

# Statistic Inference for Proportions

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# Example

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What proportion of American adults approve of the way the president is handling his job?

The parameter  $p$  is the proportion of *all* American adults that approve.

The statistic  $\hat{p}$  is the proportion of a *sample* of American adults that approve.

# Example

What is the probability of developing a Surgical Site Infection (SSI) after a certain type of surgery?

In a random sample of 400 patients who have had this surgery, 12 develop an SSI.

$$\hat{p} = \frac{12}{400} = 0.03$$

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$\hat{p}$  is a point estimator of  $p$

$$\hat{p} = 0.03$$

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There are other statistical inference methods for proportions, including:

- ▶ Adjustments that improve the normal approximation.
- ▶ Exact methods based on the binomial distribution.

In statistical inference scenarios, we use the sample proportion  $\hat{p}$  to estimate the population proportion  $p$ .

To develop the proper inference procedures, we need to know the characteristics of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$ .

$$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$$

Number of individuals in the sample  
with the characteristic

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$X$  is a binomial random variable with parameters  $n$  and  $p$

$\hat{p}$  takes on one of  $n + 1$  possible values:

$$0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, 1$$



Recall that the binomial random variable  $X$ :

- ▶ has a mean of  $np$ .
- ▶ has a variance of  $np(1 - p)$ .
- ▶ is approximately normally distributed for large sample sizes.



What is the mean of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{p}) &= E\left(\frac{X}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot E(X) = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n\rho = \rho \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{p}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $p$

What is the variance of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$ ?

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}}^2 = \text{Var}(\hat{p}) = \underbrace{\text{Var}\left(\frac{X}{n}\right)}_{= \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \text{Var}(X)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \cdot p(1-p)$$
$$= \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

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

The sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$  is approximately normal if the sample size is large.

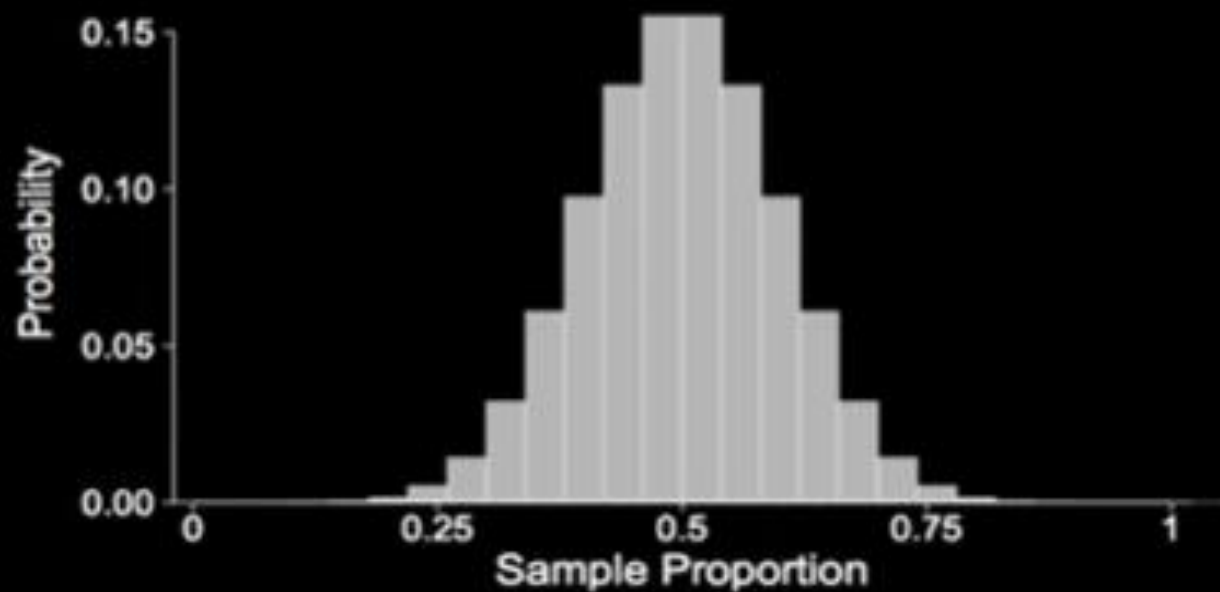
A complication:

The sample size required to achieve approximate normality depends on the value of  $p$ .

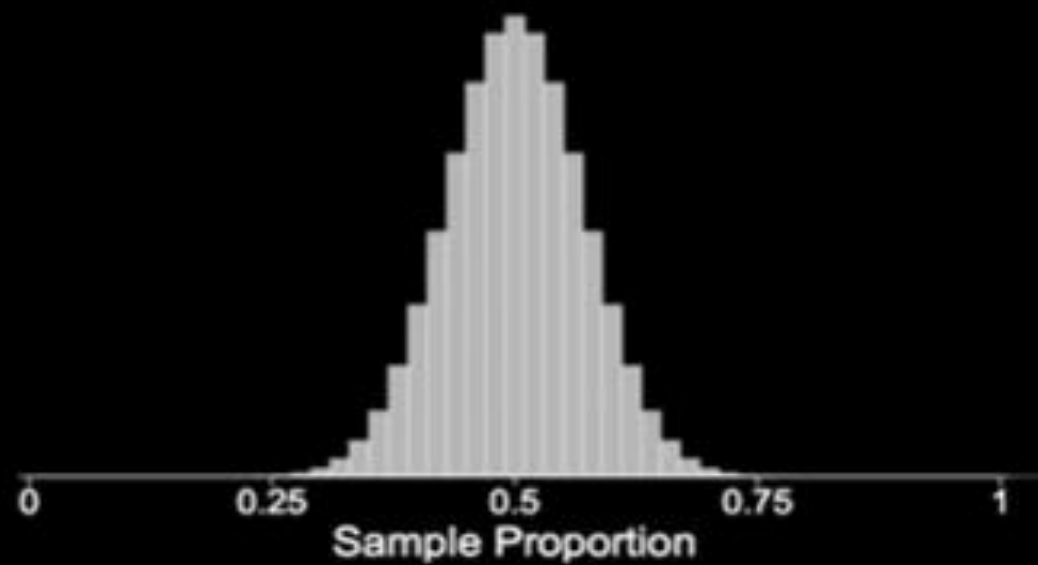
If  $p$  is close to 0.5, the sample size does not need to be very large.

If  $p$  is close to 0 or 1, a much larger sample size is required.

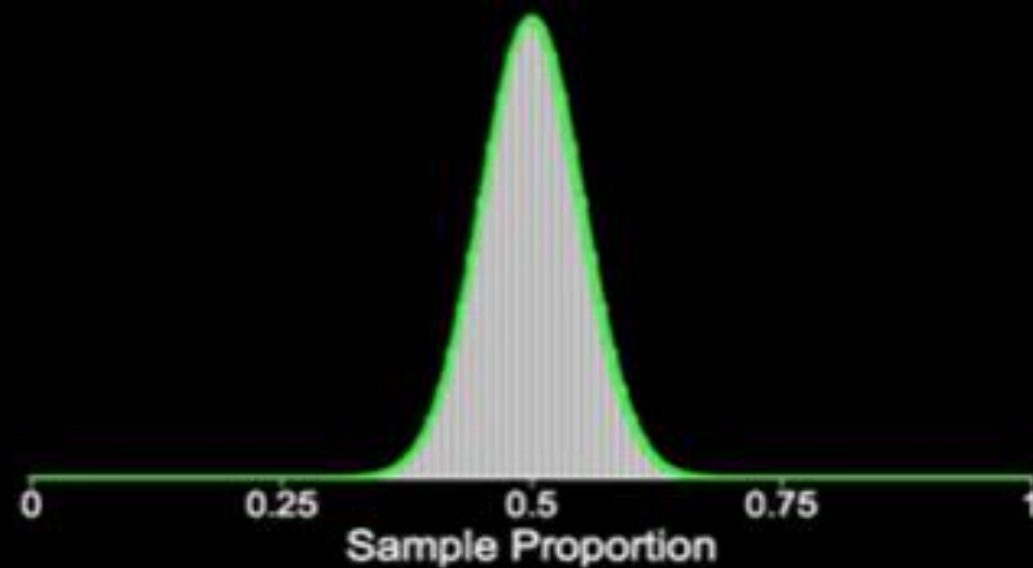
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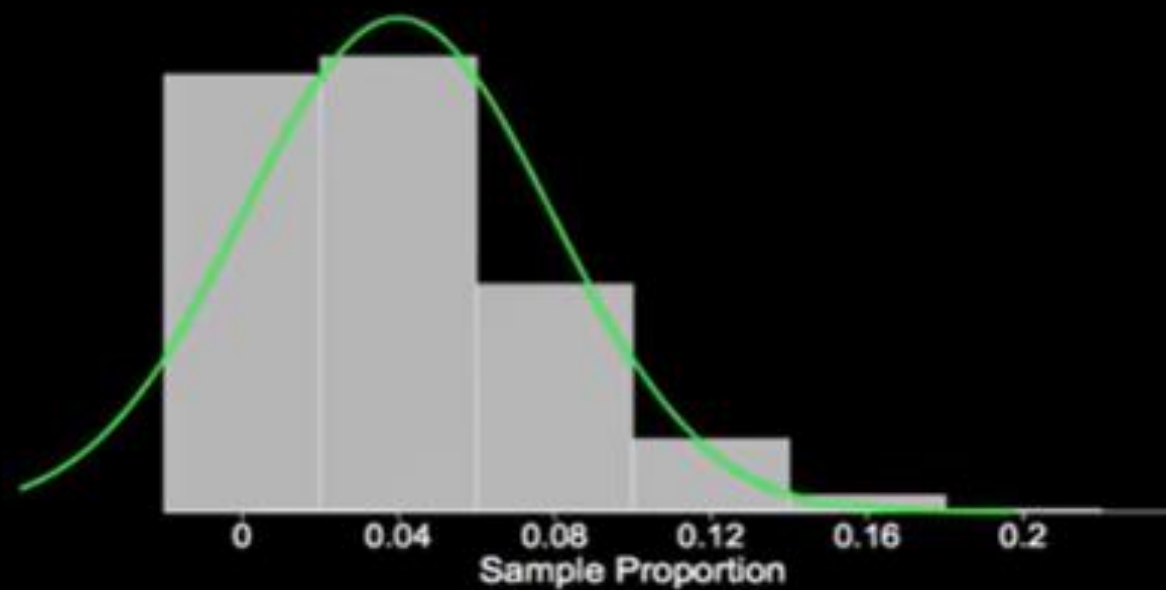


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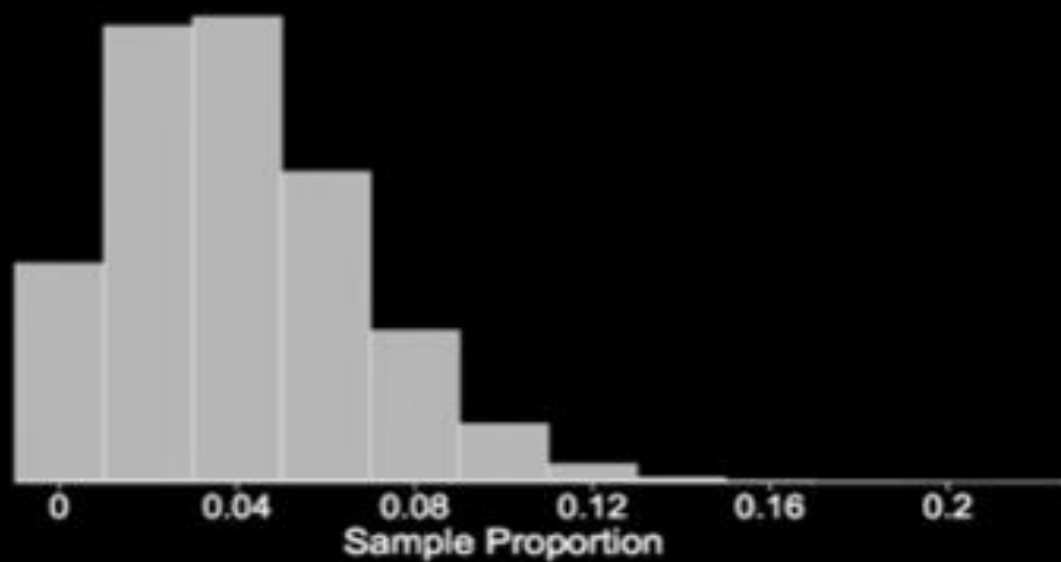




