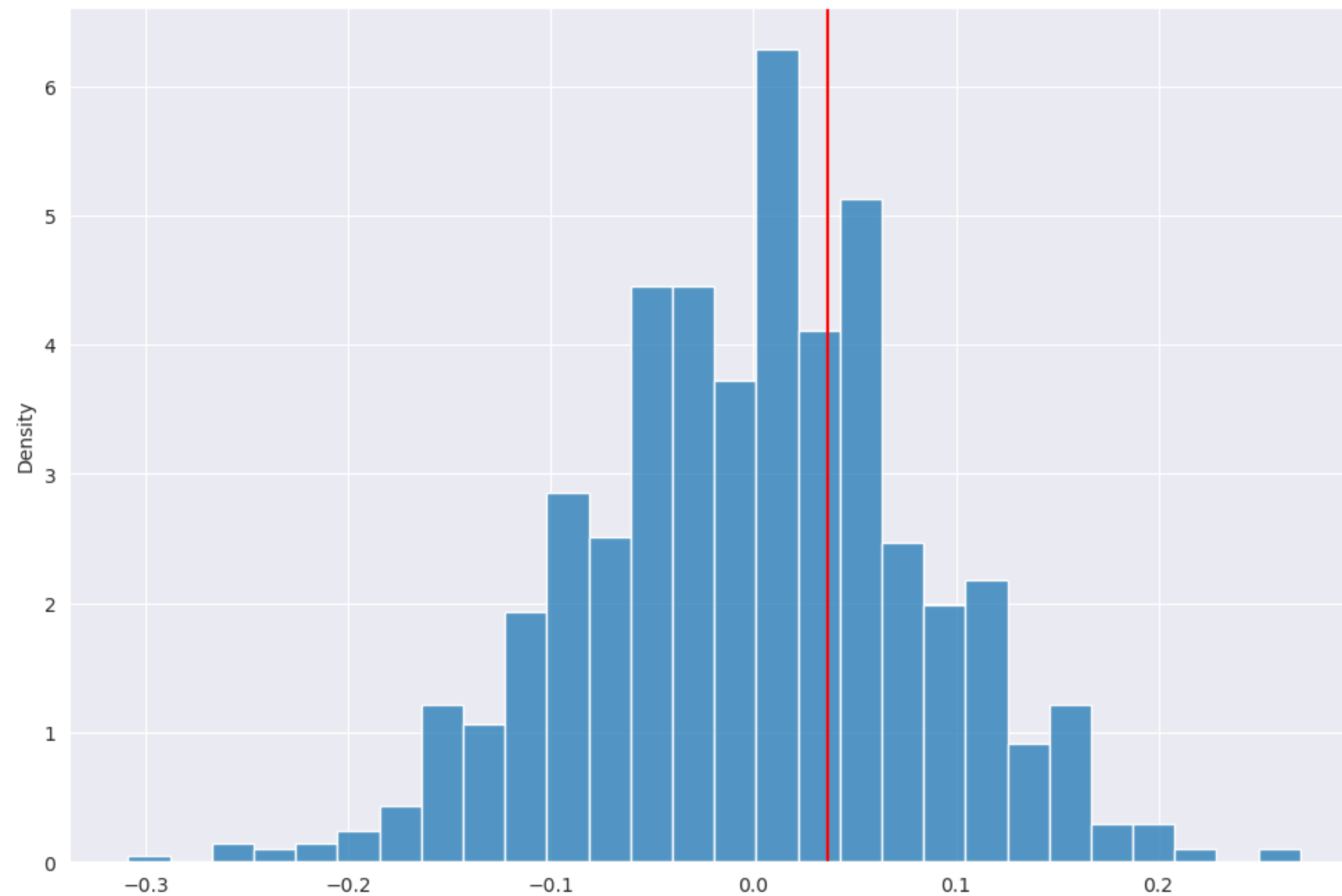
```
In [58]: np.random.seed(123)
rand_conv_diffs = []
for i in tqdm(range(1000)):
    conv_permuted = np.random.permutation(conv_samples)
    rand_conv_a = sum(conv_permuted[:n_pricea]) / n_pricea
    rand_conv_b = sum(conv_permuted[n_pricea:]) / n_priceb
    rand_conv_diffs.append(100 * (rand_conv_a - rand_conv_b))
```

0%| | 0/1000 [00:00<?, ?it/s]

