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Consider testing the simple versus simple hypotheses

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

where μ_0 is fixed and known.

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 , if

$$\bar{X} < \mu_0 + z_{1-\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$



unknown!

This is a useless test!

It was based on the fact that

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$$

and

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

What if we use the sample standard deviation $S = \sqrt{S^2}$ in place of σ ?

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$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{S} = \frac{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{S}{\sigma}}$$

$$= \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} / \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

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$$= \underbrace{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}}_{N(0, 1)} / \sqrt{\underbrace{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}}_{\chi^2(n-1)} / (n-1)}$$

For the normal distribution, \bar{X} and S^2 are independent.

Thus,

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n - 1)$$

Back to the hypothesis test...

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Step One:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

Choose an estimator for μ .

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$$

Step Two:

Give the “form” of the test.

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 if $\bar{X} < c$,
where c is to be determined.

Et cetera!

Step Three:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

Find c.

$$\alpha = \max_{\mu=\mu_0} P(\text{Type I Error})$$

$$= \max_{\mu=\mu_0} P(\text{Reject } H_0; \mu)$$

$$= P(\text{Reject } H_0; \mu_0)$$

$$= P(\bar{X} < c; \mu_0)$$

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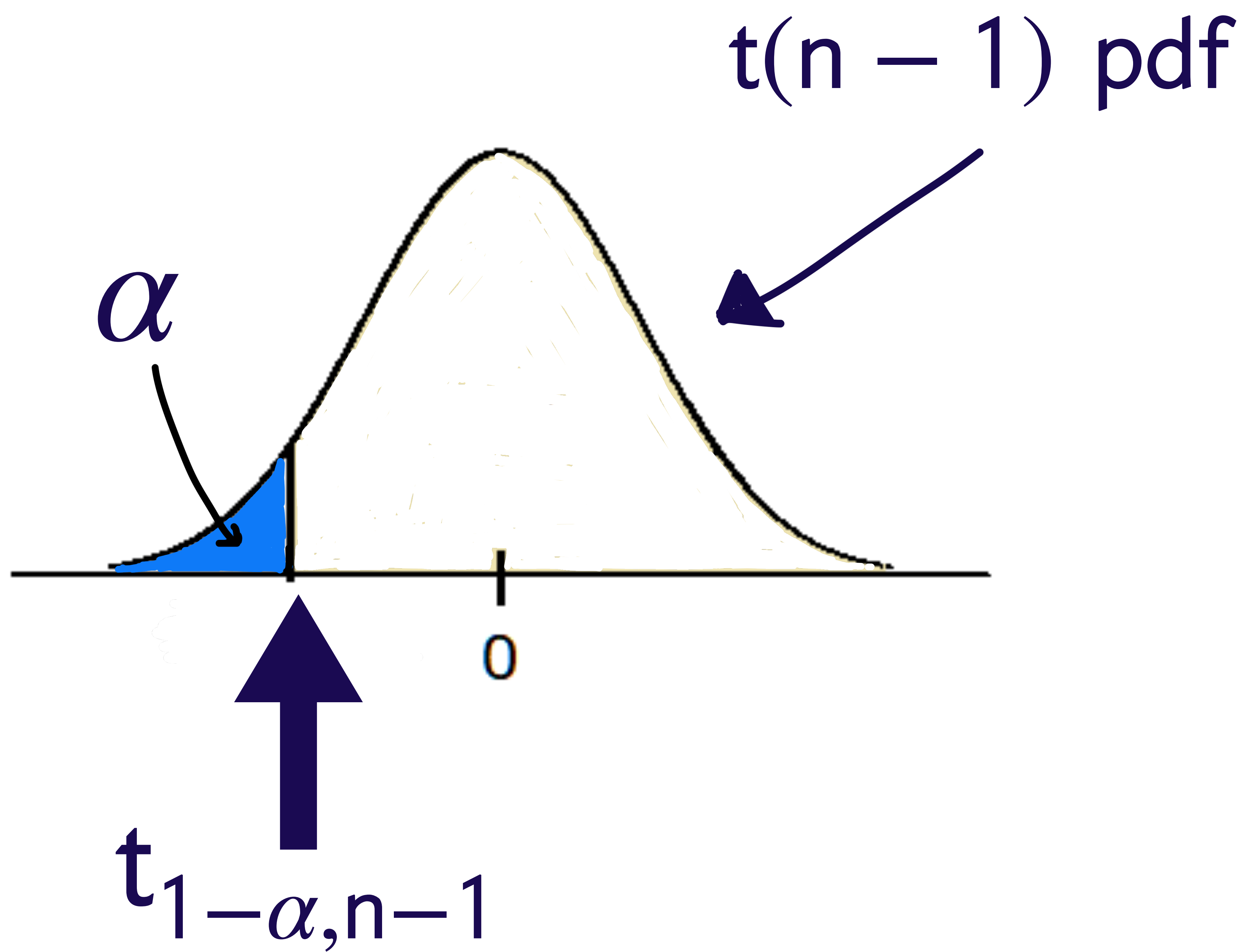
Find c .

$$\alpha = P(\bar{X} < c; \mu_0)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{c - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}; \mu_0\right)$$

$$= P\left(T < \frac{c - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}; \mu_0\right)$$

where $T \sim t(n - 1)$



Step Three:

Find c.

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

$$\alpha = P\left(T < \frac{c - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}; \mu_0\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} = t_{1-\alpha, n-1}$$

Step Four:

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$
$$H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$$

Conclusion!

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 , if

$$\bar{X} < \mu_0 + t_{1-\alpha, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Example:

In 2019, the average health care annual premium for a family of 4 in the United States, was reported to be \$6,015.

In a more recent survey, 15 randomly sampled families of 4 reported an average annual health care premium of \$6,033 and a sample variance of \$825.

