



Setting up a Test for a Population Proportion

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Use data to help support that claim

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Poll

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital conducted a national poll on an issue in children's health, sleep habits. We will be looking at an example about lack of sleep in teens.

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Test for a significant increase in the proportion of parents with a teenager who believe that electronics and social media is the cause for lack of sleep.

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What symbol should replace the ?

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significance level

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

Survey Results

A random sample of **1018** parents with a teenager was taken and **56%** said they believe electronics and social media was the cause of their teenager's lack of sleep.

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In background
information

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$$n \cdot p_o = 1018 \cdot (0.52) = 529 \quad \checkmark$$

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Best Estimate of p is $\hat{p} = 0.56$

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$$Z = \frac{0.56 - 0.52}{0.0157}$$

$$\mathbf{Z = 2.555}$$

Test Statistic Interpretation

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That means that our observed sample proportion is 2.555
null standard errors above our hypothesized population
proportion

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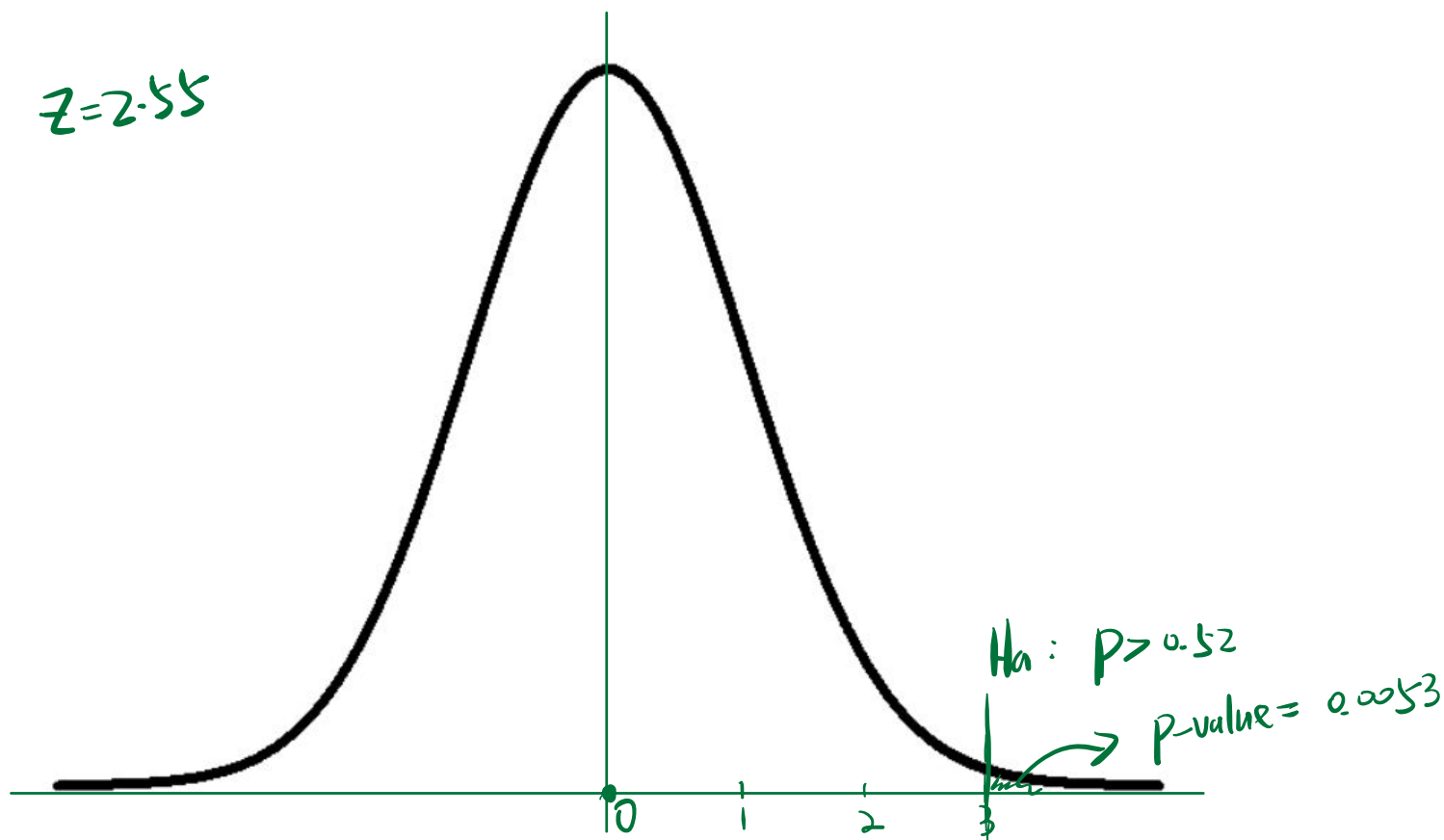
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Scales Data $\frac{\hat{p} - p_o}{s.e.(\hat{p})}$ **Centers Data**

The P-Value



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There is sufficient evidence to conclude that the population proportion of parents with a teenager who believe that electronics and social media is the cause for lack of sleep is greater than 52%.

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