

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from the normal distribution with mean μ and known variance σ^2 .

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We will look at the sample mean \bar{X} ...

... and reject if it is either too high or too low.

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Easier to make it symmetric!

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$$\bar{X} > \mu_0 + c$$

or

$$\bar{X} < \mu_0 - c$$

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

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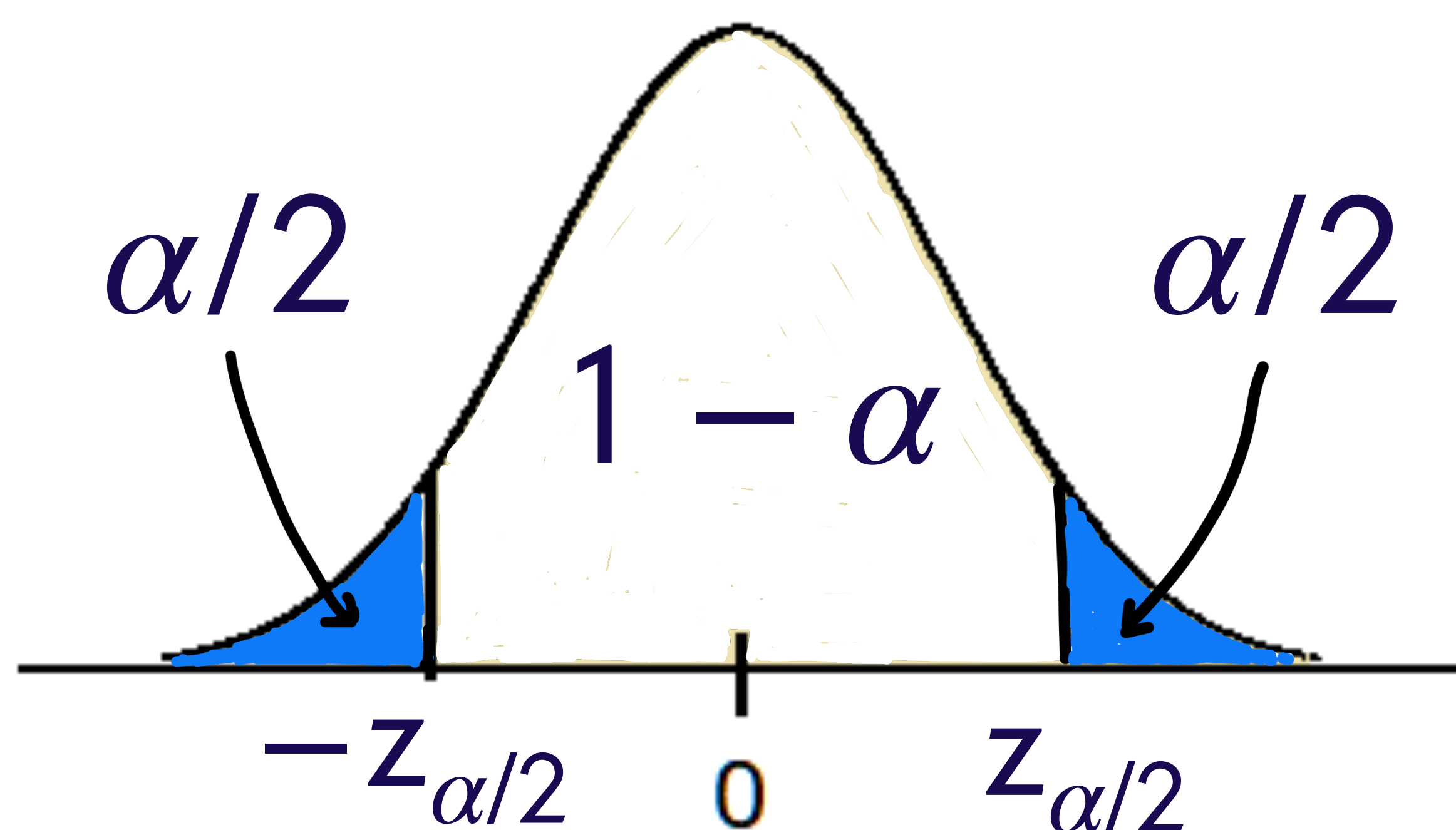
$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= P(\bar{X} < \mu_0 - c \text{ or } \bar{X} > \mu_0 + c; \mu_0) \\ &= 1 - P(\mu_0 - c \leq \bar{X} \leq \mu_0 + c; \mu_0)\end{aligned}$$

Subtract μ_0 and divide by σ/\sqrt{n} .

$$= 1 - P\left(\frac{-c}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq Z \leq \frac{c}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

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$$\frac{c}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = z_{\alpha/2}$$

$$c = z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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Step Four: Conclusion:

Reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 , if

$$\bar{X} > \mu_0 + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

or

$$\bar{X} < \mu_0 - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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, 100 randomly sampled families of 4 reported an average annual health care premium of \$6,177.

