

Intro

The problem

observable difference in the realized rates \neq the null-hypothesis significance testing (NHST).

But this formulation provides the right answer to the wrong question posed; a question advanced as an integral part of the active management of the event.

This correct answer to the wrong question is what is known as a type III error (Schwartz and Carpenter 1999).

Guideline Explained



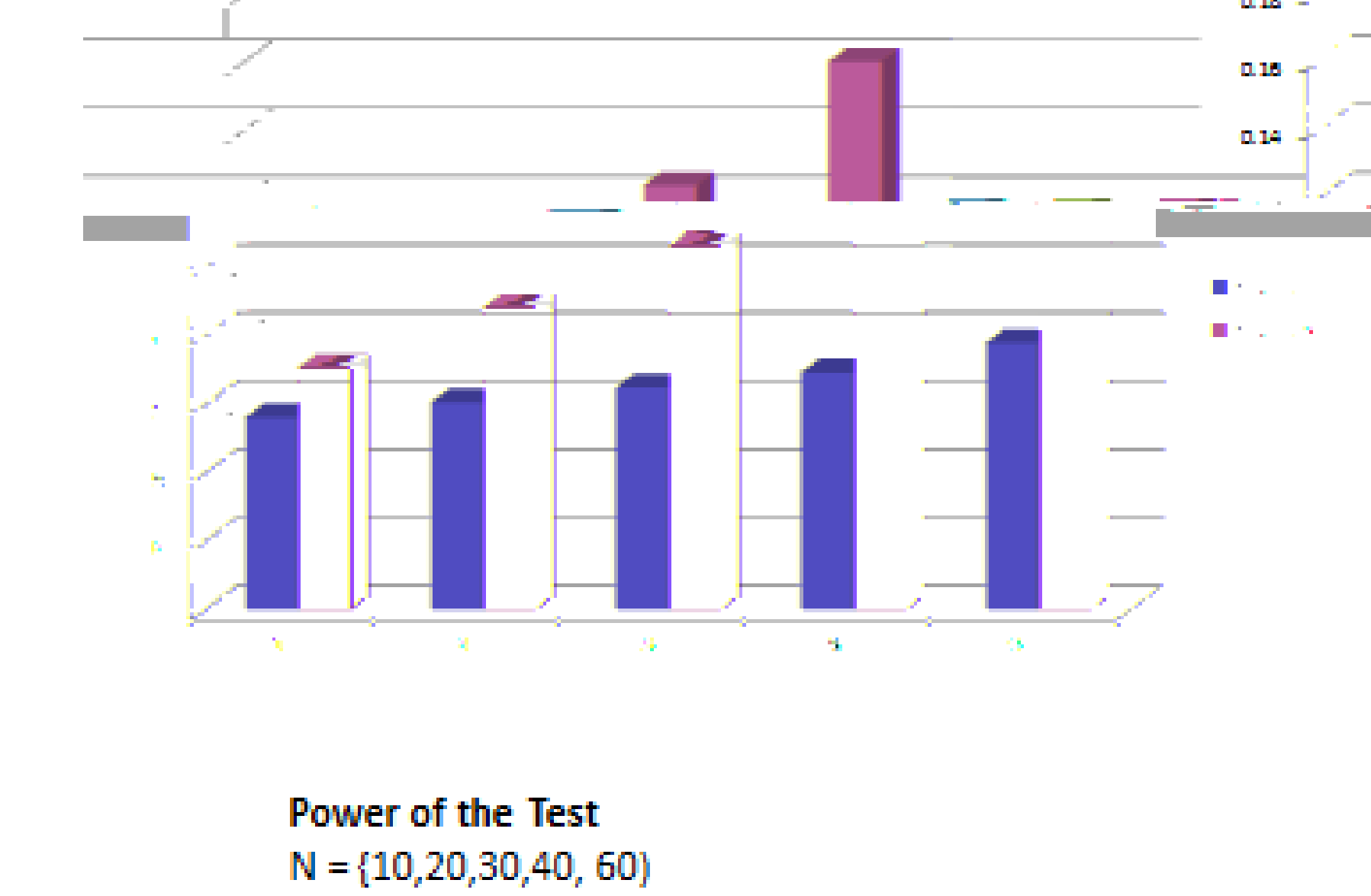
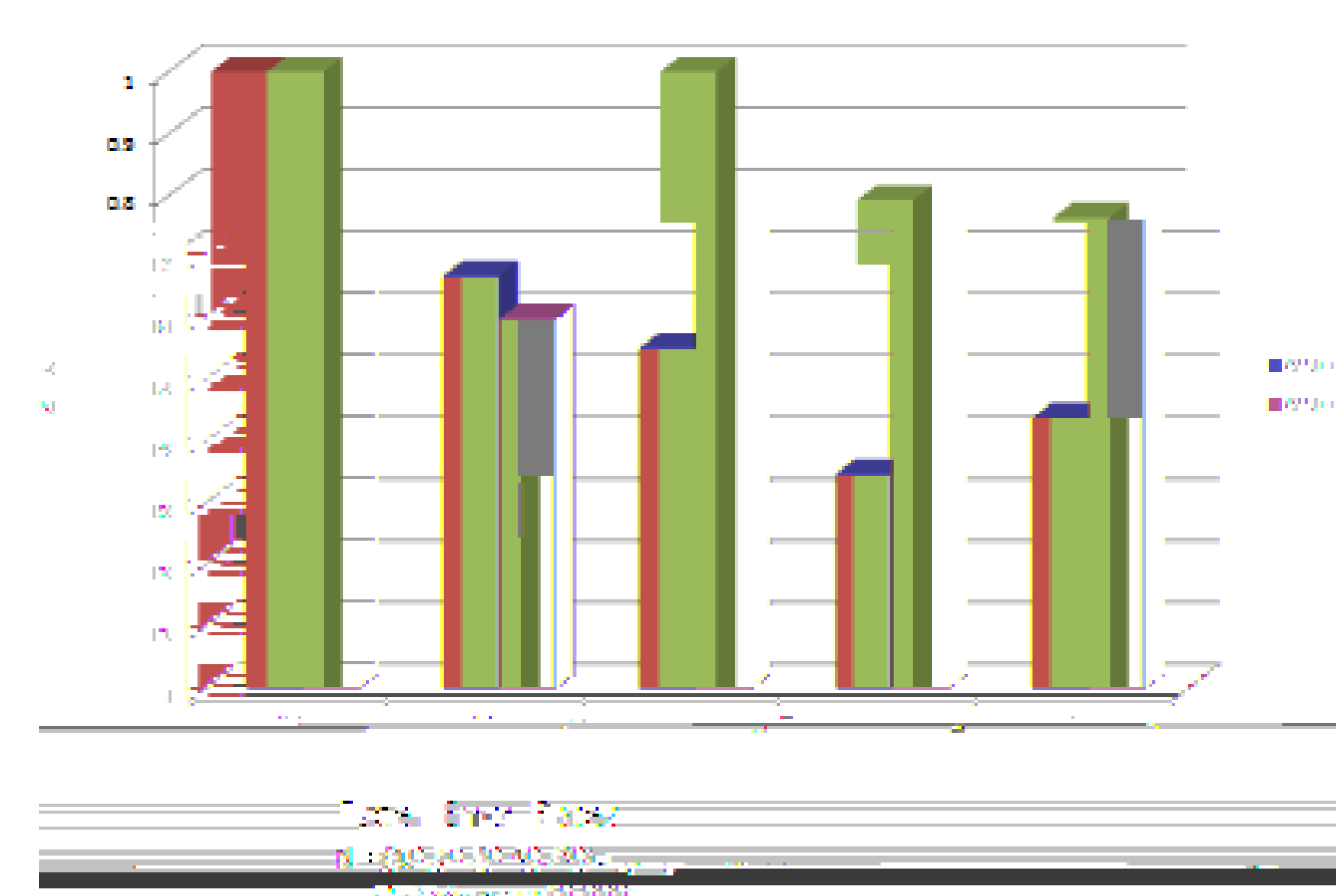
