

1. Problem:

It is generally accepted that a population's proportion is 0.523. However, you think that maybe the population proportion is under 0.523, so you decide to run a one-tail hypothesis test with a significance level of 0.025 with a sample size of 600.

Then, when you collect the random sample, you find its proportion is 0.482. Do you reject or retain the null hypothesis?

- (a) What type of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses.
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.

Solution: A left-tail proportion test is appropriate. State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.523$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p < 0.523$$

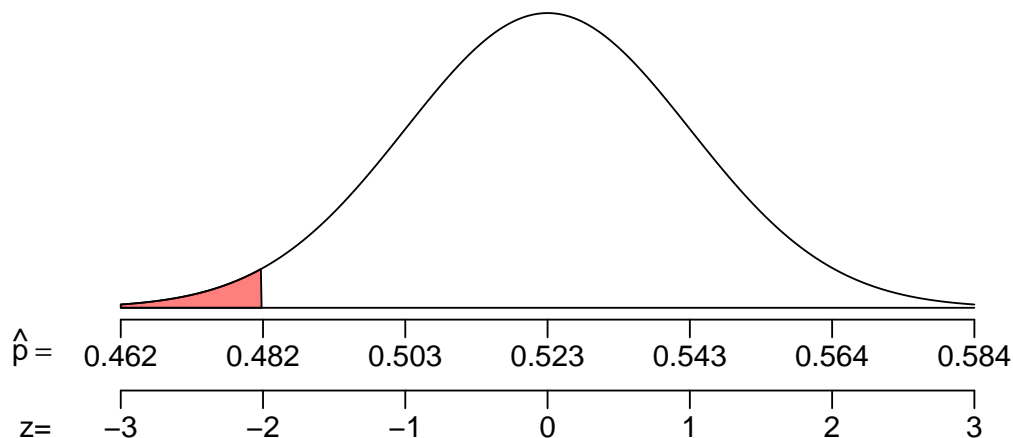
Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.523(1 - 0.523)}{600}} = 0.0204$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.482 - 0.523}{0.0204} = -2.01$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a left area.



To determine that left area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(\hat{p} < 0.482) \\ &= P(Z < -2.01) \\ &= 0.0222 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.025).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) A left-tail (one-tail) proportion test is appropriate.
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.523$ and H_A claims $p < 0.523$.
- (c) The p -value is 0.0222
- (d) We reject the null hypothesis.

2. Problem:

A new virus has been devastating corn production. When exposed, 17.4% of common seedlings die within a week. We are trying to develop a resistant strain of corn.

When we expose 500 seedlings of our strain to the virus, 14.8% die within a week. Using a significance level of 0.1, can we conclude that our strain is significantly more resistant?

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do we think our strain is significantly more resistant?

Solution: This is a left-tail (one-tail) proportion test because we only care whether a lower percentage of seedlings will die.

State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.174$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p < 0.174$$

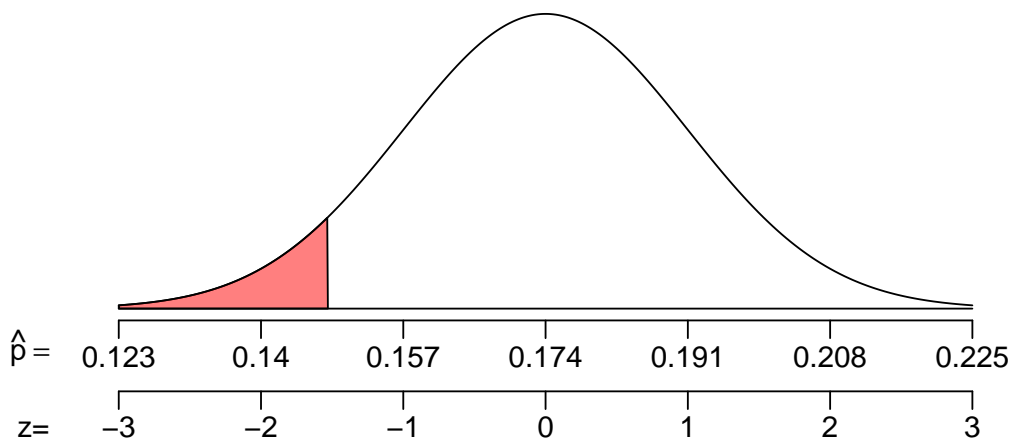
Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.174(1-0.174)}{500}} = 0.017$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.148 - 0.174}{0.017} = -1.53$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a left area.



