

# Math 11

## Calculus-Based Introductory Probability and Statistics

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Today:

- More hypothesis testing and confidence intervals
- Better understanding of  $p$ -values

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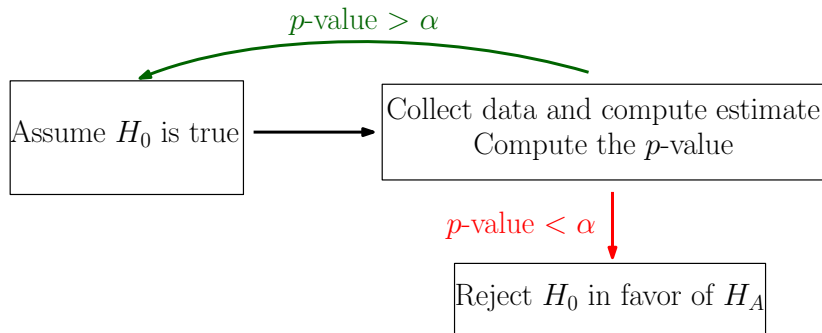
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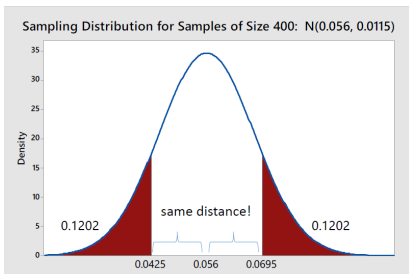
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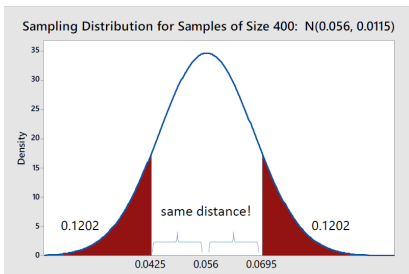
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Our result is not strange enough for us to abandon  $H_0$ .

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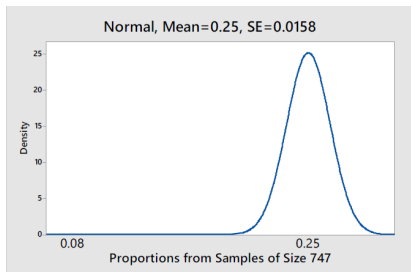
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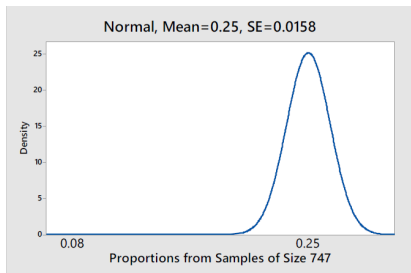
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Some fields have a far more demanding threshold like  $\alpha = 0.0000003$ . This is usually called the “5 sigma rule”: you need to see an event  $5SE$ 's from the assumend mean in order to discard  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_A$   
Examples:

- Particle physics
- Pharmacology
- Aircraft design processes

# $P$ Overload!

- $p$  is the proportion of some trait in a population.  
It is a parameter.
- $\hat{p}$  is the proportion of some trait in a sample.  
It is a statistic.
- $P(A)$  means the probability of some event  $A$  occurring.  
It is a probability.
- A  $p$ -value is a conditional probability:  
It is the probability of getting the value  $\hat{p}$  (or something more extreme) in a universe where  $p$  is the law of the land. That is,

$$p\text{-value} = P(\hat{p} \text{ or something more extreme} \mid H_0 \text{ is true}).$$

It is calculated by finding an area under a sampling distribution curve, whose shape is determined by  $H_0$ .

