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CASE STUDY: A MEDICAL
STUDY

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**“The average life expectancy of an Indian
college graduate is 70 yrs”**

**“The use of Drug A reduces the risk
of heart attack”**

YOU NEED TO TEST THIS
HYPOTHESIS
TO KNOW HOW ACCURATE IT IS

LET'S TAKE THIS **HYPOTHESIS**

“The average life expectancy of an Indian
college graduate is 70 yrs”

HOW WILL WE GO ABOUT **TESTING** IT?

STEP : 1

**COLLECT A SAMPLE OF INDIAN
COLLEGE GRADUATES**

STEP : 2

CALCULATE SAMPLE STATISTICS

MEAN LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THAT SAMPLE = 65

SD OF LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THAT SAMPLE = 10

PEOPLE IN THAT SAMPLE = 100

STEP : 2

CALCULATE SAMPLE STATISTICS

MEAN = 65

SD = 10

PEOPLE = 100

STANDARD ERROR = $\frac{\text{SD OF SAMPLE}}{\text{SQRT(SIZE OF SAMPLE)}}$

SD OF THE DISTRIBUTION YOU
GET IF YOU COMPUTED THE
MEAN FOR A LARGE NUMBER
OF SAMPLES

$$= \frac{10}{\text{SQRT}(100)}$$
$$= 1$$

STEP : 2

CALCULATE SAMPLE STATISTICS

$$\text{MEAN} = 65$$

$$\text{SD} = 10$$

$$\# \text{ PEOPLE} = 100$$

$$\text{STANDARD ERROR} = 1$$

STEP : 3

**PERFORM A TEST OF
SIGNIFICANCE**

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“The average life expectancy of an Indian college graduate is 70 yrs”

SAMPLE STATISTICS

MEAN = 65

SD = 10

PEOPLE = 100
STANDARD ERROR = 1

SAMPLE MEAN = 65

WHICH IS NOT THAT FAR FROM 70

SO, IS THE POPULATION
MEAN 70 OR $\neq 70$?

STEP : 3 PERFORM A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

“The average life expectancy of an Indian college graduate is 70 yrs”

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NULL HYPOTHESIS

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ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

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NULL HYPOTHESIS

**ALL VARIATIONS OBSERVED ARE
DUE TO CHANCE I.E. A FLUKE**

ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

**THE VARIATIONS OBSERVED CANNOT
JUST BE EXPLAINED BY CHANCE**

STEP : 3 PERFORM A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

NULL HYPOTHESIS **VS** ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

**A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE WILL TELL
YOU WHICH OF THESE IS BETTER**

A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

NULL HYPOTHESIS **VS** ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

THIS INVOLVES

A) COMPUTING A TEST STATISTIC

SOME VARIABLE WHOSE PROBABILITY
DISTRIBUTION IS KNOWN

A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

NULL HYPOTHESIS **VS** ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

THIS INVOLVES

A) COMPUTING A TEST STATISTIC

**B) COMPUTE THE PROBABILITY IF THE
NULL HYPOTHESIS IS TRUE**

A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

NULL HYPOTHESIS **VS** ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

THIS INVOLVES

A) COMPUTING A TEST STATISTIC

B) COMPUTE THE PROBABILITY IF THE
NULL HYPOTHESIS IS TRUE

**C) IF THE PROBABILITY IS TOO LOW,
REJECT THE NULL HYPOTHESIS, ELSE
ACCEPT IT**

STEP : 3 PERFORM A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

IN OUR EXAMPLE

“The average life expectancy of an Indian college graduate is 70 yrs”

NULL HYPOTHESIS

Population mean = 70

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 65 AND 70
IS DUE TO CHANCE

ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS

Population mean $\neq 70$

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 65
AND 70 IS REAL

STEP : 3 PERFORM A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

STEP : 3A

COMPUTE A TEST STATISTIC

WE'LL USE THE Z-STATISTIC

Z REPRESENTS THE
NORMALIZED DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE SAMPLE
MEAN AND THE
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STANDARD ERROR

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STANDARD ERROR

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

OK.. BUT HOW WILL
THIS HELP?