To determine that left area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(\hat{p} < 0.148) \\ &= P(Z < -1.53) \\ &= 0.063 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.1).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we reject the null hypothesis.

We think our strain is more resistant than common corn.

- Left-tail (one-tail) proportion test
- Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.174$ and H_A claims $p < 0.174$.
- The p -value is 0.063
- We reject the null hypothesis.
- We think our strain is more resistant than common corn.

3. Problem:

It is generally accepted that a population's proportion is 0.628. However, you think that maybe the population proportion is over 0.628, so you decide to run a one-tail hypothesis test with a significance level of 0.1 with a sample size of 3000.

Then, when you collect the random sample, you find its proportion is 0.64. Do you reject or retain the null hypothesis?

- (a) What type of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses.
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.

Solution: A right-tail proportion test is appropriate. State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.628$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p > 0.628$$

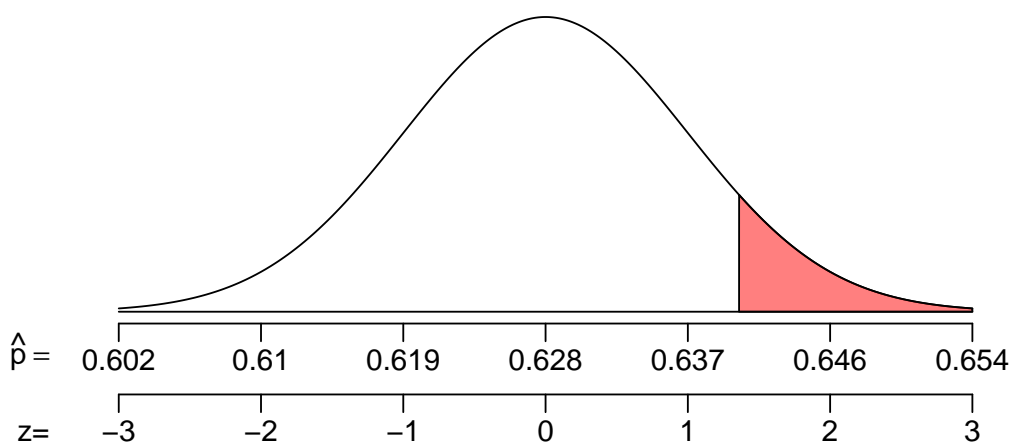
Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.628(1-0.628)}{3000}} = 0.00882$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.64 - 0.628}{0.00882} = 1.36$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a right area.



To determine that right area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(\hat{p} > 0.64) \\ &= P(Z > 1.36) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 1.36) \\ &= 0.0869 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.1).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) A right-tail (one-tail) proportion test is appropriate.
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.628$ and H_A claims $p > 0.628$.
- (c) The p -value is 0.0869
- (d) We reject the null hypothesis.

4. Problem:

A student is taking a multiple choice test with 700 questions. Each question has 5 choices. You want to detect whether the student does better than random guessing, so you decide to run a hypothesis test with a significance level of 0.025.

Then, the student takes the test and gets 158 questions correct.

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do we think the student did significantly better than random guessing?

Solution: This is a right-tail (one-tail) proportion test because we only care whether the student does better than random.

Determine the null population proportion.

$$p_0 = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$$

State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.2$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p > 0.2$$

Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.2(1-0.2)}{700}} = 0.0151$$

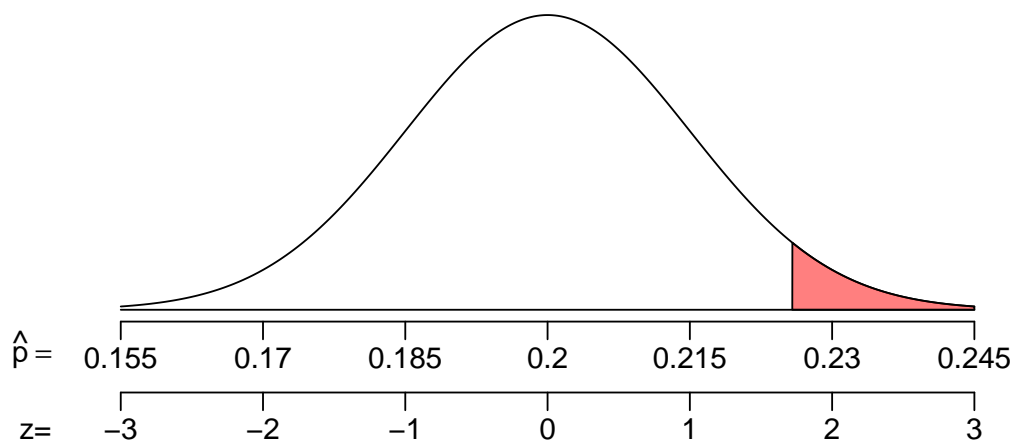
Determine the sample proportion.

$$\hat{p} = \frac{158}{700} = 0.226$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.226 - 0.2}{0.0151} = 1.72$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a right area.



To determine that right area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(\hat{p} > 0.226) \\ &= P(Z > 1.72) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 1.72) \\ &= 0.0427 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.025).

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we retain the null hypothesis.

We think the student might just be guessing.

- (a) Right tail (one-tail) proportion test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.2$ and H_A claims $p > 0.2$.
- (c) The p -value is 0.0427
- (d) We retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) We think the student might just be guessing.

5. Problem:

It is generally accepted that a population's proportion is 0.606. However, you think that maybe the population proportion is different than 0.606, so you decide to run a two-tail hypothesis test with a significance level of 0.2 with a sample size of 900.

Then, when you collect the random sample, you find its proportion is 0.624. Do you reject or retain the null hypothesis?

- (a) What type of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses.
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.

Solution: State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.606$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p \neq 0.606$$

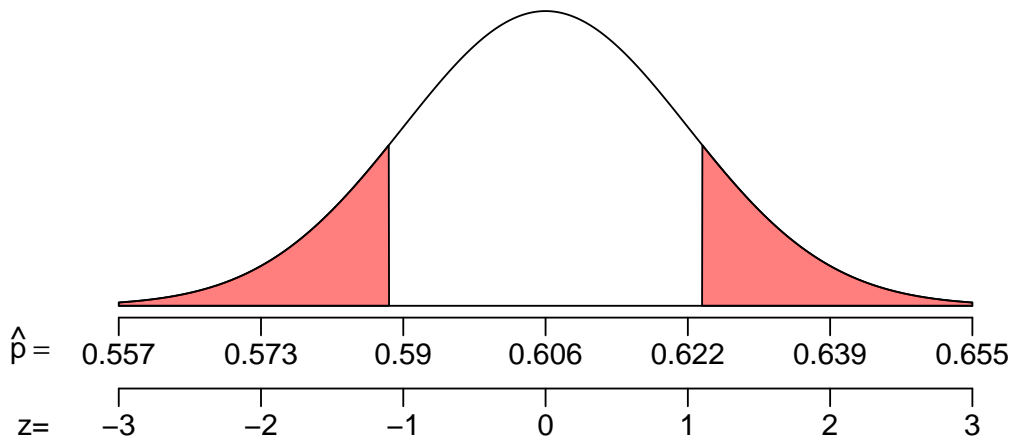
Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.606(1-0.606)}{900}} = 0.0163$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.624 - 0.606}{0.0163} = 1.1$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a two-tail area.



To determine that two-tail area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(|Z| > 1.1) \\ &= 2 \cdot P(Z < -1.1) \\ &= 0.2714 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.2).

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we don't reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) A two-tail proportion test is appropriate.
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.606$ and H_A claims $p \neq 0.606$.
- (c) The p -value is 0.2714
- (d) We don't reject the null hypothesis.

6. Problem:

A fair coin should have a 50% chance of landing on either side. Someone is mildly suspicious that a coin is unfair.

You are asked to judge the fairness of the coin by flipping it 600 times and counting how many heads are flipped. You are told to use a significance level of 0.04.

Then, you actually flip the coin 600 times and get 327 heads. Should we conclude this coin is unfair?

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do you think the coin is unfair?

Solution: We should use a two-tail proportion test.

