

# L18: Lasso + Regularized Regression

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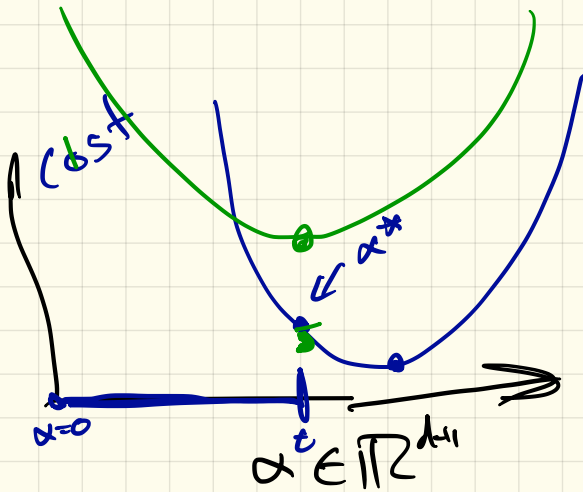
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→  $\arg \min_{\alpha} \|X\alpha - y\|_2 + s\|\alpha\|_1$  (Lasso)

equivalent to

→  $\arg \min_{\alpha} \|X\alpha - y\|_2$  such that  $\|\alpha\|_1 \leq t$

where  $t$  depends on  $X, y, s$



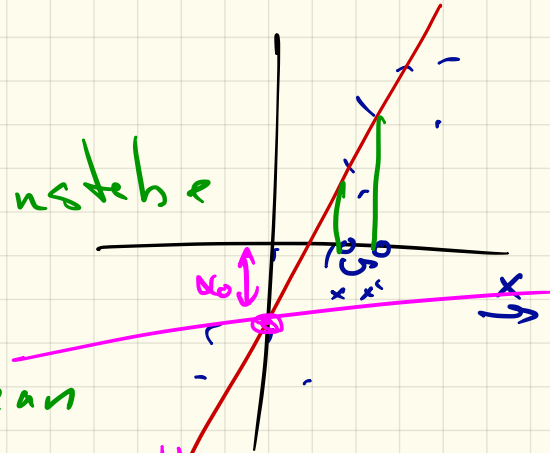
as  $s$  increases  
 $t$  decreases

• Why regularization

+ high slope is unstable

+ biasing towards mean

"Regression to the Mean"



Input  $X, y$   $x_i \in X$   $x_i \in (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_d)$   
 $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$   $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  fix  $x_0 = 1$

find  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \quad f_\alpha(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d \alpha_i x_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots$$

regularization

$$\alpha^* = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|X\alpha - y\|_2$$

+  $\gamma \|\alpha\|_{1,2,3}$

$$= \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{x_j \in X} (\langle x_j, \alpha \rangle - y_j)^2$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$(f_\alpha(x_j) - y_j)^2$$

1-norm (lasso)

sparsity in

$\alpha \Rightarrow$  many  $\alpha_j = 0$

$$\alpha^* = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

2-norm Ridge Reg

$$\alpha_y^* = (X^T X + \gamma^2 I)^{-1} X^T y$$

# Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP)

Find  $\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|X\alpha - y\|_2 + s\|\alpha\|_1$

Forward Subset Selection:

## Orthogonal Matching Pursuit

Set  $r = y$ .

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $t$  **do**

    Set  $X_j = \arg \max_{X_{j'} \in X} |\langle r, X_{j'} \rangle|$ .

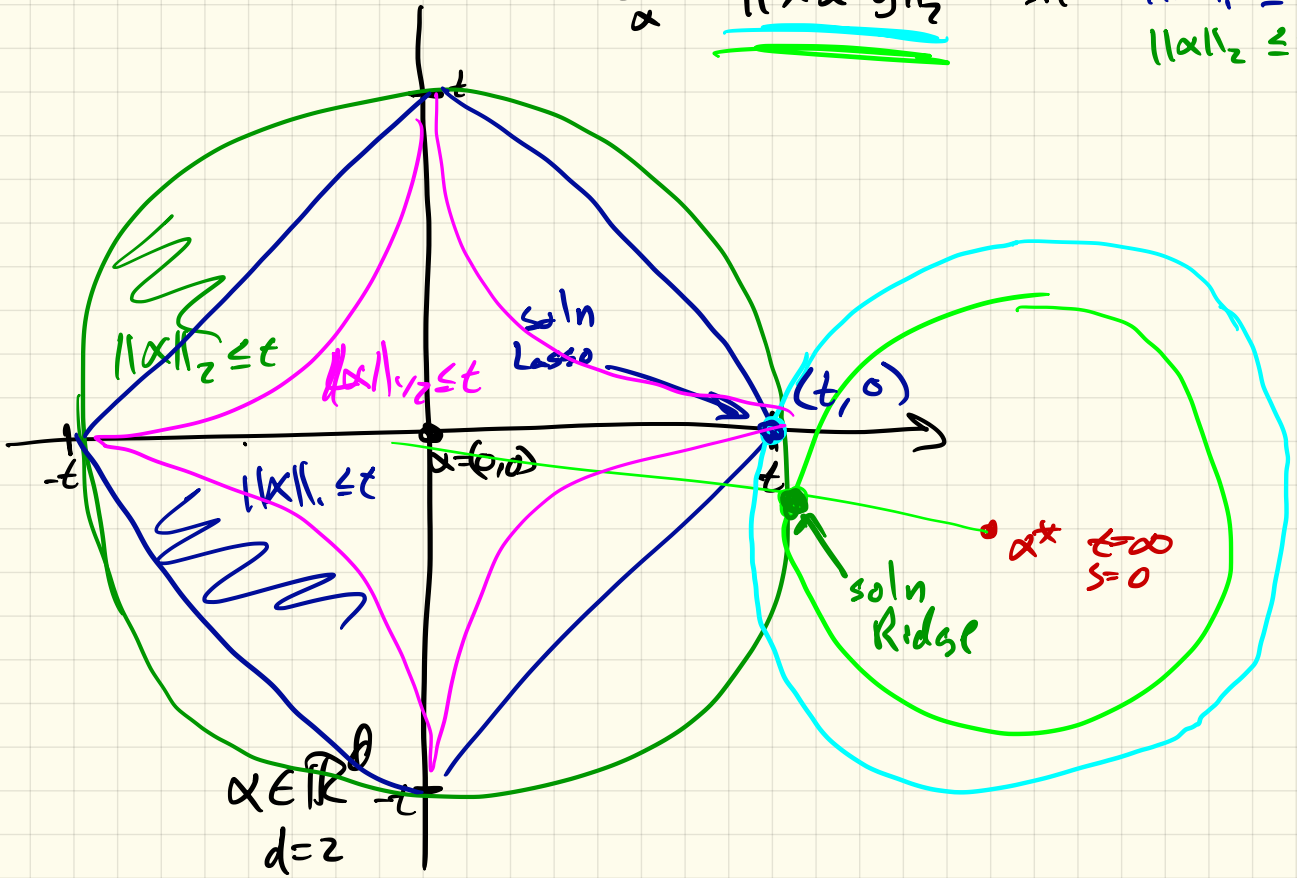
    Set  $\alpha_j = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|r - X_j \alpha\| + s|\alpha|$ .

