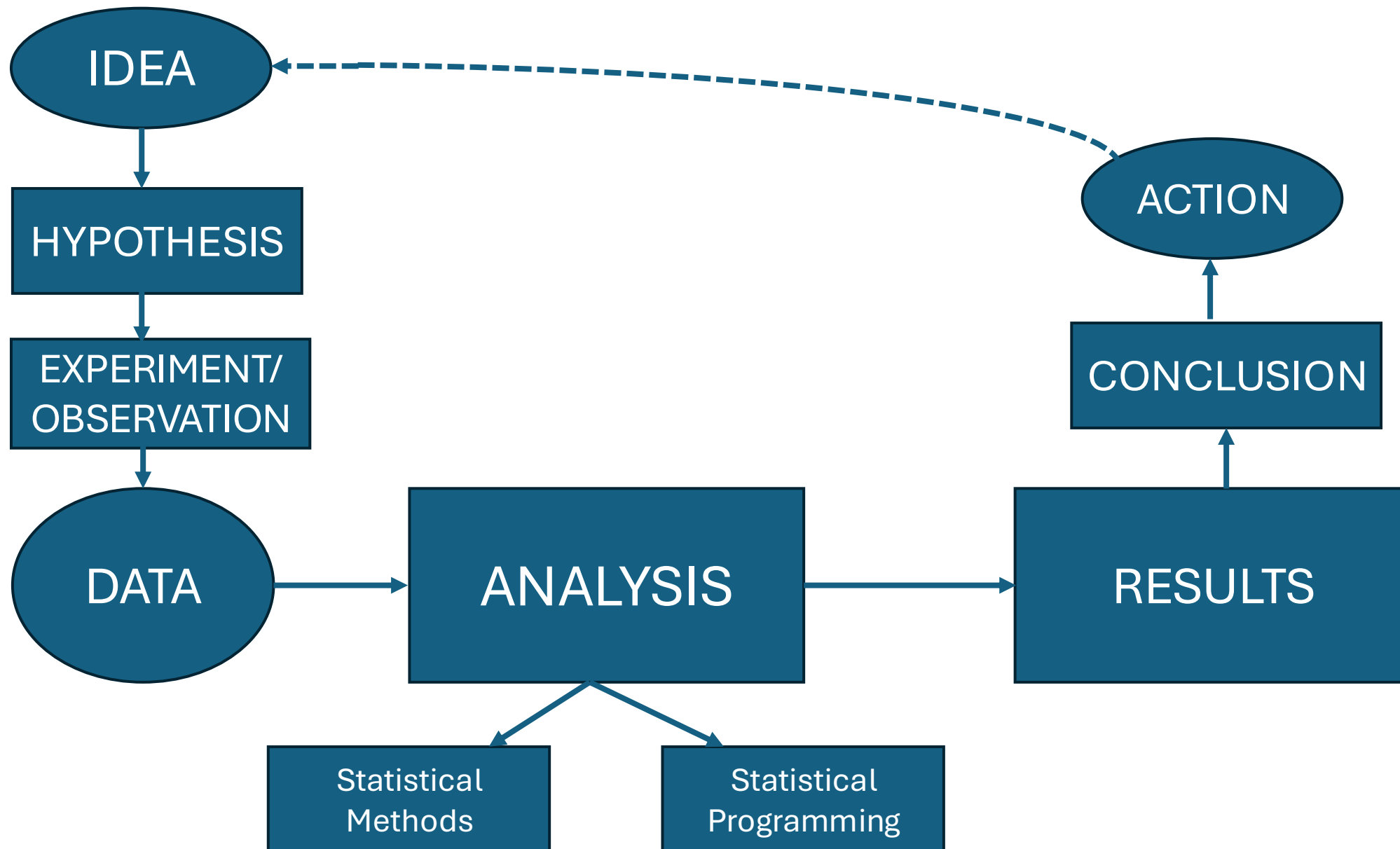


Module 4A: Hypothesis Testing

Applied Epistemology: A Framework for how we know things scientifically

Agenda:

- Working through examples of hypothesis testing
 - **Binomial Example**
 - χ^2 Goodness of fit tests



Your pipeline for hypothesis testing in statistics

Step 1

Formulate your **null hypothesis**

- Null hypothesis is **only** hypothesis that is tested
- Falsification: *want* to reject your null



Step 2

Identify appropriate **test statistic**

- Assumptions of your test



Step 3

Quantify the results of your test

- **P value** or comparison to **critical values**
- How *unusual* is your data?