State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } p = 0.5$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } p \neq 0.5$$

Determine the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{600}} = 0.0204$$

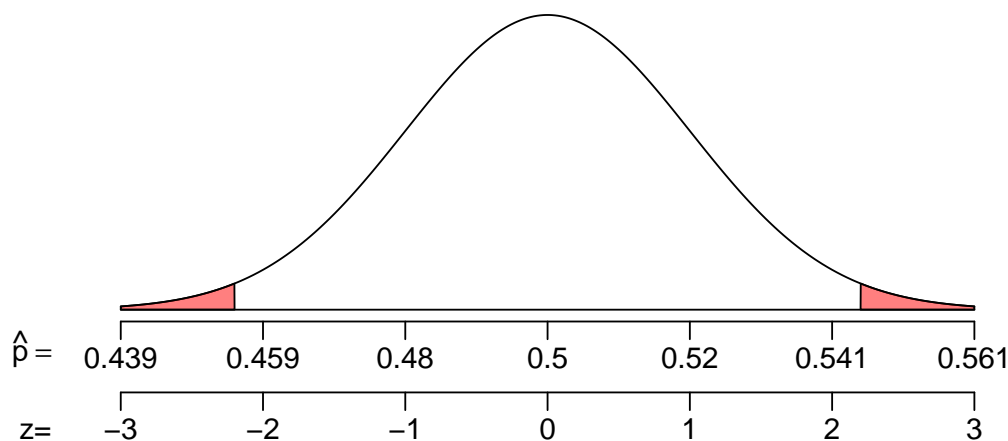
Determine the sample proportion.

$$\hat{p} = 0.545$$

Determine a z score. For simplicity, we ignore the continuity correction.

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sigma_{\hat{p}}} = \frac{0.545 - 0.5}{0.0204} = 2.2$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution. The p -value is a two-tail area.



To determine that two-tail area, we use the z table.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(|Z| > 2.2) \\ &= 2 \cdot P(Z < -2.2) \\ &= 0.0278 \end{aligned}$$

Compare p -value to α (which is 0.04).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Make the conclusion: we reject the null hypothesis.

We conclude the coin is unfair.

- (a) Two-tail proportion test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $p = 0.5$ and H_A claims $p \neq 0.5$.
- (c) The p -value is 0.0278
- (d) We reject the null hypothesis.
- (e) We conclude the coin is unfair.

7. Problem:

A null hypothesis claims a population has a mean $\mu = 220$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 35$. You decide to run one-tail test on a sample of size $n = 83$ using a significance level $\alpha = 0.1$ to detect if the actual population mean is less than 220. You then collect the sample and find it has mean $\bar{x} = 214.35$.

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.

Solution: We should use a left-tail test of population mean.

State the hypotheses:

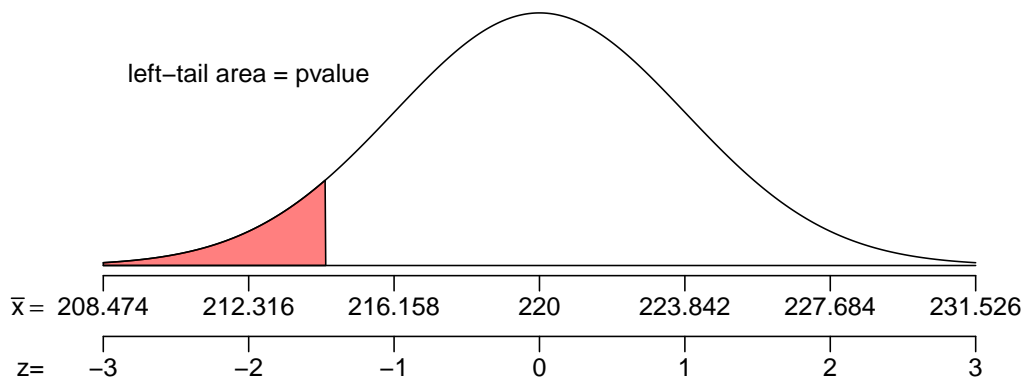
$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 220$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu < 220$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{35}{\sqrt{83}} = 3.842$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{214.35 - 220}{3.842} = -1.47$$

Find the p -value (using formula for left-tail test of mean).