    Set  $r = r - X_j \alpha_j$ .

**Return**  $\hat{S}$  where  $\hat{s}_j = \gamma_j$  (or 0).

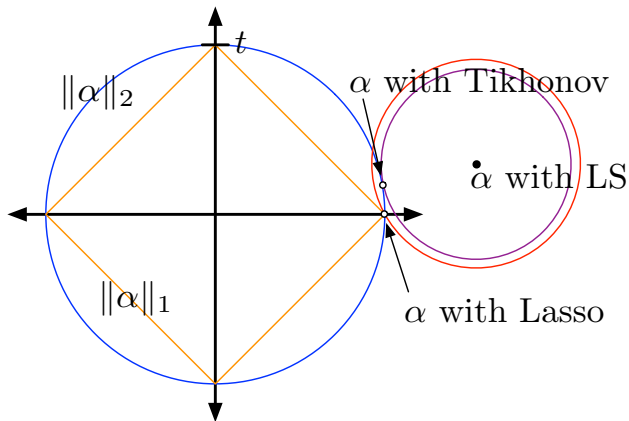
$$\arg \min_{\alpha} \underbrace{\|X\alpha - y\|_2}_{\text{blue}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underbrace{\|\alpha\|_1}_{\text{blue}} \leq t$$

$$\|\alpha\|_2 \leq t \quad \text{green}$$



# Lasso Illustration

$$\text{Find } \alpha^* = \arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|X\alpha - y\|_2 + s\|\alpha\|_1$$



# Least Angle Regression

↳ solves Lasso exactly.

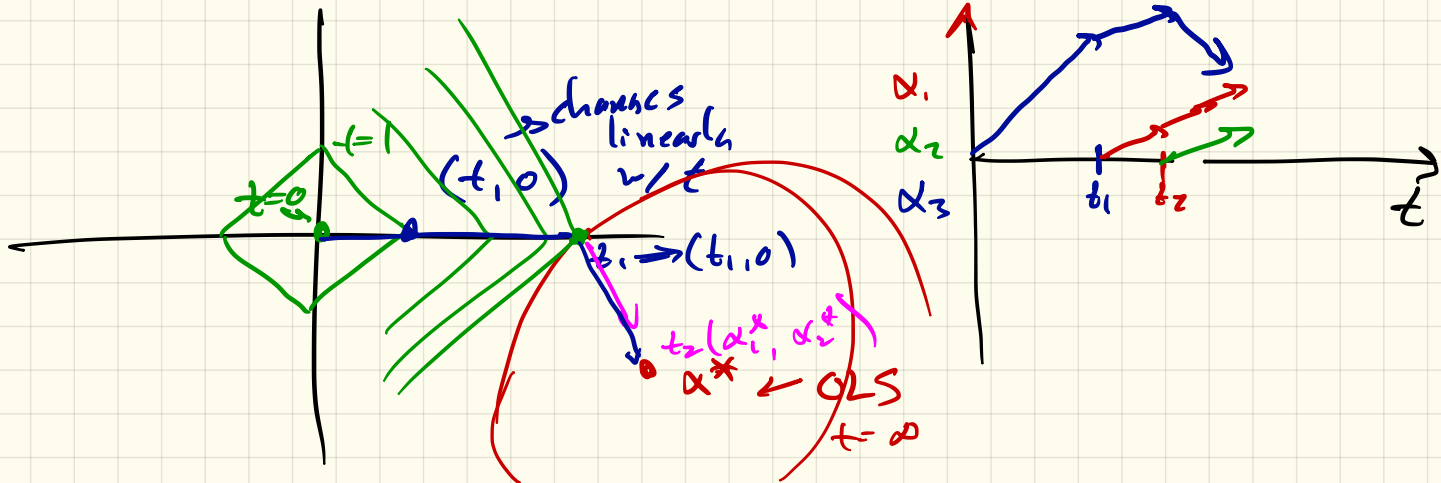
for all values  $\lambda \leq (\lambda_{\text{OLS}})$

$\|X\alpha - y\|_2$  s.t.  $\|\alpha\|_1 \leq t$

Starts w/  $t=0$

↳ solves it

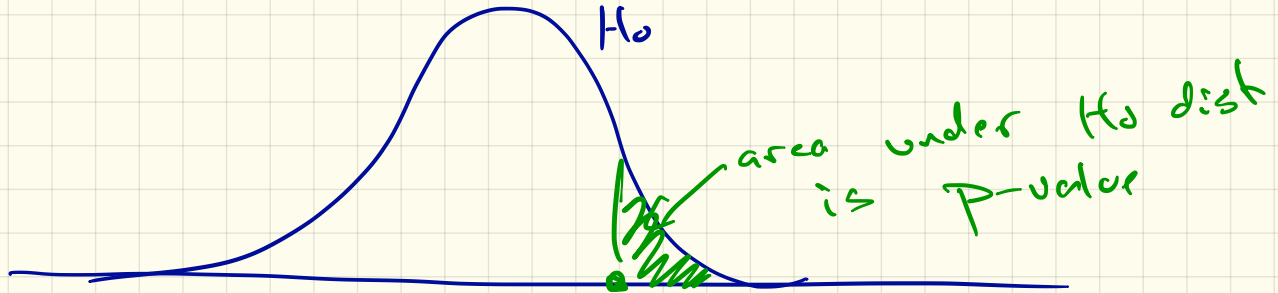
Increases  $t$  while maintaining optimal  $\alpha_t$





# P-values

Null Hypothesis  $H_0$  Distribution.



often if  $p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$   
then "significant".

