

# Approximate Binomial Test

ST551 Lecture 12

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# Midterm

**Next Friday Oct 27th in class.**

No outside materials except one double-sided page of your own notes and a calculator.

I'll be putting up a study guide and practice midterm by Friday.

Two options to vote on:

1. No homework due next Thursday
2. No homework due the week after the midterm

**Finish the CI for last week's  
worksheet**

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## Exact Binomial Test: Takeaways

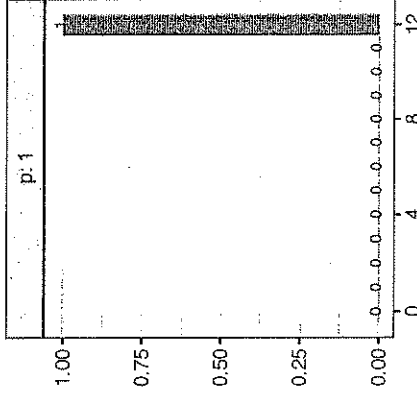
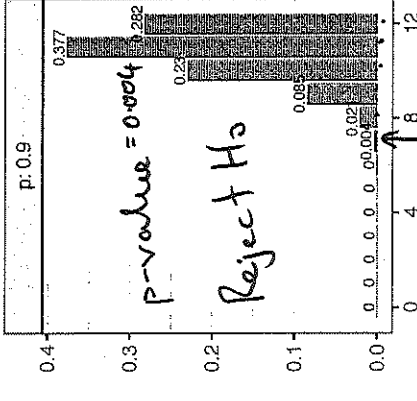
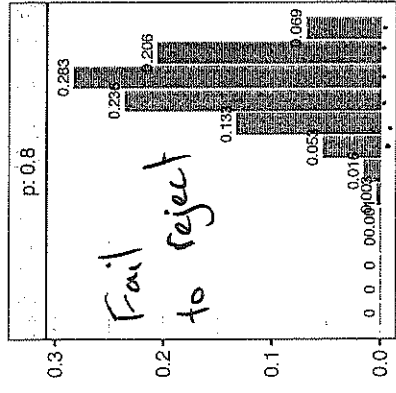
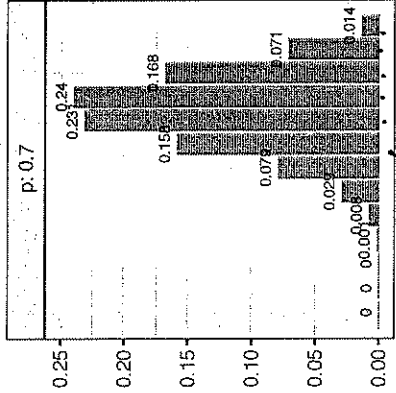
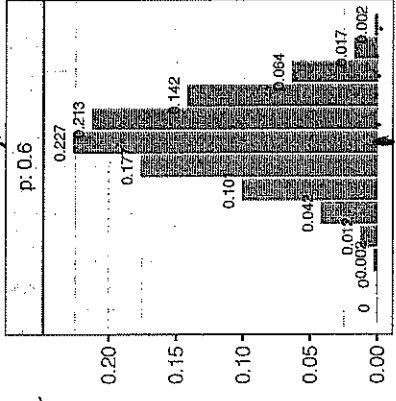
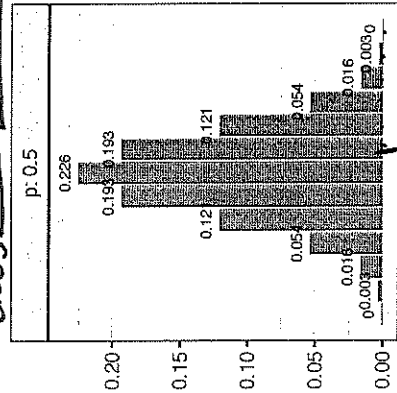
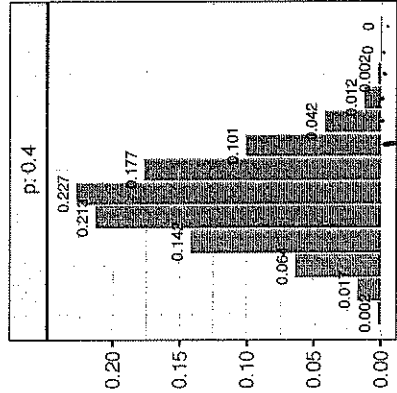
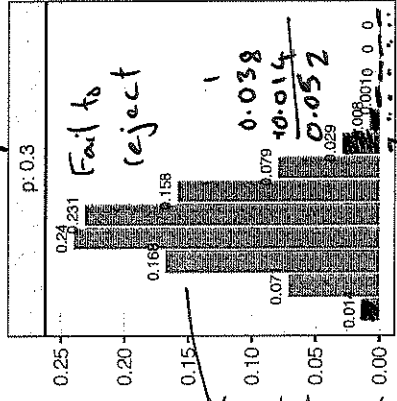
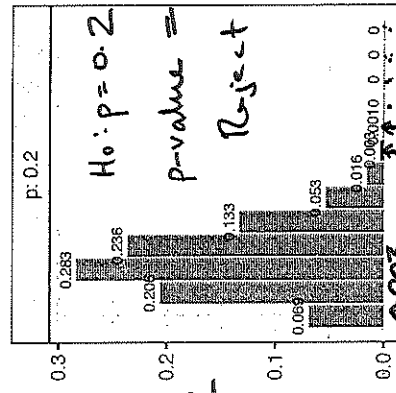
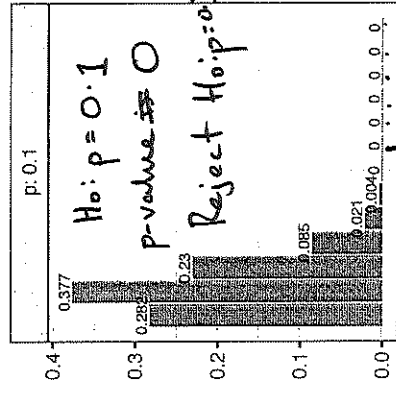
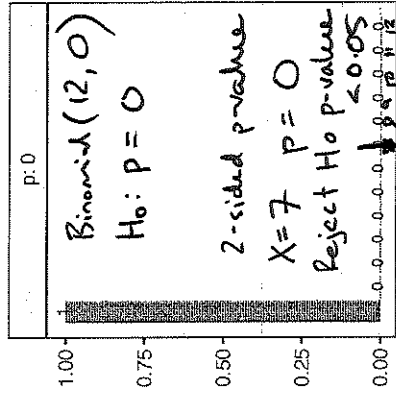
“Exact” because it uses the *exact* sampling distribution of the sum of  $Y_i$ .

