

Power of a Statistical Test

(8.5)

- Type 2 error:

Probability of not rejecting H_0 when H_0 is false

Type I Error: Review

α

Type I Error: Reject H_0 when H_0 is true

Hypothesis testing:

Set maximum acceptable rate of Type I error:

α <- significance level

Choose a test with the most power to detect H_A .

Power

if $H_0: \mu = 100$

$H_A: \mu \neq 100$

e.g. rej if $\bar{x} < 80$

The power of a statistical test is the probability that the test correctly rejects H_0 (when H_A is true).

H_0 false

The **power** of a statistical test is related to Type II error.

- β is the probability of Type II error

$$\text{Power} = 1 - \text{P[Type II Error]}$$

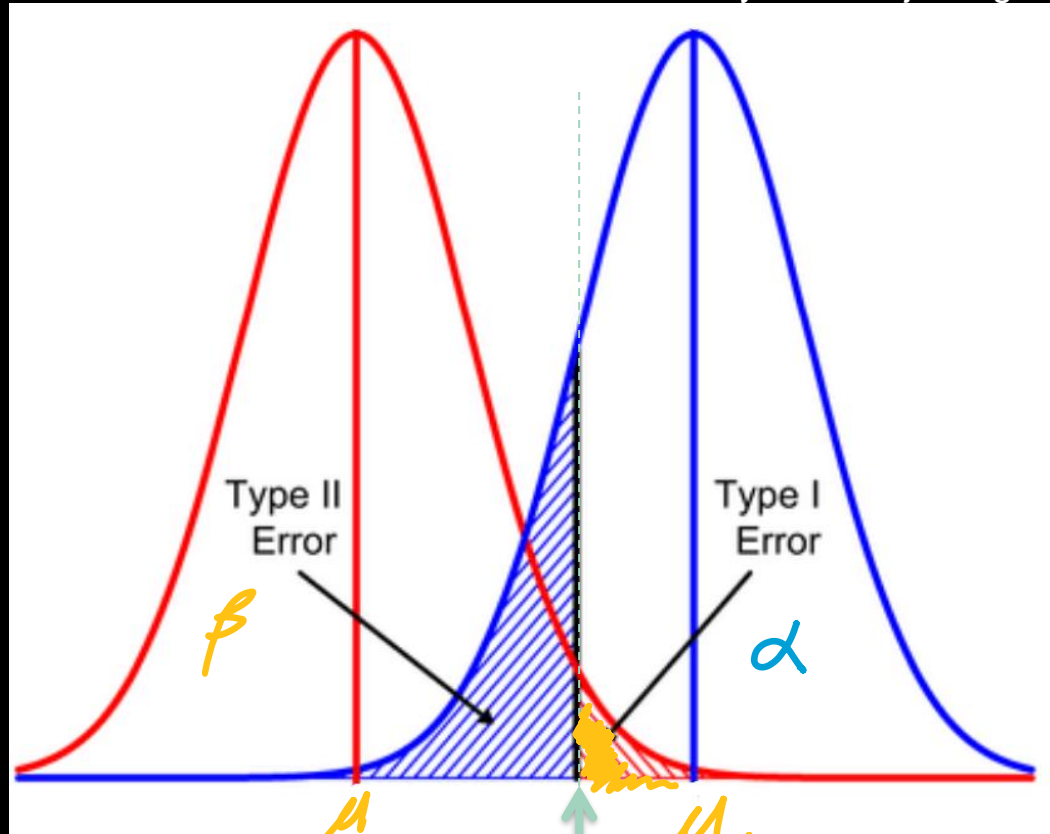
$$= 1 - \beta$$



Type I and Type II Errors

Type 2 error

Probability of not rejecting H_0 when H_0 is false



$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_A: \mu > \mu_0$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$z_{\alpha} = 1.645$$

Rej H_0 if $z > 1.645$

μ_0 μ_A
Rejection region boundary
1.645

Rej if $\bar{x} > \sim$

Type I and Type II Errors

Example:

$$H_0 : \mu = 100$$

$$H_A : \mu > 100$$

$$Z_{0.01}$$

$$\sigma = 10, n = 100$$

Define a rejection region at $\alpha = 0.01$.