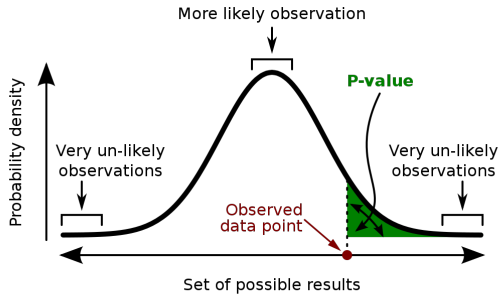
hypothesis  $\equiv \alpha$

Important:

$\Pr(\text{observation} \mid \text{hypothesis}) \neq \Pr(\text{hypothesis} \mid \text{observation})$

The probability of observing a result given that some hypothesis is true is *not equivalent* to the probability that a hypothesis is true given that some result has been observed.

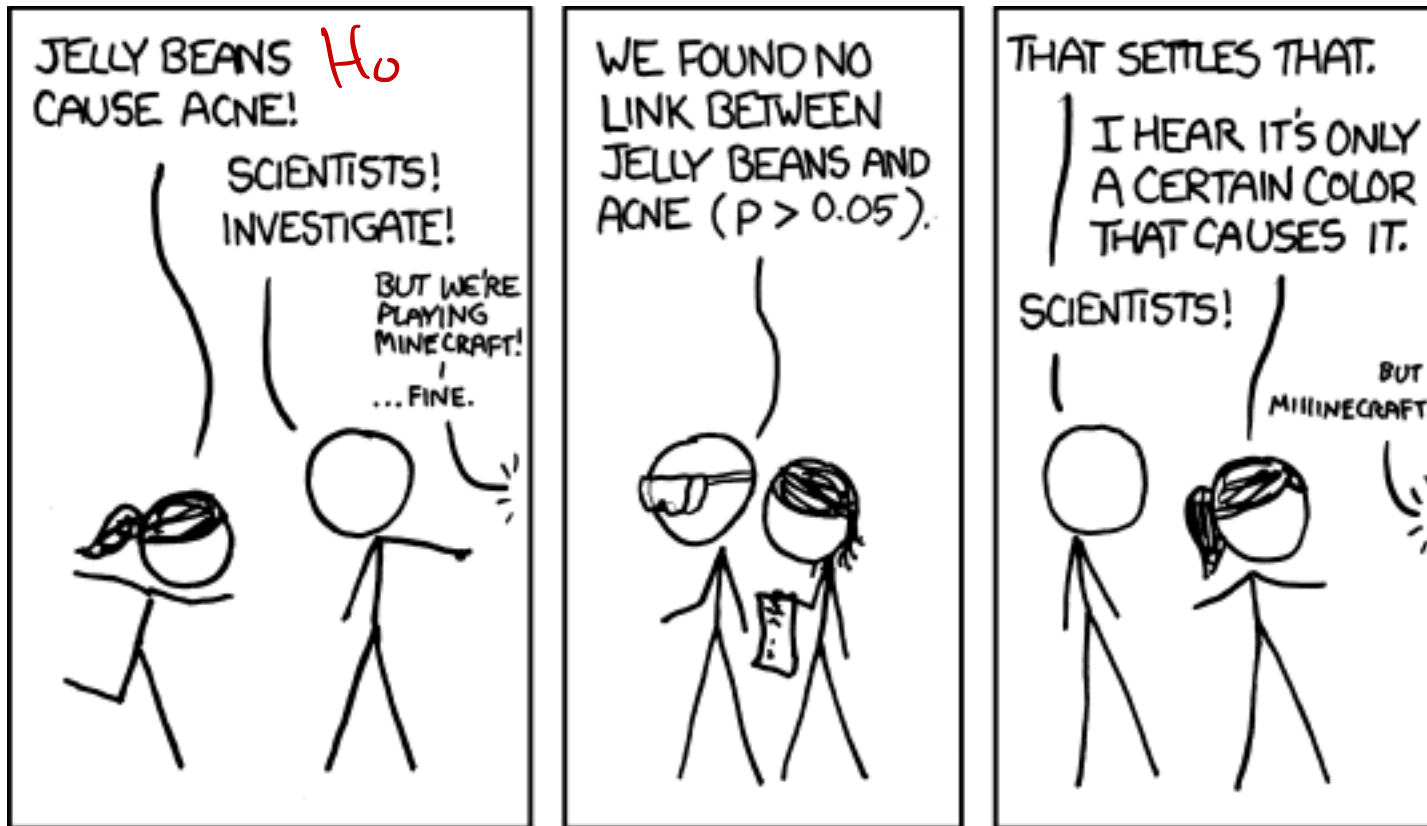
Using the p-value as a "score" is committing an egregious logical error:  
**the transposed conditional fallacy.**



A **p-value** (shaded green area) is the probability of an observed (or more extreme) result assuming that the null hypothesis is true.