Step 4

Conclude: reject or fail to reject

- based on alpha value
- if appropriate, confidence interval of the parameter

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Data from the 2004 Olympics in combat sports: wrestling, taekwondo and boxing.

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16 out of **20 rounds** had more red-shirted than blue-shirted winners in the 2004 Olympics in wrestling, taekwondo and boxing.

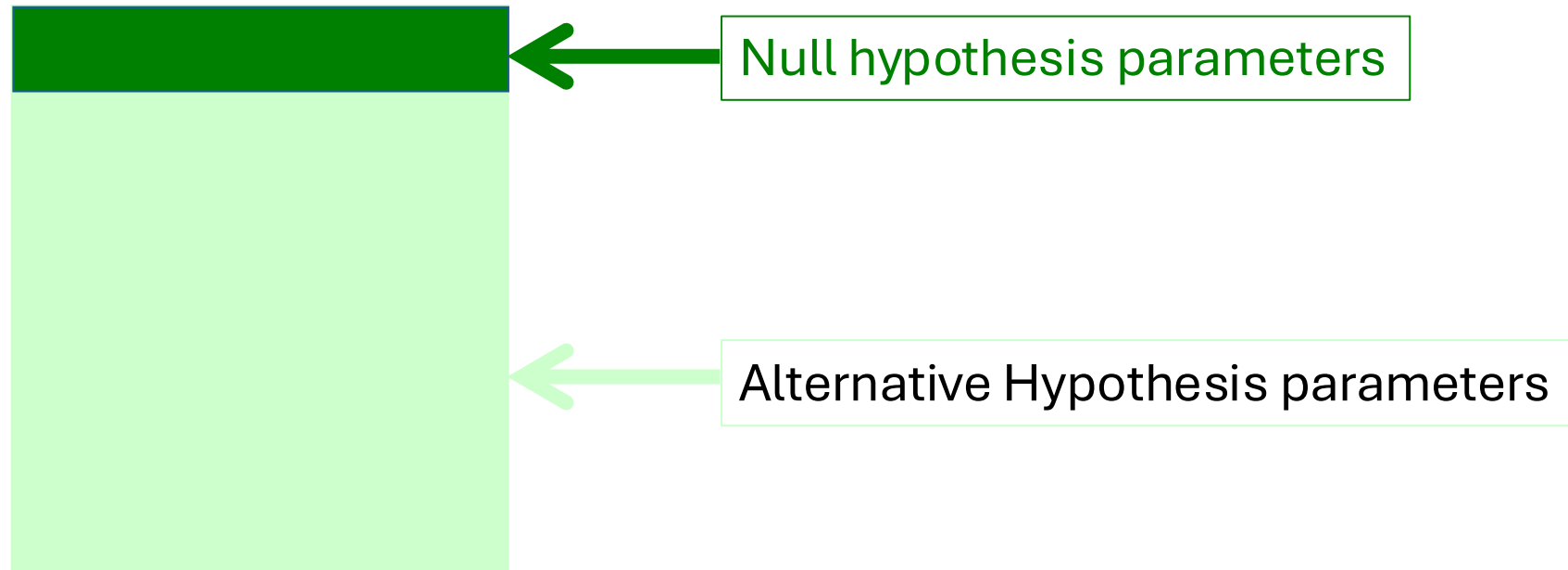
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Step 1: Formulate Hypothesis

Four steps in hypothesis testing:

1. Formulate Hypothesis

- o Most of the mental effort
- o Quantifies how unusual data is *if you assume that the null hypothesis is true*
- o H_0 and H_A - mutually exclusive