The actual Type I error rate will never be more than  $\alpha$ , but may be substantially less (i.e. conservative).

You can invert the test to get a confidence interval, but there isn't an easy closed form for the interval.

95% CI

Null distributions of X  
Binomial(12, p)



95% CI

(0.3, 0.8)

somewhere

between 0.2 & 0.3  
between 0.8 & 0.9

p=0.3  
inside CI

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Homework

# Exact Binomial Test: In R

```
binom.test(x = 7, n = 12, p = 0.4)
```

```
##
```

```
## Exact binomial test
```

```
##
```

```
## data: 7 and 12
```

```
## number of successes = 7, number of trials = 12, p-value = 0.2417
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## 0.2766697 0.8483478
```

```
## sample estimates:
```

```
## probability of success
```

```
## 0.5833333
```

## Exact Binomial Test: In R

```
binom.test(x = 7, n = 12, p = 0.4)
```

x - count of 1's, i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$

n - sample size

p -  $p_0$ , the hypothesized population proportion

The reported CI is a Clopper-Pearson confidence interval, based on the exact distribution but with equal tails (i.e. try to get  $\alpha/2$  in each tail).



# Approximate Binomial Test

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Use fact that:

$$\bar{Y} \sim N \left( \overset{\mu}{E(Y)}, \overset{\sigma^2}{\frac{\text{Var}(Y)}{n}} \right) = N \left( p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n} \right)$$

$X = n\bar{Y} \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$
$$E(Y) = p, \text{Var}(Y) = p(1-p)$$

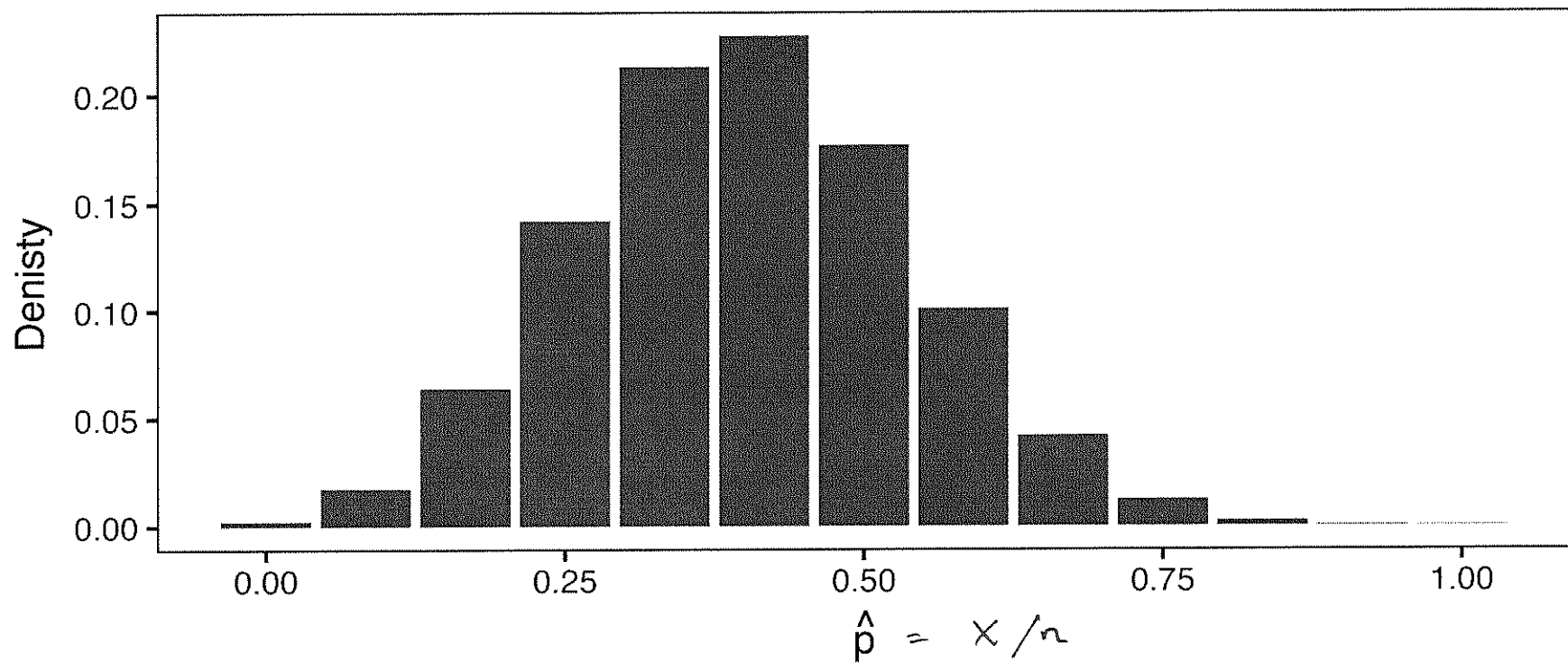
Leads to the Z-test where:  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$     $H_0: p = p_0$

$$Z(p_0) = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1-p_0)/n}} \quad \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}}$$

$$\hat{p} = \bar{Y} = \text{sample proportion} = \frac{X}{n} = \frac{\sum Y_i}{n}$$

