

# Hypothesis Testing for Proportions

Now, we want to test a hypothesis for population proportion  $p$   $\rightarrow$  POP

$\hat{p} \rightarrow$  SAMPLE

We still need the Central Limit Theorem *for proportions* to hold:

$$np_0 \geq 10 \quad \text{and} \quad n(1 - p_0) \geq 10$$

$\mu_0$   $\rightarrow$  VALUE  
 $p_0$   $\rightarrow$  WE ASSUME  
IN THE NULL.

Where  $p_0$  is the population proportion specified by  $H_0$

## Step 1: State the null and alternate hypotheses

The null hypothesis is of the form:

$$H_0 : p = p_0$$

The alternate hypothesis is in one of the three forms:

- **Left-tailed:**  $H_1 : p < p_0$
- **Right-tailed:**  $H_1 : p > p_0$
- **Two-tailed:**  $H_1 : p \neq p_0$

## Step 2: Choose a significance level $\alpha$

## Step 3: Compute the test statistic:

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}}$$

**Step 4:** Compute the P-value of the test statistic  $z$

**Left-tailed:** P-value = area under the standard normal distribution to the left of  $z$

- i.e.,  $P(Z < z)$

**Right-tailed:** P-value = area under the standard normal distribution to the right of  $z$

- i.e.,  $P(Z > z)$

**Two-tailed:** P-value = sum of the areas under the standard normal distribution to the left of  $-|z|$  and right of  $|z|$

- i.e.,  $2 * P(Z < -|z|)$

**Step 5:** Determine whether to reject  $H_0$ :

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

Reject  $H_0$  if P-value  $\leq \alpha$

$$P_1\text{-VALUE} = 0.049$$

Do not reject  $H_0$  if P-value  $> \alpha$

$$P_2\text{-VALUE} = 0.051$$

**Step 6:** State a conclusion

Suppose that 67% of all auto damage insurance claims in the US are made by singles under 25 years old. Also suppose that in a random sample of 53 auto damage claims in Manhattan, KS, there were 42 made by singles under 25.

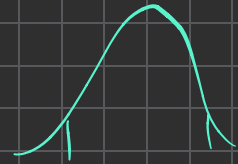
Test at the 5% significance level whether the proportion of auto damage claims made by singles under 25 in Manhattan is different than the proportion for the entire US.

$$P = 0.67$$

$$\hat{P} = \frac{42}{53} = 0.792$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

\* TWO TAILED



## \* STAGE YOUR HYPOTHESES

$$H_0: \hat{P} = P_0 \quad H_a: \hat{P} \neq P_0$$

## \* COMPUTE THE TEST STATISTIC

$$Z^* = \frac{\hat{P} - P_0}{\sqrt{\frac{P_0(1-P_0)}{n}}}$$

$$\frac{0.792 - 0.67}{\sqrt{\frac{0.67(1-0.67)}{53}}} = 1.89$$

\* DETERMINE REJECTION/DECISION  $\alpha = 0.05$   
 P-VALUE  $\rightarrow df = 53 - 1 = 52 \rightarrow 0.025 \cdot 0.05$

$$\text{CRIT VAL} \rightarrow 1.676 < Z^*$$

\* CONCLUDE  $-1.67 > -Z^*$

REJECT P-VALUE TEST