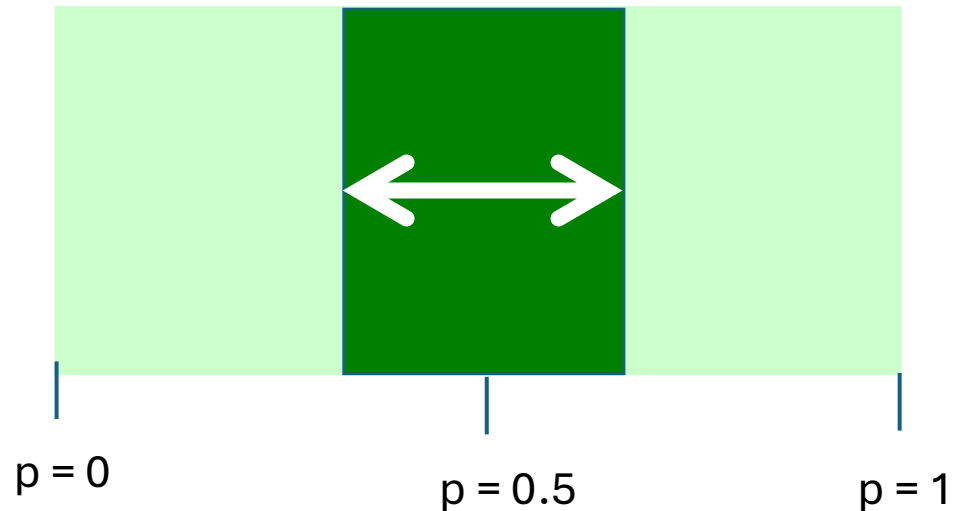
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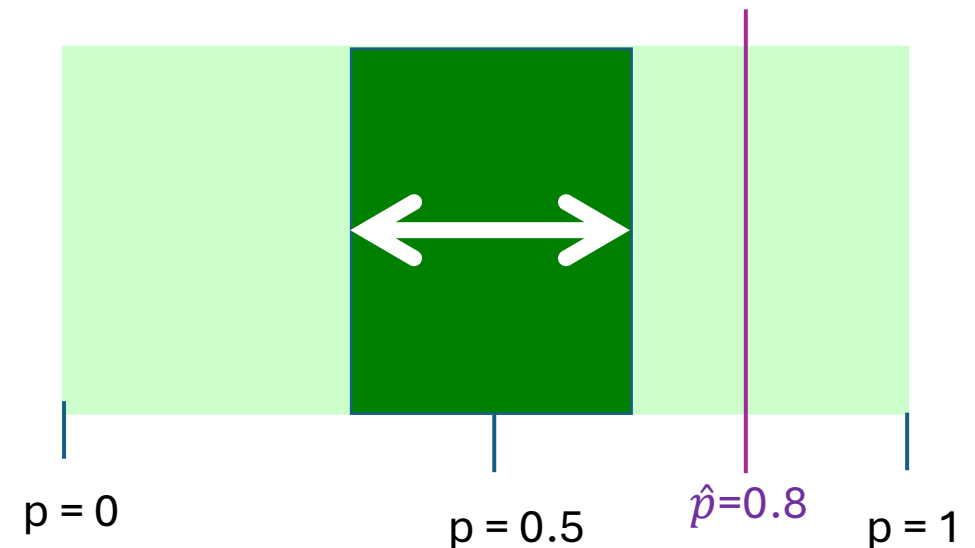
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--> proportion = **0.8**

This is a discrepancy of **0.3** from H_0 . Can it be due to chance alone?



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binomial calculator

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Computational Inputs:

Assuming probabilities for the binomial distribution | Use [binomial coefficient calculator](#) instead