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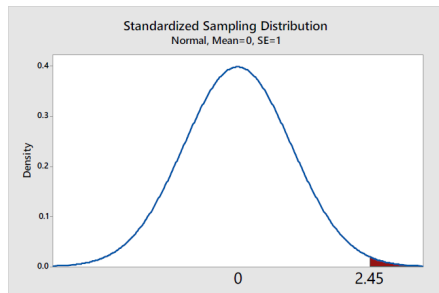
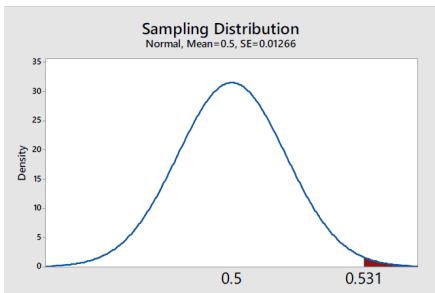
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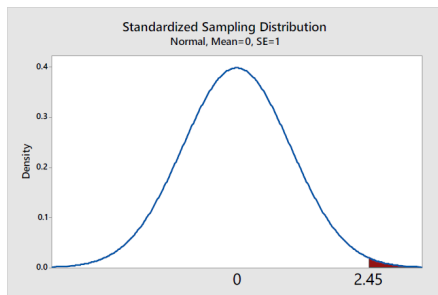
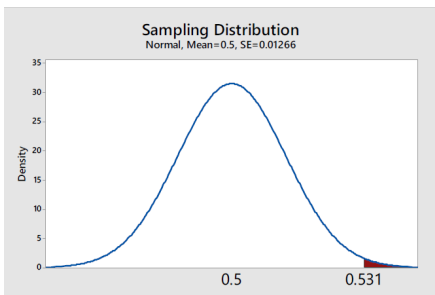
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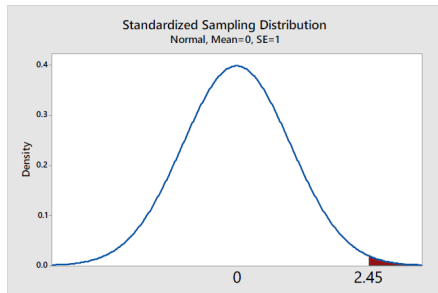
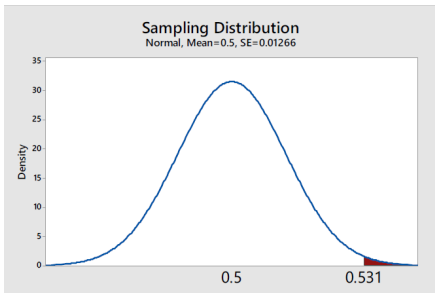
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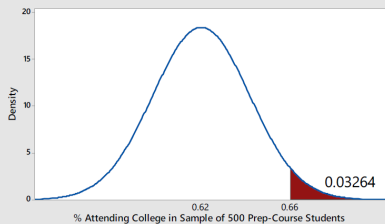
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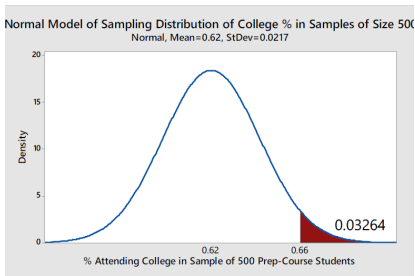
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Normal Model of Sampling Distribution of College % in Samples of Size 500  
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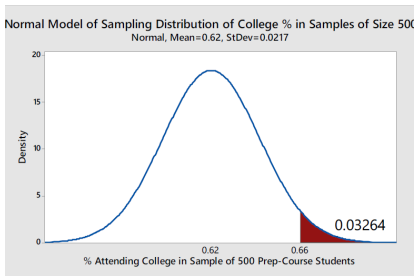


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There is strong evidence that our prep course does make it more likely for students to attend college.

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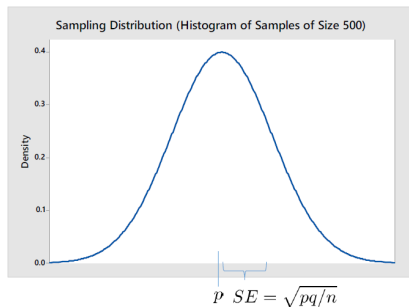
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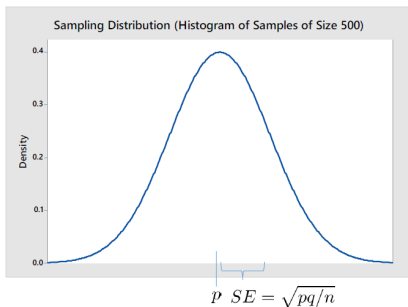
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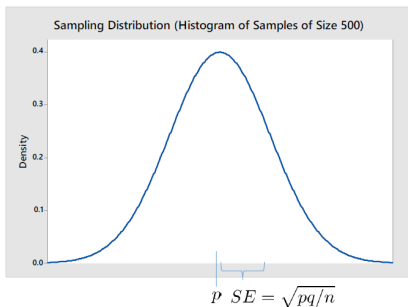
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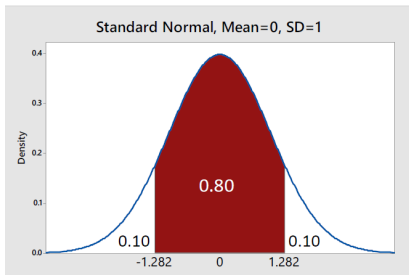
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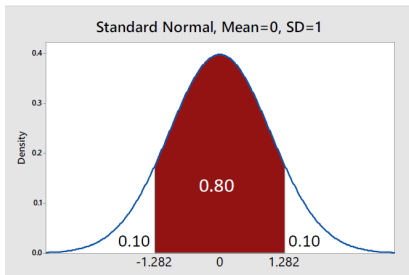
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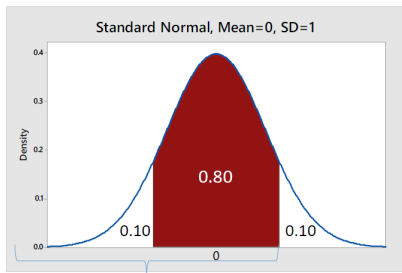
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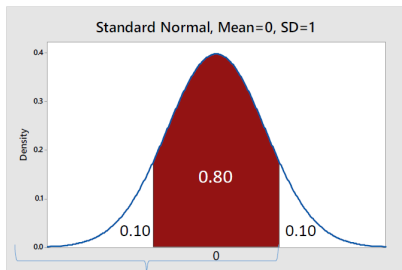
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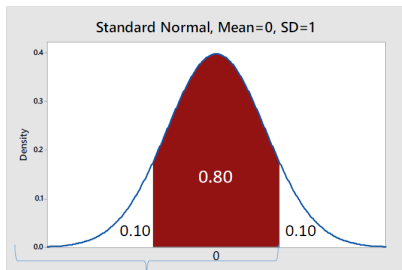


