

Proof by Contradiction

Example

- Given $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$,
 $p^2 = 2q^2$, and p is even. Then q is odd.
- Since p is even, $p = 2k$.
So $p^2 = 4k^2 = 2q^2$ and $q^2 = 2k^2$. Then q is even.
- q cannot be both odd and even, therefore $\sqrt{2}$ cannot be rational

Null Hypothesis Test