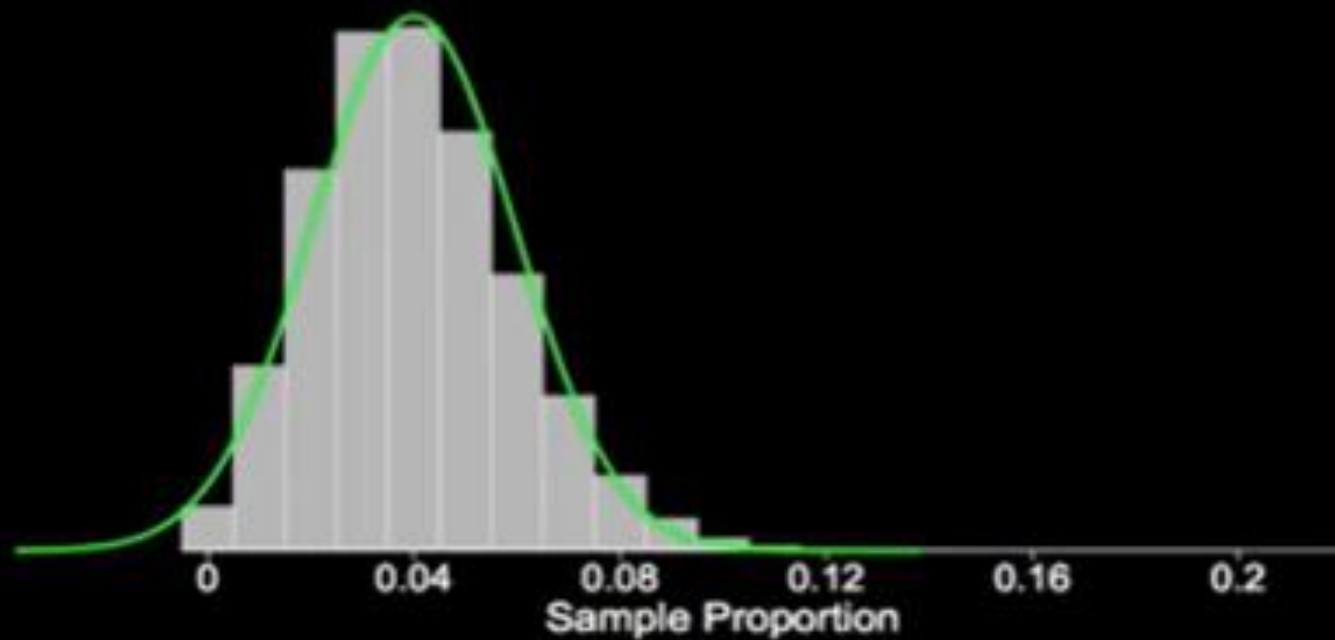
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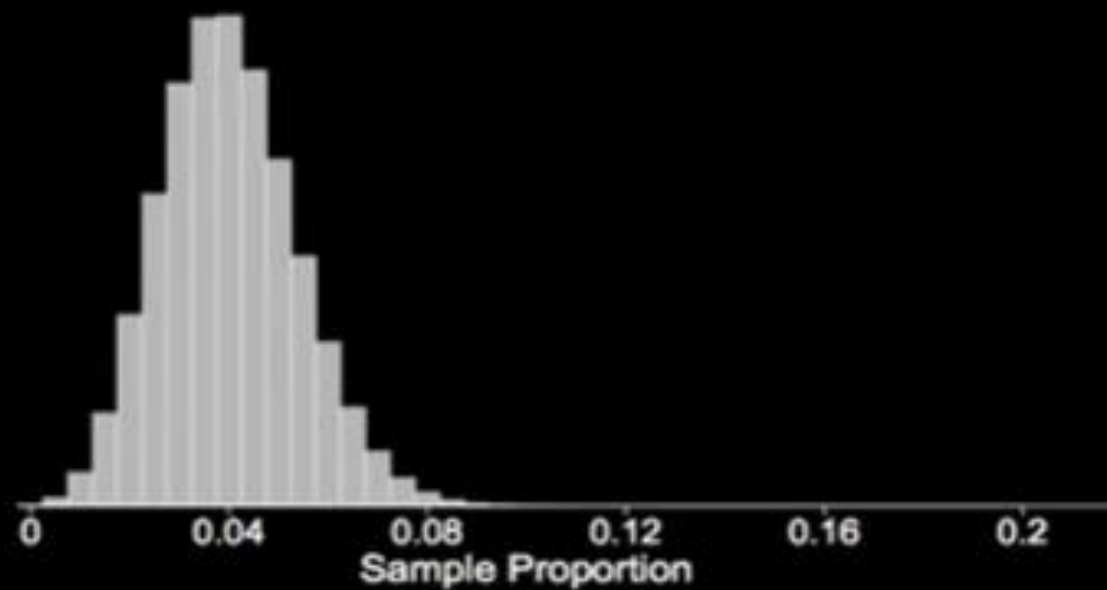
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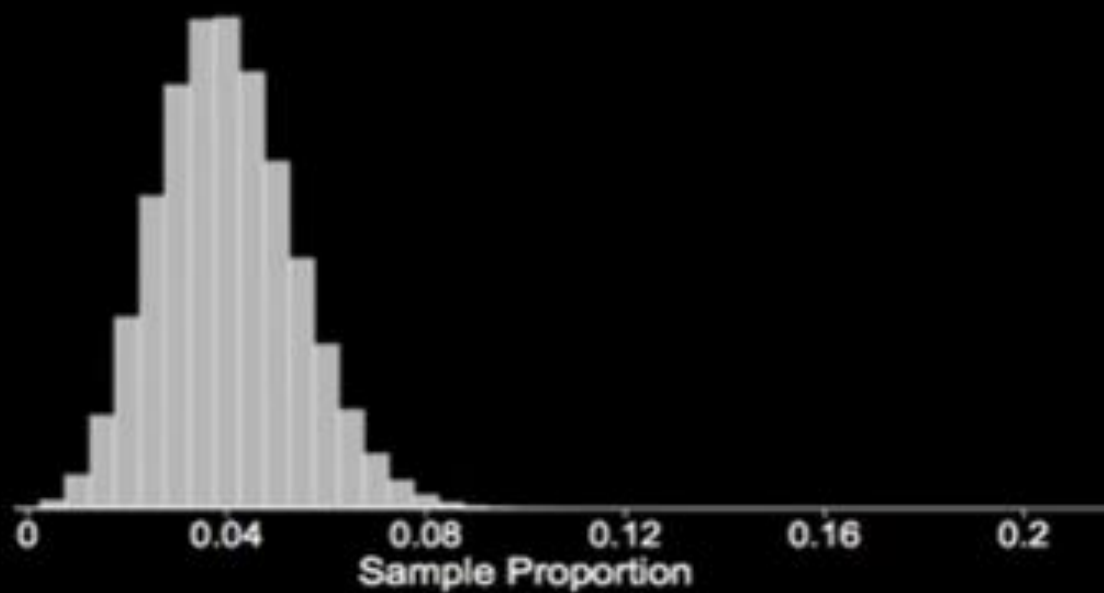
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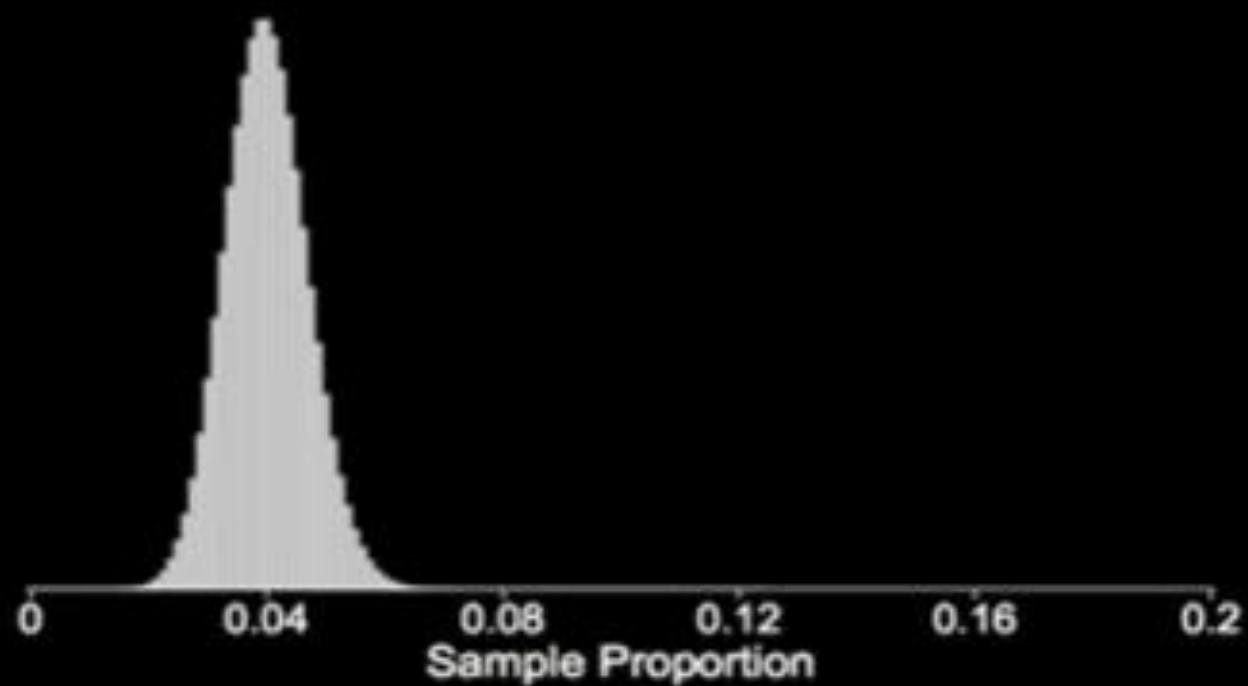
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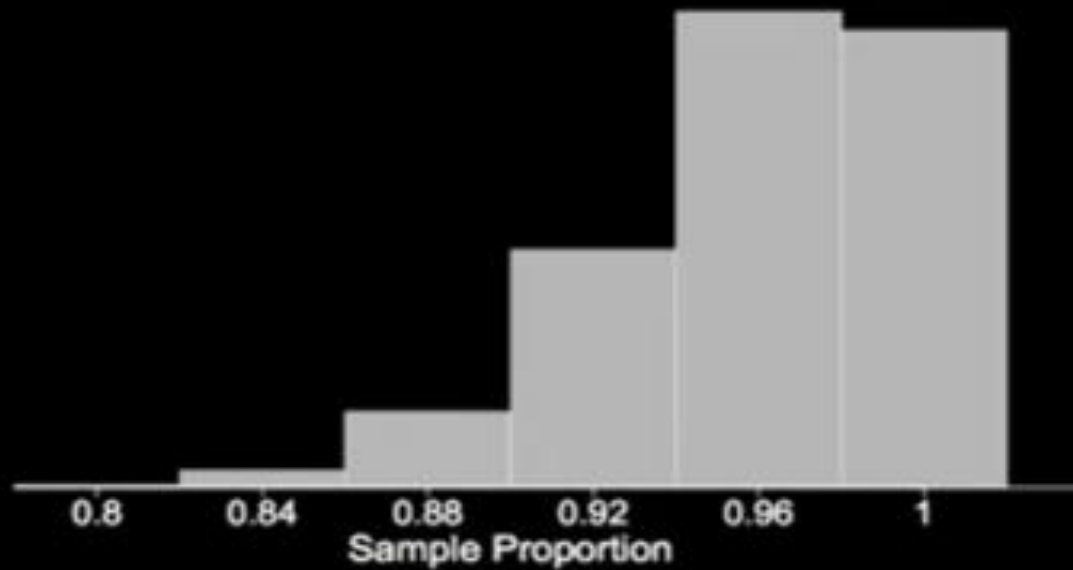
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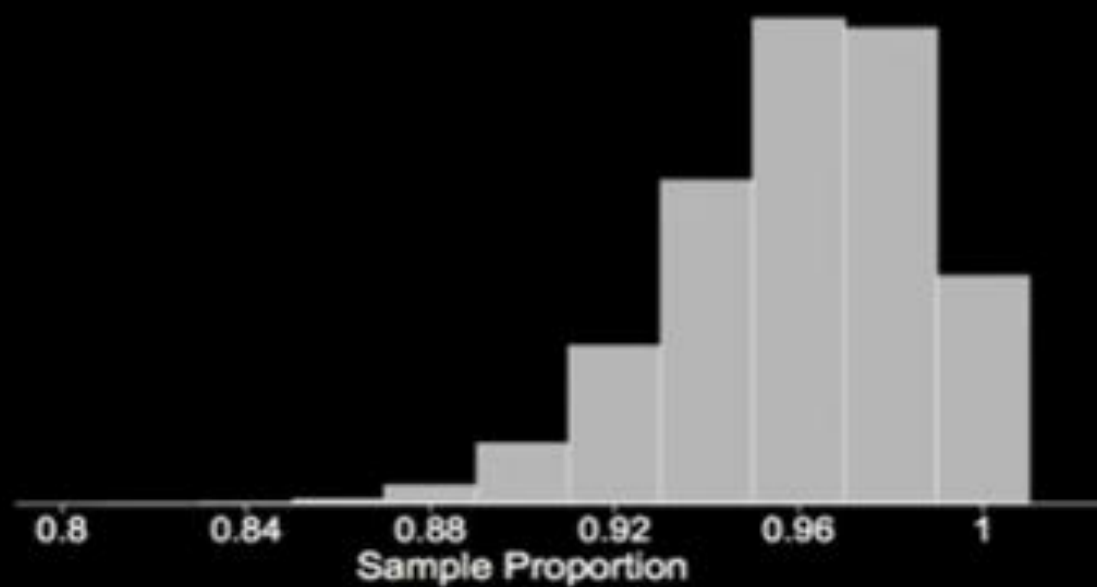