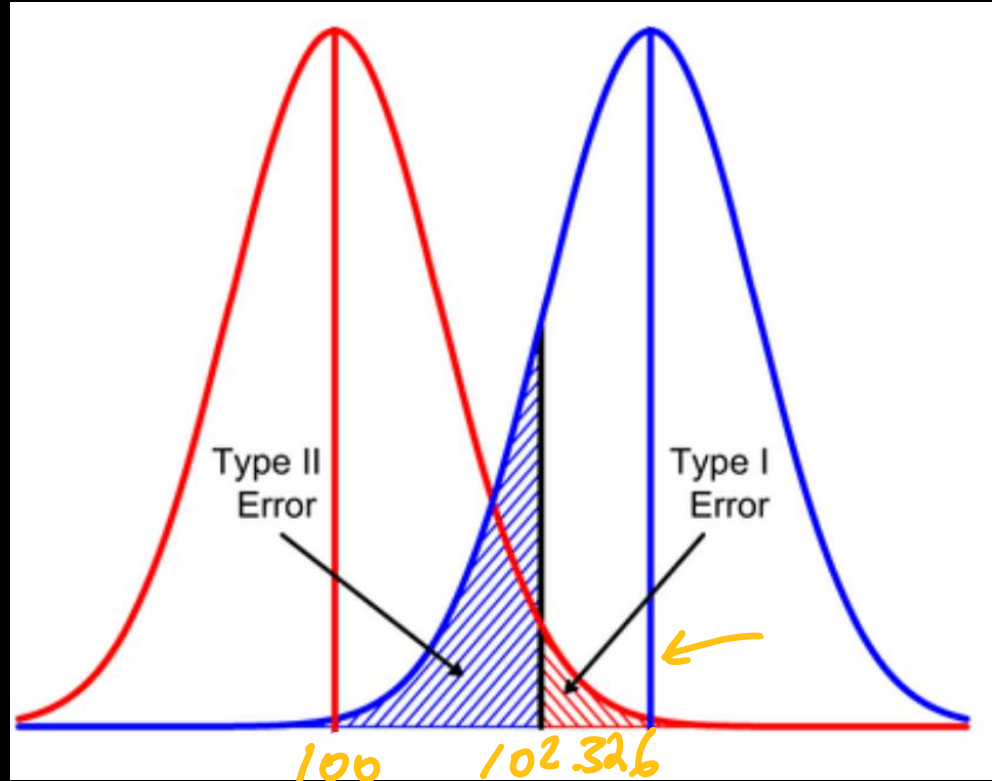
Rej H_0 if $z > 2.326$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$2.326 = \frac{\bar{X} - 100}{10/\sqrt{100}}$$

$$\bar{X} = 102.326$$

$$\text{Rej } \bar{X} > 102.326$$



What is H_A is true?

$$H_A: \mu > 100$$

e.g. 103

Rej H_0 if $\bar{X} > 102.32$

What is the power of this test at $\mu = 103$

$$\text{Power} = P[\text{reject } H_0 \mid H_A \text{ true}]$$

$$= P[\bar{X} > 102.32 \mid \mu = 103] \quad \mu @ 103$$

$$= P\left[\frac{\bar{X} - 103}{10/\sqrt{100}} > \frac{102.32 - 103}{10/\sqrt{100}} \right] = 1 - \text{power} = .25$$