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

**1. THIS VARIABLE
REPRESENTS THE
DIFFERENCE WHICH WE
WANT TO UNDERSTAND**

A diagram of a normal distribution curve. The curve is centered at a point labeled μ . A horizontal line below the curve is labeled σ . A shaded area under the curve is labeled X . To the left of the shaded area, the letter z is written above a double horizontal line. A red arrow points from the text below to the shaded area.

**WE ALREADY KNOW THE
SAMPLE MEAN IS
NORMALLY DISTRIBUTED**

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

**2. THE Z-STATISTIC PROBABILITY
DISTRIBUTION IS ALSO NORMAL
(MEAN = 0, SD 1)**

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

LET'S COMPUTE THE Z-STATISTIC FOR
THE NULL HYPOTHESIS

Population mean = 70

$$z = \frac{\overset{65}{X} - \overset{70}{\mu}}{\underset{\sigma}{1}}$$
$$= -5$$

THE NULL HYPOTHESIS

$$\mu = 70$$

SAMPLE MEAN = 65

STANDARD ERROR = 1

WE'LL CALCULATE
THE PROBABILITY OF
THIS VALUE

FINE, WHAT NEXT?

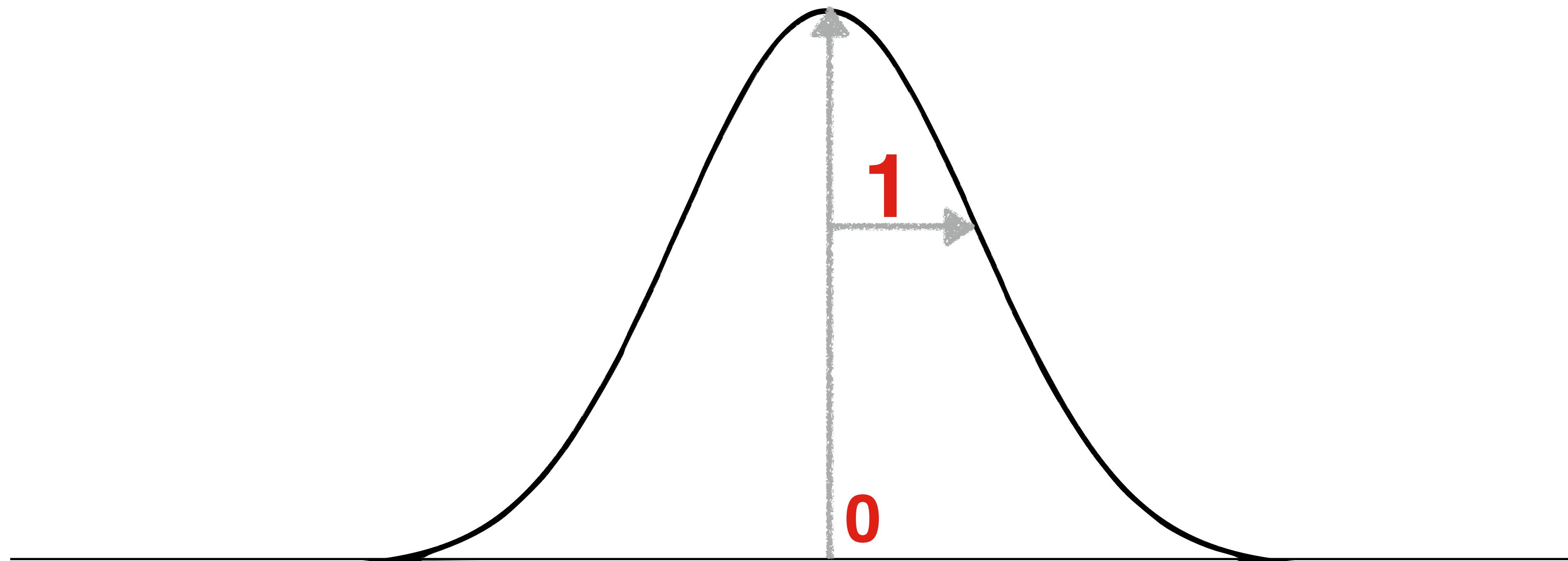
STEP : 3 PERFORM A TEST OF SIGNIFICANCE

STEP : 3B

COMPUTE THE **PROBABILITY** IF
THE **NULL HYPOTHESIS** IS TRUE

Z-STATISTIC FOR THE NULL HYPOTHESIS = -5

THE PROBABILITY
DISTRIBUTION OF Z IS
NORMAL (MEAN = 0, SD 1)



