

Doing a full one-tailed hypothesis test

We've done various bits of a hypothesis test, and haven't actually properly conducted one yet. Let's do an example!

John tosses a coin 8 times and it comes up heads 6 times. He claims the coin is **biased towards heads**. With a significance level of 5%, test his claim.

← **STEP 1:** Define test statistic X (stating its distribution), and the parameter p .

← **STEP 2:** Write null and alternative hypotheses.

← **STEP 3:** Determine probability of observed test statistic (or 'more extreme'), assuming null hypothesis.
i.e. Determine probability we'd see this outcome just by chance.

← **STEP 4:** Two-part conclusion:
1. Do we reject H_0 or not?
2. Put in context of original problem.

C.D.F. Binomial table: $p = 0.5, n = 8$	
x	$P(X \leq x)$
0	0.0039
1	0.0352
2	0.1445
3	0.3633
4	0.6367
5	0.8555
6	0.9648
7	0.9961

NEW TO A LEVEL 2017: The probability of 'the observed value or more extreme' is known as the p -value.