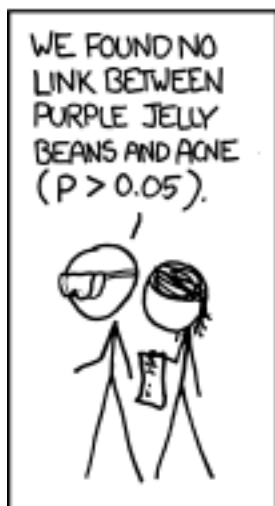
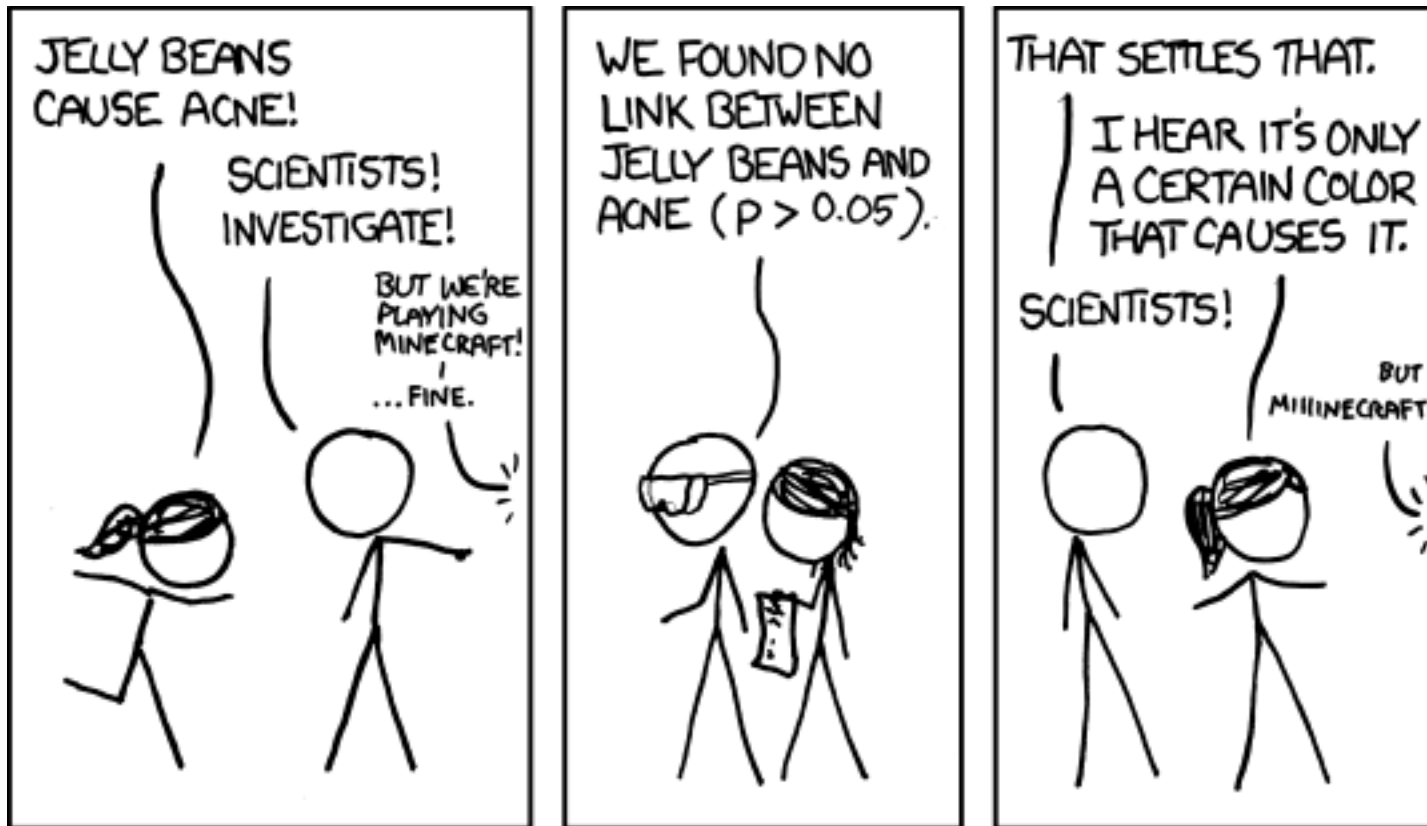
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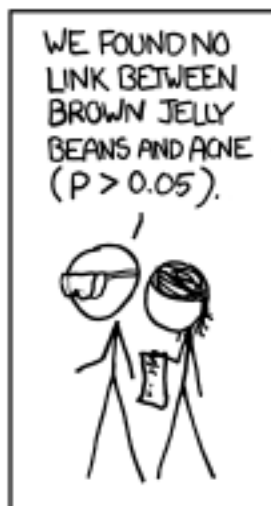
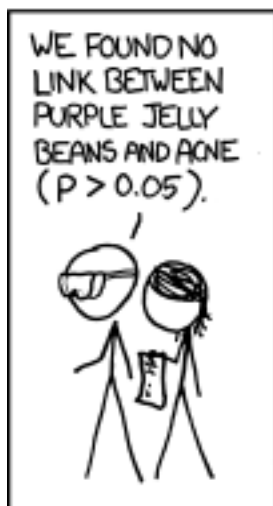
