

Statistics with Spa OWS

Lecture 7

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Outline

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- 2. One parameter can be "free"
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- Reality is even more complicated. However, this is sufficient for us for now.

Do it now!

- How do df's affect Student's t?
- Why are the df's in a dataset of 100 birds on a 2-sample t-test 98?