

We will use the normal distribution to approximate the binomial. We want to compute a p-value = probability of getting a sample proportion less than or equal to $\hat{p} = 0.208$. To use the normal distribution we compute a z-score. The z-score is called a test statistic (T.S.)

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - \text{mean of all } \hat{p} \text{ values}}{\text{std. error of } \hat{p} \text{ values}} = \frac{\hat{p} - P}{\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}} \leftarrow \text{Test Statistic}$$

III. Compute the test statistic

$$\text{T.S.: } Z = \frac{\hat{p} - P}{\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{get } P \text{ from } H_0 \\ q = 1 - p. \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} Z = \# \text{ of std.} \\ \text{errors that} \\ \hat{p} \text{ is from } p. \end{array} \right\}$$

Ex: $Z = \frac{\hat{p} - P}{\sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}} = \frac{.208 - .25}{\sqrt{\frac{.25 \cdot .75}{950}}} = -2.99 \leftarrow \text{Highly Significant!!}$

step III.

IV Look up Z critical values in Table A1 (or the bottom row of A2).

Critical value = # of standard errors required for significance

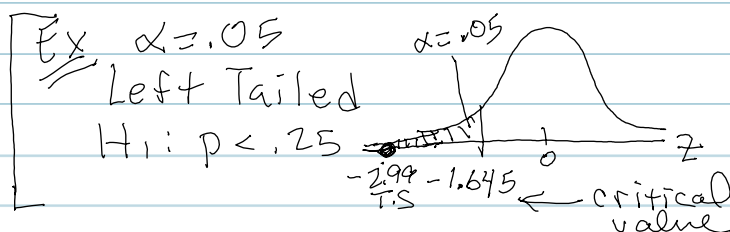
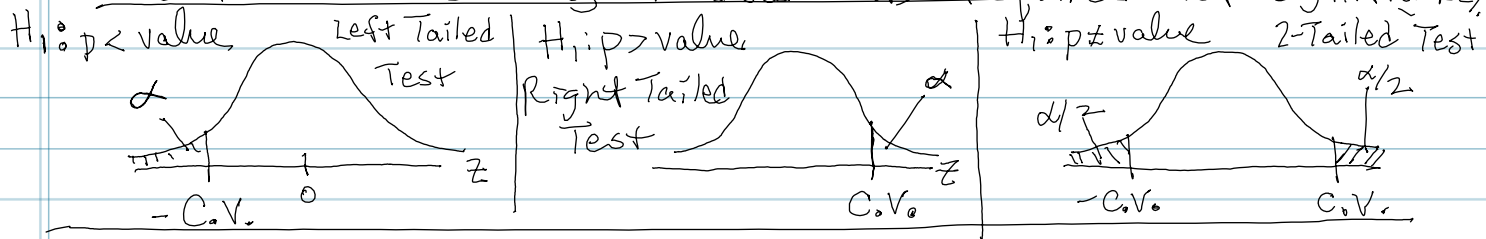


Table A2

df $\downarrow$ Large (Z) $\rightarrow 1.645$

$\alpha = .05$ one tail $\downarrow$