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(Z < -1.47) \\ &= 0.0708 \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.1$).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) Left-tail single mean test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $\mu = 220$ and H_A claims $\mu < 220$.
- (c) p -value = 0.0708
- (d) Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

8. Problem:

A fair 20-sided die has a discrete uniform distribution with an expected value of $\mu = 10.5$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 5.77$.

You are told to check if a 20-sided die has an expected value less than 10.5. You are told to roll the die 206 times and do a one-tail significance test with a significance level of 0.01.

You then roll the die 206 times and get a mean of 9.587. Should we conclude the die is unfair?

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do we conclude the die is unfair?

Solution: We should use a left-tail test of population mean.

State the hypotheses:

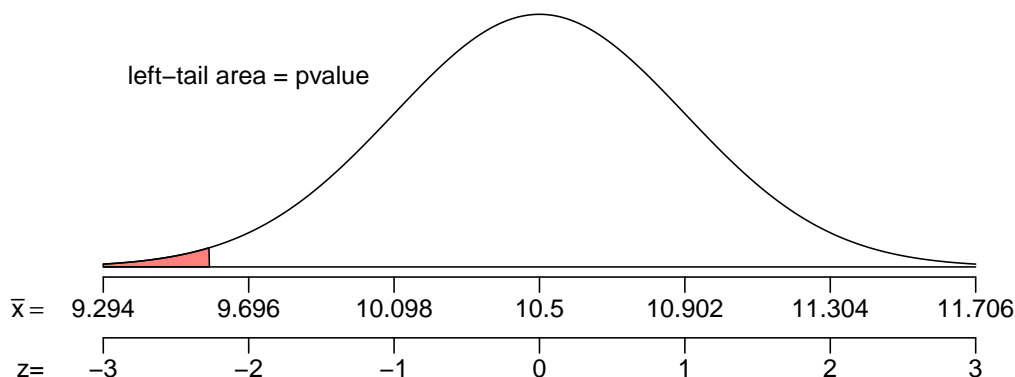
$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 10.5$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu < 10.5$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{5.77}{\sqrt{206}} = 0.402$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{9.587 - 10.5}{0.402} = -2.27$$

Find the p -value (using formula for left-tail test of mean).

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(Z < -2.27) \\ &= \boxed{0.0116} \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.01$).

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

We conclude the die might be fair.

- (a) Left-tail single mean test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $\mu = 10.5$ and H_A claims $\mu < 10.5$.
- (c) p -value = 0.0116
- (d) No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.
- (e) We conclude the die might be fair.

9. Problem:

A null hypothesis claims a population has a mean $\mu = 180$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 26$. You decide to run one-tail test on a sample of size $n = 294$ using a significance level $\alpha = 0.02$ to detect if the actual population mean is more than 180. You then collect the sample and find it has mean $\bar{x} = 183.03$.

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.

Solution: We should use a right-tail test of population mean.

State the hypotheses:

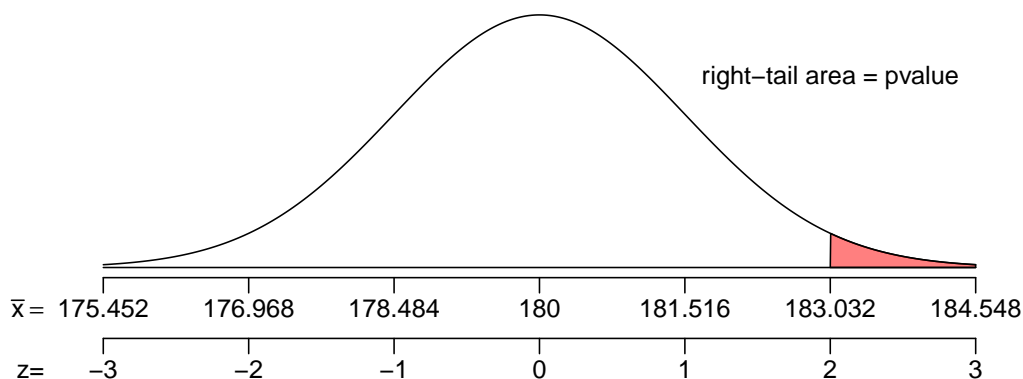
$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 180$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu > 180$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{26}{\sqrt{294}} = 1.516$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{183.03 - 180}{1.516} = 2$$

Find the p -value (using formula for left-tail test of mean).