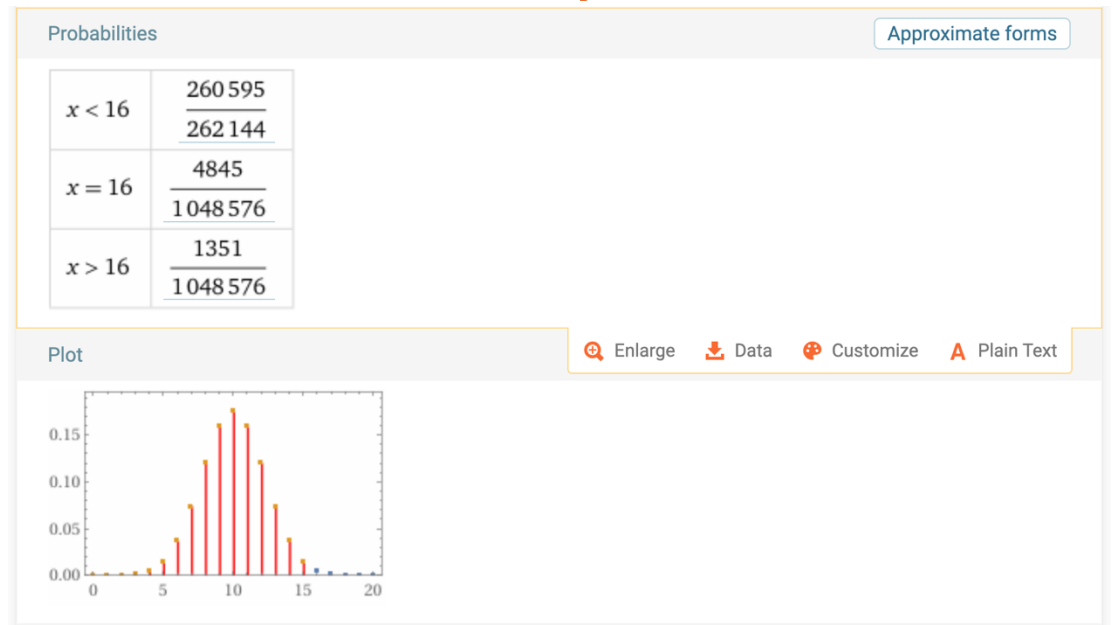
» number of trials: 20

» success probability: 1/2

» endpoint: 16

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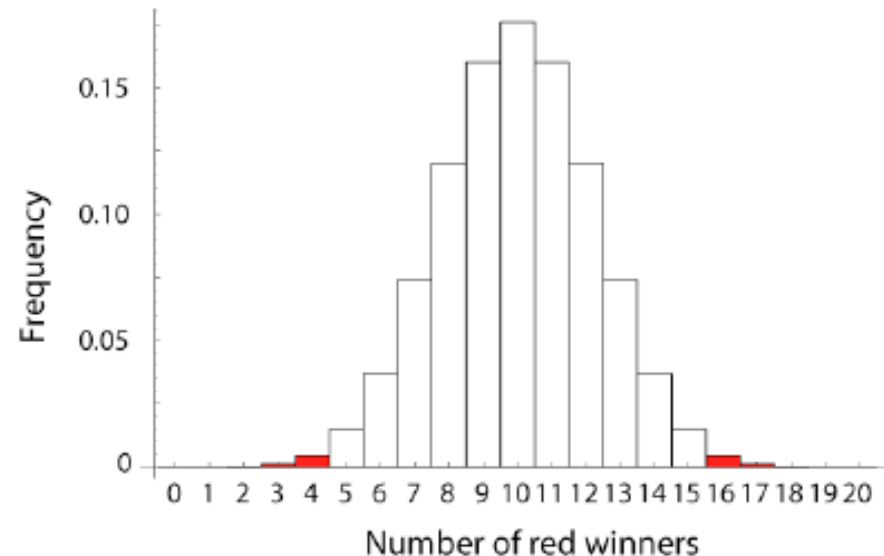
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Null Distribution of the sample proportion

The Binomial Distribution
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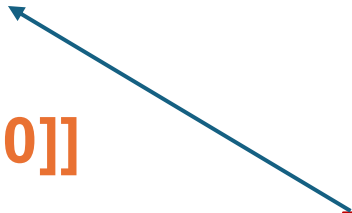
The P-value from the null distribution of the proportion is calculated as:

$$P = [P[0]+P[1]+P[2]+P[3]+P[4]+P[16]+P[17]+P[18]+P[19]+P[20]]$$

= due to symmetry

$$= 2 \times P[16] + P[17] + P[18] + P[19] + P[20]$$

$$= 0.012$$


$$P\left(\frac{20}{16}\right) = \frac{20!}{16!4!} 0.5^{16} (1 - 0.5)^4$$

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What is alpha?

