WS #22 - Rejecting Null Hypotheses

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Have you ever had lunch with a professor? If so, who? If not, you should!

Task: Let's say you run 45 separate null and independent tests (at a 0.05 level of significance). That is, for each test the null hypothesis is true. And the 45 tests themselves are completely independent.

1. How many of the tests would you expect to be significant?
2. What is the probability that, out of the 45 null hypotheses, you reject at least one of them?

Solution:

1. We know that we reject 5% of null tests, so we'd expect to reject $45 \cdot 0.05 = 2.25$ of the tests.
2.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{rejecting at least one hypothesis}) &= P(\text{at least one type I error}) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{no type I errors}) \\ &= 1 - (1 - 0.05)^{45} \\ &= 0.9 \end{aligned}$$