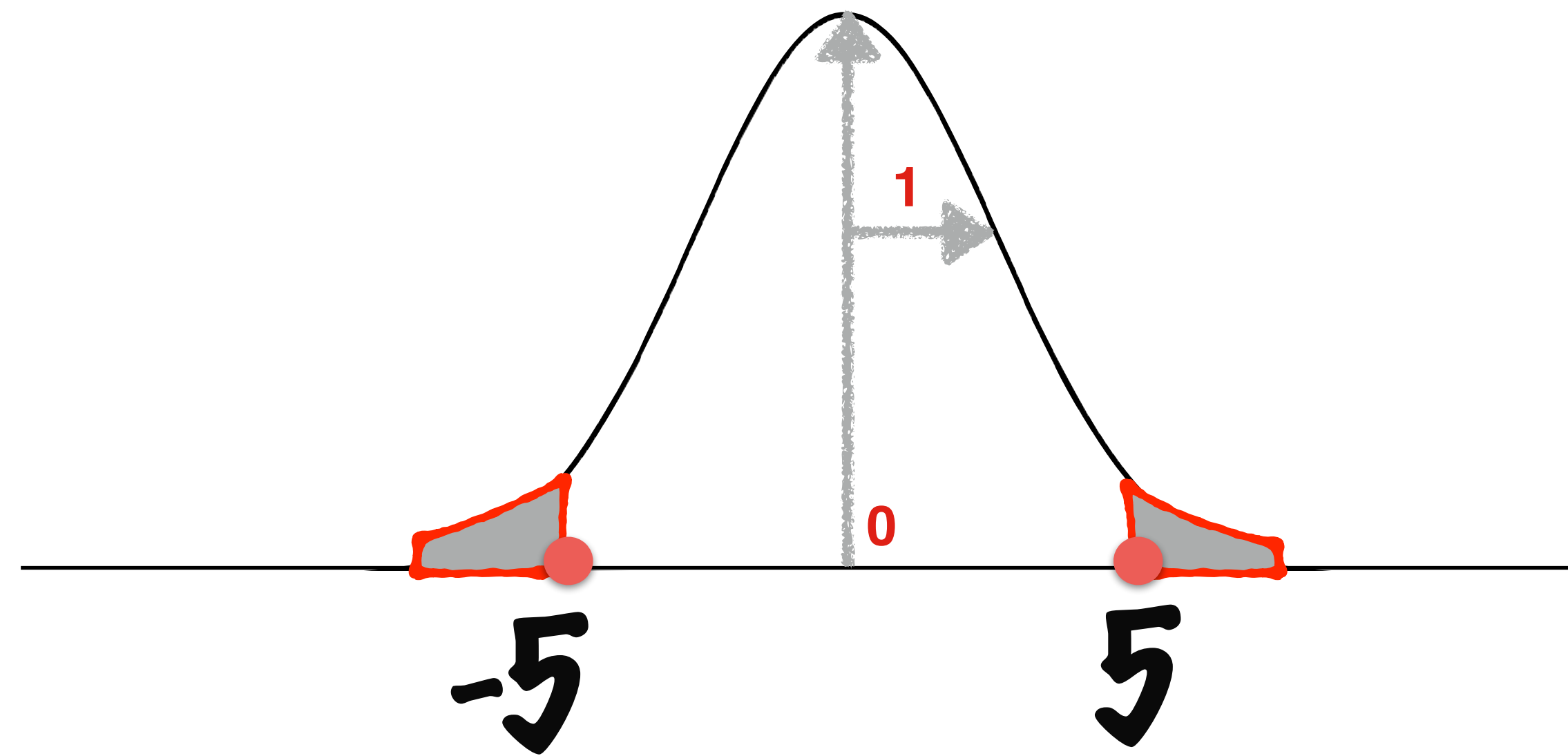
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P-VALUE