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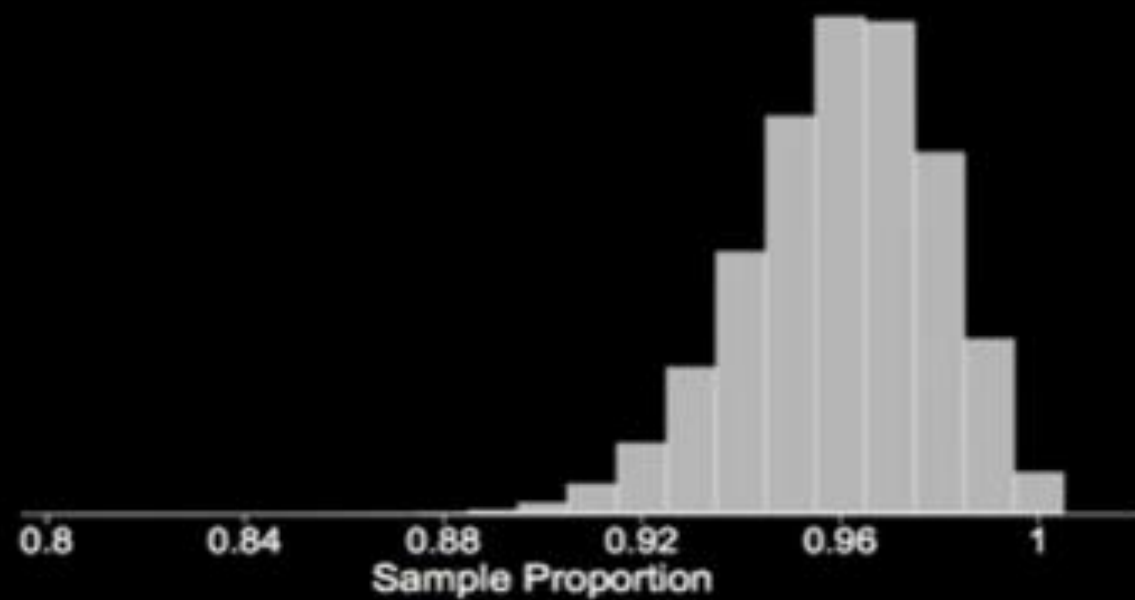




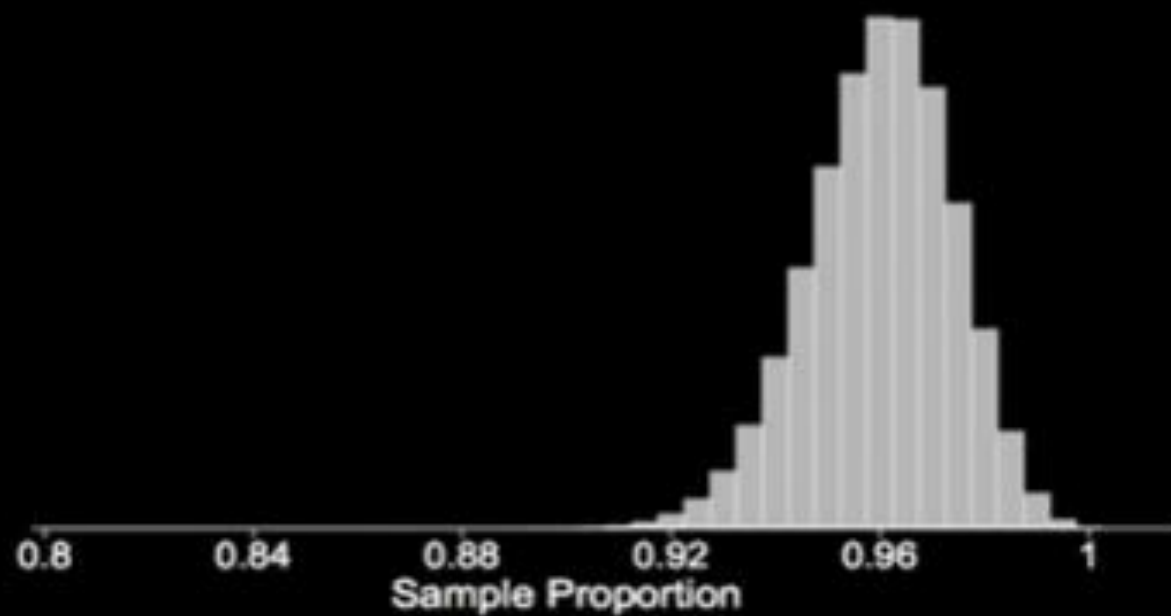
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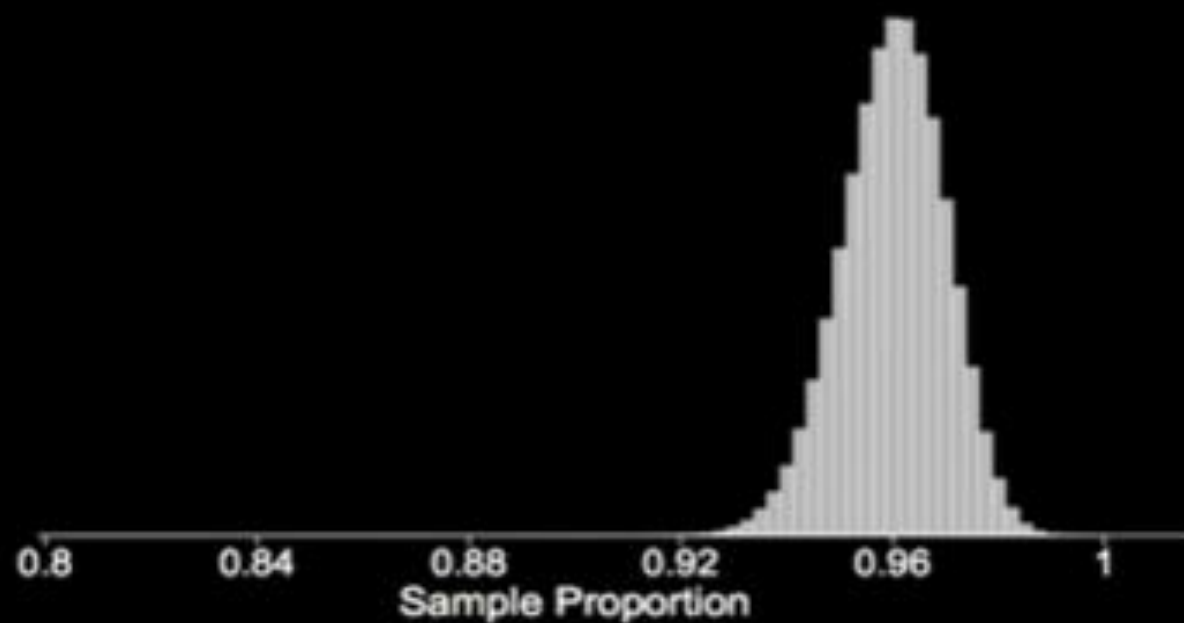
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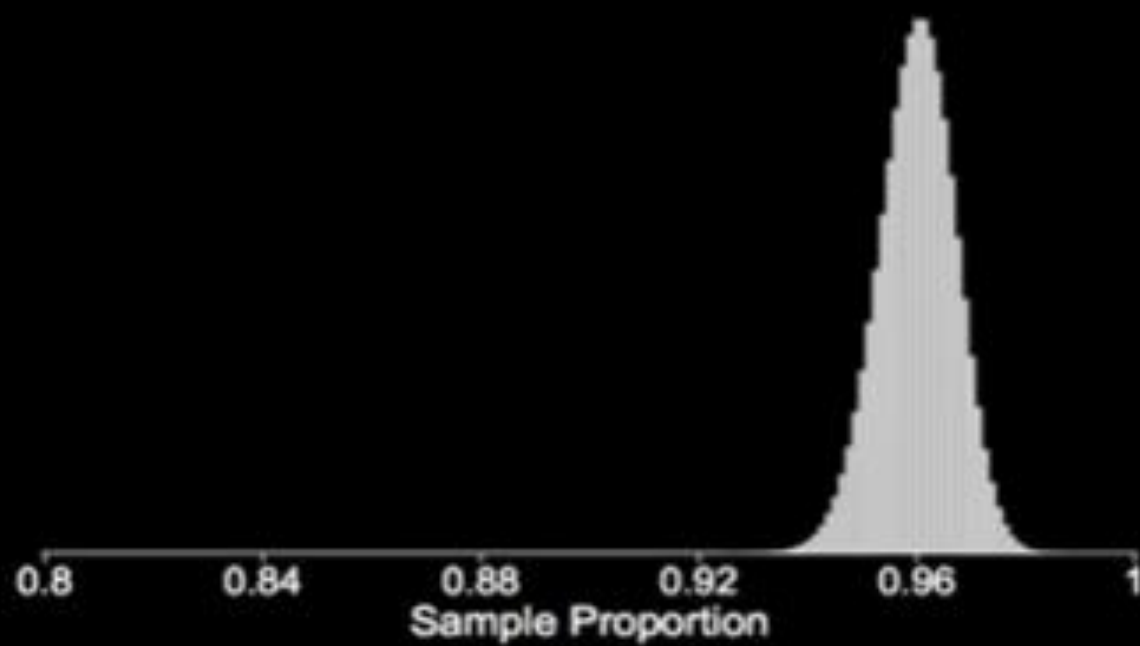
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 $n = 800, p = 0.96$



Very rough guideline:

The sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$  is approximately normal if

$$np \geq 15 \quad \text{and} \quad n(1 - p) \geq 15$$

For large sample sizes:

The sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}$  is approximately

$$N\left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Mean}}}{p}, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Variance}}}{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}\right)$$



# The CLT for Proportions

The Central Limit Theorem also holds for proportions. Recall we previously used  $p = \frac{x}{N}$  to denote the population proportion where  $N$  is the population size. For our sample, we use  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$  where  $n$  is the sample size.

The requirements are no longer that  $n \geq 30$ . Instead, we must ensure that  $np \geq 15$  and  $n(1 - p) \geq 15$  which allows us to use the normal distribution to approximate the binomial distribution given by proportional data. If that requirement is met, then the mean of the sampling distribution of sample proportions will take on a normal shape with a mean of

$\mu_{\hat{p}} = p$  and standard deviation of  $\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$ .

Our z-score is now:

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

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Step 3: Find the z-score

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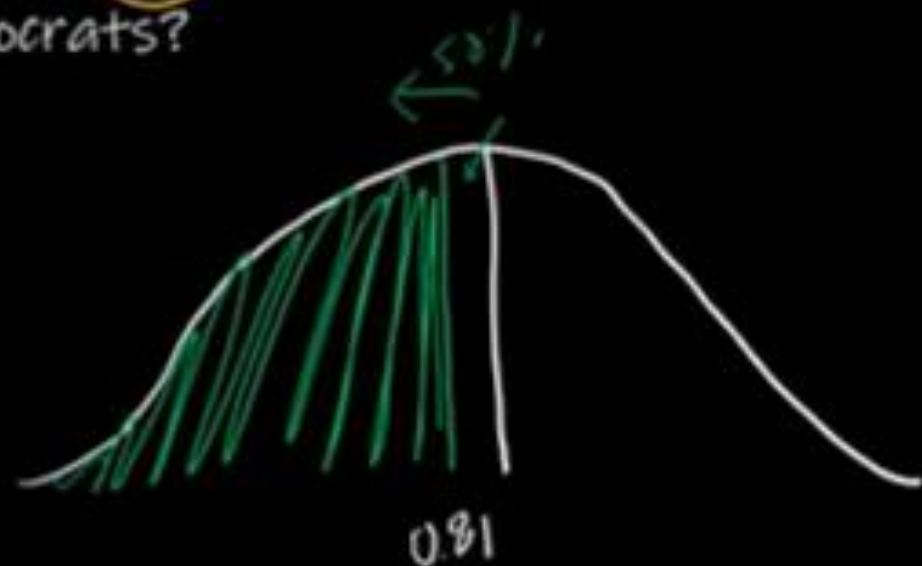
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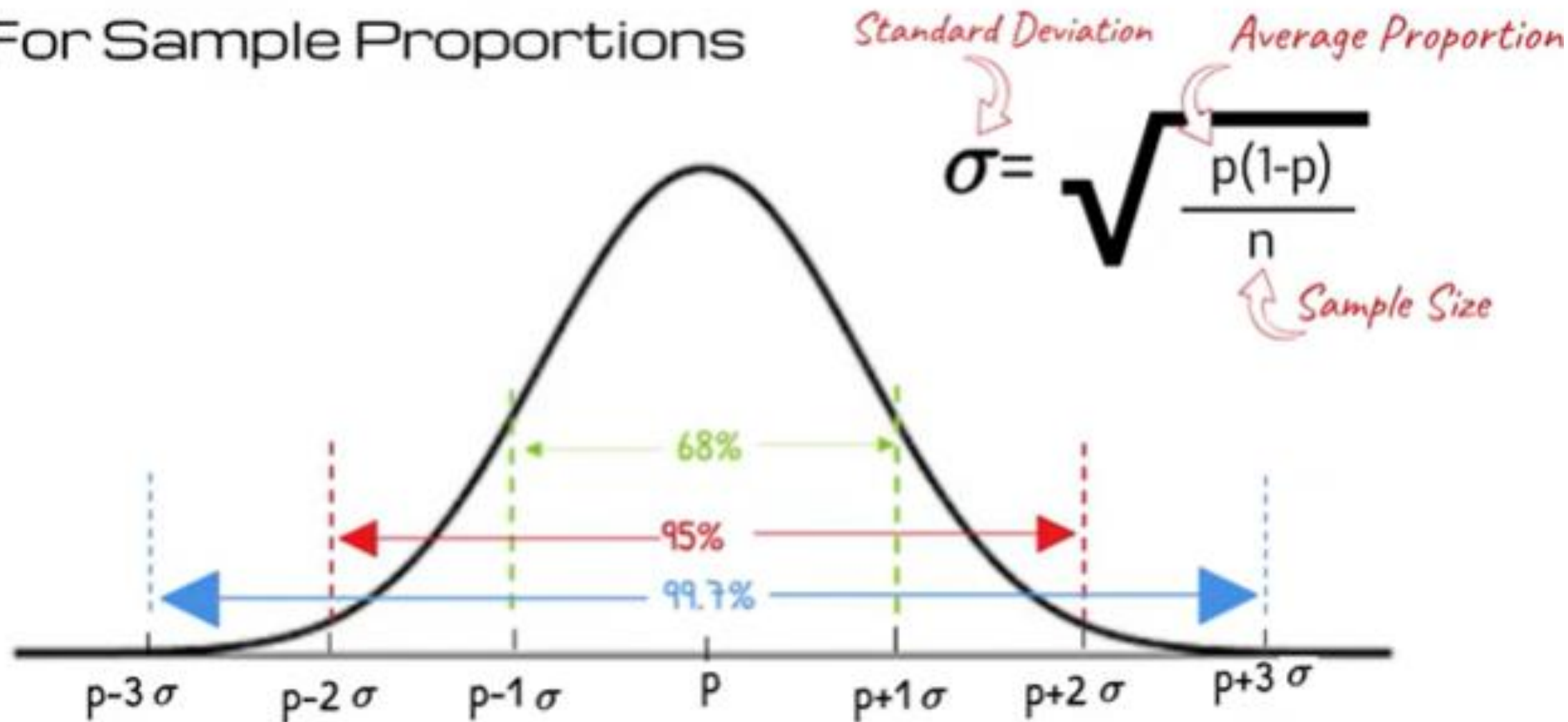
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$$P(\hat{p} \leq 0.8) = P(z \leq -0.2549) \approx 0.3994$$

