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Core Data Concepts & Statistical Thinking for Everyday Decisions Playbook

The handful of statistical ideas that quietly improve every decision once you actually understand them

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Overview

A framework for building foundational statistical thinking applicable to everyday business decisions — understanding variation and noise, base rates, and regression to the mean — the small set of core concepts that, once genuinely internalized, improve judgment across virtually any data-informed decision regardless of role or function.

How is this different from the existing Data Fundamentals for

Business Users Playbook in this series? That playbook covers broad data literacy basics (terminology, tool familiarity, general concepts). This one focuses narrowly and deeply on a small set of statistical thinking concepts — variation, base rates, regression to the mean — that are foundational enough to matter across virtually every role, worth their own dedicated, deeper treatment.

Why these three specific concepts rather than a broader statistics

curriculum? These three — recognizing normal variation versus genuine signal, reasoning from base rates rather than vivid anecdotes, and understanding regression to the mean — are disproportionately useful relative to their complexity, and their absence causes some of the most common and consequential everyday reasoning errors across business contexts.

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