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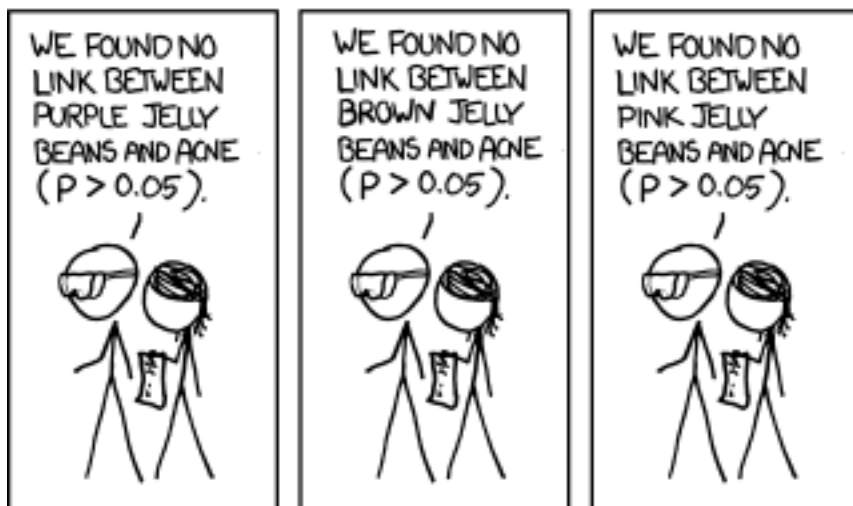
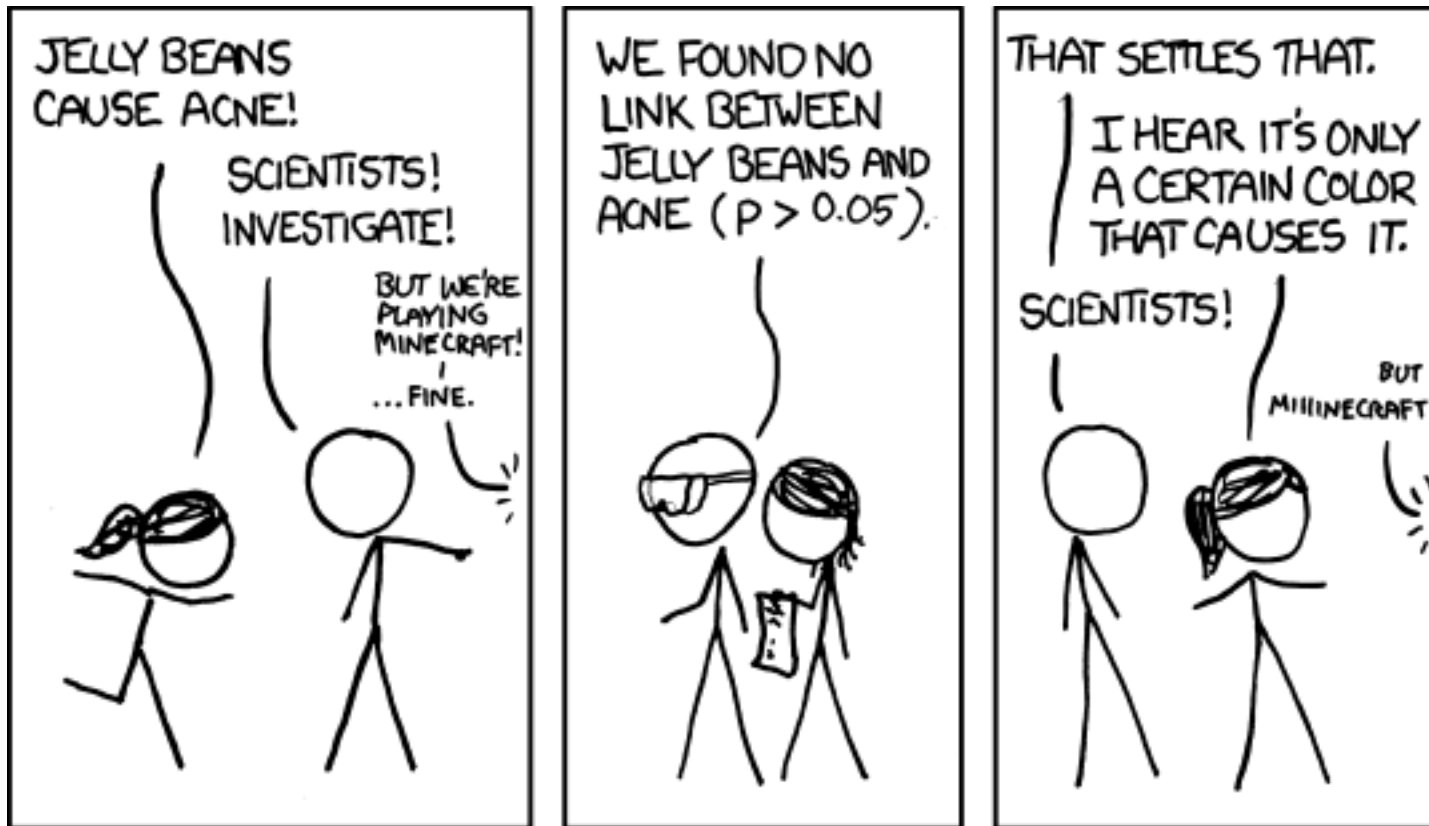
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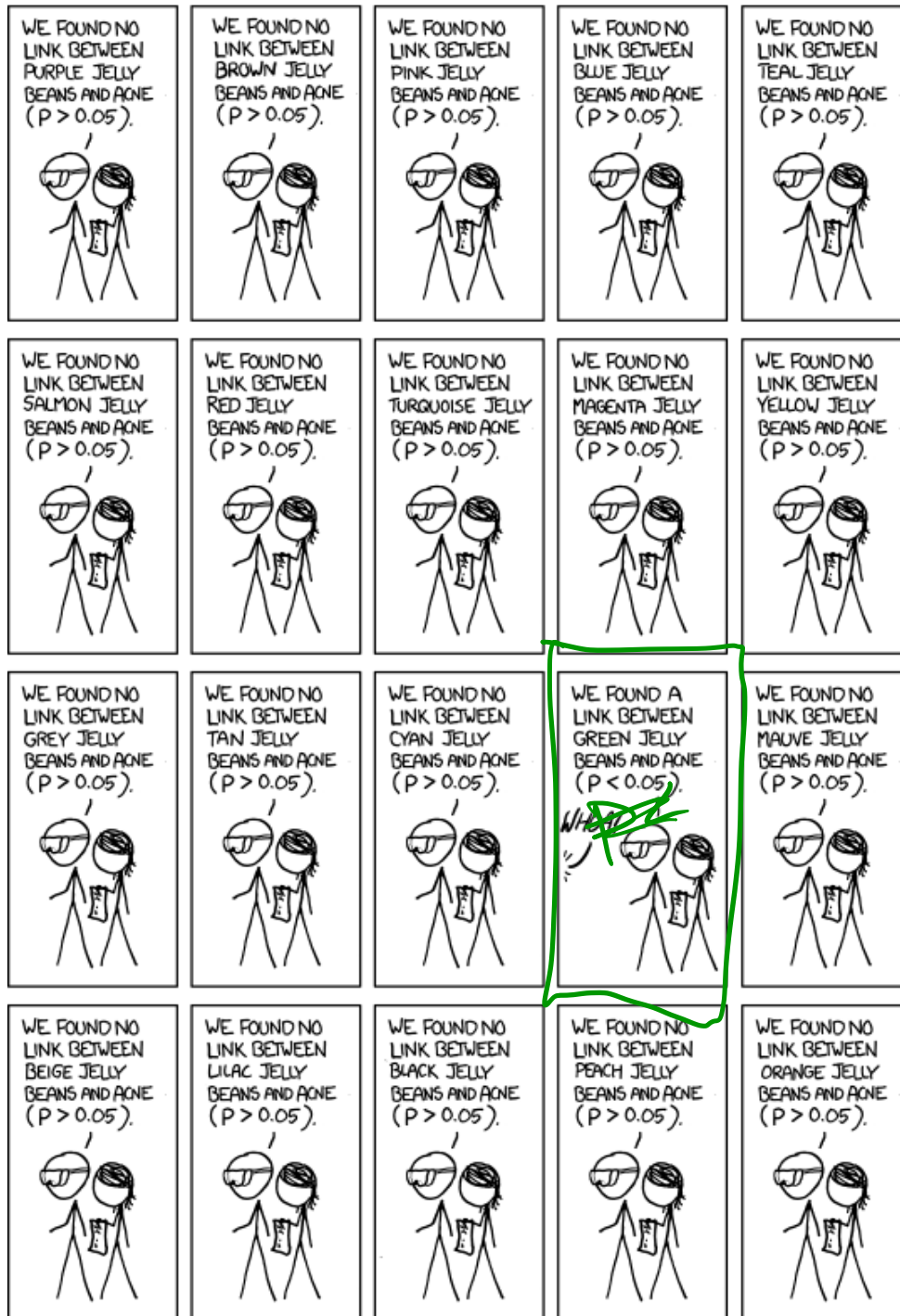