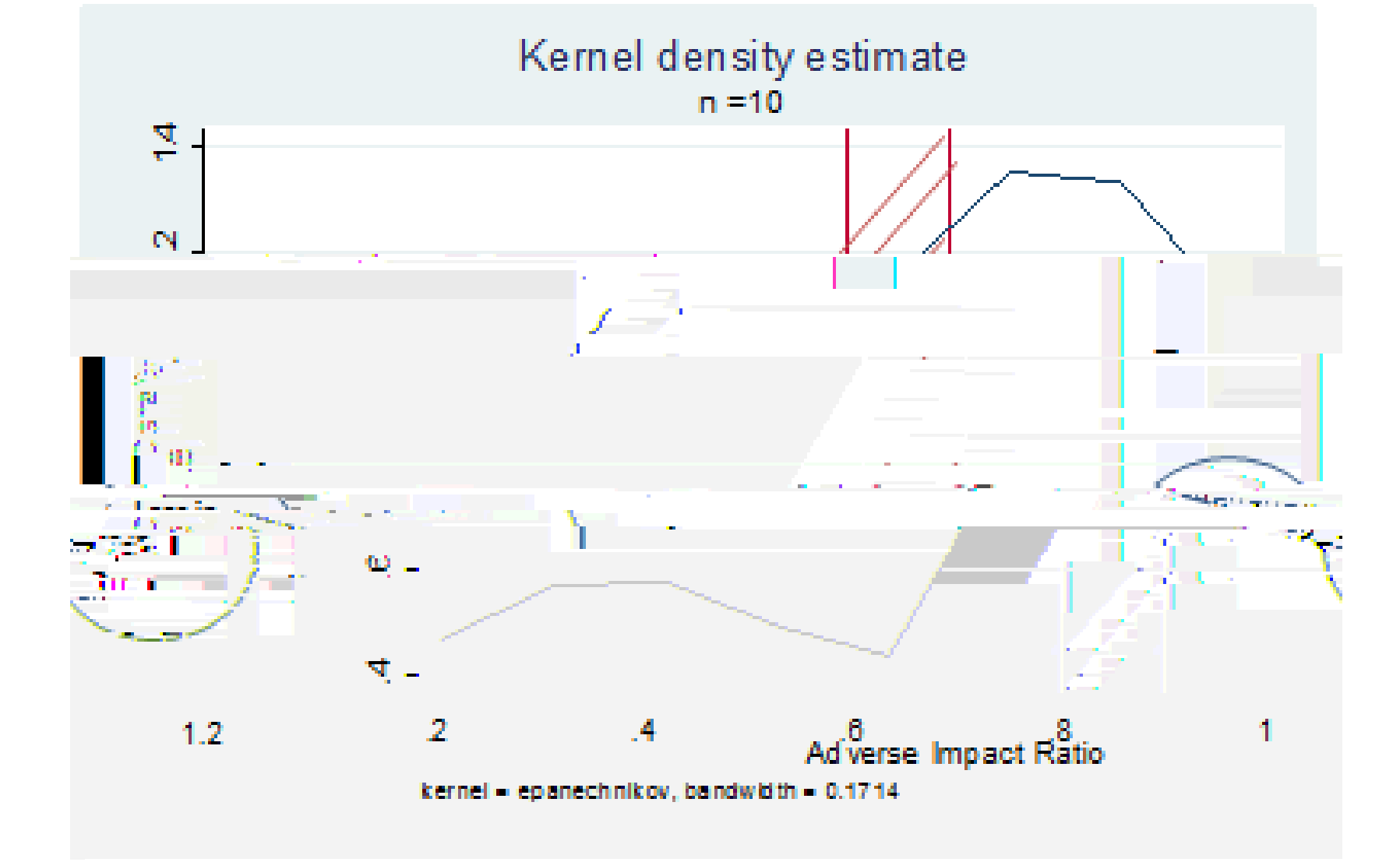
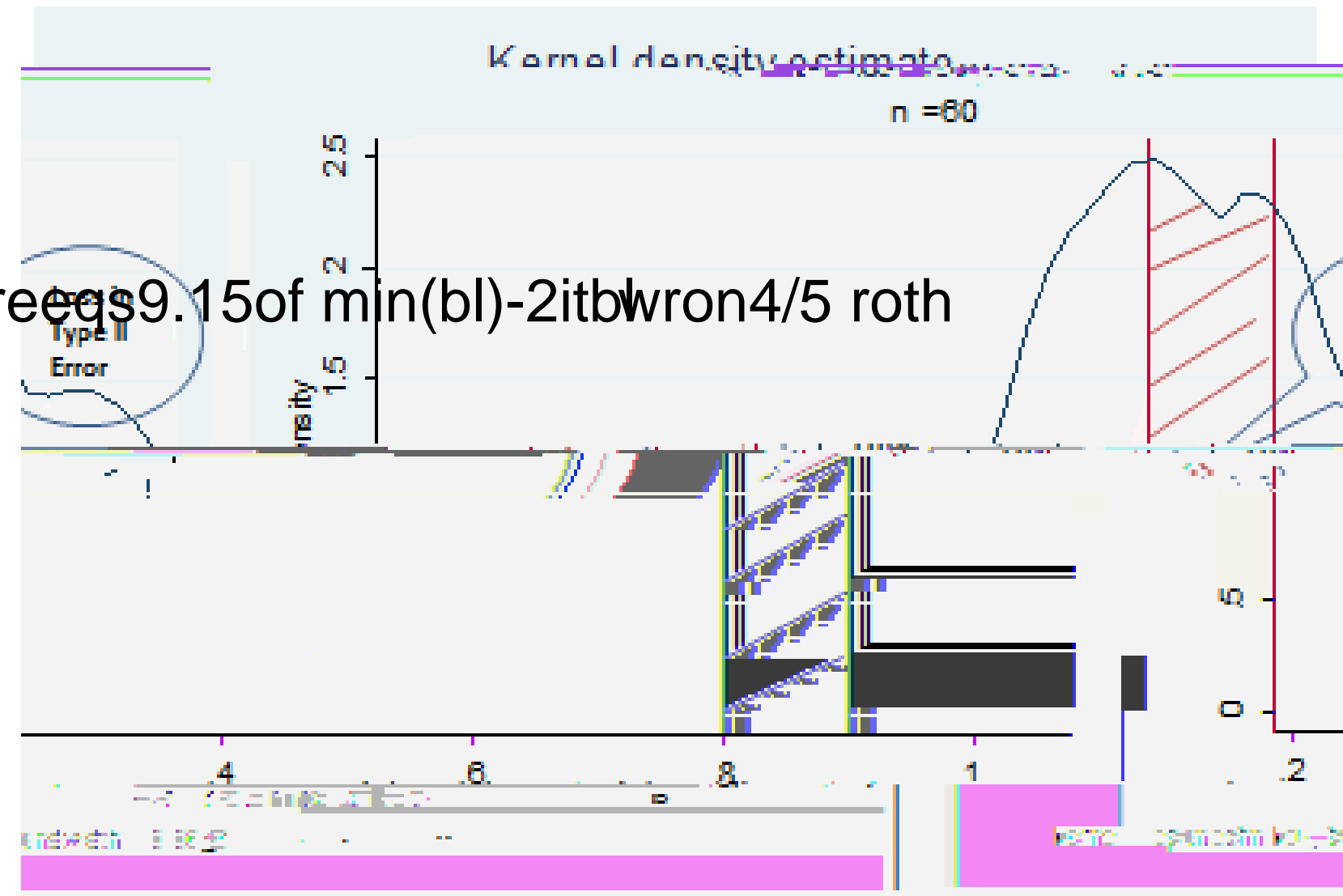
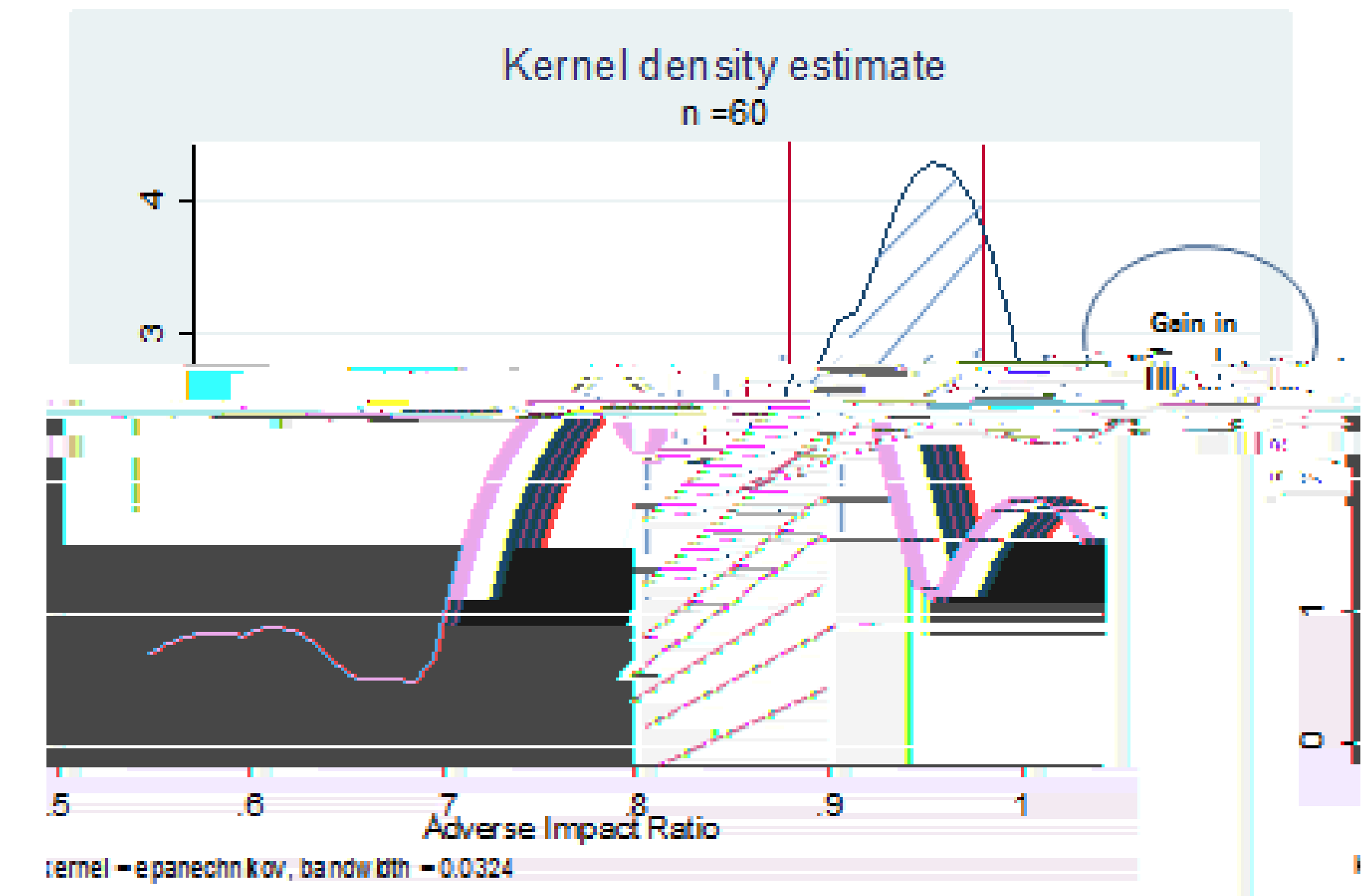
