

### 1. Problem

You are given the following hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \mu = 12$$

$$H_A : \mu < 12$$

We know that the sample standard deviation is 0.205 and the sample size is 20. For what sample mean would the  $p$ -value be equal to 0.005? Assume that all conditions necessary for inference are satisfied.

### Solution

Determine the degrees of freedom.

$$df = 19$$

From the  $p$ -value we find a  $t$  score from the  $t$  table. In this case, our  $p$ -value is a one-tail probability.

$$t = -2.86$$

We calculate the standard error.

$$SE = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{0.205}{\sqrt{20}} = 0.0458$$

We calculate the sample mean that would give  $p$ -value = 0.005.

$$\bar{x} = \mu + t \cdot SE = 12 + (-2.86)(0.0458) = 11.9$$