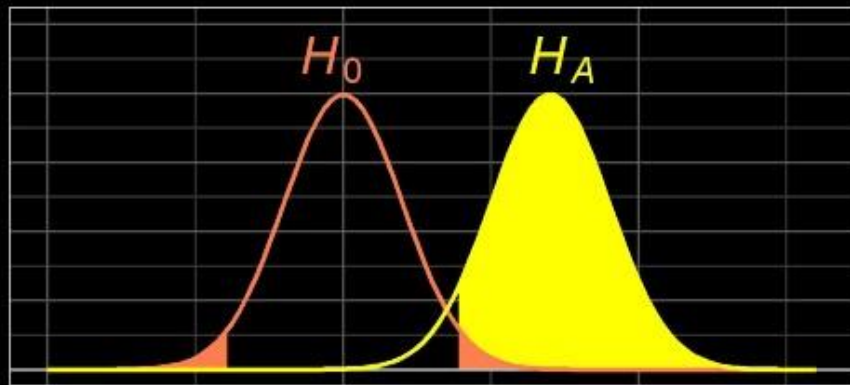
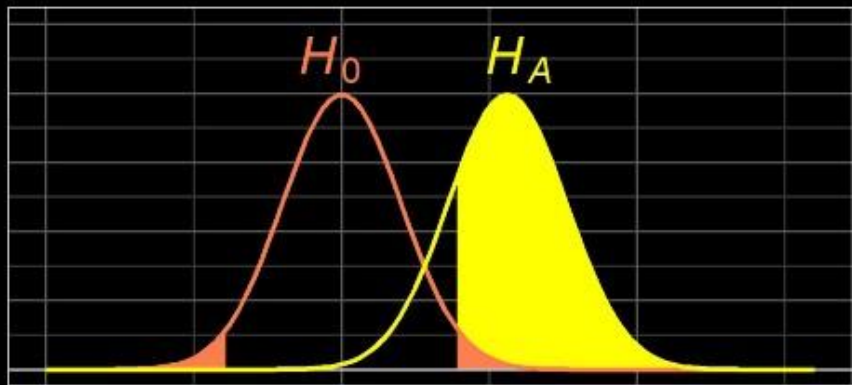
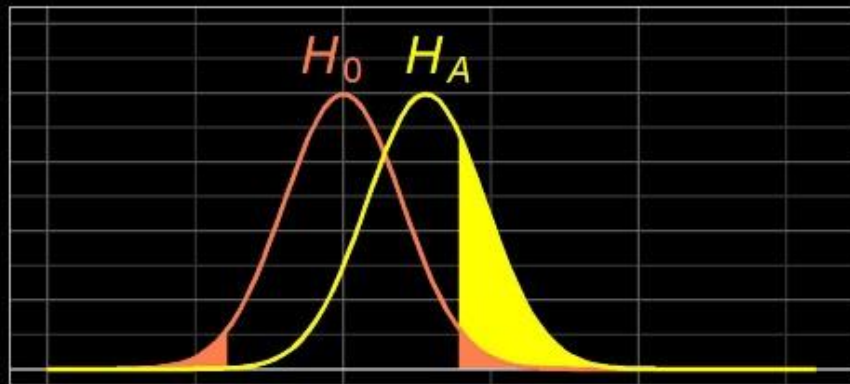
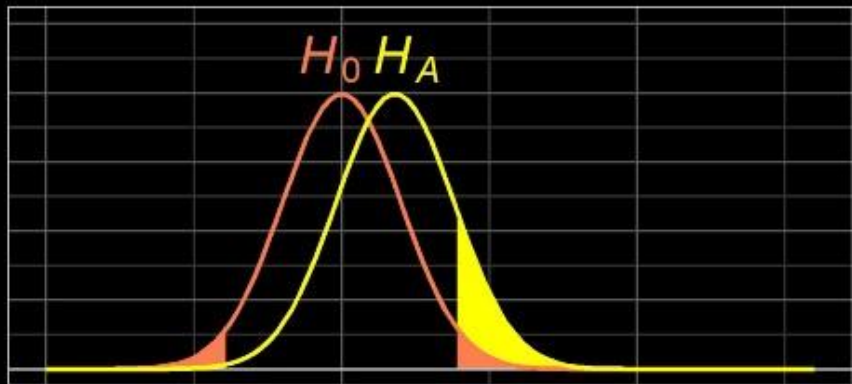
$$= P[Z > -0.674] = 0.75$$

Power Function

The power function shows the probability of rejecting H_0 at different values of θ .

Note: The power function is sometimes denoted differently by different people. E.g.: $\beta(\theta)$, $B(\theta)$, or $K(\theta)$.