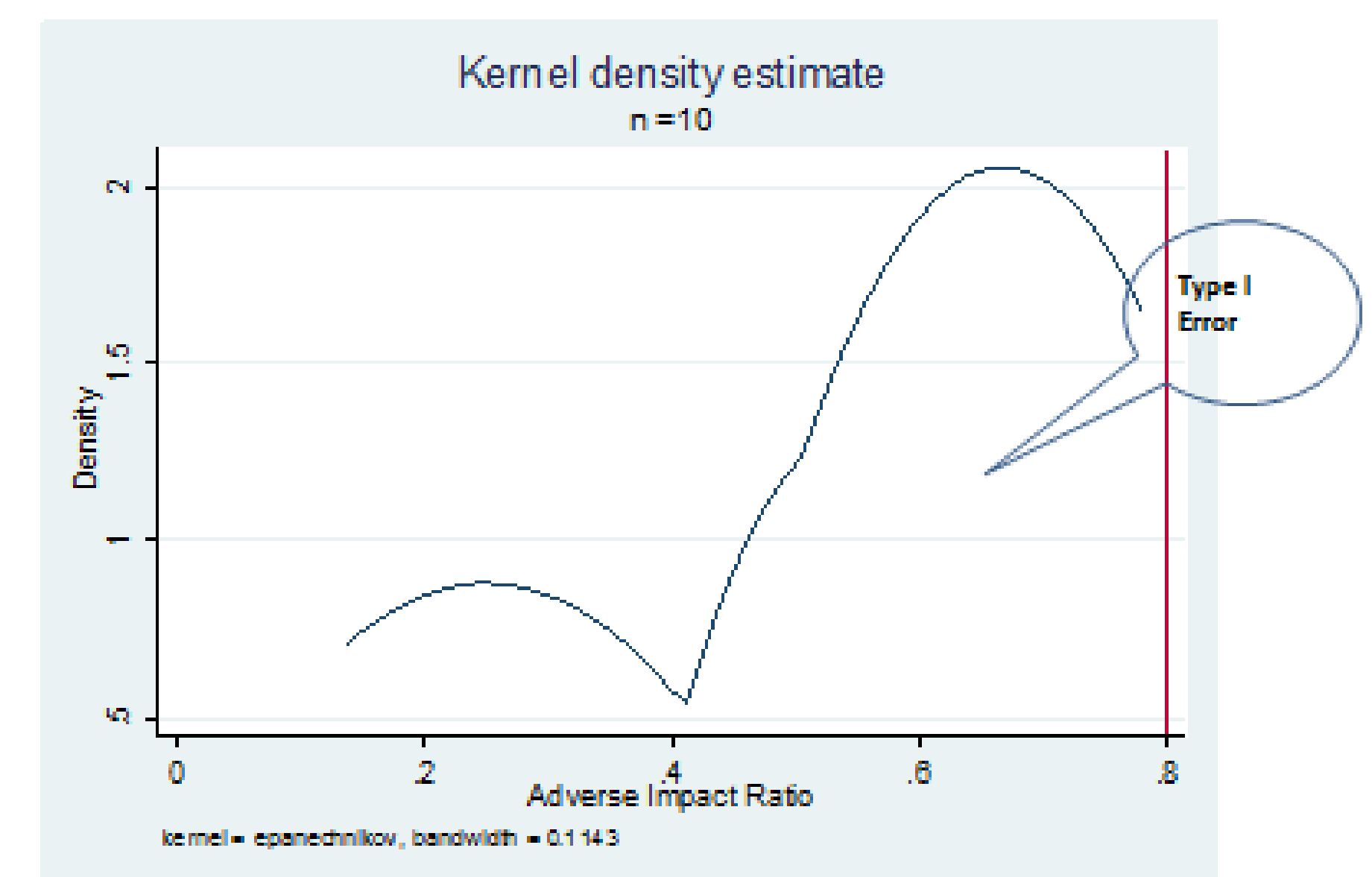
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Methods