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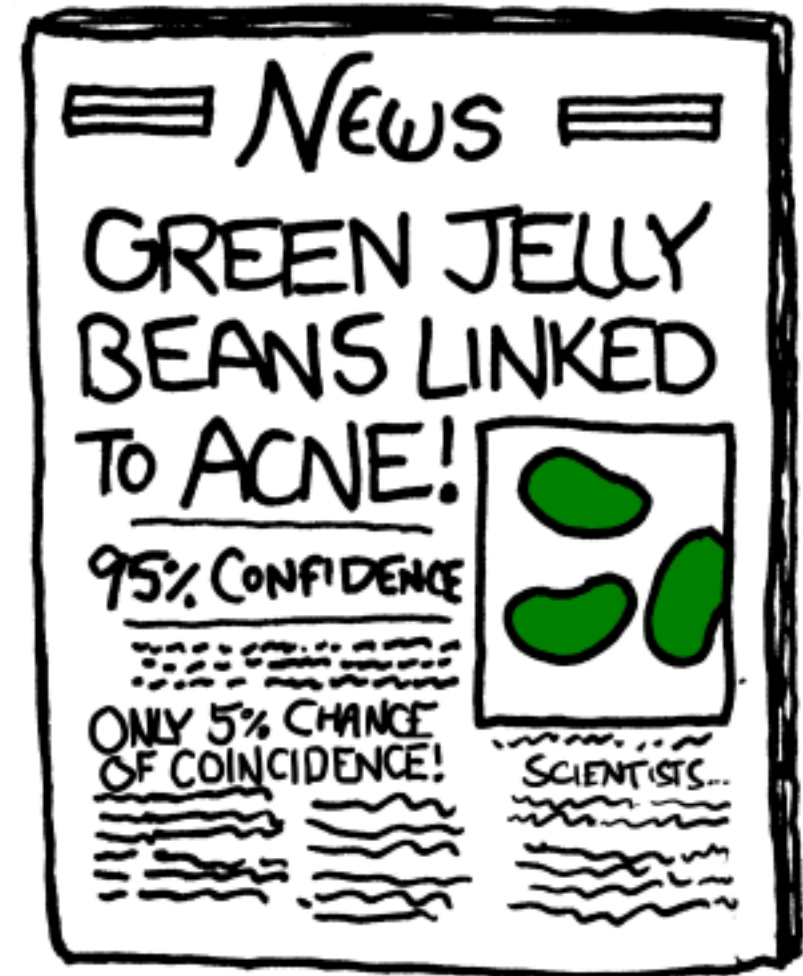
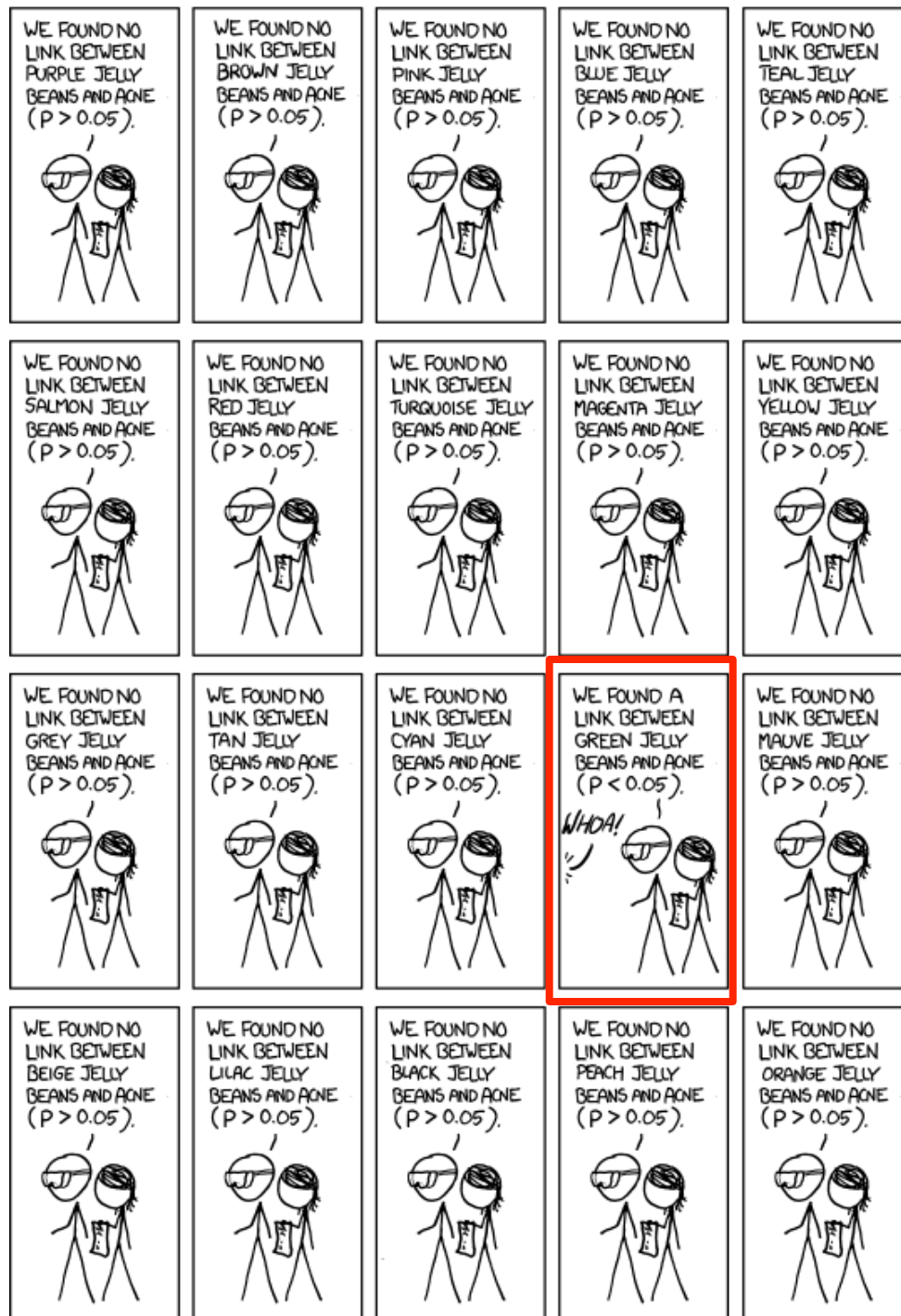
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green jelly beans!  
 $P \leq 0.05$