Can we say that the true average, for all families of 4, is currently different than the sample mean from 2019?

$$\sigma = 814$$

$$\text{Use } \alpha = 0.05.$$

Assume that annual health care premiums are normally distributed with a standard deviation of \$814.

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

Hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \mu = 6015$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 6015$$

$$\bar{x} = 6177 \quad \sigma = 814 \quad n = 100$$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = Z_{0.025} = 1.96$$

In R: `qnorm(0.975)`

$$6015 + 1.96 \frac{814}{\sqrt{100}} = 6174.5$$

$$6015 - 1.96 \frac{814}{\sqrt{100}} = 5855.5$$

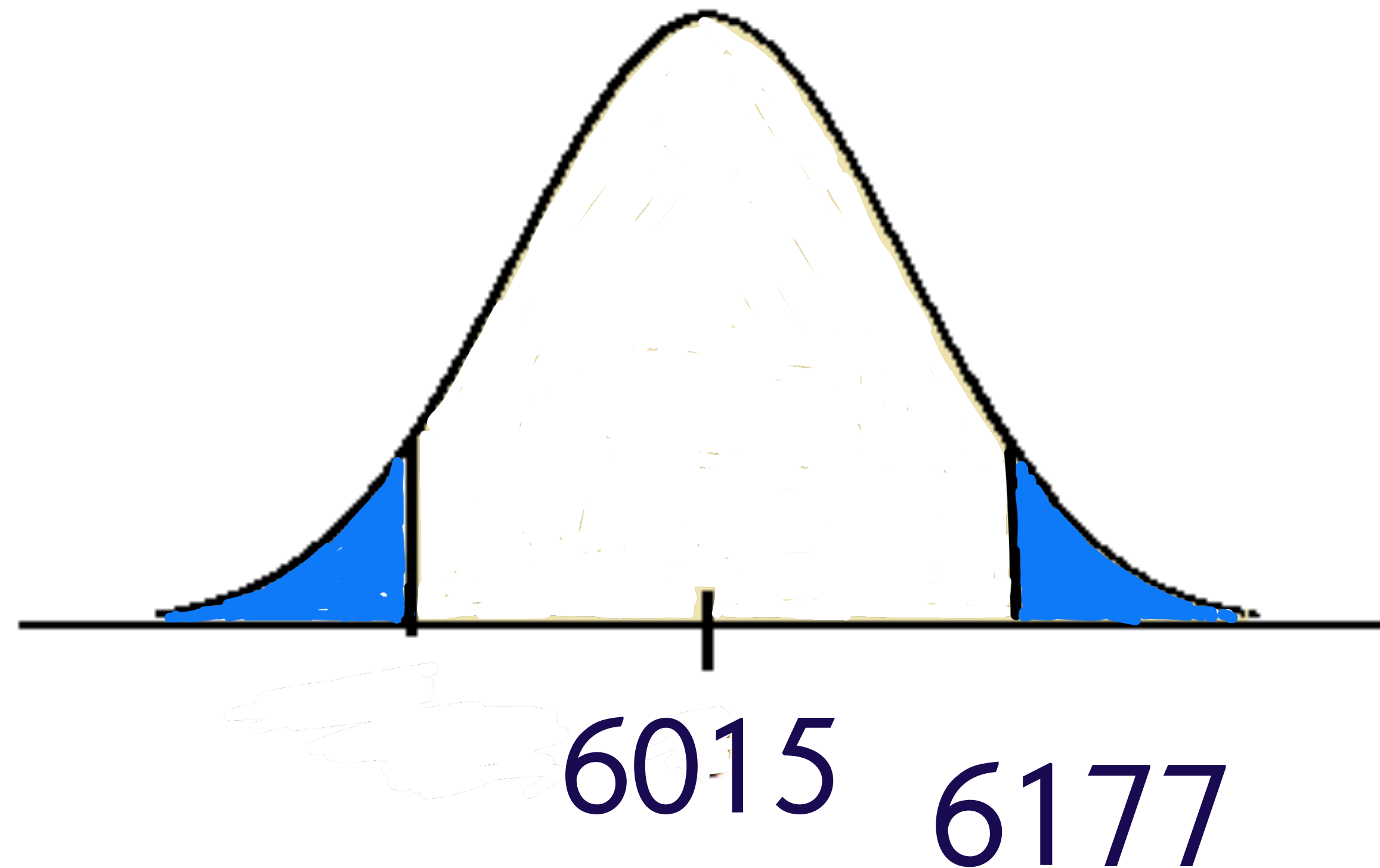
$$\bar{x} = 6177$$



We reject H_0 , in favor of H_1 . The data suggests that the true current average, for all families of 4, is different than it was in 2019.

P-Value:

$$P(\bar{X} > 6174.5 \text{ or } \bar{X} < 5855.5; \mu_0)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{P-Value} &= 2 P(\bar{X} > 6177; \mu_0 = 6015) \\ &= 2 P(Z > 1.99) \\ &= 2(0.023295) = 0.0466 \end{aligned}$$

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