

# CEE 260/MIE 273: Probability and Statistics in Civil Engineering

## Lecture 6A: Inference for One Sample Means

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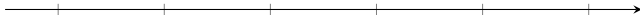
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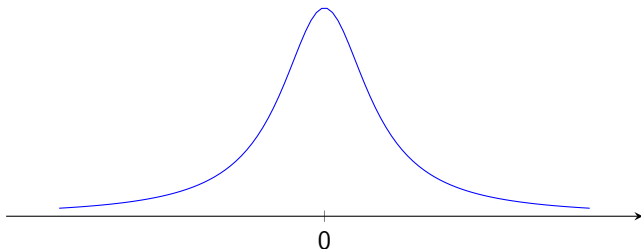
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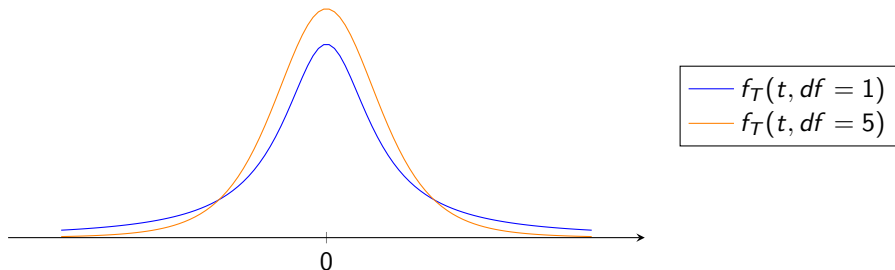
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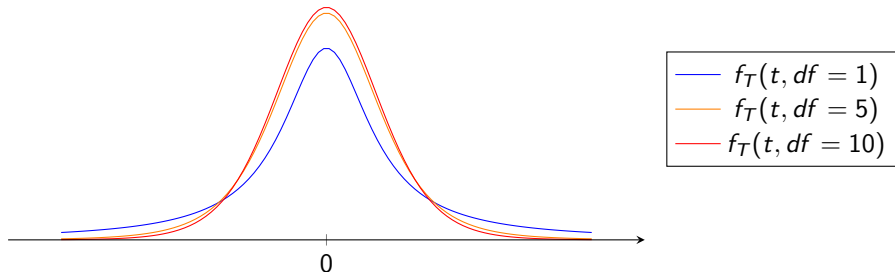


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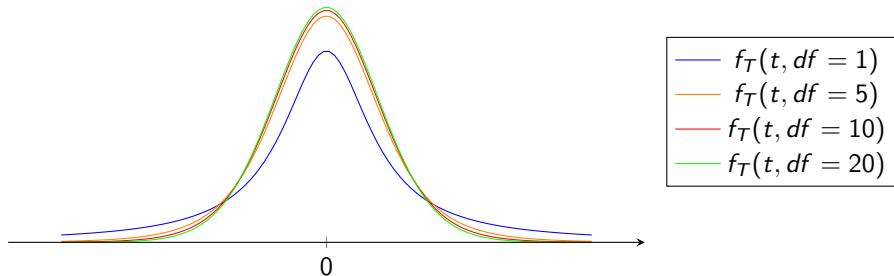


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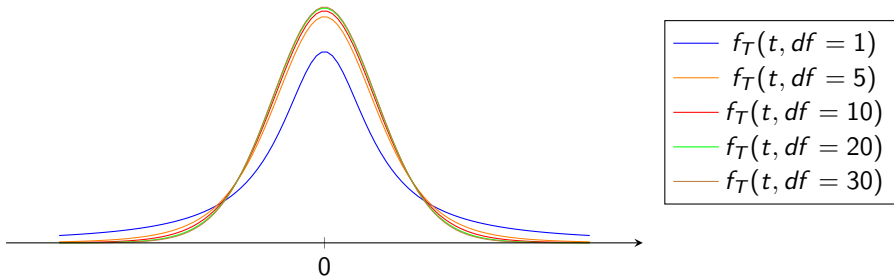


