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A random sample of size $n = 196$ yielded $\hat{p} = .64$.

a. Is the sample size large enough to use the large sample approximation to construct a confidence interval for p ? Explain.

b. Construct a 95% confidence interval for p .

c. Interpret the 95% confidence interval.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } CI_{95\%}(p) &= \left(\hat{p} \pm z_{0.025} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right) = \left(0.64 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.64(1-0.64)}{196}} \right) \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\quad z_{0.025} = 1.96 \\ &= (0.64 \pm 0.07) = (0.57, 0.71) \end{aligned}$$

c. With a 95% confidence the true value of p lies between .57 and .71.

a. Yes. The sample size just has to be ≥ 20 for the large sample approximation to be valid.