Step 5: State your conclusion

The probability of no more than 80 voters in a randomly selected sample of 100 voters being registered Democrats is approximately 0.3994

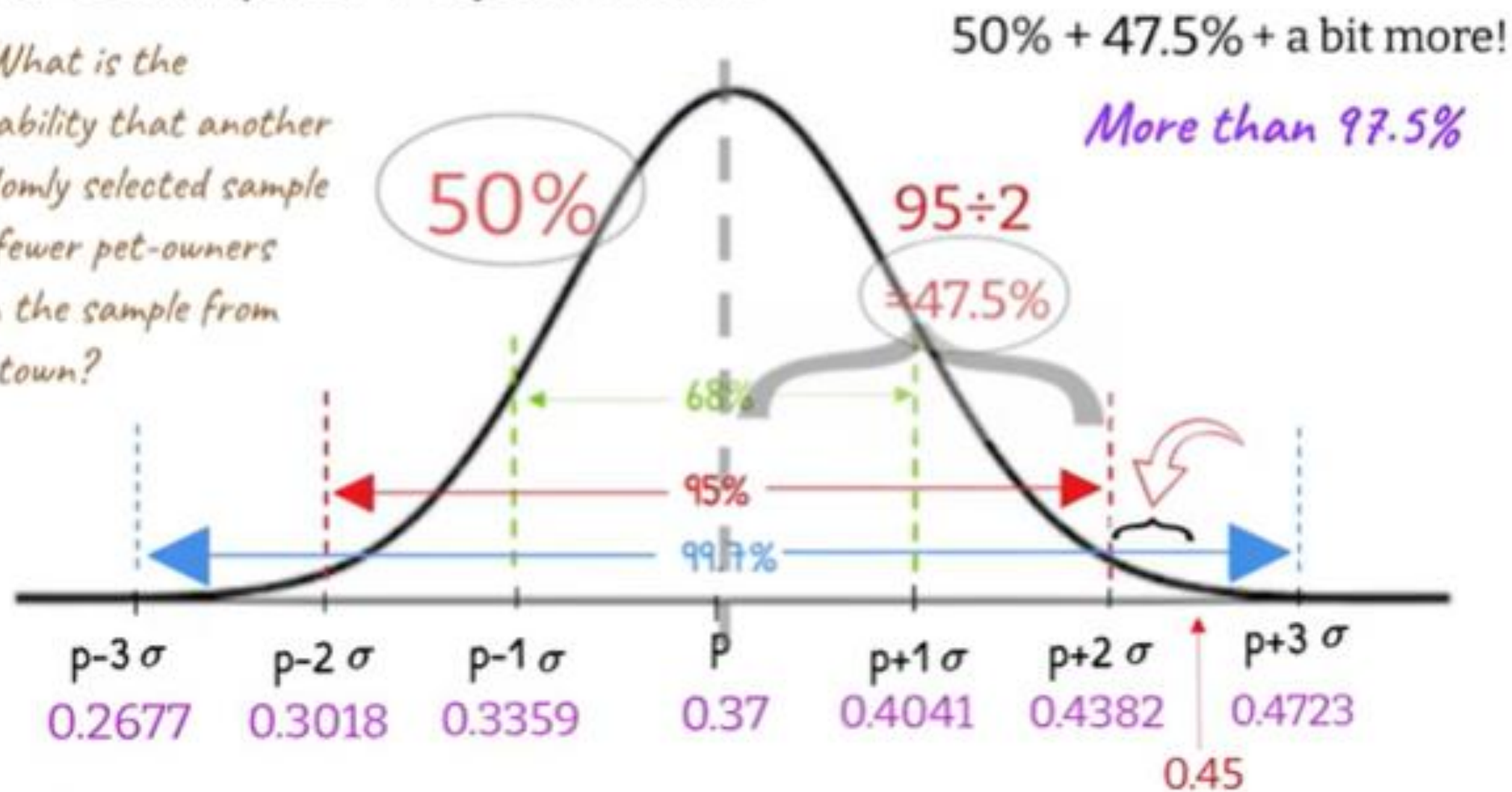
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*Ex. What is the probability that another randomly selected sample has fewer pet-owners than the sample from this town?*

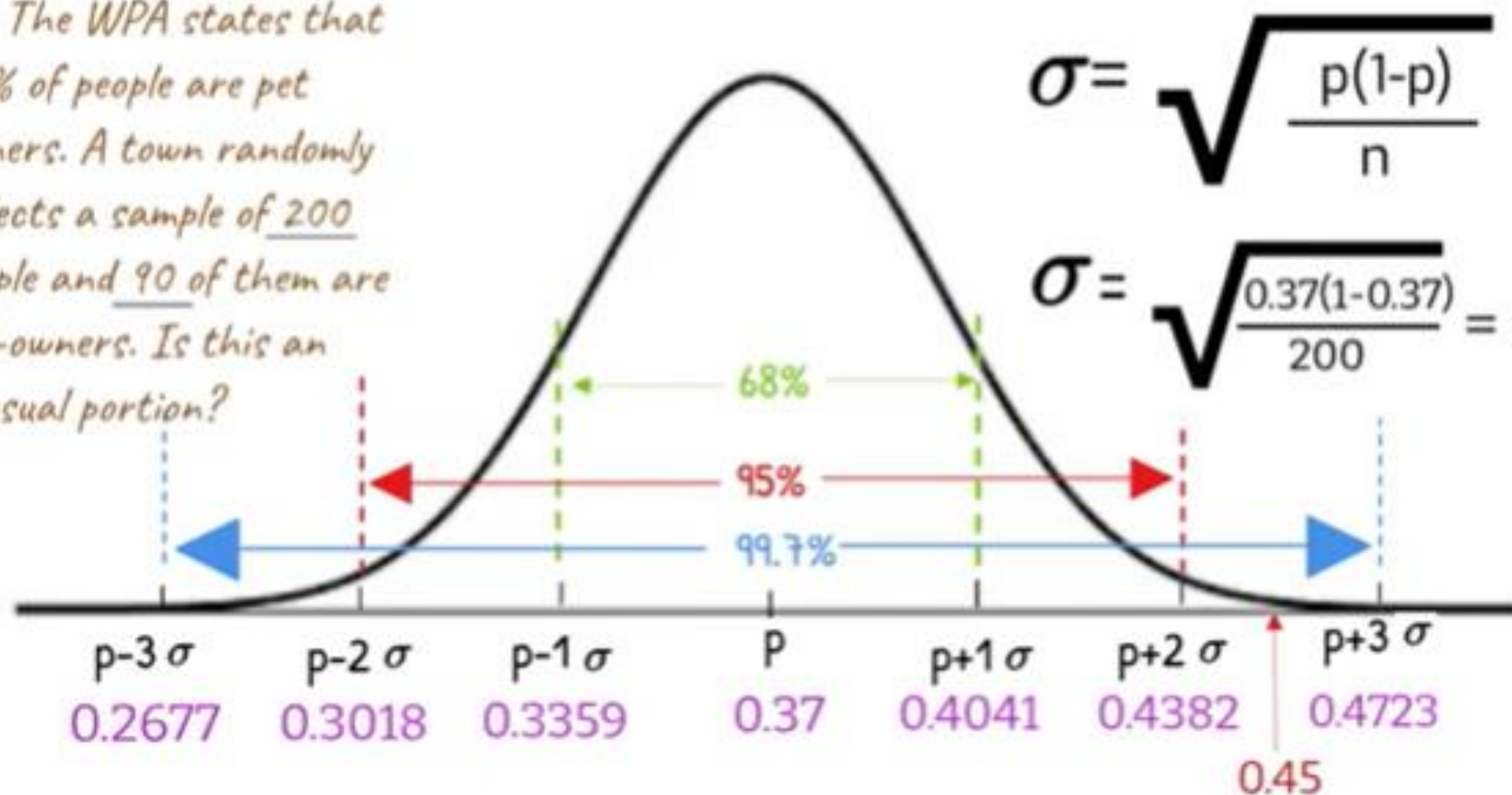




# The Central Limit Theorem For Sample Proportions

*In the town 90/200 have pets!*  
 $90 \div 200 = 0.45$

*Ex. The WPA states that 37% of people are pet owners. A town randomly collects a sample of 200 people and 90 of them are pet-owners. Is this an unusual portion?*



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Common points of interest:

- ▶ Construct a confidence interval for  $p$ .
- ▶ Test a hypothesis about the value of  $p$ .

The sampling distribution of the sample proportion  $\hat{p}$ :

- ▶ has a mean of  $p$ .
- ▶ has a standard deviation of
$$\sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$
- ▶ is approximately normal if the sample size is large.

The assumptions of the one-sample inference procedures for a single proportion:

- ▶ We have a simple random sample from the population of interest.
- ▶ The sample size is large enough for the normal approximation to be reasonable.

CI

A  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$  confidence interval for  $p$  is given by:

$$\hat{p} \pm \underbrace{z_{\alpha/2} \times SE(\hat{p})}_{\text{Margin of error}}$$

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

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## Example for CI

A study investigated the proportion of male births in Liverpool, England.

In a sample of 5045 births to non-smoking parents, there were 2685 males and 2360 females born.

$$\hat{p} = \frac{2685}{5045} = 0.5322$$



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- ▶ Construct a confidence interval for  $p$ , the population proportion of male births.
  - ▶ Test the null hypothesis that the population proportion of male births is 0.5.

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$$0.5322 \pm 1.96 \times 0.0070 = \sqrt{\frac{0.5322(1 - 0.5322)}{5045}}$$

$$0.5322 \pm 0.0138 = 0.0070$$

$(0.518, 0.546)$   We can be 95% confident  
that  $p$  lies within this interval

We can be 95% confident that the true proportion of male births lies between 0.518 and 0.546.

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We are 95% confident that the true proportion is between 52.9% and 59.1%.

1.) Record the data

$$n = 1000 \quad CL = .95$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n} = .56 \quad \alpha = .05$$

$$\hat{q} = 1 - \hat{p} = .44 \quad \alpha/2 = .025$$

2.)  $Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.960$   
look up  $\alpha/2$  under  $\infty$

$$3.) E = Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n}} = 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{.56(.44)}{1000}} \\ = .030766...$$

$$4.) [\hat{p} - E, \hat{p} + E] = [.529, .591]$$

## ➤ Estimating Population Proportions

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$$\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{n}} \quad z_{0.05/2} = 1.96$$

$$0.76 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.76(1 - 0.76)}{200}} = .701 \quad \leftarrow \text{Lower Bound}$$

$$0.76 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.76(1 - 0.76)}{200}} = .819 \quad \leftarrow \text{Upper Bound}$$

I am 95% confident that the proportion of households in the population with at least one computer is between .701 and .819.



# Sampling variability for CI and Required size for this

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Suppose we are about to draw a sample and we wish to estimate the population proportion  $p$ .

We may wish to estimate  $p$  to within an amount  $m$  with 95% confidence.

How large of a sample size is required?

