

# CEE 260/MIE 273: Probability and Statistics in Civil Engineering

## Lecture M5a: Inference for Single Proportion

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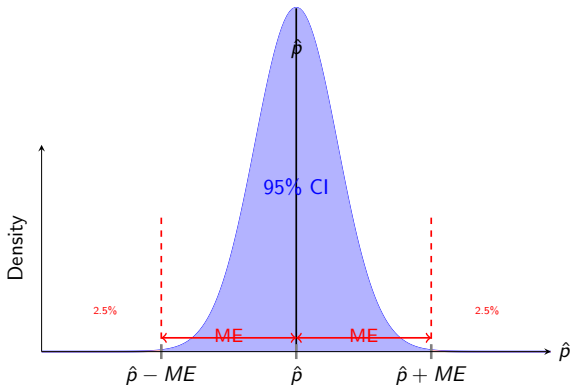
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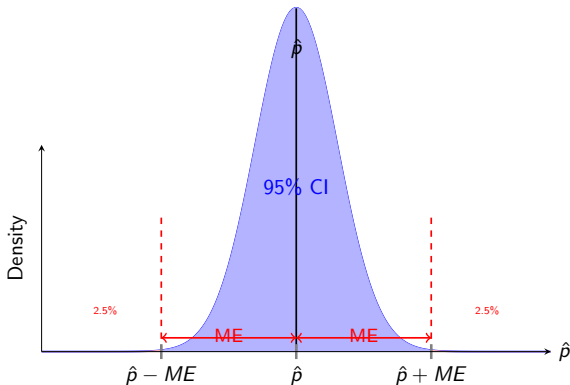
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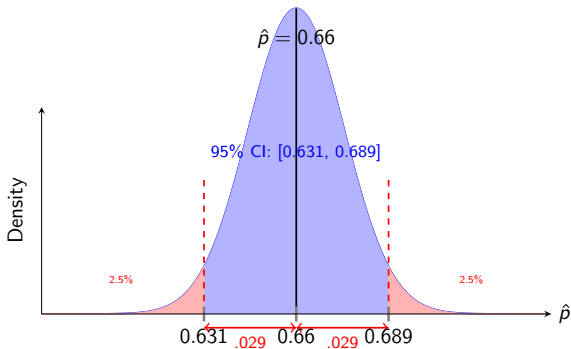
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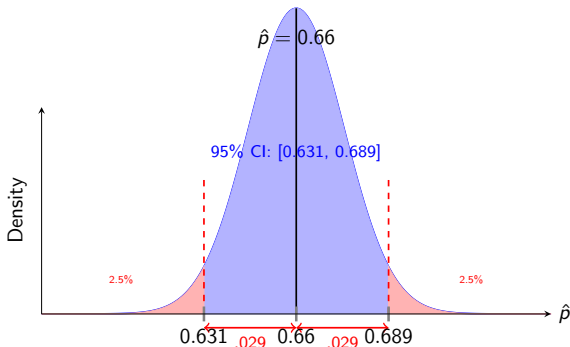
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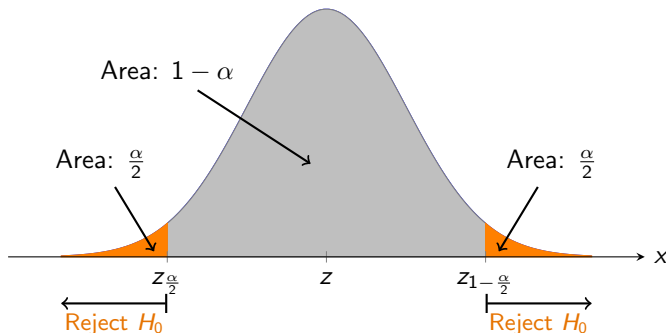
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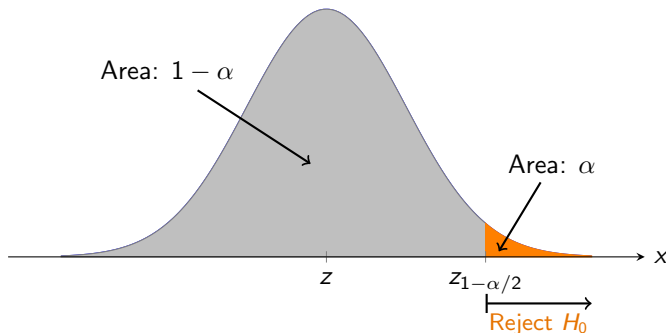
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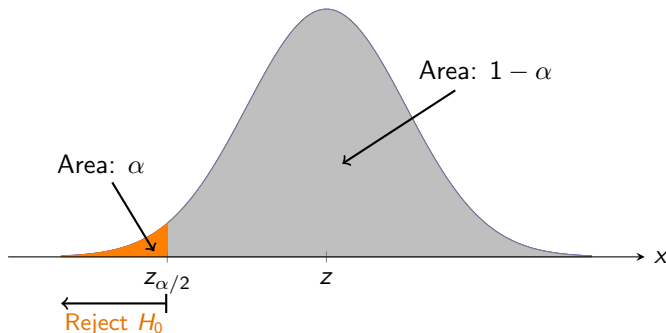
