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Improved Inference for the Signal Significance

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We present a method for deriving signal significance p-values in the 5 sigma region for finite samples, to order $O(n^{-3/2})$, for a number of signal detection statistics (Wald, score, and likelihood ratio). Connection with the look elsewhere effect is discussed.

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