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Wanting to estimate  $p$  within  $m$  is the same  
as wanting the margin of error to be no  
more than  $m$ :

$$1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{n}} \leq m$$




95% margin of error

Solving for  $n$ :

$$n \geq \left(\frac{1.96}{m}\right)^2 \times p^*(1 - p^*)$$

If we wish to estimate  $p$  to within  $m$  with

$(1 - \alpha)100\%$  confidence:  $z = 1.645$  for 90% confidence  
 $z = 1.960$  for 95% confidence  
 $z = 2.576$  for 99% confidence


$$n \geq \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{m}\right)^2 \times p^*(1 - p^*)$$



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What value should we use for  $p^*$ ?

Two options:

- ▶ Use an estimate of  $p$  based on prior information.
- ▶ If there is no reasonable estimate of  $p$ , use  $p^* = 0.5$ .

$p^*(1 - p^*)$  is greatest when  $p^* = 0.5$

# Sampling variability for CI and Required size for this

$p$   
↓

Suppose we wish to estimate the proportion of adults in Ontario that are in favour of harsher penalties for drug offences.

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$$n \geq \left(\frac{1.96}{0.03}\right)^2 \cdot 0.5(1-0.5)$$

$$n \geq 1067.1$$

Minimum sample size:

$$n = 1068$$

Suppose we wish to estimate the proportion of mice that would be killed by a certain dose of a chemotherapy drug.

Previous studies have shown that approximately 10% of mice are killed by this dose of the drug.

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From previous studies:  $p \approx 0.10$ .

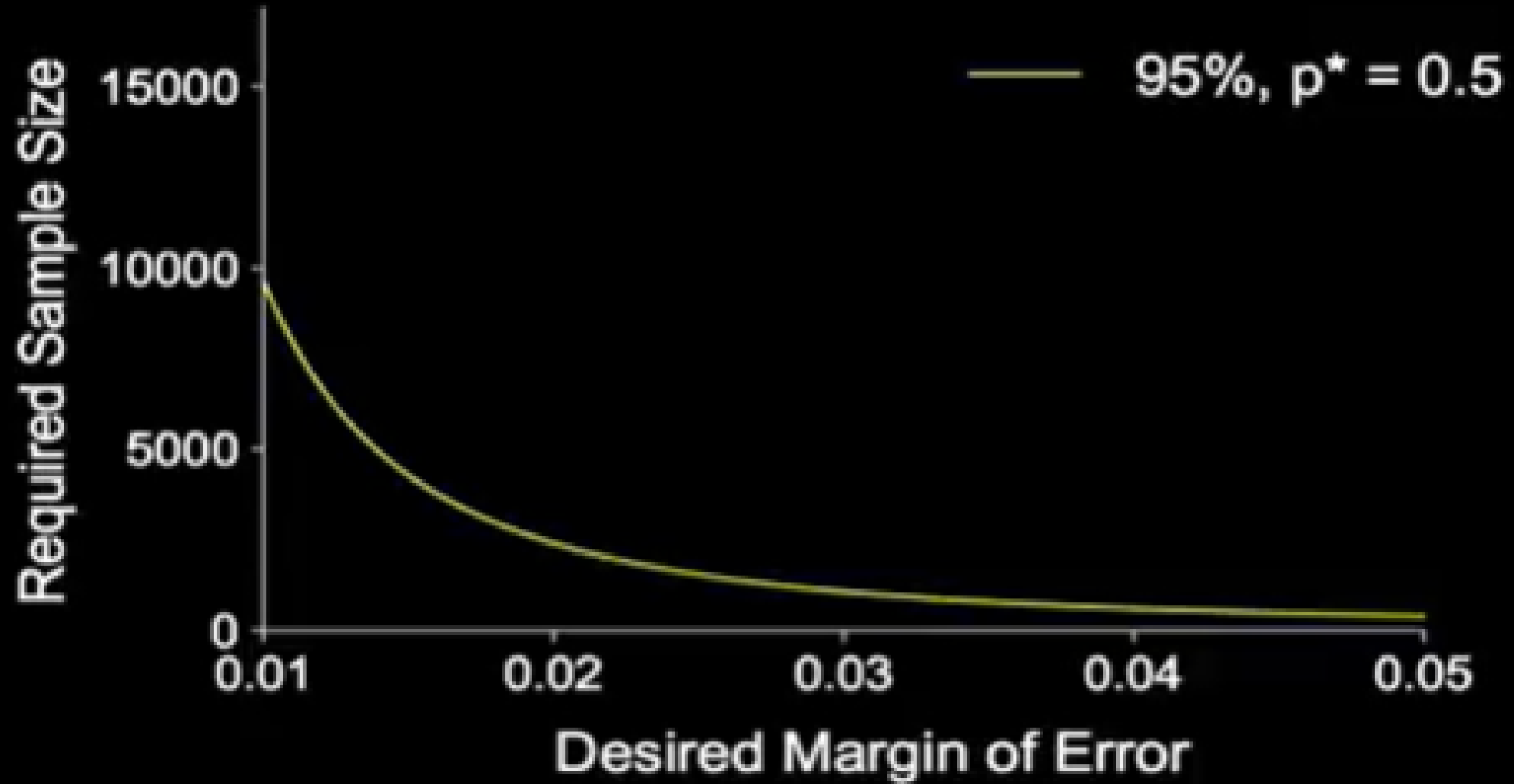
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$$n \geq \left(\frac{2.576}{0.001}\right)^2 \cdot 0.1(1-0.1)$$

Minimum sample size:

$$n \geq 597\,219.8$$

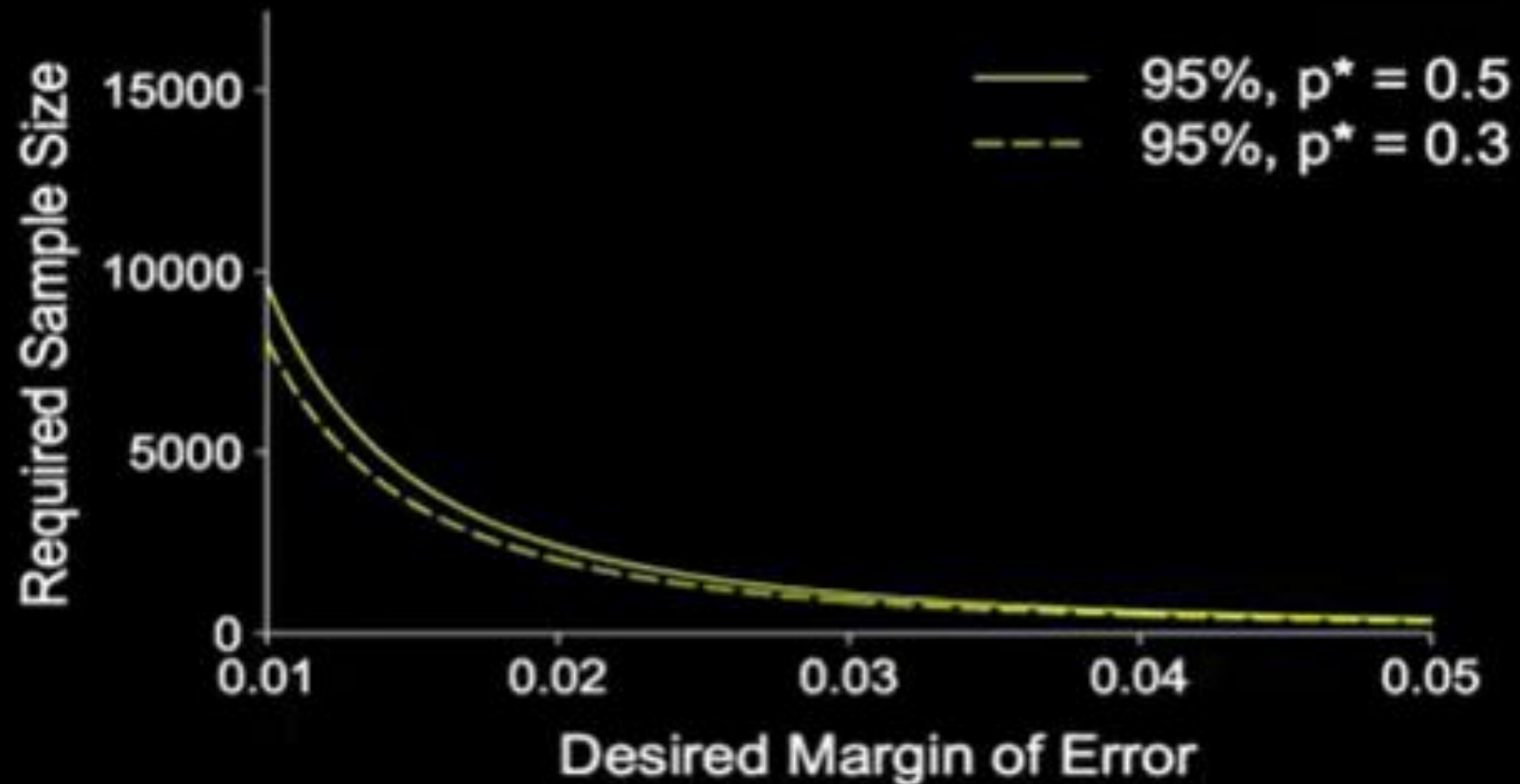
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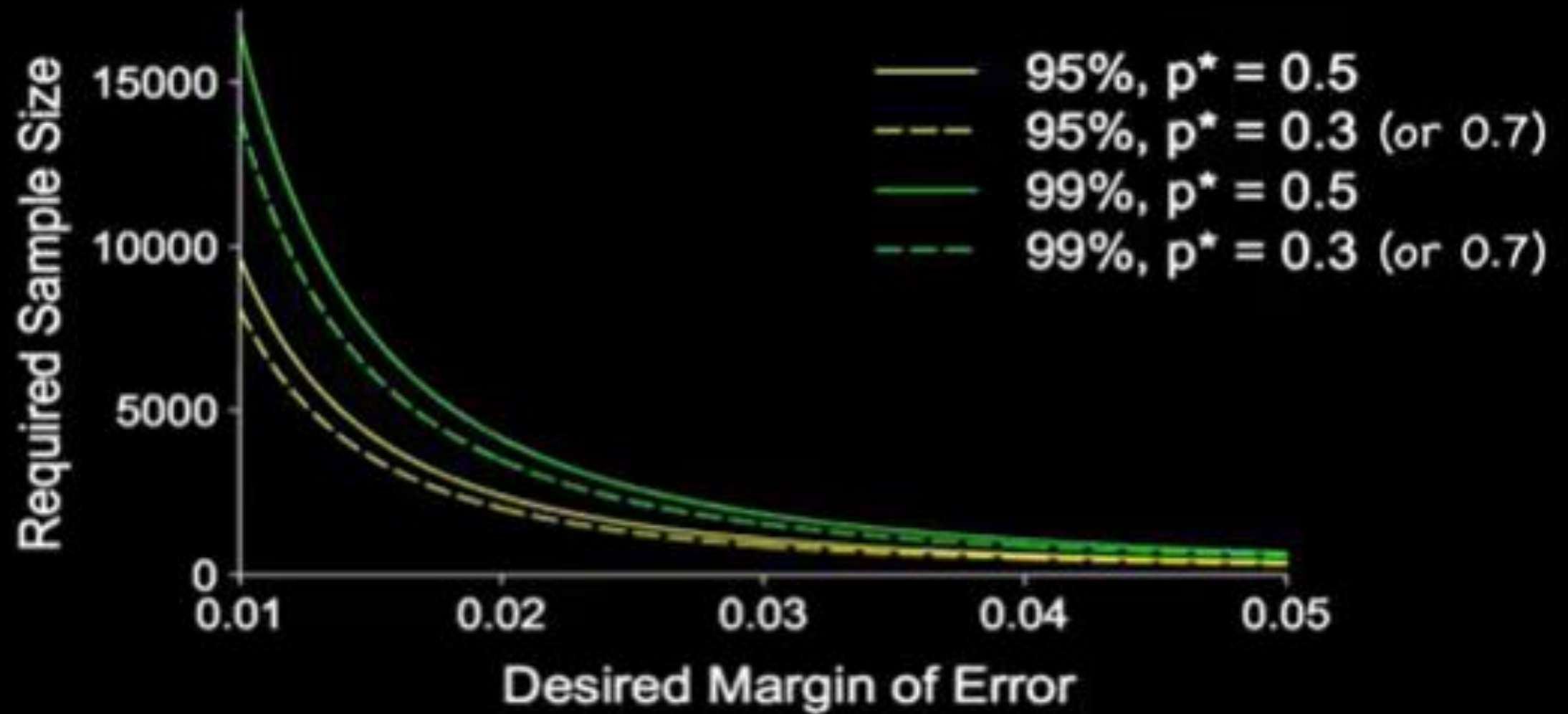




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# Hypothesis Testing

Is there strong evidence that the population proportion differs from a hypothesized value?