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(Z > 2) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 2) \\ &= 1 - 0.9772 \\ &= \boxed{0.0228} \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.02$).

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) Right-tail single mean test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $\mu = 180$ and H_A claims $\mu < 180$.
- (c) p -value = 0.0228
- (d) No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

10. Problem:

A fair 4-sided die has a discrete uniform distribution with an expected value of $\mu = 2.5$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 1.12$.

You are told to check if a 4-sided die has an expected value higher than 2.5. You are told to roll the die 189 times and do a one-tail significance test with a significance level of 0.02.

You then roll the die 189 times and get a mean of 2.689. Should we conclude the die is unfair?

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do we conclude the die is unfair?

Solution: We should use a right-tail test of population mean.

State the hypotheses:

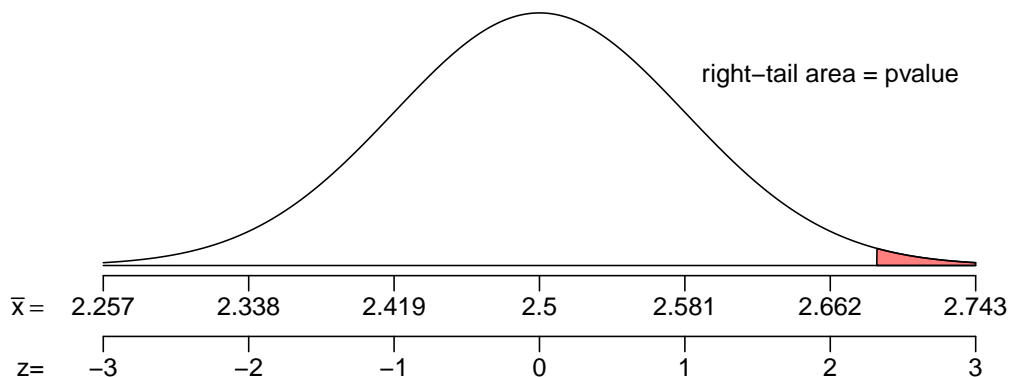
$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 2.5$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu > 2.5$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1.12}{\sqrt{189}} = 0.081$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{2.689 - 2.5}{0.081} = 2.32$$

Find the p -value (using formula for left-tail test of mean).

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(Z > 2.32) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 2.32) \\ &= 1 - 0.9898 \\ &= \boxed{0.0102} \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.02$).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

We conclude the die is unfair, with a higher than fair expected value.

- (a) Right-tail single mean test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $\mu = 2.5$ and H_A claims $\mu > 2.5$.
- (c) p -value = 0.0102
- (d) Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.
- (e) We conclude the die is unfair, with a higher than fair expected value.

11. Problem:

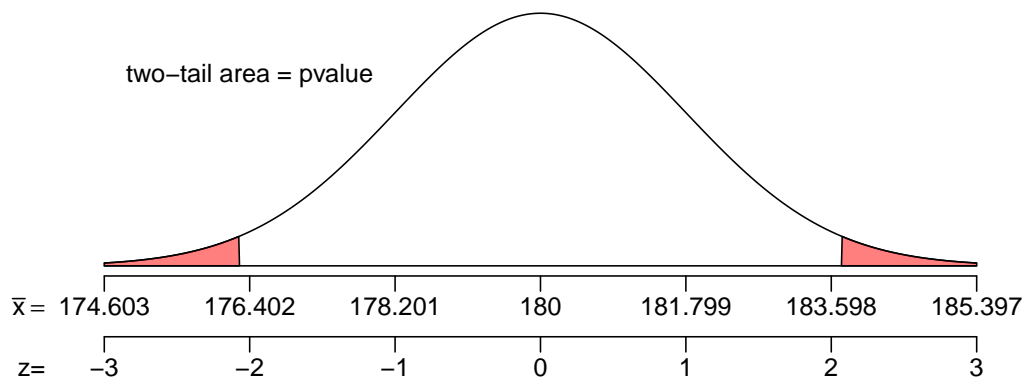
A null hypothesis claims a population has a mean $\mu = 180$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 30$. You decide to run two-tail test on a sample of size $n = 278$ using a significance level $\alpha = 0.025$. You then collect the sample and find it has mean $\bar{x} = 183.72$.