# Exact distribution of sample proportion

Null distribution of  $\hat{p}$



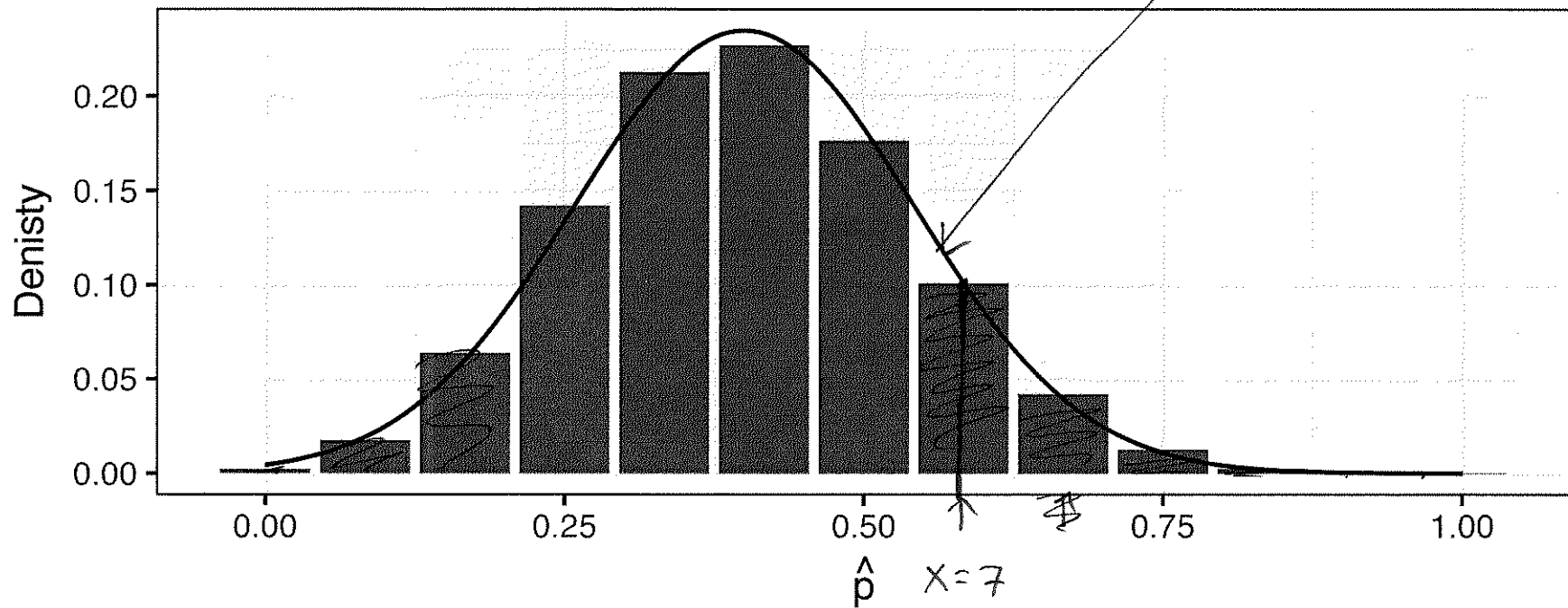
# Approximate distribution of sample proportion

Null distribution of  $\hat{p}$

$$H_0: p = 0.4$$

$$N\left(0.4, \frac{0.4(0.6)}{n}\right)$$

Normal approximation overlaid



## Your turn

```
library(openintro)
census %>%
  group_by(sex) %>%
  summarise(n = n())
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   sex      n
##   <fctr> <int>
## 1 Female  232
## 2   Male  268
##           500
```

### Find:

1.  $\hat{p} = \frac{232}{500} = 0.464$

2. The Z-statistic, for the test of  $H_0 : p = 0.5$

$$\frac{0.464 - 0.5}{\sqrt{0.5(0.5)/500}} = -1.61$$

## Your turn

## A confidence interval?

Need to invert test, i.e. find all  $p_0$  such that:

$$|Z(p_0)| = \left| \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{p_0(1 - p_0)/n}} \right| > z_{1-\alpha/2}$$

It's hard...