$$P(|Z| > 5)$$

$$= P(\text{THE DIFFERENCE} > 5)$$

= AREA UNDER THE
CURVE ABOVE 5 AND
BELOW -5



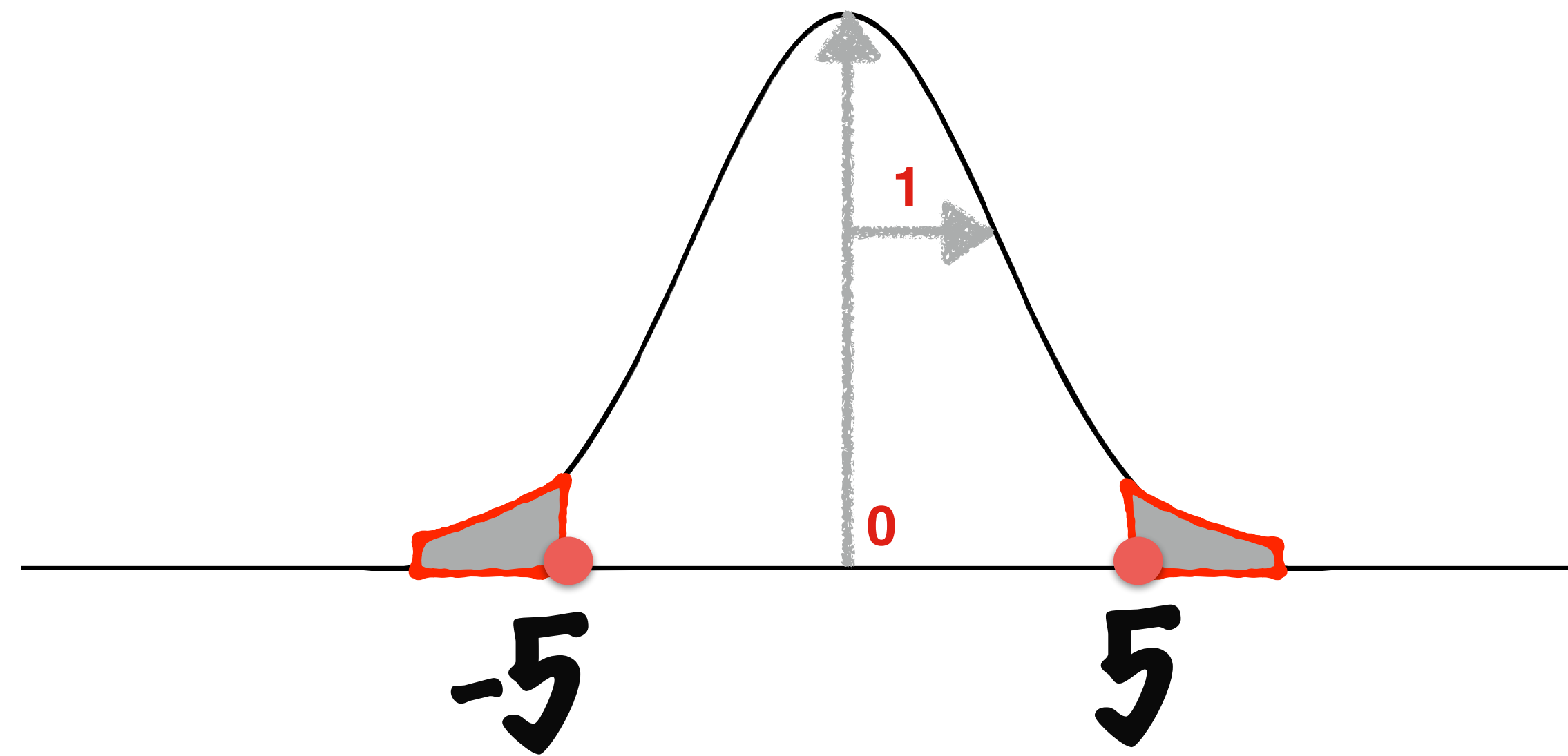