We may wish to test  $H_0: p = p_0$

A hypothesized  
value of  $p$



The alternative hypothesis will be one of:

$$H_a: p > p_0$$

$$H_a: p < p_0$$

$$H_a: p \neq p_0$$

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Guideline:

It is reasonable to use confidence interval methods based on the normal distribution if:

$$n\hat{p} \geq 15 \quad \text{and} \quad n(1 - \hat{p}) \geq 15$$

To test  $H_0: p = p_0$

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{SE_0(\hat{p})}$$

If  $H_0$  is true, this test statistic has (approximately) the standard normal distribution

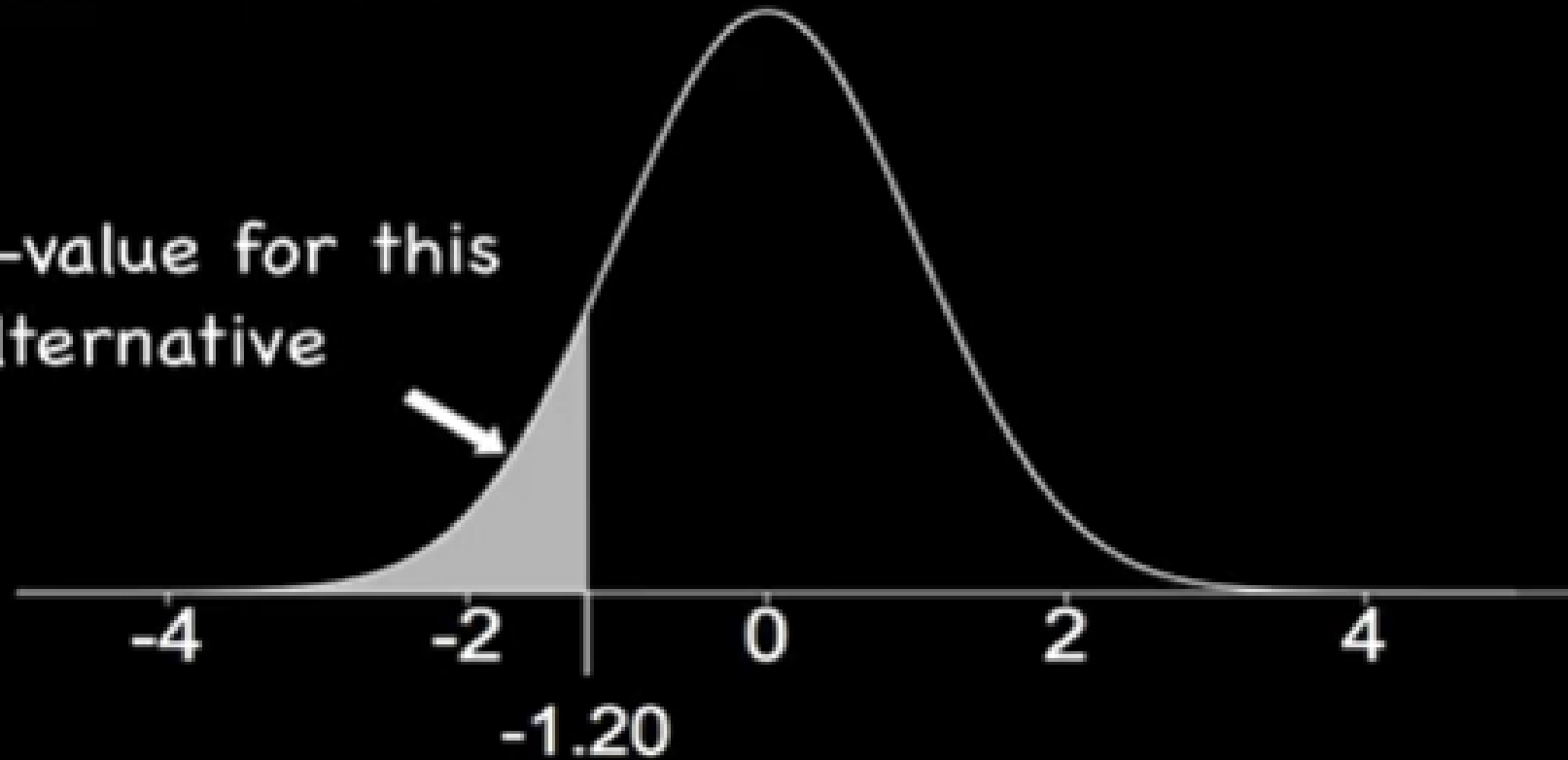
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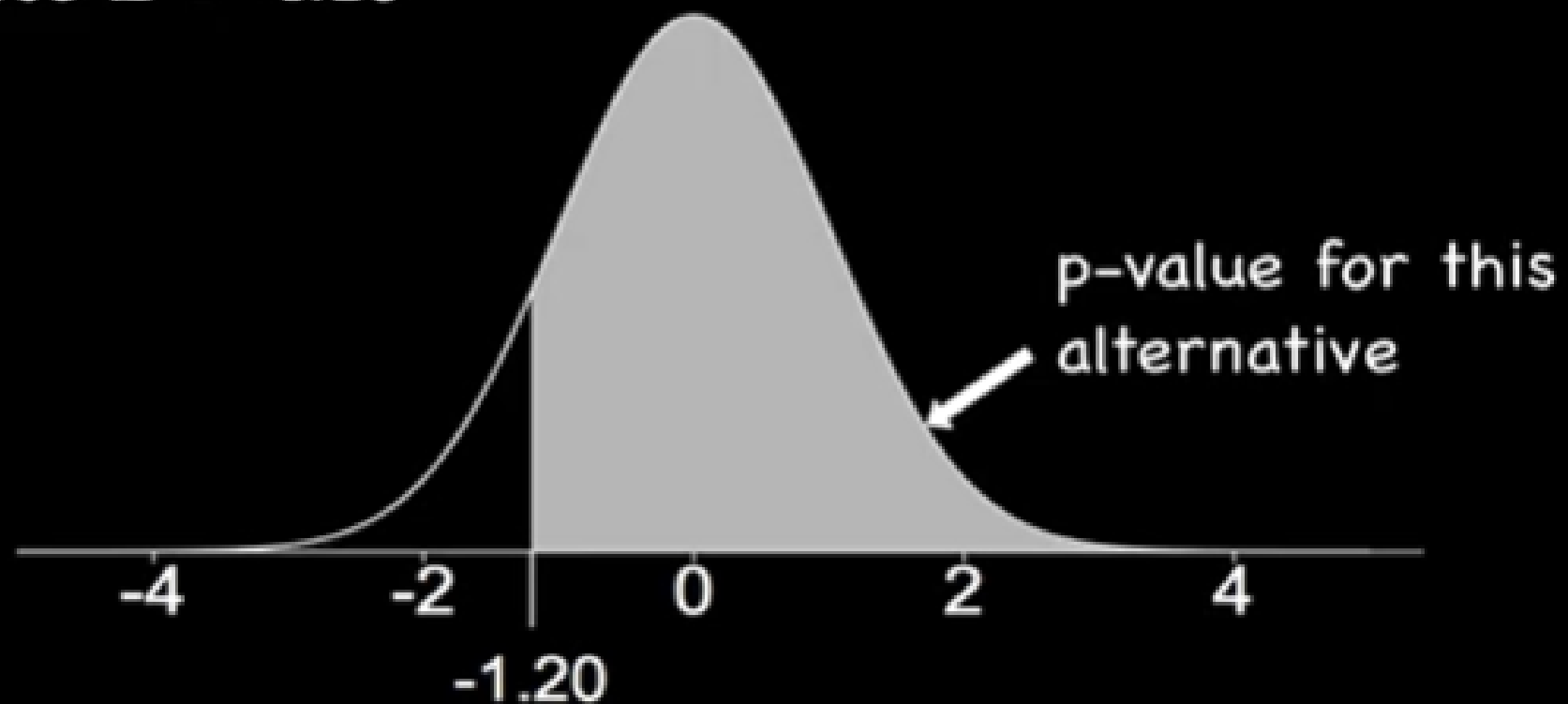
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p-value for this  
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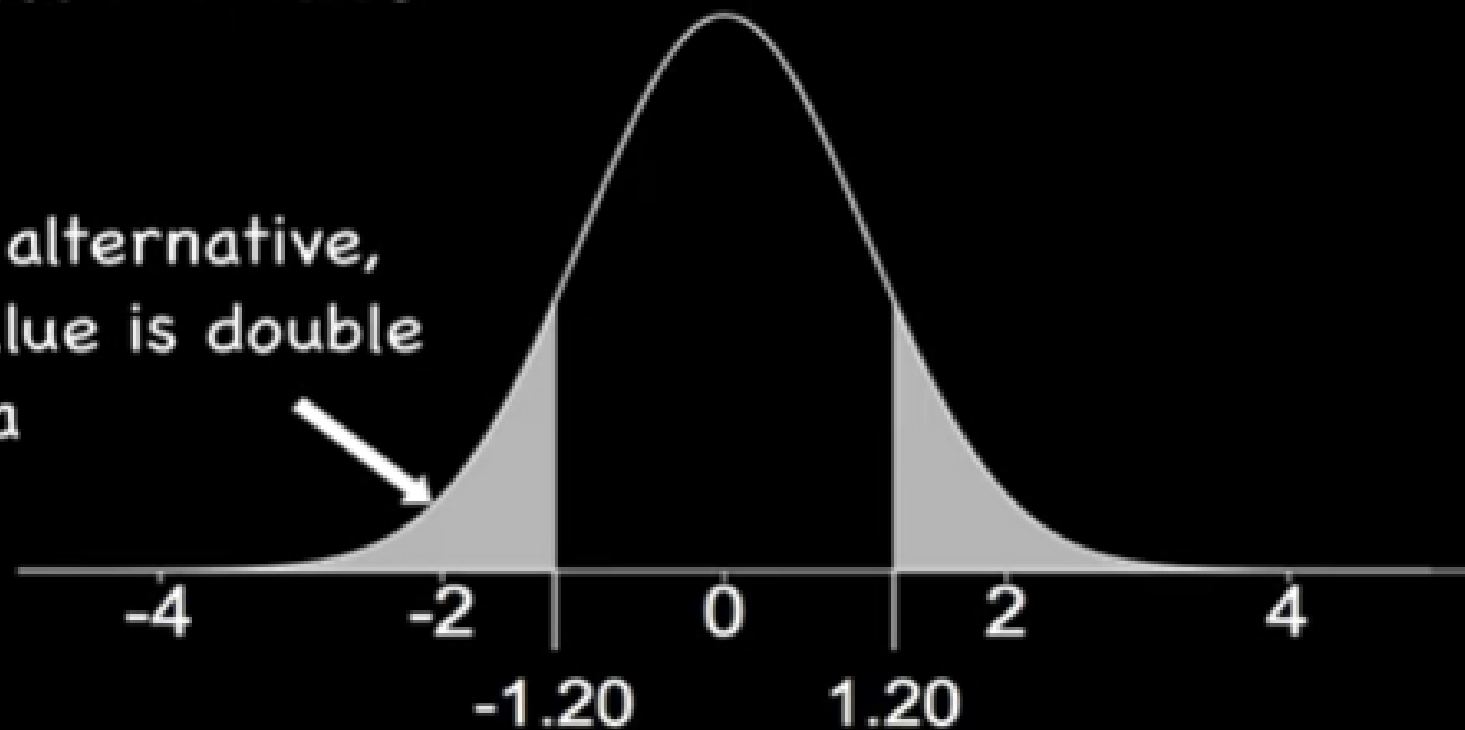
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For this alternative,  
the p-value is double  
this area



Draw a conclusion in the usual ways:

- ▶ A very small  $p$ -value gives very strong evidence against  $H_0$ .
- ▶ If we have a set significance level  $\alpha$ , reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$ .

# Sampling Distribution of Sample Proportion

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Test the null hypothesis that the true proportion of male births is 0.5, against the alternative hypothesis that it differs from 0.5.

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$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{SE_0(\hat{p})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{0.5322 - 0.5}{0.0070} \\ &= 4.576 \end{aligned}$$

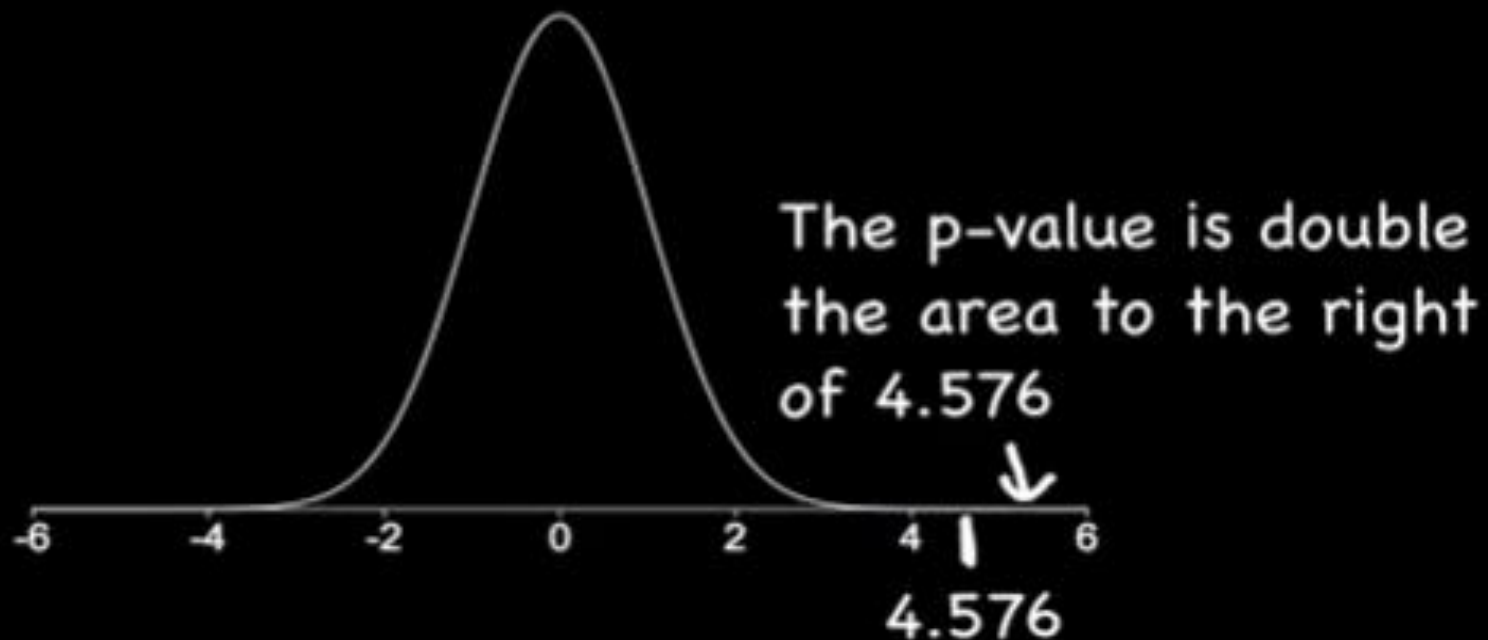
$$SE_0(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\frac{0.50(1 - 0.50)}{5045}} \\ &= 0.0070 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_0: p = 0.5, H_a: p \neq 0.5$$

$$Z = 4.576$$

$$p\text{-value} = 4.7 \times 10^{-6}$$



There is very strong evidence  
( $p$ -value = 0.0000047) that the true  
proportion of male births differs from 0.5.