Can we say that the true average is currently greater than \$6,015 for all families of 4?

Use $\alpha = 0.10$.

Example:

Assume that annual health care premiums are normally distributed.

Let μ be the true average for all families of 4.

Step Zero:

Set up the hypotheses.

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015 \quad H_1 : \mu > 6015$$

Step One:

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 6015$$

Choose a test statistic.

$$\bar{X}$$

Step Two:

Give the form of the test.

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 , if $\bar{X} > c$
where c is to be determined.

Step Three:

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

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Find c.

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Step Three:

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

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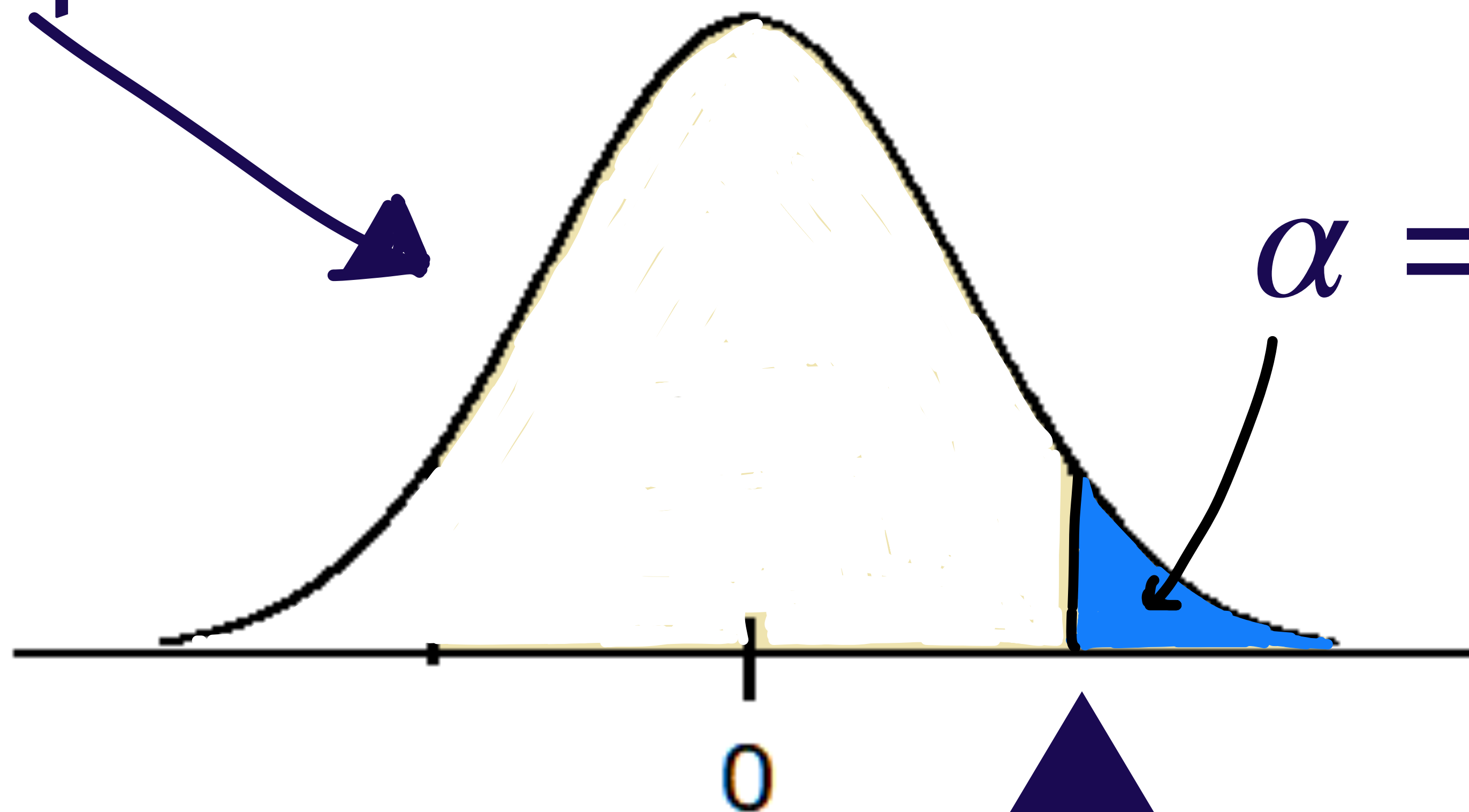
$$\alpha = P(\bar{X} > c; \mu = 6015)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{c - 6015}{\sqrt{825}/\sqrt{15}}; \mu = 6015\right)$$

$$= P\left(T > \frac{c - 6015}{\sqrt{825}/\sqrt{15}}\right)$$

where $t \sim t(14)$

$t(14)$ pdf



$\alpha = 0.10$

$$t_{\alpha, n-1} = t_{0.10, 14} = 1.345$$

In R : `qt(0.9, 14)`

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 6015$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c - 6015}{\sqrt{825}/\sqrt{15}} = 1.345$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 6024.98$$

Step Four:
Conclusion.

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 6015$$

Rejection Rule:

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 if

$$\bar{X} > 6024.98$$

We had $\bar{x} = 6033$ so we reject H_0 .

There is sufficient evidence (at level 0.10) in the data to suggest that the true mean annual healthcare premium cost for a family of 4 is greater than \$6,015.

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 6015$$

$$\text{P-Value} = P(\bar{X} > 6033; \mu = 6015)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{6033 - 6015}{\sqrt{825}/\sqrt{15}}; \mu = 6015\right)$$

$$= P(T > 2.43) \approx 0.015$$

where $T \sim t(14)$

In R : `1 - pt(2.43, 14)`