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Hypothesis Testing [cont'd].

The normal case w/ σ known.

Population model: $Y \sim N(\text{mean} = \mu, \text{sd} = \sigma)$

unknown
and of
interest

Hypothesis Testing Procedure.

First: Set the hypotheses.

2nd Null Hypothesis:

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$$

1st Alternative Hypothesis:

$$H_a: \begin{cases} \mu < \mu_0 & (\text{lower or left side}) \\ \mu \neq \mu_0 & (\text{two-sided}) \\ \mu > \mu_0 & (\text{upper or right side}) \end{cases}$$

Second: Figure out the appropriate TEST STATISTIC (TS)

Natural choice:

$$\bar{Y} \sim \text{Normal}(\text{mean} = \mu, \text{sd} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Under the null hypothesis, i.e., $\mu = \mu_0$

$$\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

Third: Consider the observed value of the test statistic.
In this case, it's \bar{y} , the observed sample average.

Q: What is the probability of observing \bar{x} or something more extreme under the null?

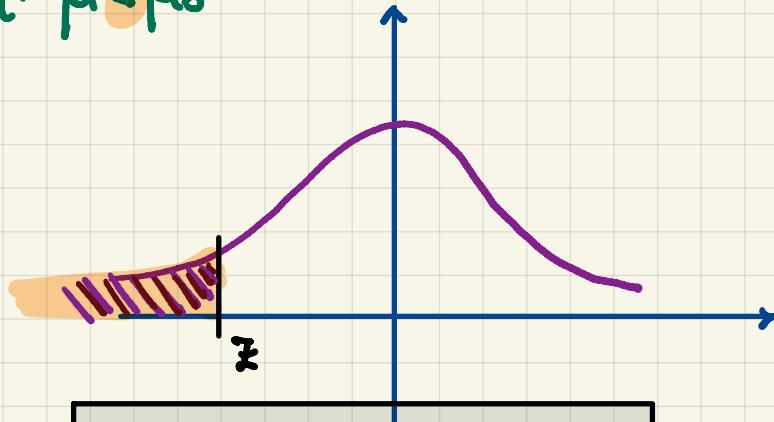
Exact interpretation depends on the structure of the alternative hypothesis.

Regardless :

$$\bar{z} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Left-Sided Alternative.

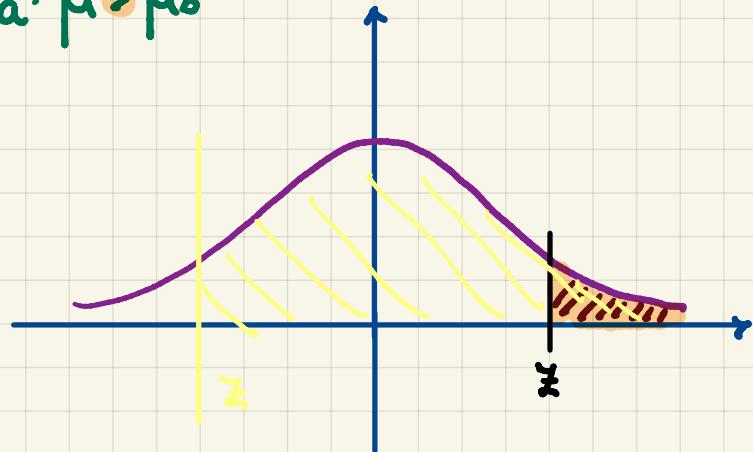
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$$P[Z \leq \bar{z}] = p\text{-value}$$

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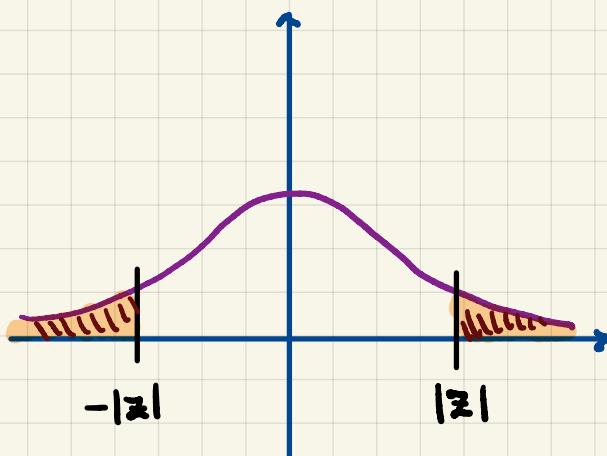
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$$P[Z \geq \bar{z}] = p\text{-value}$$

Two-Sided Alternative.

$H_a: \mu \neq \mu_0$



$$P[Z \geq |z|] + P[Z \leq -|z|] = 2 \cdot P[Z \leq -|z|] = p\text{-value}$$

Test of Significance.

Set α ... significance level

Typically: $\alpha = 0.05, 0.01, 0.10$

Decision Process.

If p-value $\leq \alpha$, we REJECT the null hypothesis.

If p-value $> \alpha$, we FAIL TO REJECT the null hypothesis.

Note: The p-value corresponding to an observed value of the test statistic is the LOWEST significance level @ which the null hypothesis would still be REJECTED.

Given a significance level α , we construct (ahead of data gathering) a REJECTION REGION (RR) for our test.

The Null Hypothesis: $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$

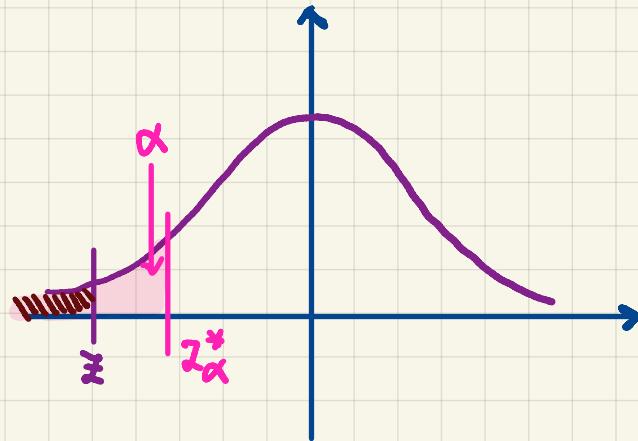
The Test Statistic: $\bar{Y} \sim N(\text{mean} = \mu, \text{sd} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$

The Left-Sided Alternative:

$$H_a: \mu < \mu_0$$

In standard units:

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$$



$$RR = (-\infty, z_{\alpha}^*]$$

$$z_{\alpha}^* = \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) = qnorm(\alpha)$$

In raw units:

$$\bar{x} \leq z_{\alpha}^*$$

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq z_{\alpha}^*$$

$$\bar{x} \leq \mu_0 + z_{\alpha}^* \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

upper bound of
the RL in
raw units

$$RR = (-\infty, \mu_0 + z_{\alpha}^* \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}]$$