What sells together? Data Puzzle

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Methodology



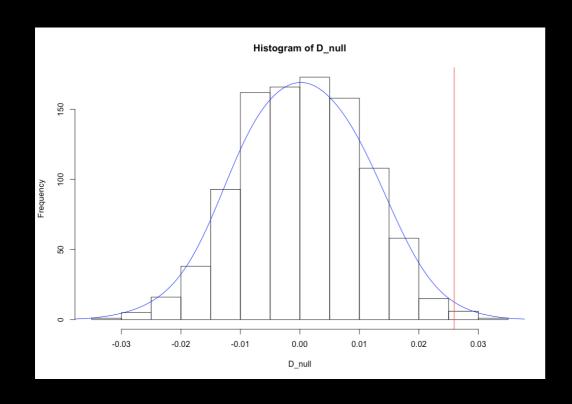
1. Use table function to identify the most common pair of items in the dataset. The most popular pair I found is soda + cookies. For example:

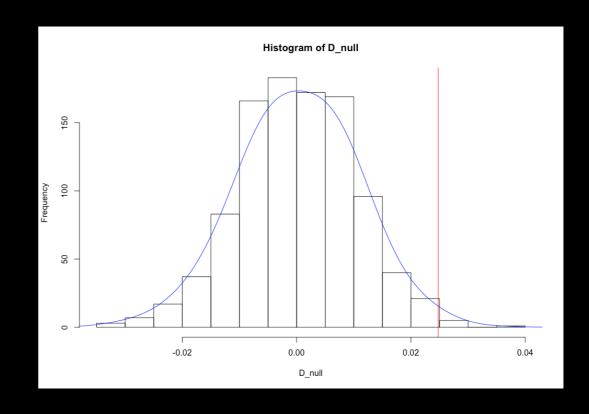
> table(WALMART1\$SODA, WALMART1\$COOKIES)

0 1 0 2419 2340 1 2380 2542

2. Run permutation tests and find the associations between items sold in Wal-Mart

Soda





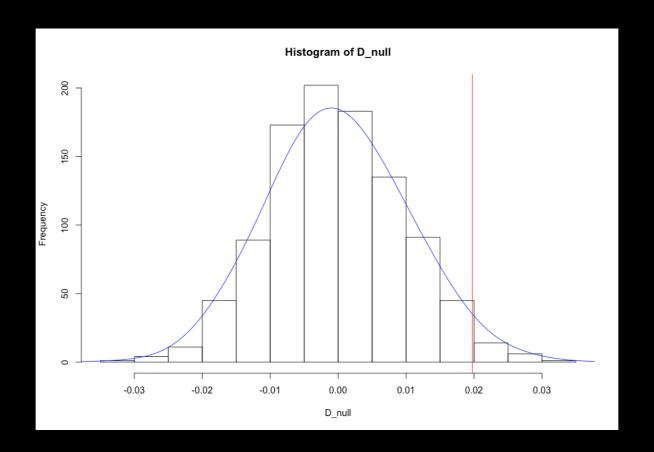
Permutation test

- > soda <- WALMART1
- > soda[soda\$SODA == 1, 1] = 'Yes'
- > soda[soda\$SODA == 0, 1] = "No"
- > PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(soda, "SODA", "FISH", 1000, "No", "Yes")
- > PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(soda, "SODA", "COOKIES", 1000, "No", "Yes")
- [1] 0.006

Summary:

Both fish and cookies sell together well with soda

Steak

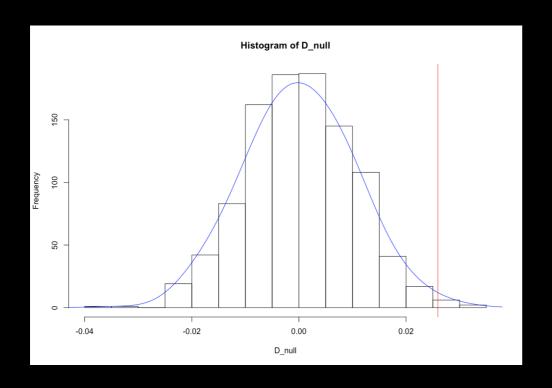


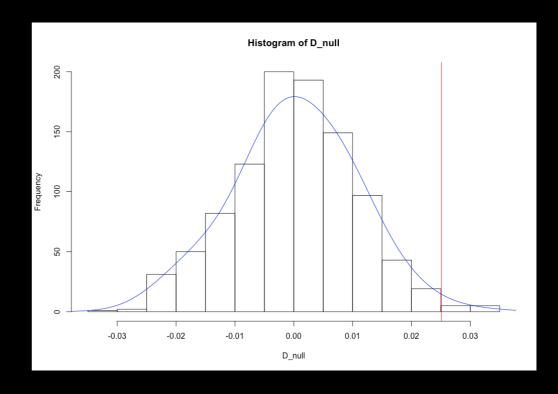
Permutation test

- > steak <- WALMART1
- > steak[steak\$STEAK == 1, 2] = 'Yes'
- > steak[steak\$STEAK == 0, 2] = "No"
- > PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(steak, "STEAK", "SALT", 1000, "No", "Yes") [1] 0.021

Summary: Salt sells together well with steak

Fish





Permutation test

> fish <- WALMART1

> fish[fish\$FISH == 1, 3] = "Yes"

> fish[fish\$FISH == 0, 3] = "No"

> PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(fish, "FISH", "SODA", 1000, "No", "Yes")

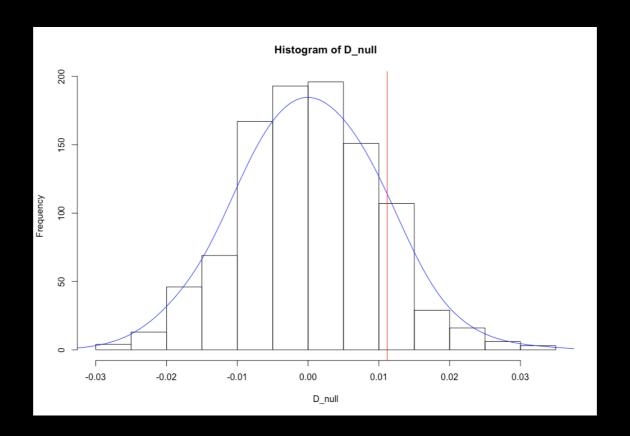
[1] 0.006

> PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(fish, "FISH", "TEA", 1000, "No", "Yes")

[1] 0.009

Summary: Both soda and tea sell together well with fish

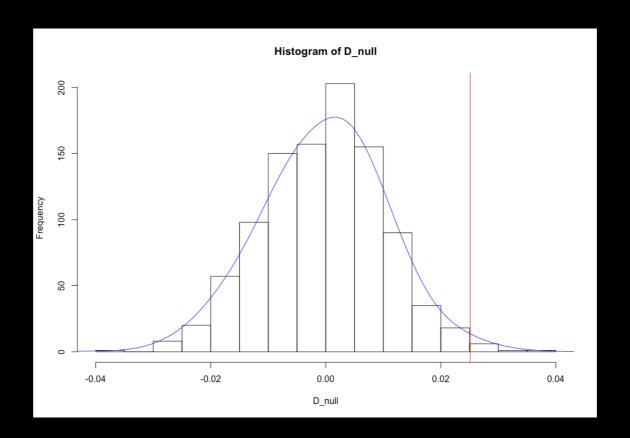
Coffee



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Permutation test
> coffee <- WALMART1
> coffee[coffee$COFFEE == 1, 4] = "Yes"
> coffee[coffee$COFFEE == 0, 4] = "No"
> PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(coffee, "COFFEE", "TEA", 1000, "No", "Yes")
[1] 0.124
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Permutation tests reveal no significant correlation between other items purchased by coffee buyers, with the lowest p value being the coffee-tea pair.

Tea



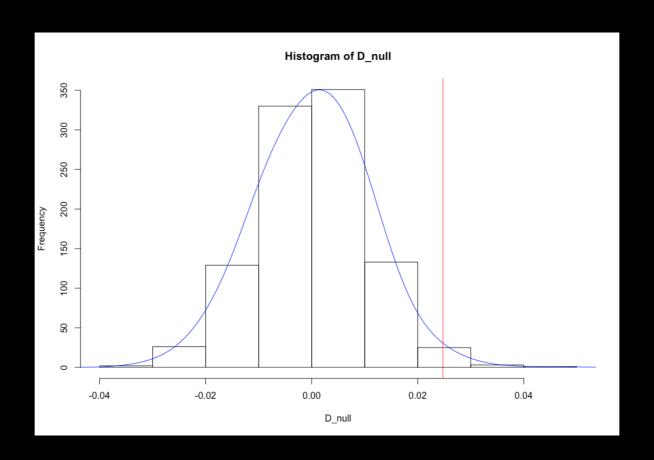
Permutation test

- > tea <- WALMART1
- > tea[tea\$TEA == 1, 5] = "Yes"
- > tea[tea\$TEA == 0, 5] = "No"
- > PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(tea, "TEA", "FISH", 1000, "No", "Yes") [1] 0.008

Summary:

Fish sells together well with tea

Cookies



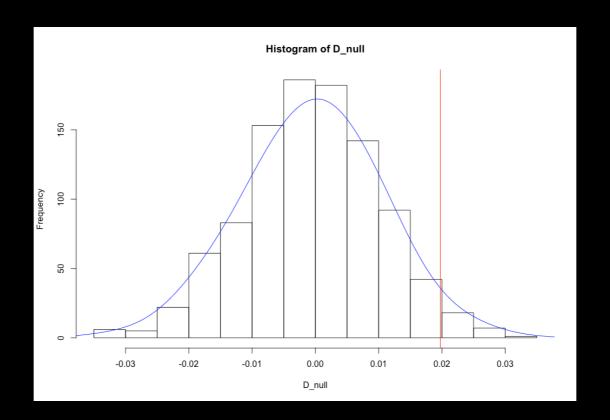
Permutation test

- > cookies <- WALMART1
- > cookies[cookies\$COOKIES == 1, 6] = "Yes"
- > cookies[cookies\$COOKIES == 0, 6] = "No"
- > PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(cookies, "COOKIES", "SODA", 1000, "No", "Yes") [1] 0.012

Summary:

Soda sells together well with cookies

Salt



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Permutation test
> salt <- WALMART1
> salt[salt$SALT == 1, 7] = "Yes"
> salt[salt$SALT == 0, 7] = "No"
> PermutationTestSecond::Permutation(salt, "SALT", "STEAK", 1000, "No", "Yes")
[1] 0.026
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Summary: Steak sells together well with salt