The point estimate of the population  
proportion is 0.5322, with an associated  
95% confidence interval of (0.518, 0.546).

## Hypothesis Test for $p$

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$$H_1: p \neq 0.65$$

$$\alpha = 0.04$$

$$n = 250$$

$$x = 180$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{180}{250} = 0.72$$

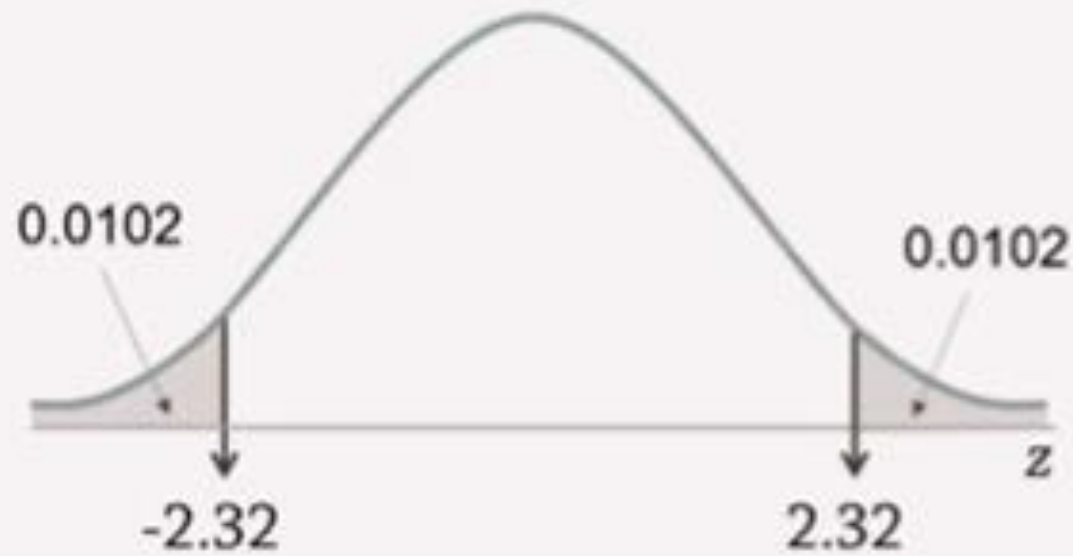
$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} = \frac{0.72 - 0.65}{\sqrt{\frac{0.65(1-0.65)}{250}}} = 2.32$$



$$H_0: p = 0.65$$

$$H_1: p \neq 0.65 \quad \alpha = 0.04$$

$$z = 2.32$$



$z$	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960
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result as extreme as  
180 out of 250  
successes, given the  
true success rate is 65%

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Since  $P\text{-value} = 0.0204 < \alpha$   
Reject  $H_0$

There is enough evidence to conclude that the population proportion differs from 0.65 or that the success rate has changed.

Is there enough evidence to conclude that the success rate has increased from 65%?

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$$z = 2.32$$



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$$\alpha = 0.01$$

$$P\text{-value} = 0.0102 > \alpha$$

Fail to Reject  $H_0$

There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the success rate has increased.

Is there enough evidence to conclude that the success rate has decreased from 65%?

$$z = 2.32$$



$$H_1: p < 0.65$$

$$z = 2.32$$

A random sample of 250 New IT investors showed that only 180 were successful.  
Is there enough evidence to conclude that the success rate has decreased from 65%?

$$P\text{-value} = 0.9898 > \alpha$$

Fail to Reject  $H_0$





# Hypothesis Test for Comparing Two Proportions

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A study of births in Liverpool, England, investigated a possible association between parental smoking during pregnancy and the Gender of the baby.



$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{2685}{5045} = 0.532$$

In a sample of 5045 babies born to non-smoking parents, 2685 were male.

In a sample of 363 babies born to heavy-smoking parents, 158 were male.

$$\hat{p}_2 = \frac{158}{363} = 0.435$$

$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$  estimates  $p_1 - p_2$

Common points of interest:

- ▶ Construct a confidence interval for  $p_1 - p_2$
- ▶ Test  $H_0: p_1 - p_2 = 0$  ( $H_0: p_1 = p_2$ )

The sampling distribution of  $\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$ :

- ▶ has a mean of  $p_1 - p_2$

- ▶ has a standard deviation of

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1-p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1-p_2)}{n_2}}$$

- ▶ is approximately normal if the sample sizes are large.

The assumptions of the two sample inference procedures on proportions:

- ▶ We have independent simple random samples from the populations of interest.
- ▶ The sample sizes are large enough for the normal approximation to be reasonable.

# CI

A  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$  confidence interval for  $p_1 - p_2$  is given by:

$$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z_{\alpha/2} \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2} = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(1 - p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(1 - p_2)}{n_2}}$$

$$SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1 - \hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1 - \hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

# Hypothesis testing for two proportions

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We often wish to test:

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2$$

The alternative hypothesis will be one of:

$$H_a: p_1 < p_2$$

$$H_a: p_1 > p_2$$

$$H_a: p_1 \neq p_2 \longleftarrow \text{Two-sided alternative}$$

To test  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\text{SE}_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)}$$

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To test  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$

If  $H_0$  is true, the Z test statistic has (approximately) the standard normal distribution

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{SE_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)}$$

$$SE_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$$

$\hat{p}$  is the pooled sample proportion:

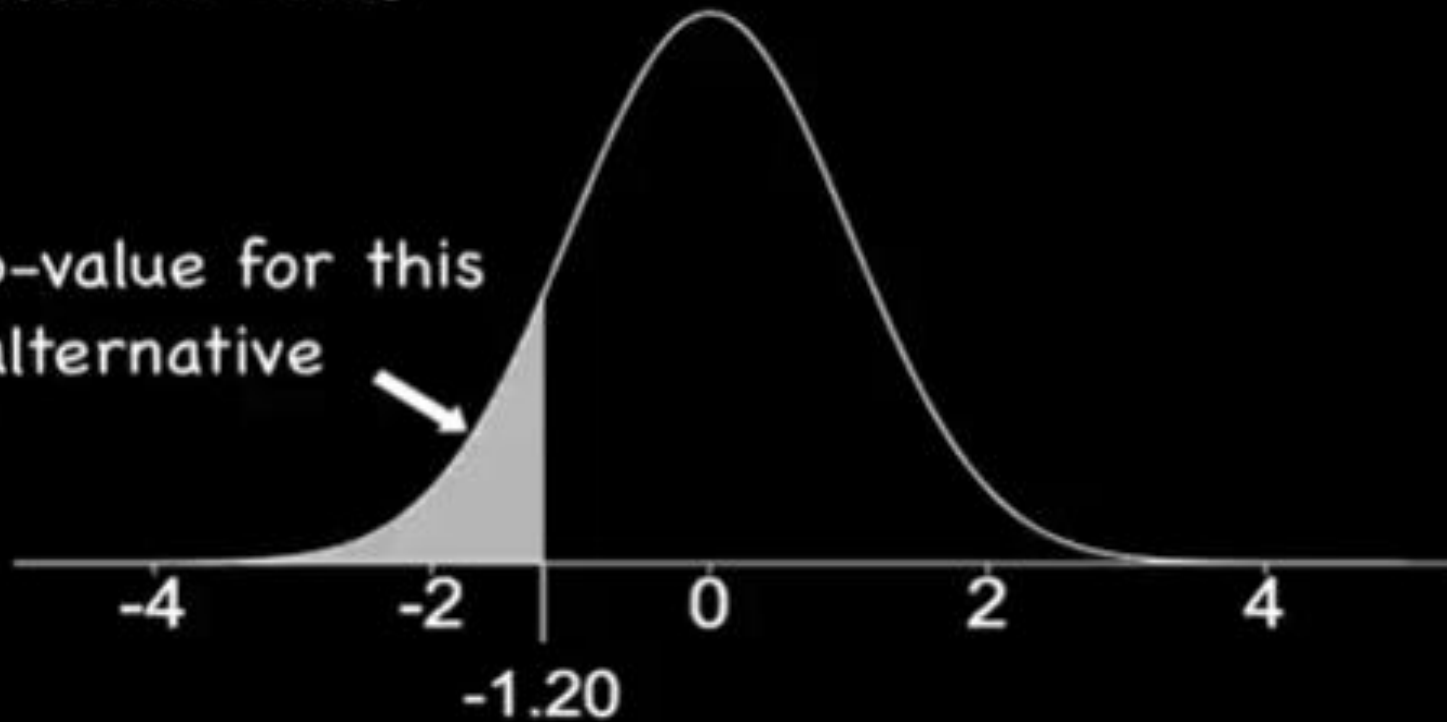
$$\hat{p} = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{n_1 + n_2} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Number of individuals with the characteristic} \\ \text{Total number of individuals} \end{array}$$



$$H_0: p_1 = p_2, H_a: p_1 < p_2$$

Suppose  $Z = -1.20$

p-value for this  
alternative



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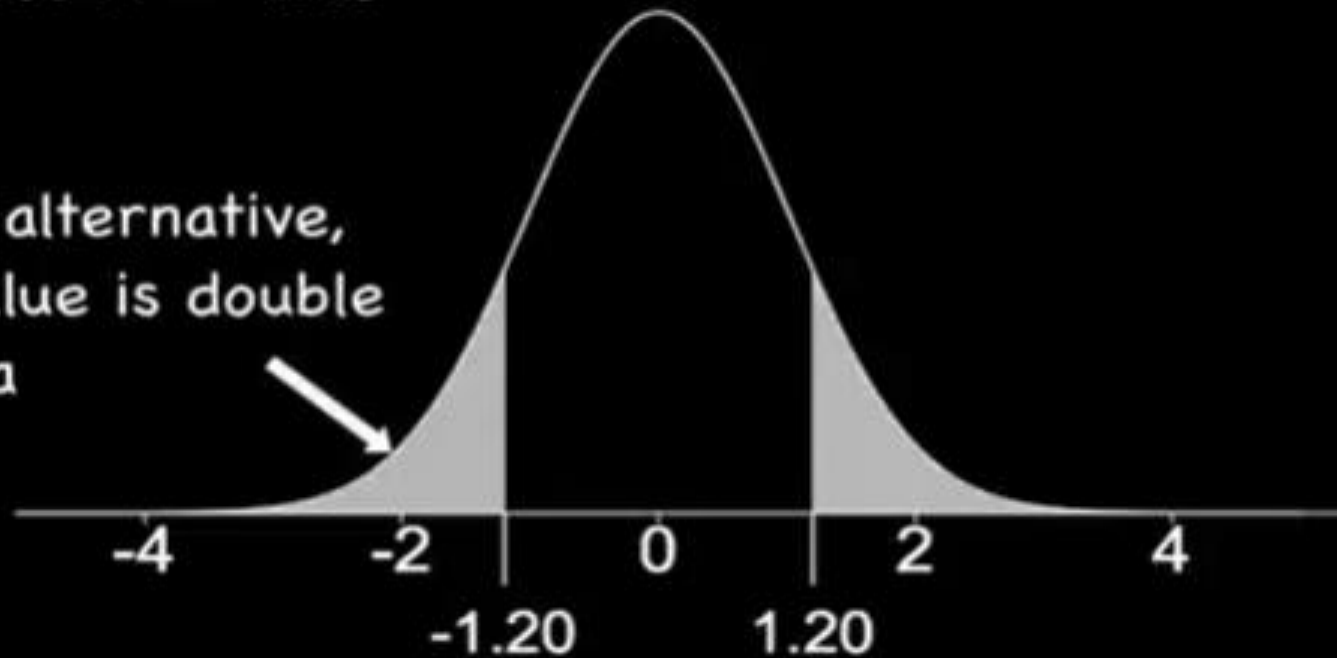
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For this alternative,  
the p-value is double  
this area



Draw a conclusion in the usual ways:

- ▶ A very small  $p$ -value gives very strong evidence against  $H_0$ .
- ▶ If we have a set significance level  $\alpha$ , reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$ .