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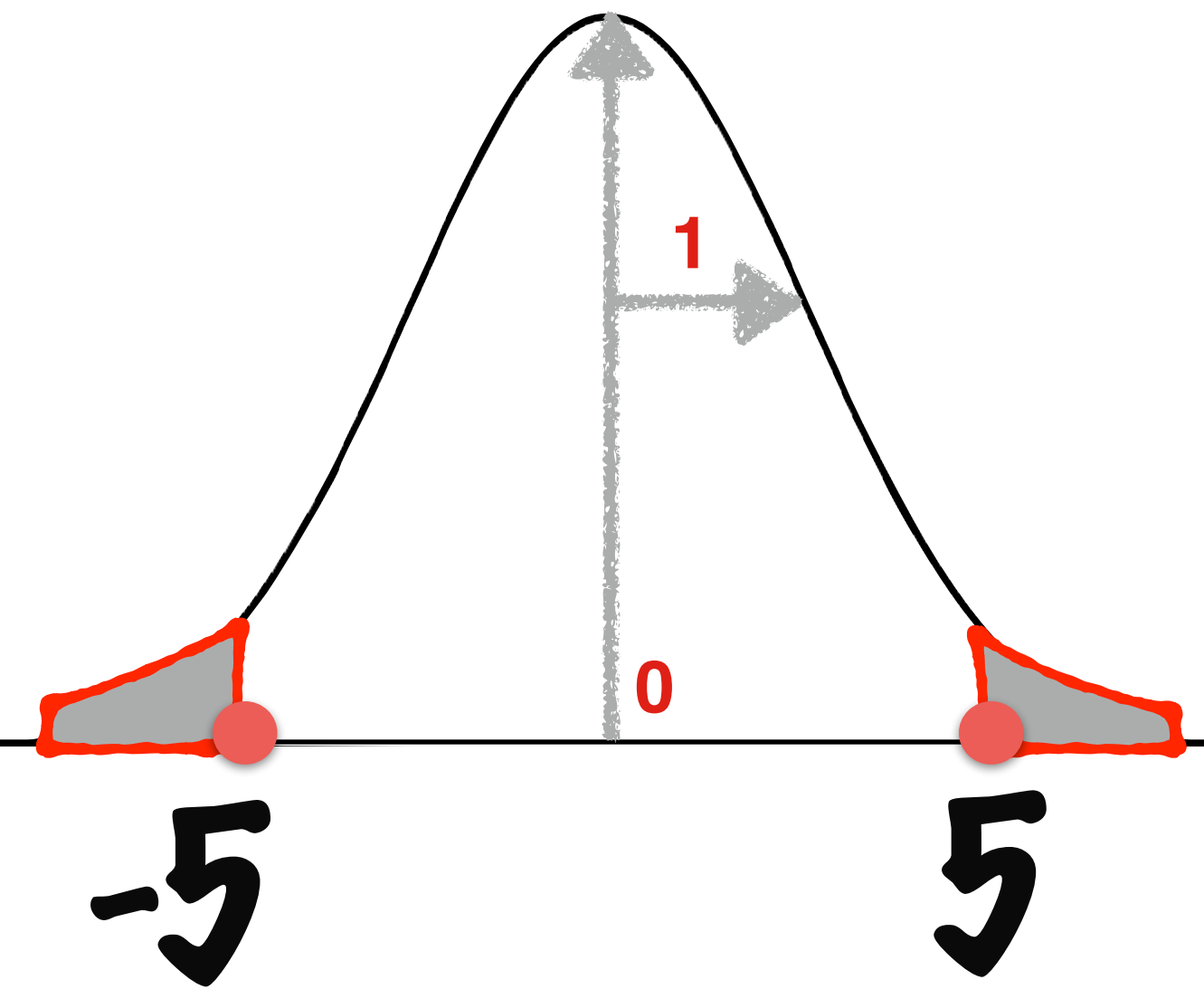
$$= P(\text{THE DIFFERENCE} > 5)$$

