

Inference and simulation

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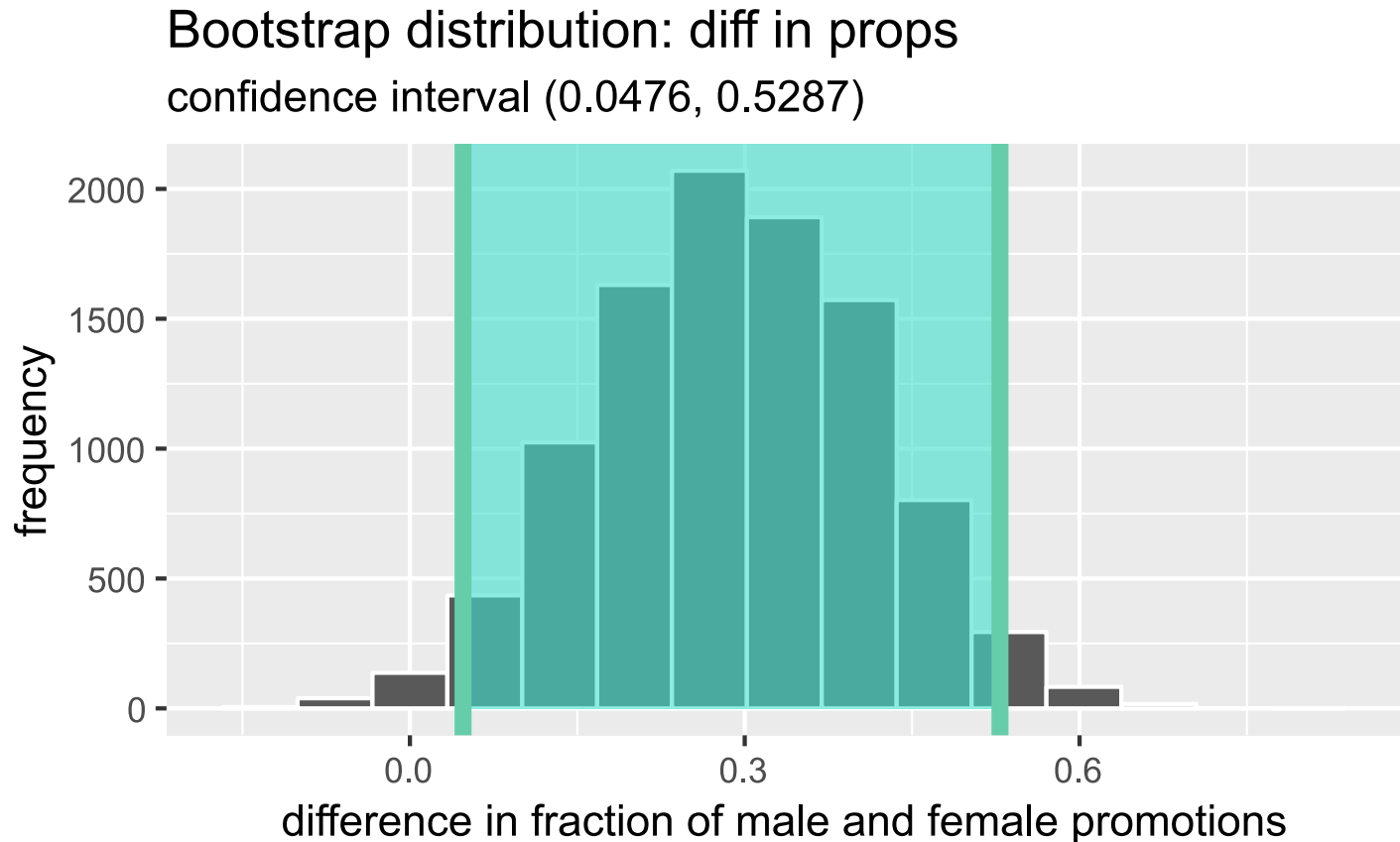
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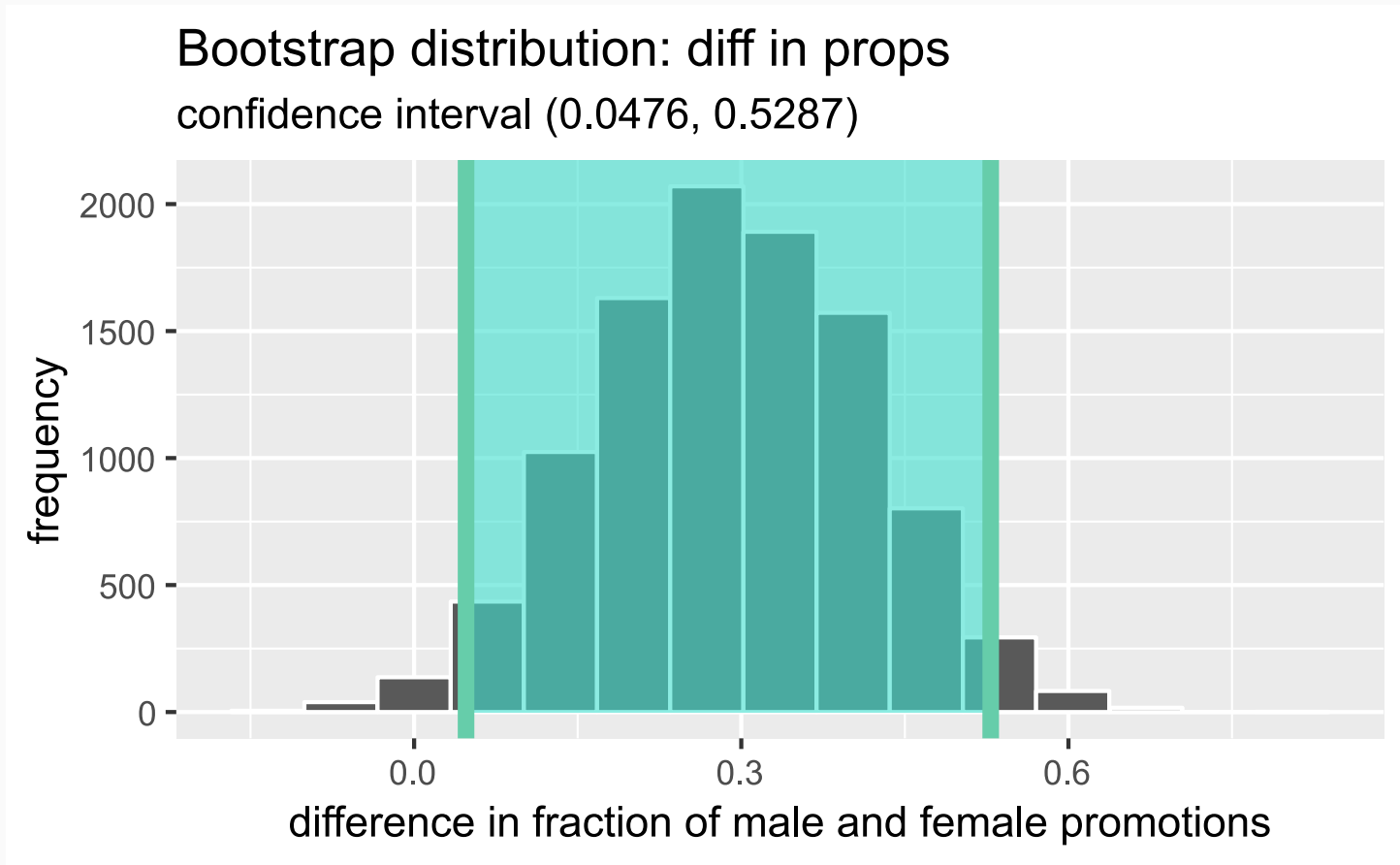
To visualize the confidence interval, we use the `visualize()` and `shade_confidence_interval` functions,

```
simulation_bootstrap %>%  
  visualize() +  
  shade_confidence_interval(simulation_ci)
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Interpretation: All else kept equal, men are, on average, between 4.8% to 52.9% more likely to be promoted than women.