- The β in this power function above is not the same as the β for type II error.
 - β is the name (letter) of the power function.
 - Need to look at context
- Textbook sometimes calls $\beta(\theta)$ as " $K(\mu)$ " when dealing with the mean.



Example 8.5-2

$$P[\text{rej } H_0 \mid H_0 \text{ true}] =$$

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample $\sim N(\mu, 100)$. Let $n = 25$.

Suppose we want to test whether the true mean is 60 (H_0) versus if it is greater than 60 (H_A).

$$H_0: \mu = 60$$

$$H_A: \mu > 60$$

Test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= P[\bar{X} > 62 \mid \mu = 60] \\ &= P\left[Z > \frac{62 - 60}{10/\sqrt{25}}\right] = P[Z \geq 1] \\ &= .1587 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose we choose a test that rejects H_0 if and only if $\bar{x} \geq 62$.

What are the consequences of this test (what does the power curve look like)?

if $\mu=62$ Power = 0.5 $\} \Rightarrow \mu=63,$

Power Function

If the true mean under H_A is μ , and $X \sim N(\mu, 100)$,
then $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, 100/n) = N(\mu, 4)$

The probability of rejecting H_0 is given by

under H_A

$$\begin{aligned} K(\mu) &= P[\bar{X} \geq 62 ; \mu] \\ &= P\left[\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{2} \geq \frac{62 - \mu}{2} ; \mu\right] = P\left[Z \geq \frac{62 - \mu}{2} ; \mu\right] \end{aligned}$$

rej if $\bar{X} > 62$

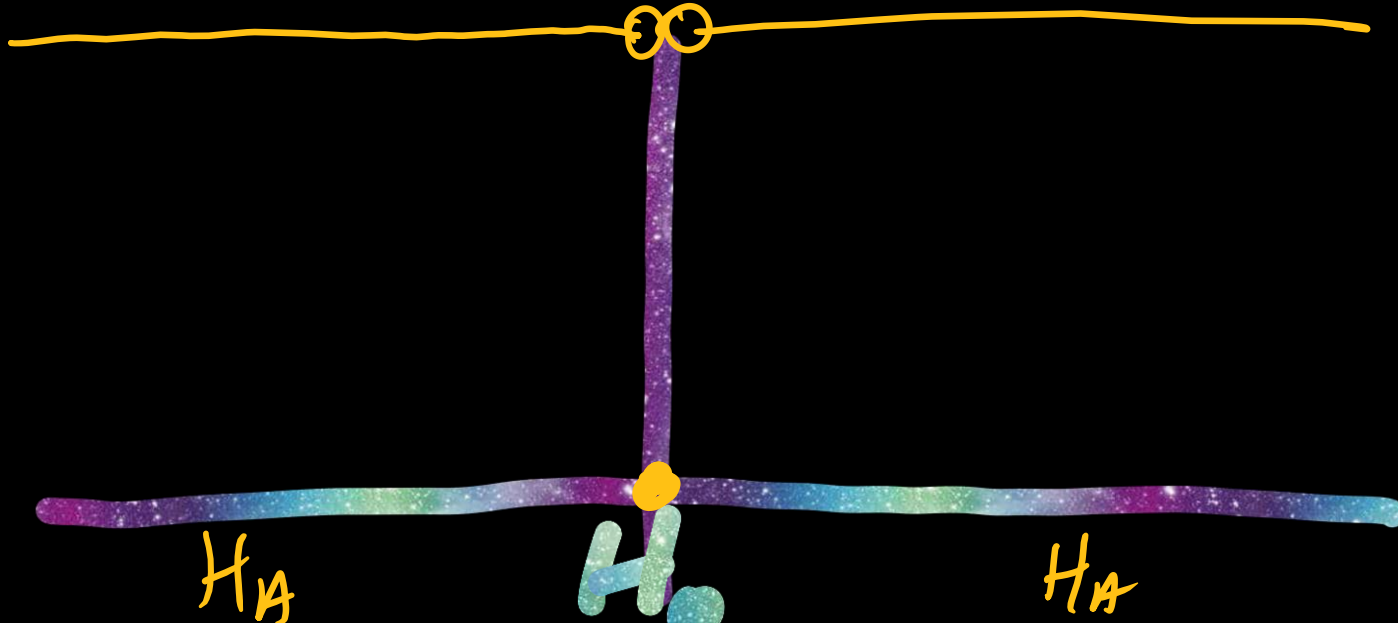
Figure 8.5-2 Power function
 $K(\mu) = 1 - \Phi([62 - \mu]/2)$