- (a) Determine the p -value.
- (b) Do you reject the null hypothesis?

Solution: Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{278}} = 1.799$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{183.72 - 180}{1.799} = 2.07$$

Find the p -value.

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(|Z| > 2.07) \\ &= 2 \cdot P(Z < -2.07) \\ &= \boxed{0.0384} \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level.

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

(a) p -value = 0.0384

(b) No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

12. Problem:

A fair 12-sided die has a discrete uniform distribution with an expected value of $\mu = 6.5$ and a standard deviation $\sigma = 3.45$.

You are told to check if a 12-sided die has an expected value different than 6.5. You are told to roll the die 244 times and do a significance test with a significance level of 0.05.

You then roll the die 244 times and get a mean of 6.051. Should we conclude the die is unfair?

- (a) What kind of hypothesis test is appropriate?
- (b) State the hypotheses
- (c) Determine the p -value.
- (d) Decide whether we reject or retain the null hypothesis.
- (e) Do we conclude the die is unfair?

Solution: We should use a two-tail test of population mean.

State the hypotheses:

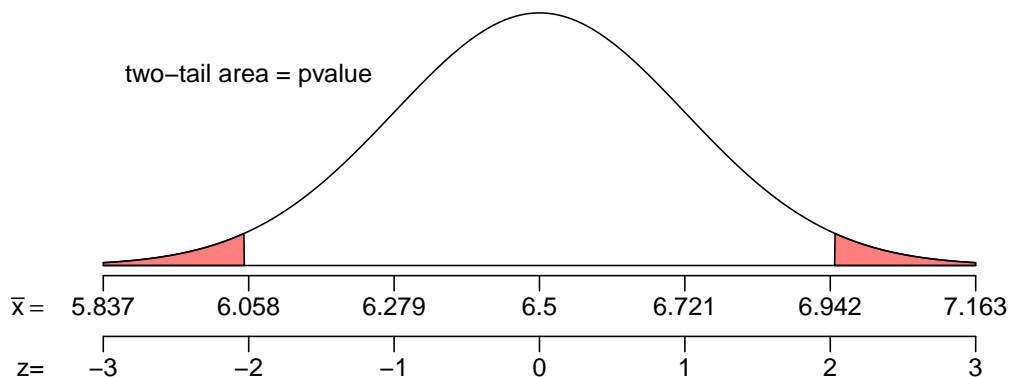
$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 6.5$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu \neq 6.5$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{3.45}{\sqrt{244}} = 0.221$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the z score.

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{6.051 - 6.5}{0.221} = -2.03$$

Find the p -value (using formula for left-tail test of mean).

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= P(|Z| > 2.03) \\ &= 2 \cdot P(Z < -2.03) \\ &= \boxed{0.0424} \end{aligned}$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.05$).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

We conclude the die is unfair.

- (a) Right-tail single mean test
- (b) Hypotheses: H_0 claims $\mu = 6.5$ and H_A claims $\mu \neq 6.5$.
- (c) p -value = 0.0424
- (d) Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.
- (e) We conclude the die is unfair.

13. Problem:

A null hypothesis claims a population has a mean $\mu = 140$. You decide to run two-tail test on a sample of size $n = 326$ using a significance level $\alpha = 0.05$. You then collect the sample and find it has mean $\bar{x} = 143.76$ and standard deviation $s = 31.47$.

- (a) Determine the p -value.
- (b) Do you reject the null hypothesis?

Solution: State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 140$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu \neq 140$$

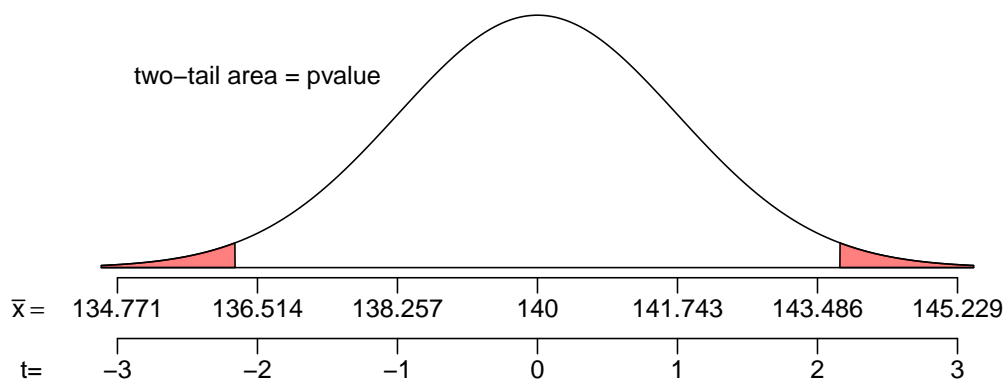
Determine the degrees of freedom.