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Step 3(b): Compare to a fixed significance

$\alpha = 0.05$ and P-value = 0.012

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Step 4: ALWAYS CONCLUDE

Athletes in red and blue shirts are not equally likely to win

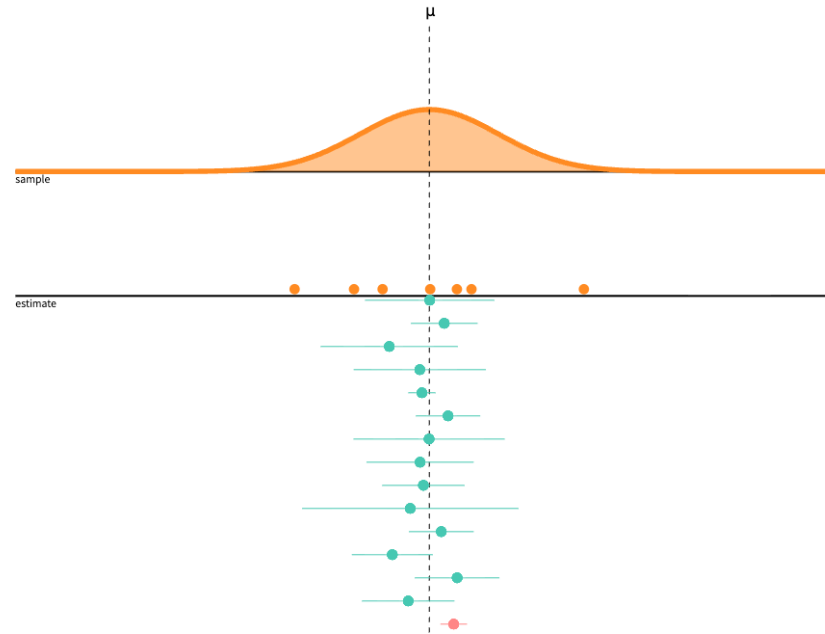
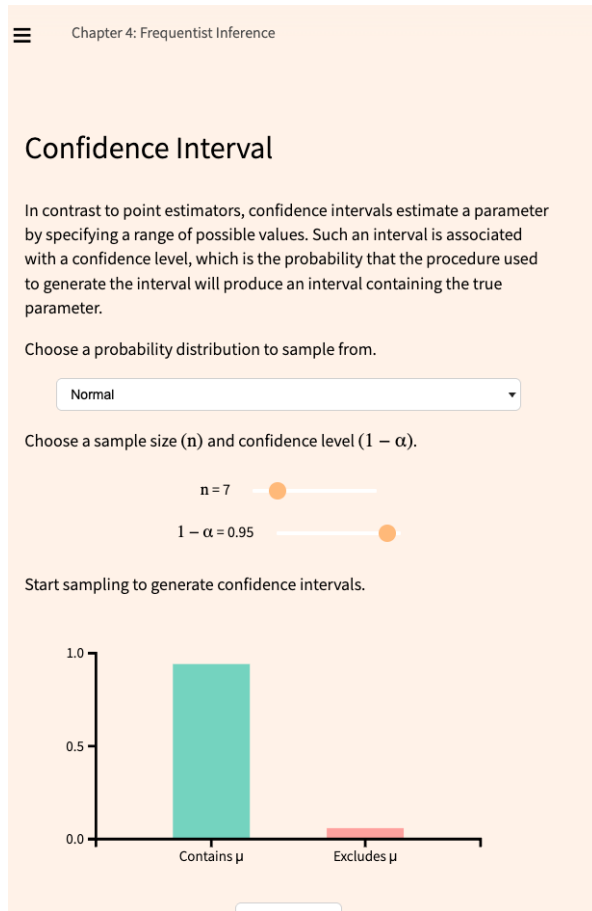
(normally, we also put a confidence interval or any additional information to support our conclusion here, such as confidence interval, effect size calculation or whatever additional evidence is appropriate for your model.)

$$\hat{p} - 1.96 * \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{20}} < p < \hat{p} + 1.96 * \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{20}}$$

For Confidence Interval 95%: $0.625 < p < 0.975$

Follow up study → <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-024-81373-3>

Confidence Intervals



<https://seeing-theory.brown.edu/frequentist-inference/index.html#section2>

95% CI means that if we repeated the study many times, 95% of those intervals would capture the true μ , not that there's a 95% chance *this* one does

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