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- \* determining the number of samples needed to find hot spots
- \* analyzing pollution data that are lognormally distributed
- \* testing for trends over time or space
- \* estimating the magnitude of trends
- \* comparing pollution data from two or more populations

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