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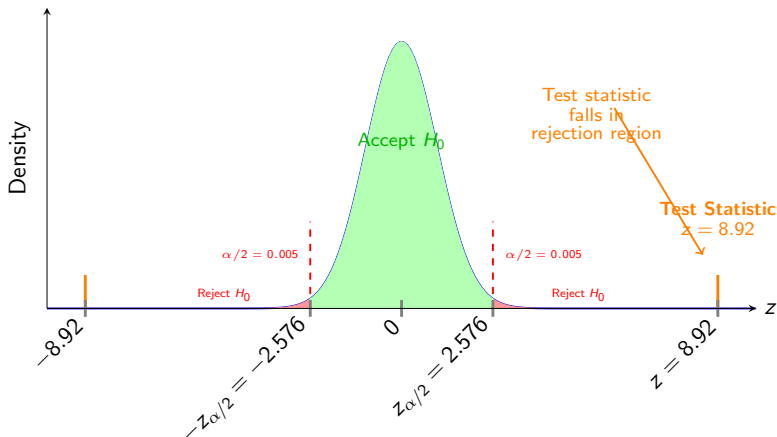
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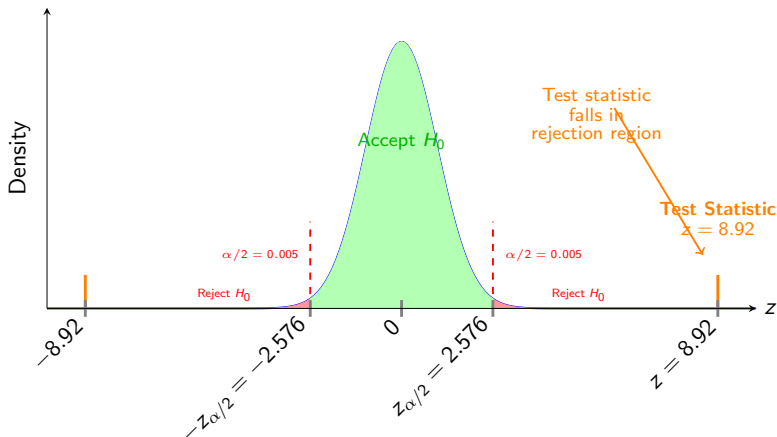
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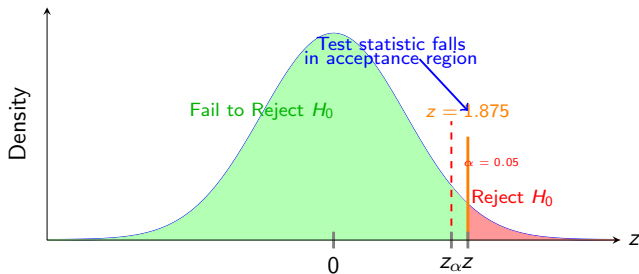
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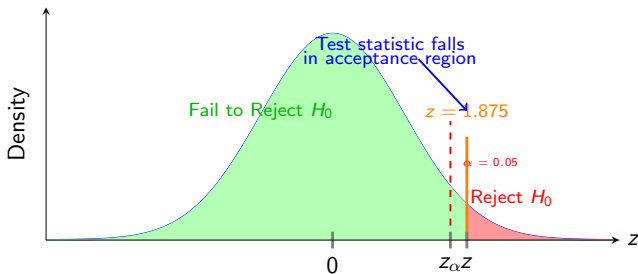
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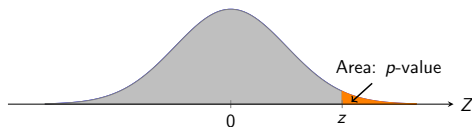
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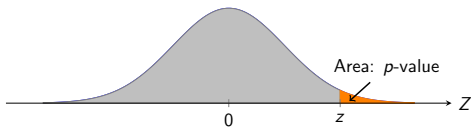
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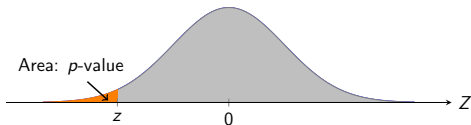
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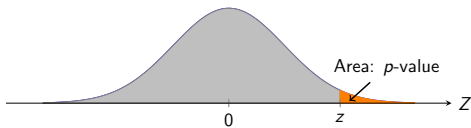