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μ

Ideal power function?

$$H_0: \mu \neq \mu_0$$

- In the previous example, what would an ideal power function look like?





$$\checkmark \text{ power} = P(\text{rej } H_0 \mid H_A \text{ true})$$

Example 2 $\alpha = P(\text{rej } H_0 \mid \underline{H_0 \text{ true}})$

Assume that the number of grams of caffeine that Albert ingests every day follows an approximately normal distribution with unknown mean and standard deviation 16.

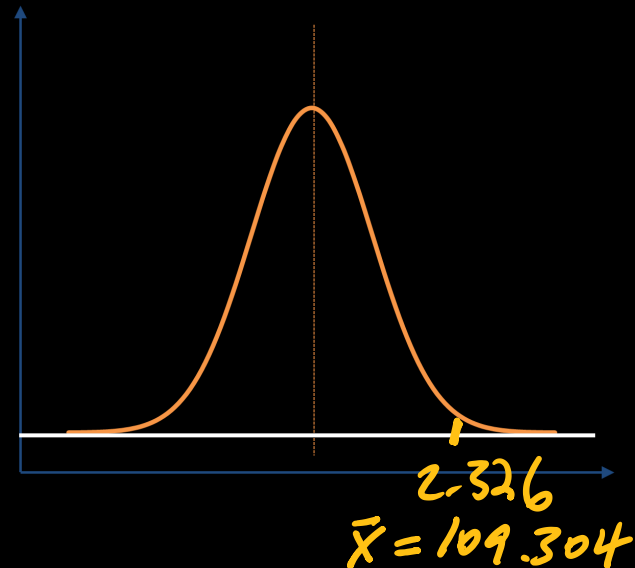
Let $n = 16$, $\alpha = \underline{0.01}$

Test $H_0: \mu = 100$ vs $H_A: \mu > 100$.

Define a rejection region for H_0 .