$$= \text{AREA UNDER THE CURVE ABOVE 5 AND BELOW -5} = ?$$



$$P(|Z| > 5)$$

THERE ARE **MANY WAYS TO**
COMPUTE THIS VALUE



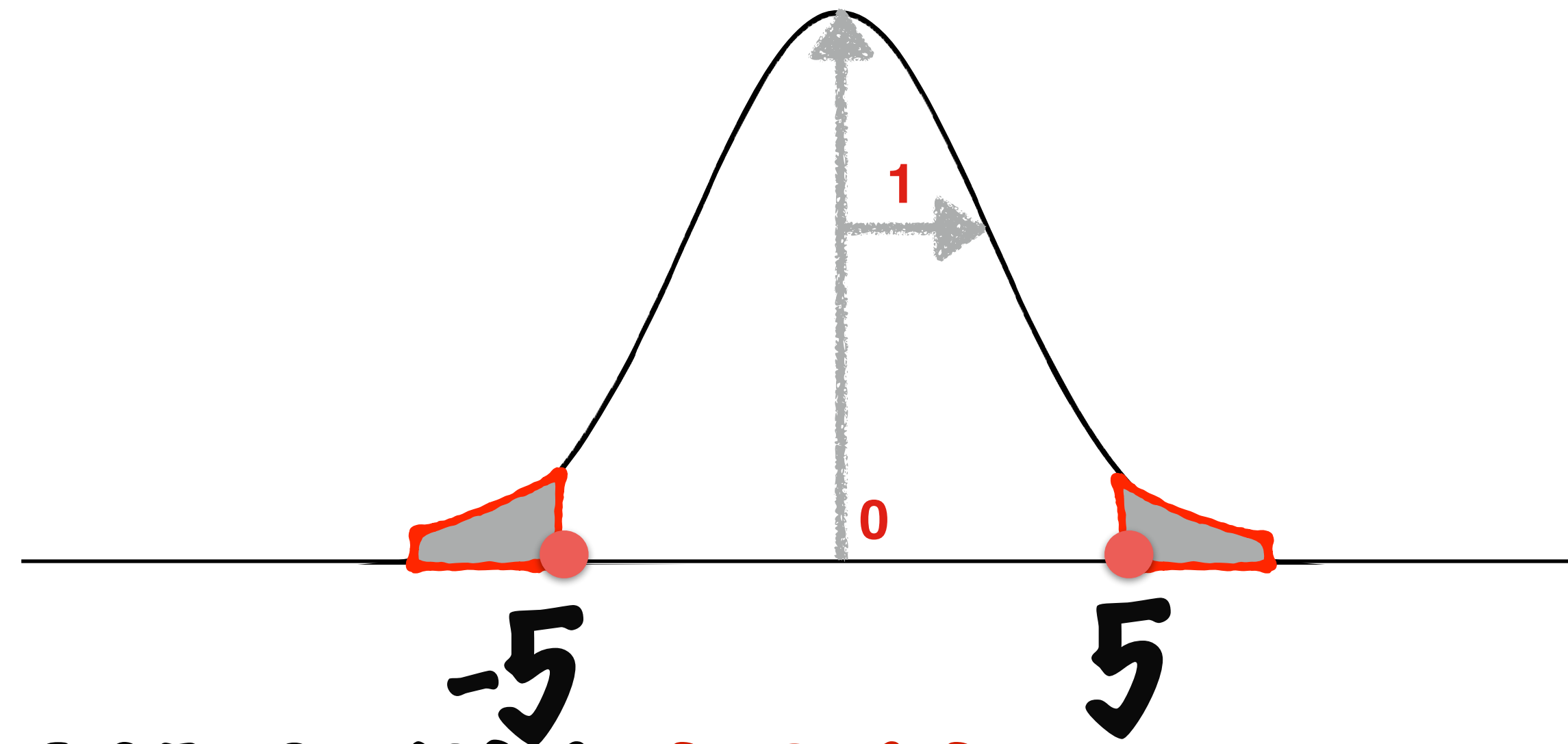
1. **LOOK UP A TABLE OF NORMAL**
DISTRIBUTION VALUES

2. **USE A FUNCTION IN R OR EXCEL**

WE'LL USE THE **SECOND METHOD HERE**

$P(|Z| > 5)$

FUNCTION IN R



PNORM() IN R WILL TELL YOU THE **AREA**
UNDER THE CURVE FROM -INF TO Z
(CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION)

