

Lecture 32: Central limit theorem

Remember that a null-hypothesis is a probability space (Ω, P) and a random variable X with given distribution and so given mean and standard deviation.

The **P -value** of an observation $X = c$ is the probability

$$P[X \geq c].$$

A **P -value of less than 5 percent is called significant.**
The hypothesis is rejected.

1 We throw a coin 5 times and observe 4 heads. What is the P -value of this experiment? Is the experiment significant?

Remember that the distribution of the random variable X showing the number of heads is the **Binomial distribution**

$$P[X = k] = \binom{5}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5-k}.$$

Solution:

$$P[X = 4] + P[X = 5] = 0.18.$$

2 We do an experiment and observe 5 heads. What is the P -value now? Is the experiment significant?

Solution:

$$P[X = 5] = 0.03 \text{ is significant.}$$