$$Z > 2.326$$

$$\text{rej } H_0 \text{ if } \bar{X} > 109.304$$



Example 2

Power

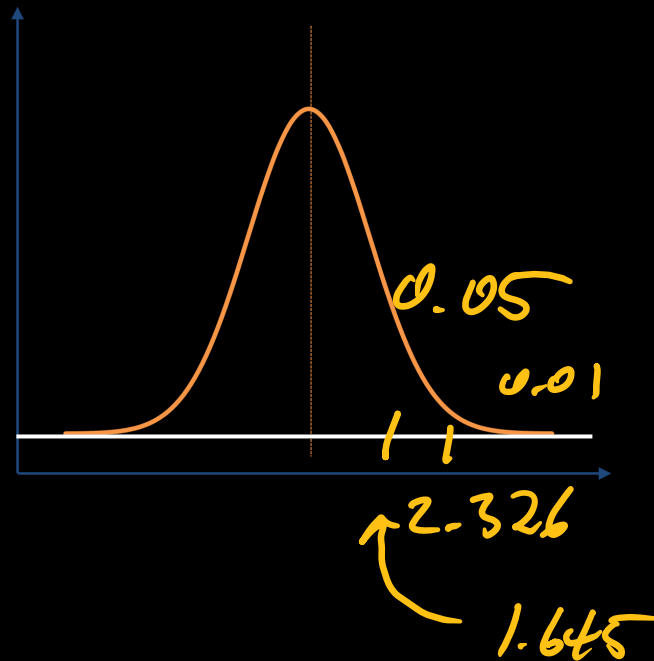
Type 2

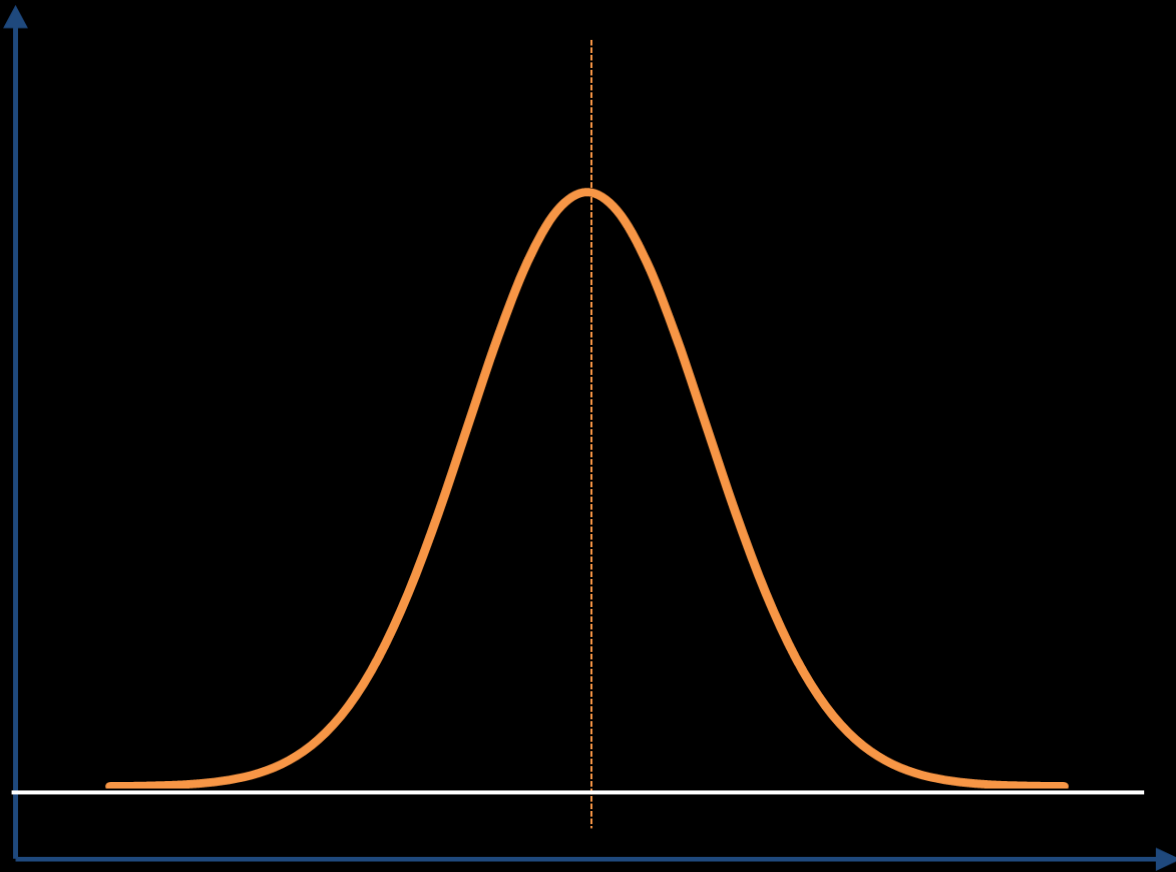
What is the power at $\mu = 108$?