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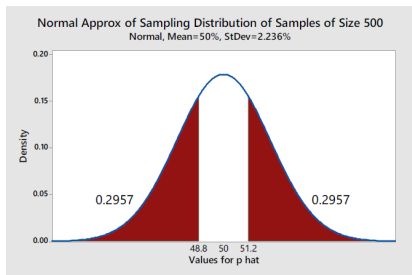
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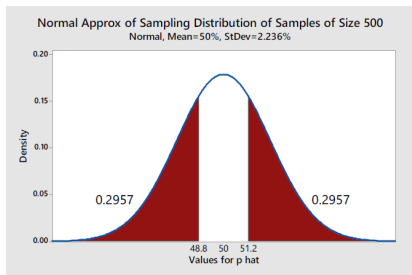
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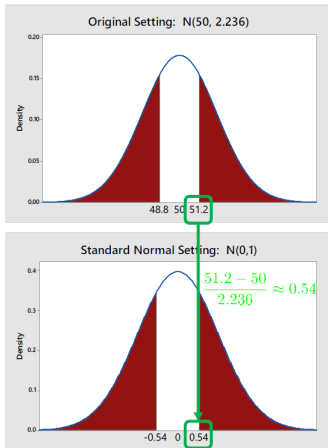


Our  $p$ -value is  $2 \times 0.2957 \simeq 0.59$ .

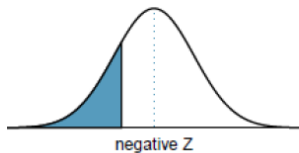
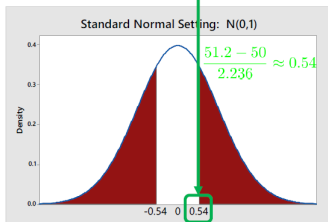
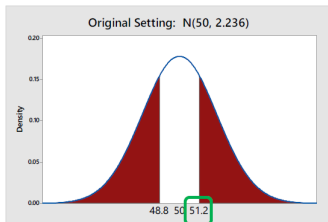
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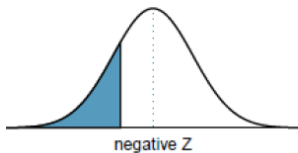
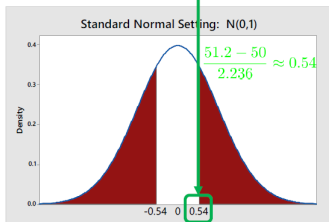
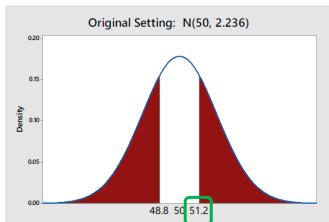


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The act of forming a null hypothesis for a proportion, building a sample distribution, and using this to determine a  $p$ -value for an observed proportion  $\hat{p}$  is known as a **one proportion  $z$ -test**.



# $p$ -Value Communication and Interpretation

There are many ways to communicate what a  $p$ -value means:

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- **Setting:** If the stock market has 50% up days, the probability of seeing up-proportions like 51.2% (or more extreme) is about 0.5914.
- **Samples:** If the stock market has 50% up days, sampling variation would give results like 51.2% (or more extreme) in about 59 of 100 samples.
- **Strangeness:** If the stock market really has 50% up days, then we got a sample mean that is among the top 59% strangest sample means we could get.

# $p$ -Value Miscommunication and Misinterpretation

There is extensive evidence that students and researchers do not understand what  $p$ -values are. ([Link](#))

A video in which statisticians struggle to explain a  $p$ -value: ([Link](#))

In 2016, the American Statistical Society had to release an official statement on  $p$ -values because they are so misunderstood by everyone (students, researchers, statisticians, press, public) ([Link](#))

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