

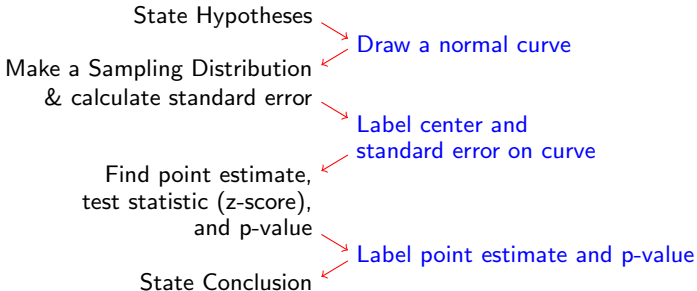
# Introductory Statistics – Day 19

## 1 Proportion Hypothesis Tests and Confidence Intervals

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# Hypothesis Testing

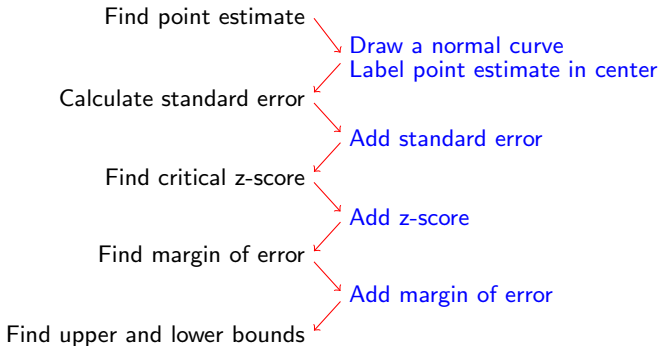
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## Finding Confidence Intervals

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To construct a 95% confidence interval

95% CI:            point estimate  $\pm 1.96 \times SE$

90% CI:            point estimate  $\pm 1.64 \times SE$

99% CI:            point estimate  $\pm 2.58 \times SE$

$\alpha$ -CI:            point estimate  $\pm z_\alpha \times SE$

- $z_\alpha$  is called the critical  $z$ -score for the given  $\alpha$ -value.
- the second half of the above expression,  $z_\alpha \times SE$ , is called the **margin of error** or MOE.

## Warm Up:

The average height of an 8 year old is 54 inches with a standard deviation of 2.5 inches. Let's assume this population is normally distributed. Sketch a labeled normal distribution, being careful to label your bottom axis with reasonable measurements.

If an 8 year old is randomly selected, what's the chance they are over 55.5 inches?

Mark this on your sketch and find the probability using Excel.

**Activity 1:**

According to the CDC, "Approximately 10% of women reported smoking during the last 3 months of pregnancy."

A local non-profit is concerned that the NC numbers are higher than the national average of 10%. Is there sufficient evidence to support this concern?

**Activity 2:**

Is smoking less common among pregnant women in NC than the general population of women? Nationally, about 13% of women smoke.

**Activity 3:** For each of the following, conduct a hypothesis test using a real world data set. Then follow-up with a confidence interval if appropriate. Using the NCBabySmoke data from North Carolina (adapted from OpenIntro Stats), conduct a hypothesis test for each of the following. Then follow-up with a 95% confidence interval if appropriate.

Are premies 50% girls and 50% boys, or are premie boys more common (in NC)? Note: For this question, you will have considerably less than 1000 babies. Use a pivot table to get a count of premies vs. full term babies, and to sort boys and girls.