

		Truth	
		$H_0$ true	$H_0$ false
Decision	Reject $H_0$	Type I Error ☹	☹ ☹
	Fail to Reject $H_0$	☺	Type II Error

The size of a test is

$$P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true})$$

By definition,  $P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true}) \leq \alpha$   
size  $\leq$  significance level

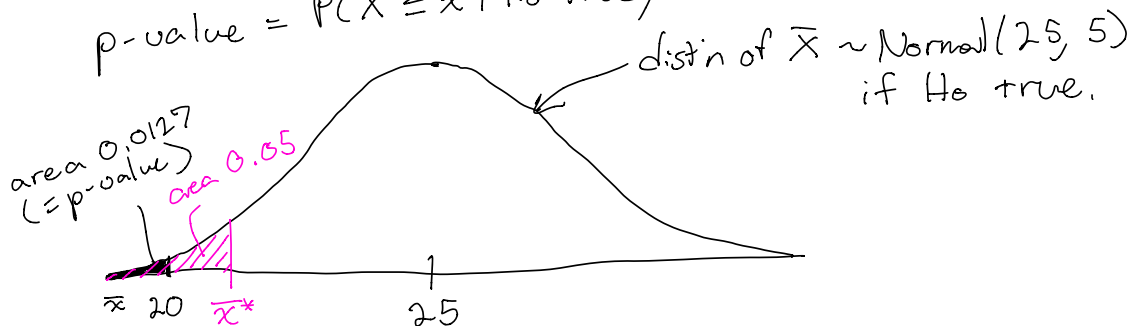
Continue example from lab 15:

$$X_1, \dots, X_5 \sim \text{Normal}(\theta, 5^2)$$

$$H_0: \theta = 25$$

$$H_A: \theta = 10$$

$$p\text{-value} = P(\bar{X} \leq \bar{x} | H_0 \text{ true})$$



critical value: the value of the test statistic so the corresponding p-value would be exactly the significance level  $\alpha$ .

2 approaches to decision about reject or fail to reject  $H_0$ :

1) Compare p-value to  $\alpha$ , reject if p-value  $< \alpha$   
p-value = 0.017  $< 0.05$ , so reject  $H_0$ .

2) Compare  $\bar{x}$  (the observed value of the test statistic)  
to  $\bar{x}^*$ , a critical value.

Reject  $H_0$  if  $\bar{x}$  is "more extreme" than the critical value.

For these 2 approaches to be equivalent,

p-value  $< \alpha$  if and only if  $\bar{x}$  more extreme than  $\bar{x}^*$

• Set up for critical value:

$\bar{x}^*$  is the value of test statistic so that  
p-value = significance level of test.

$$P(\bar{X} \text{ "more extreme than critical value" } | H_0 \text{ true}) = \alpha$$

• If  $\bar{x}$  more extreme than  $\bar{x}^*$ , then

$$P(\bar{X} \text{ "more extreme than" } \bar{x} | H_0 \text{ true}) < \alpha$$

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$$\text{Size of test} = P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= P(\bar{X} \text{ more extreme than } \bar{x}^* | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= \alpha$$

$$= \text{significance level of the test.}$$

For example of discrete distribution,

Suppose  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

What is  $P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true})$ ?

$$P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= P(p\text{-value} \leq \alpha | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= P(p\text{-value} \leq 0.1 | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= 0$$

Size of test = 0, but significance level = 0.1.

With discrete distributions, could get  
size < significance level.

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Suppose  $\alpha = 0.3$ .

$$P(\text{Type I Error} | H_0 \text{ true}) = P(p\text{-value} \leq 0.3 | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= P(p\text{-value} = 0.2 | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$$= 0.2$$