$$df = 326 - 1 = 325$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{31.47}{\sqrt{326}} = 1.743$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the t score.

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{143.76 - 140}{1.743} = 2.16$$

Find the p -value.

$$p\text{-value} = P(|T| > 2.16)$$

We can't get an exact value with our table, but we can determine an interval that contains the p -value. (Look at row with $df = 325$.)

$$P(|T| > 2.34) = 0.02$$

$$P(|T| > 2.06) = 0.04$$

Basically, because t is between 2.34 and 2.06, we know the p -value is between 0.02 and 0.04.

$$0.02 < p\text{-value} < 0.04$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.05$).

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

(a) $0.02 < p\text{-value} < 0.04$

(b) Yes, we reject the null hypothesis.

14. Problem:

A null hypothesis claims a population has a mean $\mu = 240$. You decide to run two-tail test on a sample of size $n = 11$ using a significance level $\alpha = 0.05$.

You then collect the sample:

243.4	245	243	244.1	238.3
244	241.3	236.6	239.1	244.6
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- (a) Determine the p -value.
- (b) Do you reject the null hypothesis?

Solution: State the hypotheses.

$$H_0 \text{ claims } \mu = 240$$

$$H_A \text{ claims } \mu \neq 240$$

Find the mean and standard deviation of the sample.

$$\bar{x} = 241.855$$

$$s = 2.822$$

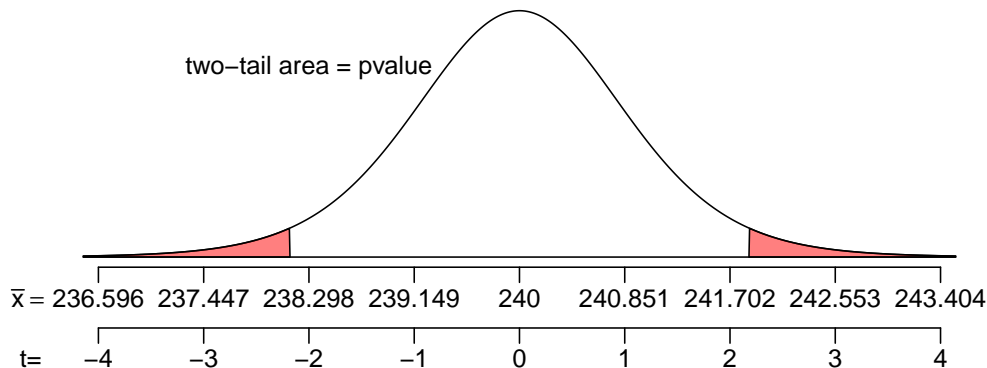
Determine the degrees of freedom.

$$df = 11 - 1 = 10$$

Find the standard error.

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{2.822}{\sqrt{11}} = 0.851$$

Make a sketch of the null's sampling distribution.



Find the t score.

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}} = \frac{241.855 - 240}{0.851} = 2.18$$

Find the p -value.

$$p\text{-value} = P(|T| > 2.18)$$

We can't get an exact value with our table, but we can determine an interval that contains the p -value. (Look at row with $df = 10$.)

$$P(|T| > 2.23) = 0.05$$

$$P(|T| > 1.81) = 0.1$$

Basically, because t is between 2.23 and 1.81, we know the p -value is between 0.05 and 0.1.

$$0.05 < p\text{-value} < 0.1$$

Compare the p -value and the significance level ($\alpha = 0.05$).

$$p\text{-value} > \alpha$$

No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.

- (a) $0.05 < p\text{-value} < 0.1$
- (b) No, we do not reject the null hypothesis.