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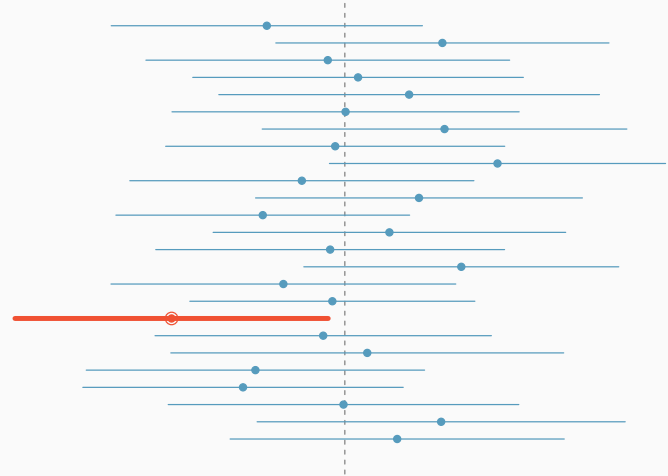
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- The figure shows this process with 25 samples, where 24 of the resulting confidence intervals contain the true average number of exclusive relationships, and one does not.



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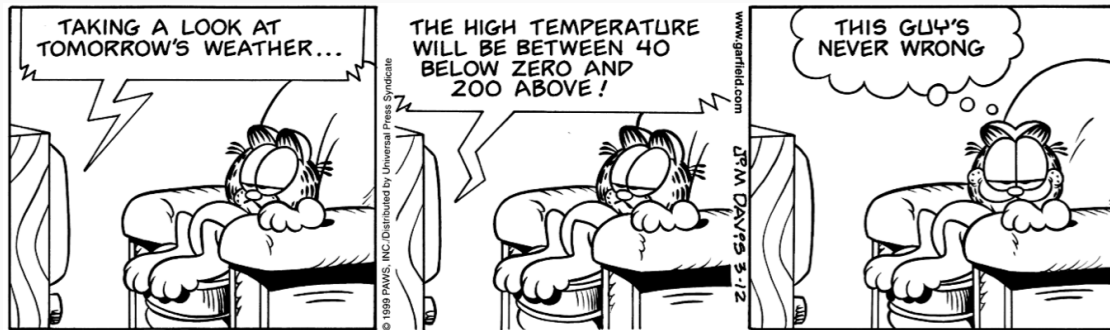
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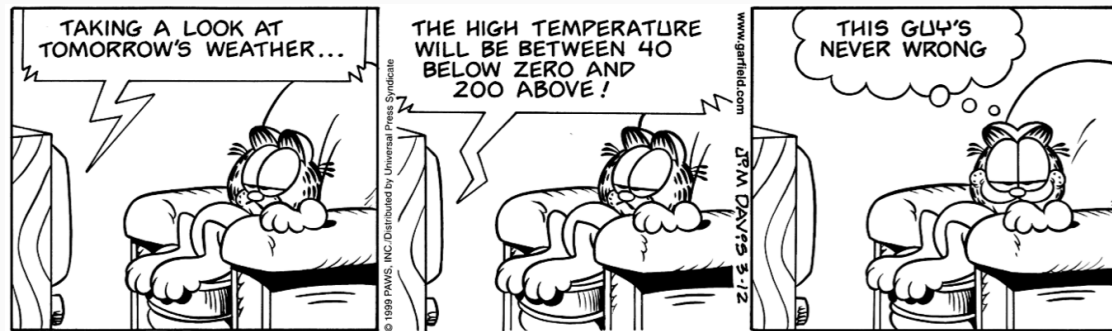
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Commonly used confidence levels in practice are 90%, 95%, 98%, and 99%.

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