Instead use:

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

Based on inverting a (Wald) test with statistic:

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

Asymptotically equivalent to  $Z(p_0)$  (happens to be the Score test)

## Your turn

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```

### Find:

1. 95% CI for  $p$ .



## Can lead to contradictions

A **score** test,  $Z(p_0)$ , might not agree with a Wald interval.

Learn to live with it... or don't calculate things by hand.

# In R

```
prop.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5, correct = FALSE)
      ↑                P0                                ↪ continuity correction

##
## 1-sample proportions test without continuity correction
##
## data: 232 out of 232 + 268, null probability 0.5
## X-squared = 2.592, df = 1, p-value = 0.1074
## alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.4207282 0.5078208 → inverting Z-test
## sample estimates:      "Score Interval"
##      p
## 0.464
```

$$\hat{p} \pm 2 \sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})/n}$$

$$\sqrt{\chi^2} = Z(p_0)$$

## In R

```
prop.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5, correct = FALSE)
```

Equivalent to  $Z(p_0)$  and inverts to get confidence interval (i.e. p-value and CI will agree).

Reports X-squared,  $\chi^2$  statistic, take square root to get  $Z$

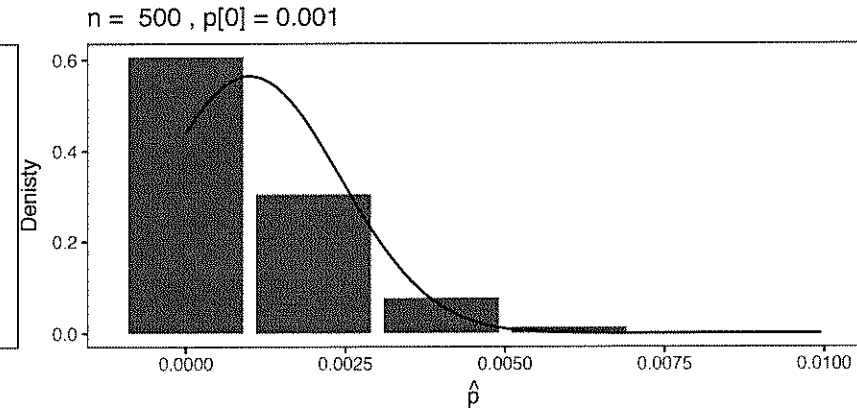
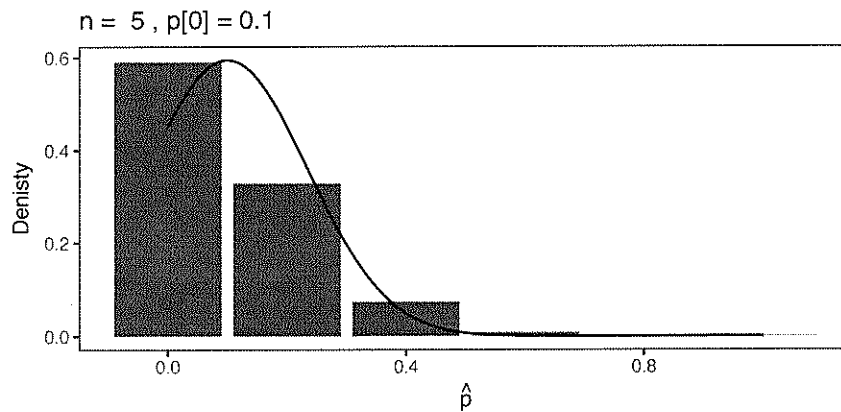
# When to use the Approximate Binomial test?

Compare to:

```
binom.test(x = 232, n = 232 + 268, p = 0.5)

##
## Exact binomial test
##
## data: 232 and 232 + 268
## number of successes = 232, number of trials = 500, p-value =
## 0.1174 0.1074
## alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.4196128 0.5088153 0.42 0.51
## sample estimates:
## probability of success
## 0.464
```

# When to use the Approximate Binomial test?



The approximation isn't great for small expected counts.

OK to use the approximation if:  $np_0 > 5$  **and**  $n(1 - p_0) > 5$

(Or something similar)

Next time...

Use Binomial test as a way to look at population median.