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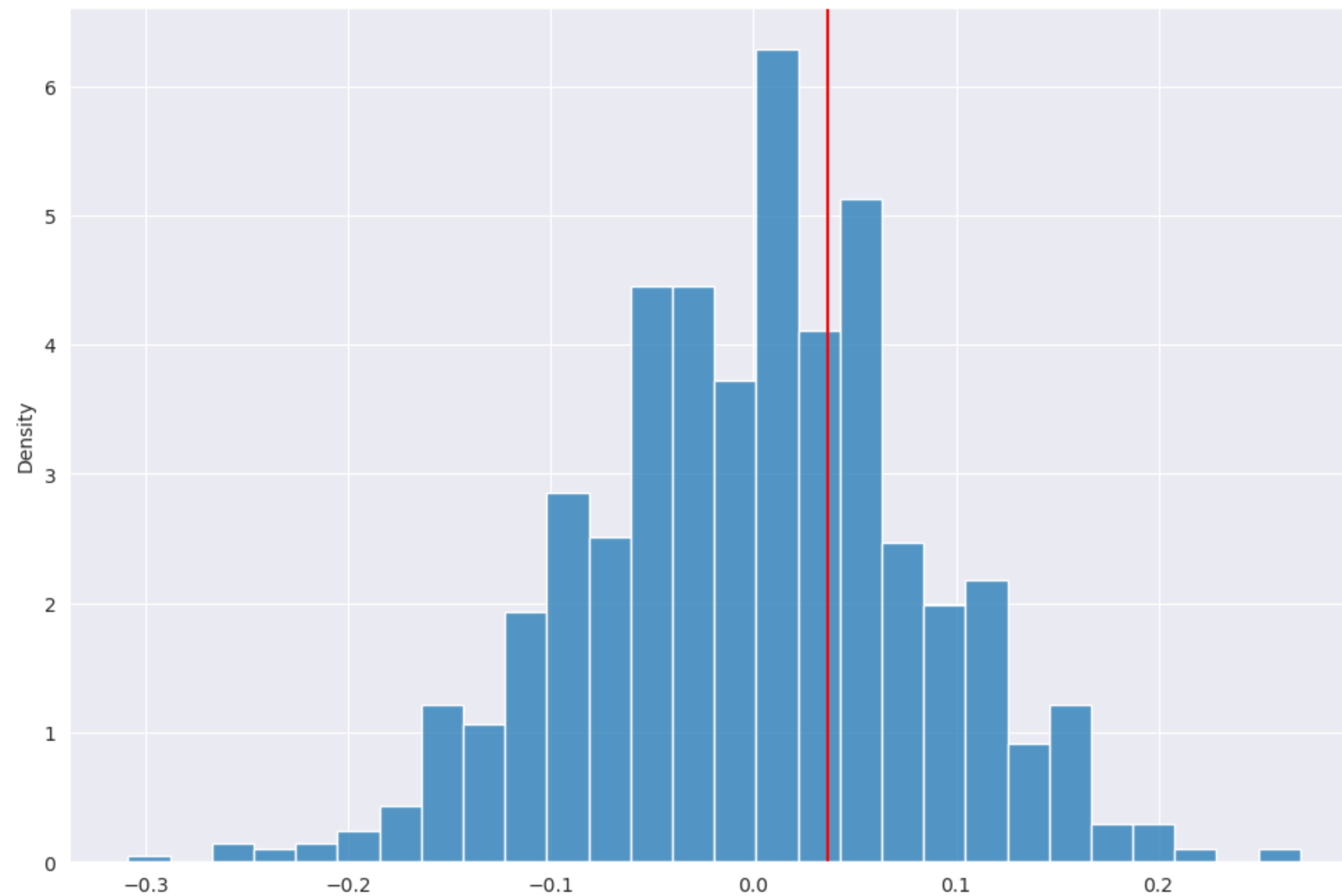
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In [59]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(12, 8))  
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```
In [61]: from statsmodels.stats.proportion import proportions_ztest

z,p = proportions_ztest(df.loc['Conversion'].values,
                        df.sum(),
                        alternative='two-sided')

print(f'{p = :0.3f}')

