Statistics 104 – Laboratory 11

Last week’s lab looked at confidence intervals for the proportion of a population of statistics students who have blue eyes. This week we will look at testing hypotheses about proportions for this population.

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