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> 1 - (pnorm(5) - pnorm(-5))
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[1] 5.733031e-07
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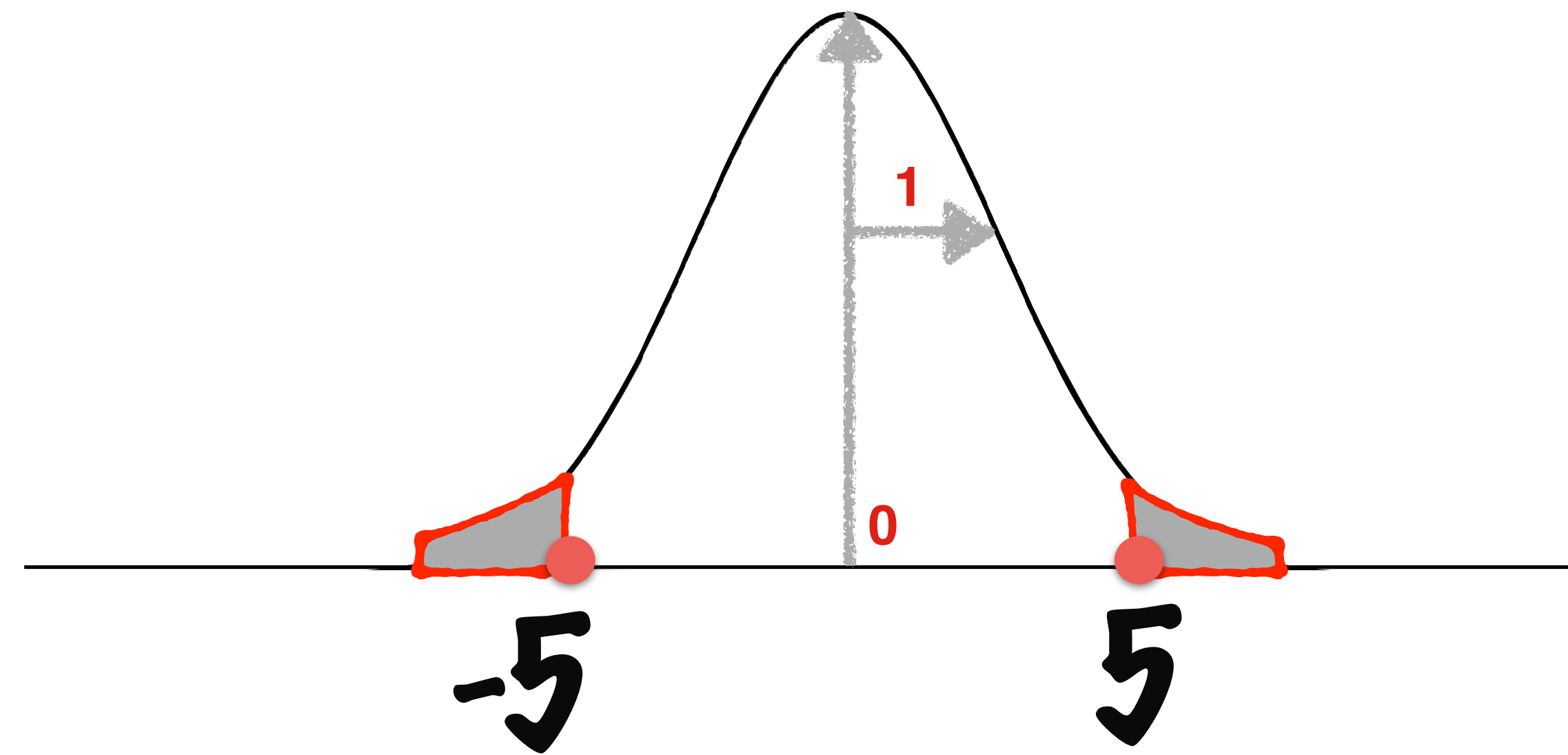

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$$= 0.0000005$$

HOW LOW IS LOW? IT DEPENDS

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OBSERVED IS **STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT**

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