p = 0.662
```

# Statistically Significant?

The ASA Statement on p-Values: Context, Process, and Purpose Wasserstein & Lazar, 09 Jun 2016]

- Don't base your conclusions solely on whether an association or effect was found to be “statistically significant” (i.e., the p-value passed some arbitrary threshold such as  $p < 0.05$ ).
- Don't believe an association/effect **exists** just because it **was statistically significant**.
- Don't believe an association/effect **is absent** just because it **was not stat. significant**.
- Don't believe that your p-value:
  1. gives the **probability that chance alone** produced the observed association/effect or
  2. the probability that your **test hypothesis is true.**]
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  - **M**: Accept limitations, assumptions, reproduction, recognizing differences in stakes

# Issues with Multiple Testing

- p-hacking: keep trying comparisons till you find something that works
- multiple tests: the more tests you run, the more likely a Type 1 Error
- One simple solution:
  - **Bonferonni correction**  $\frac{\alpha}{m}$  where  $m$  is the number of tests

# Comparing More Than 2 Groups

- ANOVA
  - need more stats than we have time for
- Multi-Armed Bandit (MAB)
  - can compare many distributions
  - don't need to make assumptions about underlying distributions
  - can also be used for early stopping of experiment

# Multi-Armed Bandit



Question: Which arm should we pull?

# Greedy MAB

**greedy:** do something simple that heads towards the goal

1. pull arm with highest payout

But what if there's a better choice, we just haven't seen it yet?

# Exploration Vs Exploitation

- **Exploration:** There might be a better arm
  - keep choosing different arms randomly
- **Exploitation:** We want to make use of the best
  - keep pulling the best arm

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  2. if  $< \epsilon$ , choose arm randomly
  3. if  $\geq \epsilon$ , choose best arm
  4. GOTO 1



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In [63]: # epsilon probability
epsilon = 0.40
```

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In [64]: rewards_A = [ad_A.rvs()]
         rewards_B = [ad_B.rvs()]
         rewards_C = [ad_C.rvs()]
         rewards_A, rewards_B, rewards_C
```

```
Out[64]: ([0], [1], [1])
```

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```

```
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In [67]: rewards_B.append(ad_B.rvs())  
  
rewards_A, rewards_B, rewards_C
```

```
Out[67]: ([0], [1, 1], [1])
```

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```
In [68]: def mab(arms = [],rewards = [],arm_names = [],epsilon=0.4):
    n_arms = len(arms)
    if not rewards:
        for i in range(n_arms):
            pulls.append(list)
    be_greedy = np.random.rand() > epsilon
    if not be_greedy: # randomly choose
        arm_idx = np.random.randint(0,n_arms)
        rewards[arm_idx].append(arms[arm_idx].rvs())
    else: # be greedy
        reward_means = np.array([sum(x)/len(x) for x in rewards])
        best_arms = np.where(reward_means == np.amax(reward_means))[0]
        arm_idx = best_arms[np.random.randint(0,best_arms.shape[0])]
        rewards[arm_idx].append(arms[arm_idx].rvs())
    return rewards, be_greedy, arm_names[arm_idx]

def print_mab_results(be_greedy,choice,rewards):
    print(f'greedy:{str(be_greedy):5s} choice:{choice} => '+'
          f"[{'::'.join([str(round(sum(x)/len(x),1)) for x in rewards])}] '+'
          f"| {'','.join([str(x).ljust(20,' ') for x in rewards])}"])
```

# MAB Example Continued

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- Round 4

```
In [69]: arms = [ad_A, ad_B, ad_C]
rewards = [rewards_A, rewards_B, rewards_C]
labels = ['A', 'B', 'C']

rewards, be_greedy, choice = mab(arms, rewards, labels, epsilon)

print_mab_results(be_greedy, choice, rewards)
```

```
greedy:False choice:C => [0.0:1.0:1.0] | [0] , [1, 1] , [1, 1]
```



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```
In [70]: for i in range(10):  
         rewards, be_greedy, choice = mab(arms,rewards,labels,epsilon)  
         print_mab_results(be_greedy,choice,rewards)
```

```
greedy:False choice:A => [0.5:1.0:1.0] | [0, 1]           , [1, 1]           , [1, 1]  
greedy:True  choice:B => [0.5:0.7:1.0] | [0, 1]           , [1, 1, 0]        , [1, 1]  
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greedy:True  choice:C => [0.3:0.7:0.8] | [0, 1, 0]        , [1, 1, 0]        , [1, 1, 1, 0]  
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greedy:True  choice:C => [0.3:0.5:0.9] | [0, 1, 0]        , [1, 1, 0, 0]     , [1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1]  
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```

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In [72]: ground_truth_rates = ' '.join([f"{label}:{arm.pmf(1).round(1)}" for label, arm in zip(labels, arms)])  
print(f'ground truth: {ground_truth_rates}')
```

ground truth: A:0.8 B:0.2 C:0.8

# MAB Variations

- Thompson's Sampling: uses Bayesian approach
- UCB1: maximize expected reward using Upper Confidence Bounds
- UCBC: Upper Confidence Bound with Clusters
- ...



**Questions?**