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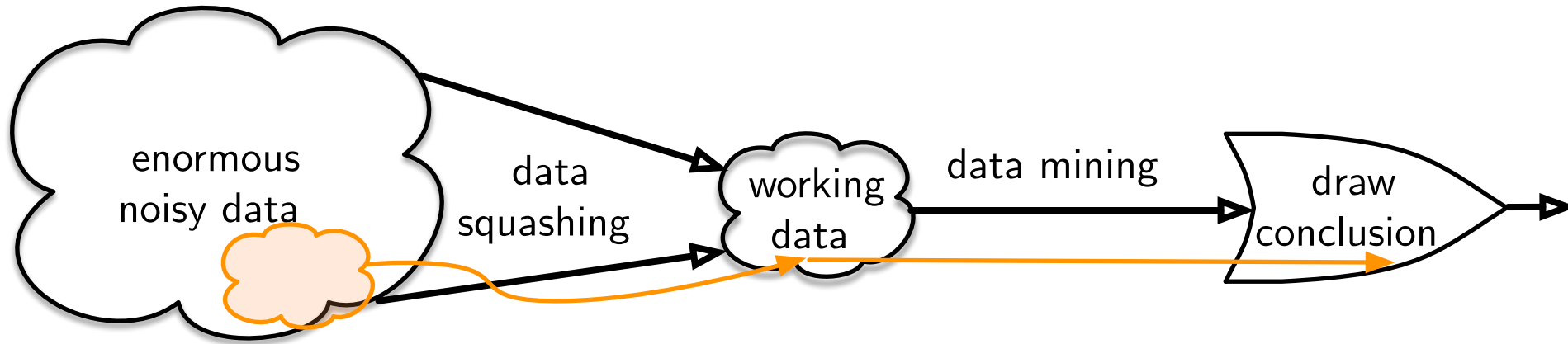
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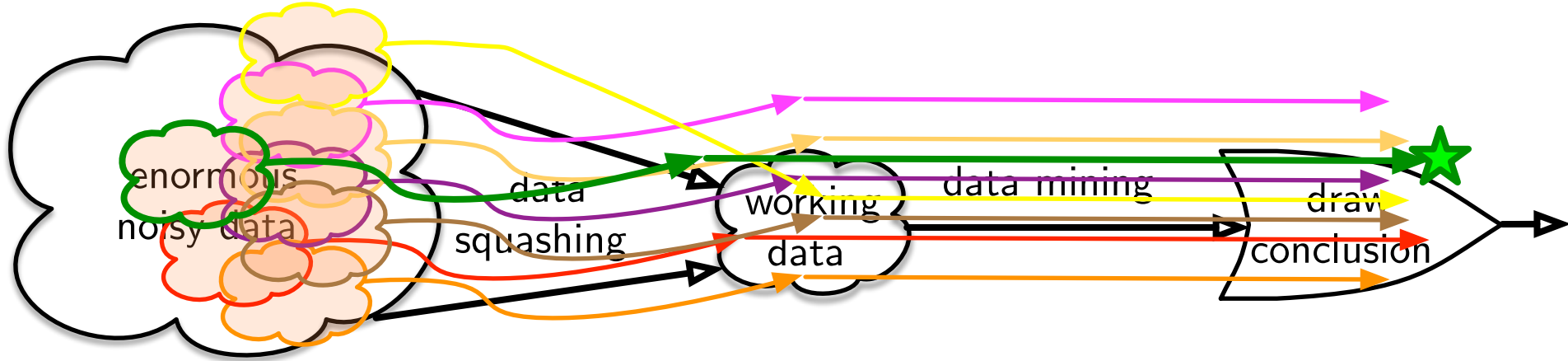
$$\frac{1}{20} = 0.05$$