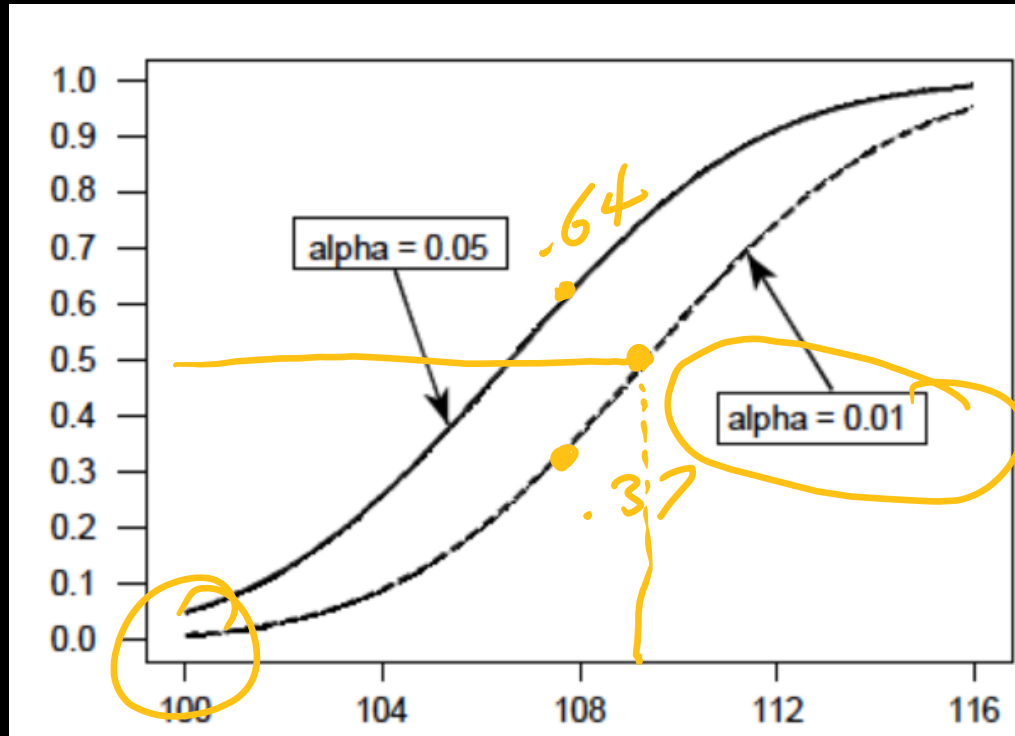
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Power} &= P[\bar{X} \geq 109.304 \mid \mu = 108] \\ &= P[Z \geq \frac{109.304 - 108}{16/\sqrt{16}}] = P[Z \geq 0.326] \\ &= 0.3722\end{aligned}$$

what if we used $\alpha = 0.05$

cut-off $\bar{X} > 106.58$

$$\text{power} = 0.6404$$






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Example 3

$\alpha/2$

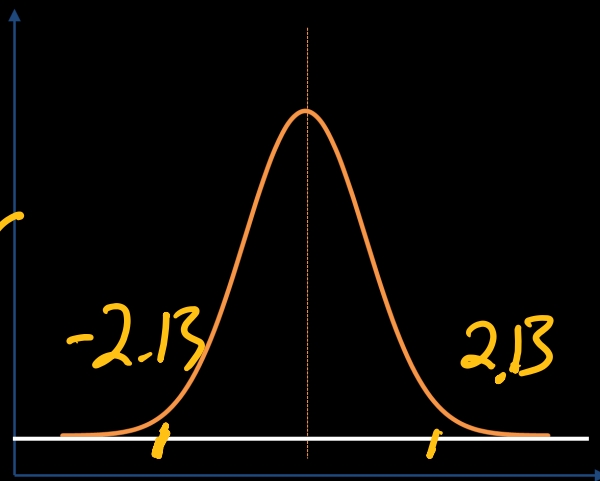
Suppose we have a normally distributed random sample with $n = 16$ $s = 8$.

We wish to test $H_0: \mu = 50$ vs $H_A: \mu \neq 50$.

What is the power of a level $\alpha = 0.05$ test?

t_{15} Rej H_0 if $t_{15} > 2.13$ or

$t_{15} < -2.13$



$t_{15, 0.025}$

$$2.13 = \frac{\bar{x} - 50}{8/\sqrt{16}}$$

Rej if $\bar{x} > 54.26$ or $\bar{x} < 45.74$

$P[t_{15} > 0] = 1/2$
Example 3

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power at 54.26

Suppose we have a normally distributed random sample with $n = 16$.

We wish to test $H_0: \mu = 50$ vs $H_A: \mu \neq 50$

curve

What is the power of a level $\alpha = 0.05$ test?

$$\text{Power} = P[\bar{X} > 54.26 \mid \mu = 54.26] +$$

$$\rightarrow P[\bar{X} < 45.74 \mid \mu = 54.26]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + P[t_{1,5} < -4.26]$$

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