We constructed STATA model to replicate the data generating process underscoring various Adverse Impact Ratio distributions. The generated distributions are parameterized by The SRs for each of two subgroups, a majority and a minority. The steps of the simulation are as follows:

- I. We chose an applicant pool of size, n, where $n = \{10, 20, 30, 40, 60\}$; a composition of the minority group within the pool (Pmin); and the pool selection rate (Psel).
- II. The number of minorities selected for each particular realization is a result of a random draw from a hypergeometric distribution with integer valued parameters; N is the population size, K is the number of elements in the population that have the attribute of interest, and n is the sample size.
- III. We estimate the realized distribution of the Adverse Impact Ratio (AIR).
- IV. We measure the Type I error rate for both adverse impact ratios, AIR = {0.8, 0.9} \neq assuming that the data generating process reflects an AIR of 1, i.e. a state of the world of no discrimination.
- V. We measure the Type II error rate for both adverse impact ratios, AIR = {0.8, 0.9} \neq assuming that the data generating process reflects an AIR of 0.5; i.e. a state of the world where discrimination is present.
- VI. This process is reproduced 10000 times via a Monte Carlo simulation

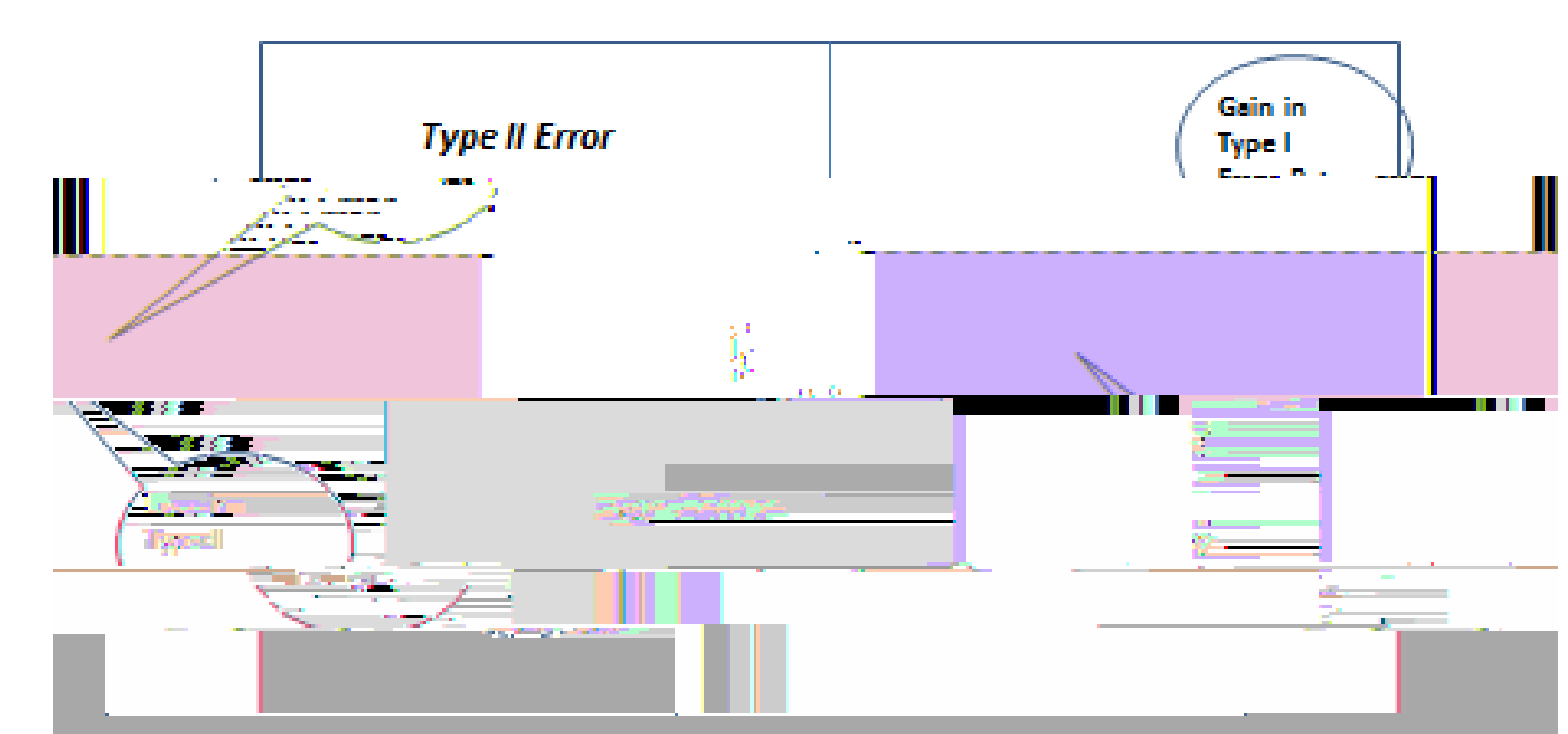
Results



Power of the Test
N = {10,20,30,40, 60}
Repetitions = 10,000

Conclusions

We conclude that raising the threshold ratio to establish a rebuttable presumption of discrimination from the current rule-of-thumb of 0.8 increases the likelihood of a plaintiff obtaining legal relief.



A type I error (false positive) will result in an actionable case in which adverse impact is not present, while a type II error (false negative) will result in a case that is not actionable, but in which adverse impact is present.

A type III error results when the case is not actionable, but it is for a reason other than a natural lack of adverse impact ² i.e. the use of a workforce intervention that results in an inorganic employment outcome.

By increasing the threshold, we raise the power of the test, thereby increasing the rate of type I errors and reducing the rate of type II errors.

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