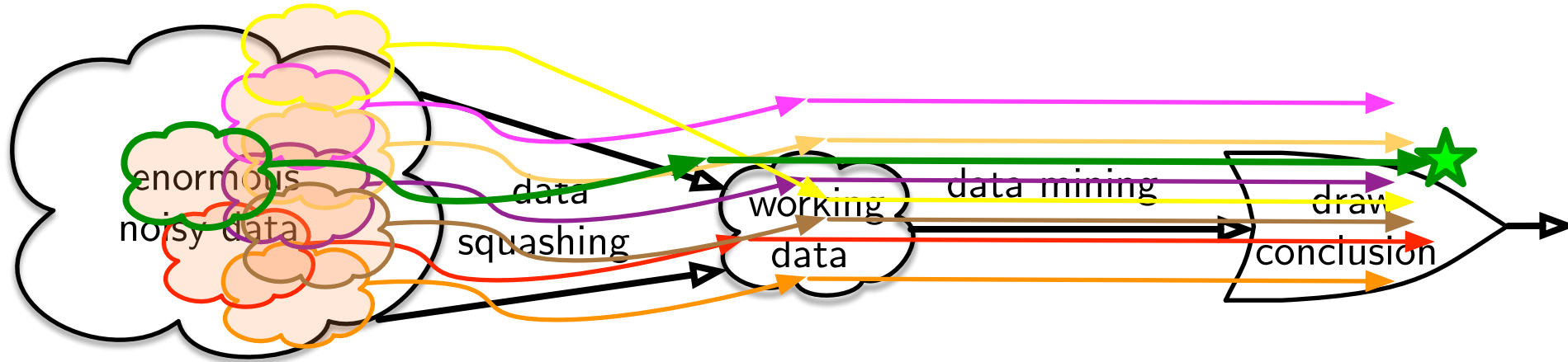
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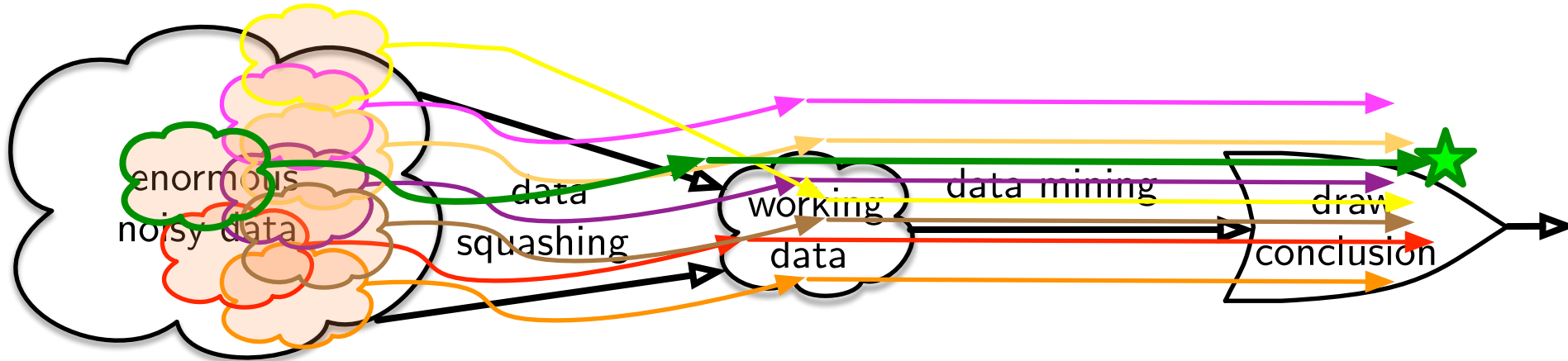
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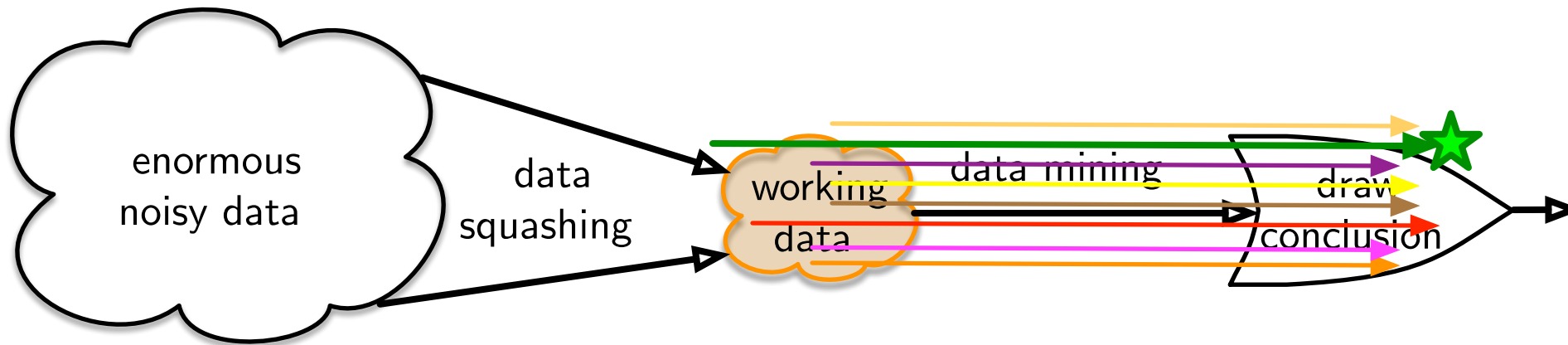
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20 hypotheses  
→  $\leq \frac{0.05}{20}$

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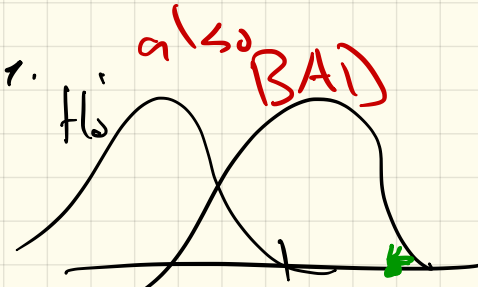
# Gelman + Loken 2013

① Exactly 1 Reasonable  $H_0$  (Fisher) OK

② Prestate / Pre-register hypothesis parameters OK



③ Fix test ahead of time. Use data to set parameters



④ P-hacking → Search parameter space for low p-value. **BAD**