Non-smoking  
parents:

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Heavy-smoking  
parents:

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{The true proportion of male births is the same for both groups}$$

$$H_a: p_1 \neq p_2$$

$$Z = 3.57, p\text{-value} = 0.00035 \quad \leftarrow \text{Very strong evidence against } H_0$$

A 95% confidence interval for  $p_1 - p_2$ :

$$(0.044, 0.150)$$

# Example

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How do homing pigeons find their way home?

# Example

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A study investigated a possible effect of a magnetic pulse on the ability of homing pigeons to navigate back to the home loft.

Pigeons were randomly divided into a magnetic pulse group and a control group.

The pigeons were then released from a location 106 km from the home loft.

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22 of the 38 control group pigeons returned to the home loft.

21 of the 39 pigeons that received a magnetic pulse returned to the home loft.



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- ▶ Construct a confidence interval for  $p_1 - p_2$
  - ▶ Test  $H_0: p_1 = p_2$

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True (theoretical) proportion  
for magnetic pulse pigeons

True (theoretical) proportion  
for untreated pigeons

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# CI

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Construct a 95% confidence interval for  
 $p_1 - p_2$

$$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z_{\alpha/2} \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)$$

Margin of error

CI

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{21}{39} = 0.5385, \hat{p}_2 = \frac{22}{38} = 0.5789$$

$$SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{0.5385(1-0.5385)}{39} + \frac{0.5789(1-0.5789)}{38}}$$

$$= 0.1131 \leftarrow$$

CI

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Construct a 95% confidence interval for  $p_1 - p_2$

$$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z_{.025} \times SE(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)$$

$$\underline{0.5385 - 0.5789} \pm 1.96 \times 0.1131$$

$$-0.0405 \pm 0.2216$$

$$(-0.262, 0.181)$$



We can be 95% confident that  $p_1 - p_2$  lies within this interval.

CI

We can be 95% confident that the difference in the true proportion of pigeons that would return to the home loft ( $p_{MP} - p_C$ ) lies between  $-0.262$  and  $0.181$ .

0 is contained within the interval

# Hypothesis testing

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Test the null hypothesis that the population proportions are equal.

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2 \leftarrow \text{The magnetic pulse has no effect}$$

One could make an argument for the alternative:  $H_a: p_1 < p_2$



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$H_a: p_1 \neq p_2$

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$$\hat{p} = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{21 + 22}{39 + 38} = \frac{43}{77} = 0.5584$$

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$$= 0.1132$$

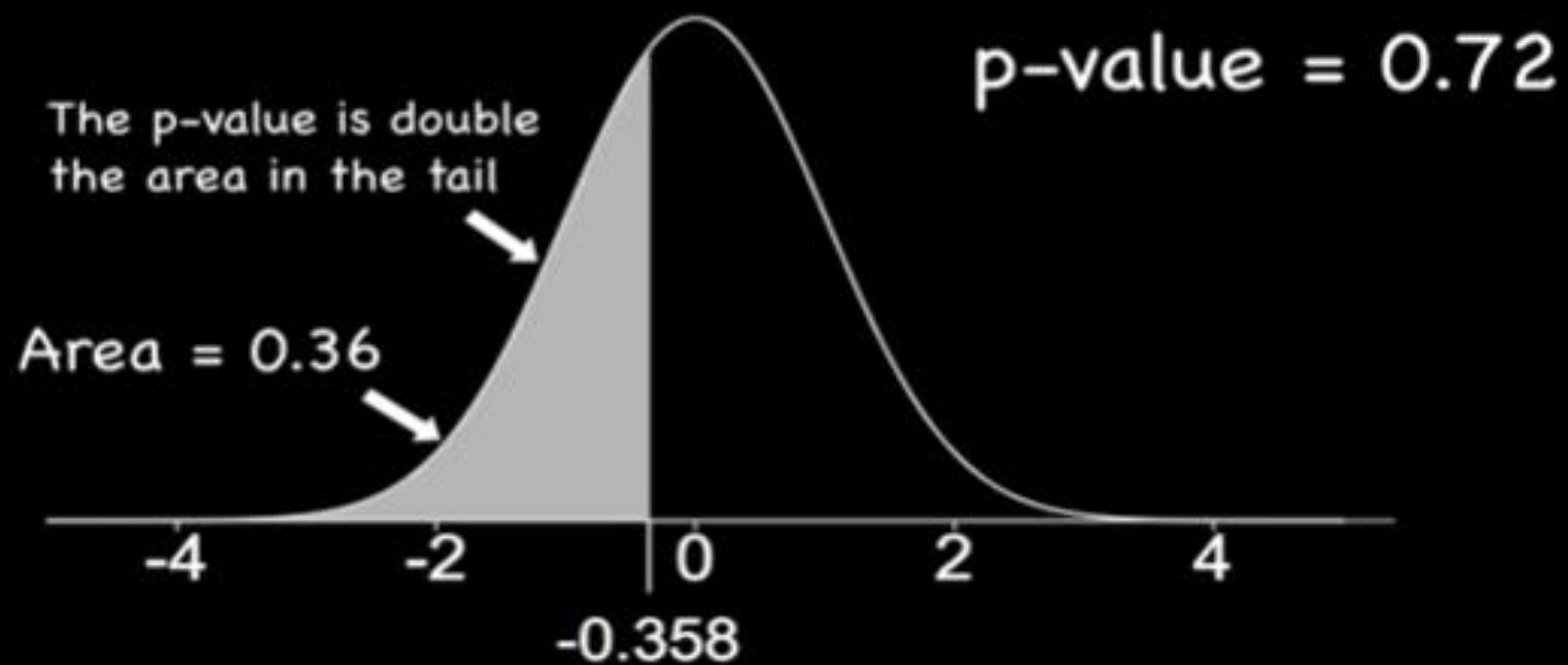
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Carry many decimal places  
throughout the calculations!

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{SE_0(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{21}{39} - \frac{22}{38}}{0.1132} = -0.358 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_0: p_1 = p_2, H_a: p_1 \neq p_2$$
$$Z = -0.358$$



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There is no evidence ( $p$ -value = 0.72) that the magnetic pulse had an effect on the population proportion of pigeons that would return to the home loft.

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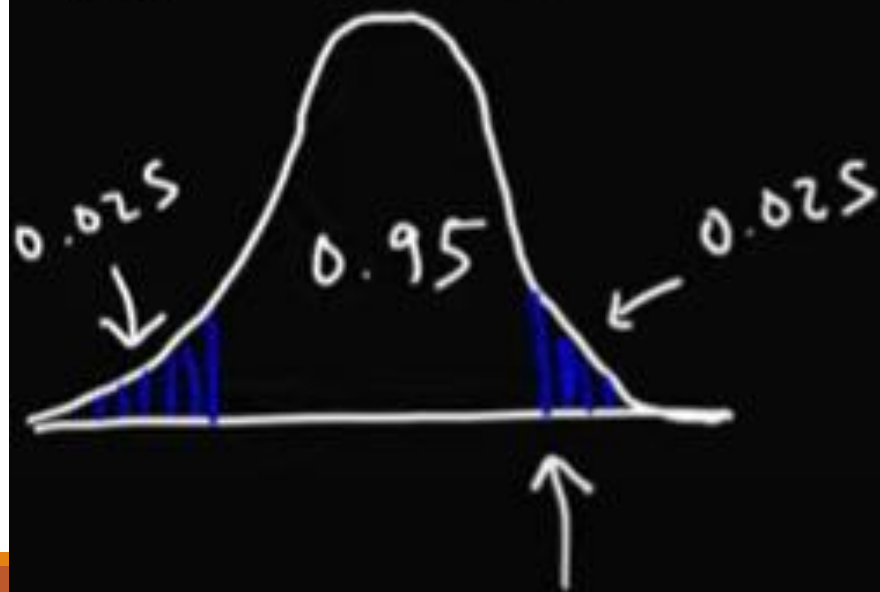
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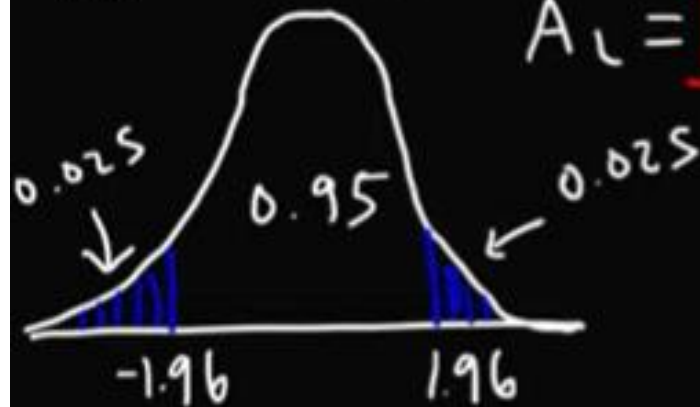
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$$\alpha = 0.05 \quad A_c = 0.975$$

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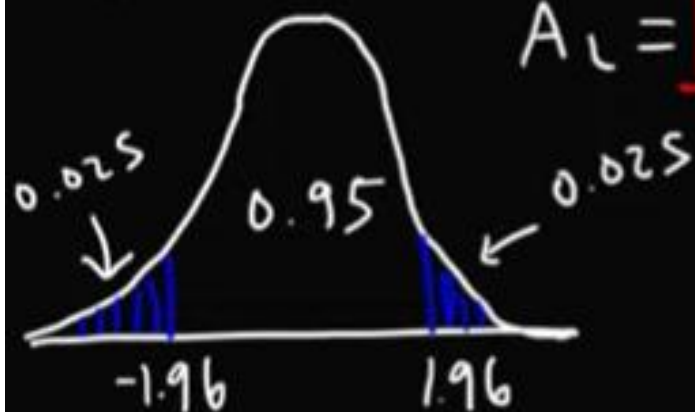
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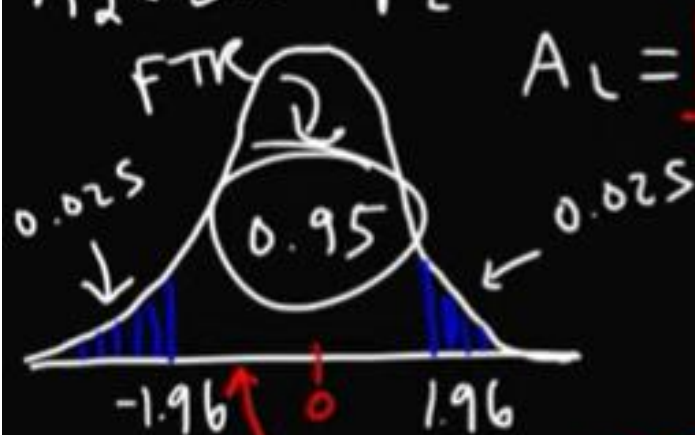
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**Solution:**  $n_1 = 500$ ;  $n_2 = 100$

$p_1 =$  Proportion of imperfect articles  
in 1<sup>st</sup> sample

$$= \frac{16}{500} = 0.032$$

$p_2 =$  Proportion of imperfect articles  
in 2<sup>nd</sup> sample

$$= \frac{3}{100} = 0.03$$

Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ):  $P_1 = P_2$ , i.e., there is no significant difference in the machine before overhauling and after overhauling. **OR** the machine has not improved after overhauling.

Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ):

$$P_1 > P_2 \text{ (Right-tailed)}$$



Under  $H_0$ , we have

$$Z = \frac{p_1 - p_2 - (P_1 - P_2)}{\sqrt{PQ \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Where } P &= \frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2} \\ &= \frac{16 + 3}{500 + 100} \\ &= 0.032 \end{aligned}$$

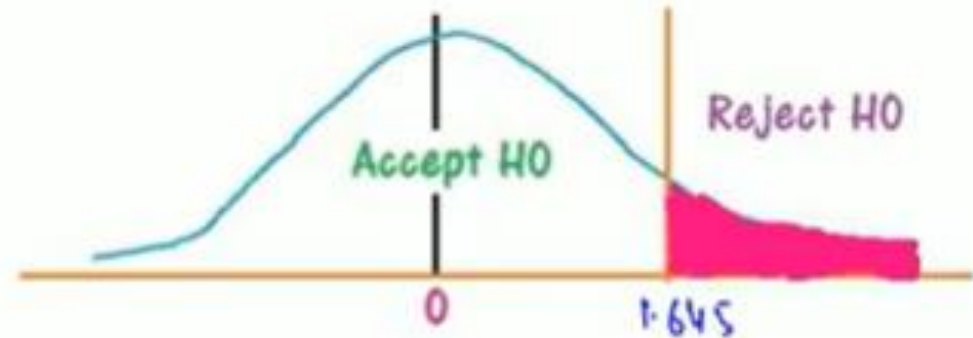
$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 1 - P \\ &= 1 - 0.032 \\ &= 0.968 \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \frac{0.032 - 0.03}{\sqrt{0.032 \times 0.968 \left( \frac{1}{500} + \frac{1}{100} \right)}}$$
$$= 0.10374$$

$H_0: P_1$



Conclusion: The significant value for right tailed is 1.645.

As  $1.0374 < 1.645$ , it is not significant at 5% level. Hence,

We MAY Accept  $H_0$  and conclude that the machine has not improved after overhauling.