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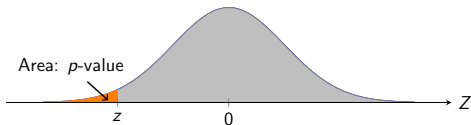
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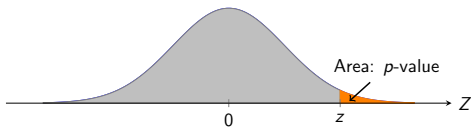
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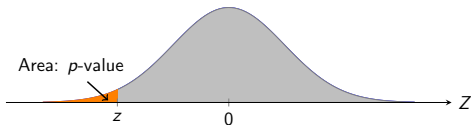
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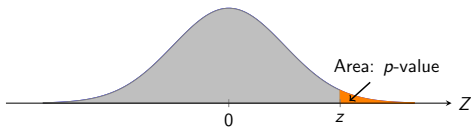
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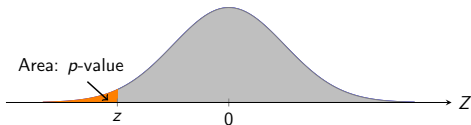
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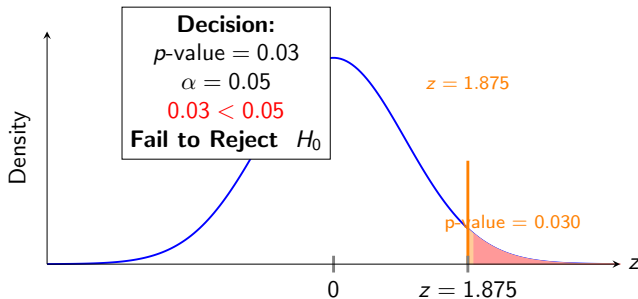
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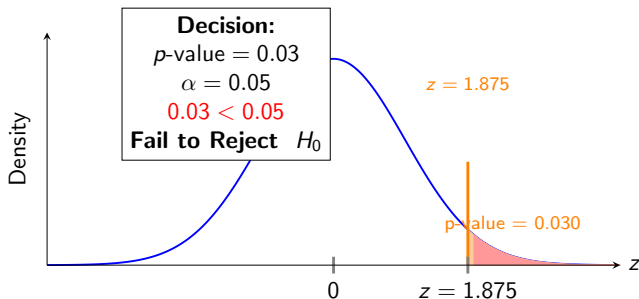
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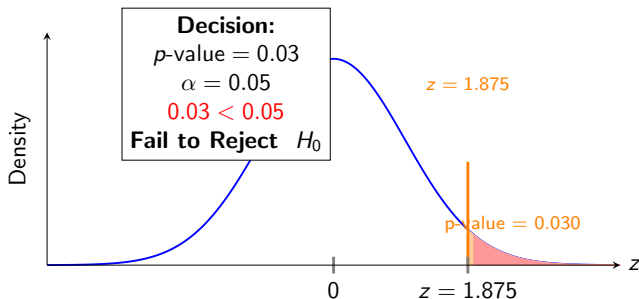


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