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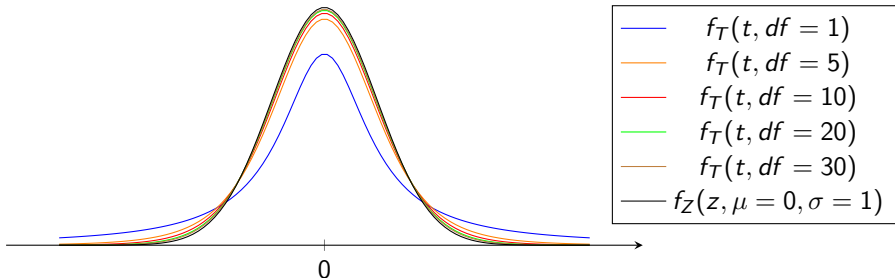


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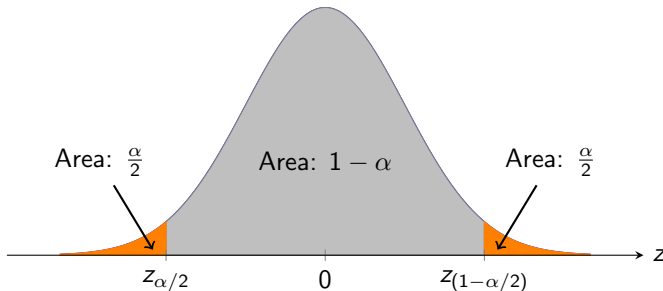
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To use the  $t$ -distribution functions in Python, use `from scipy.stats import t`

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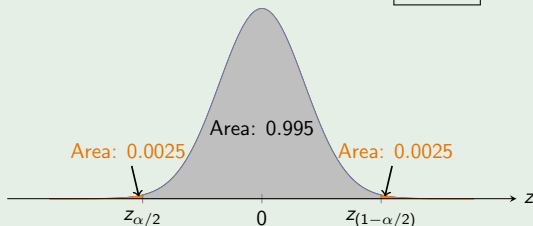
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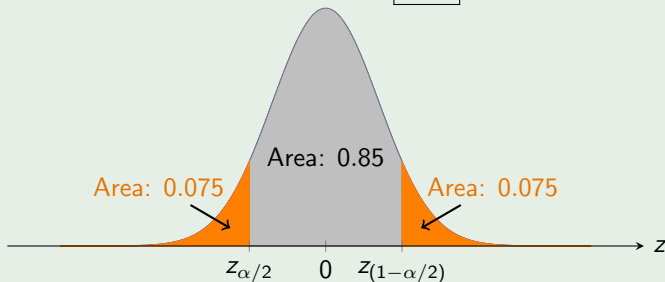
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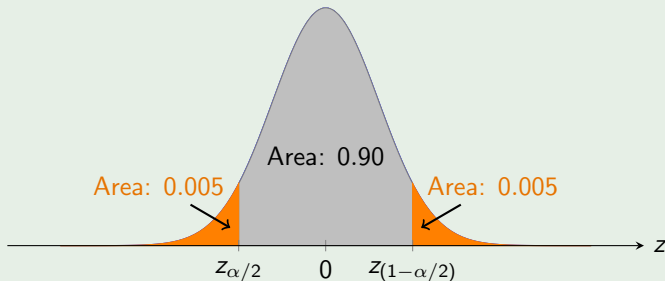
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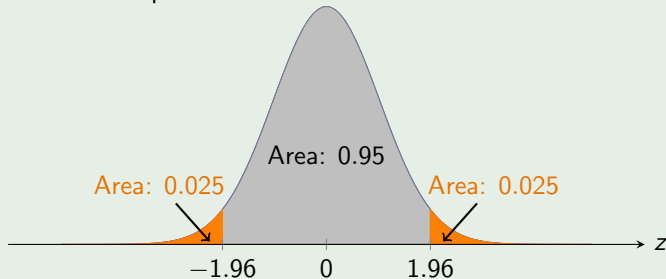
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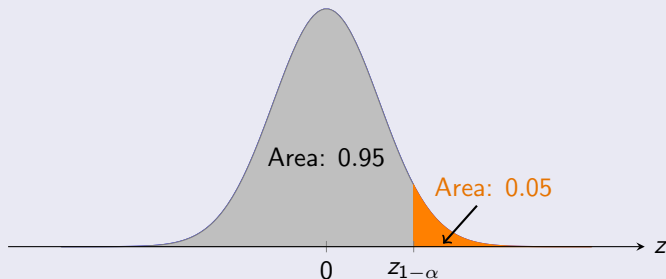
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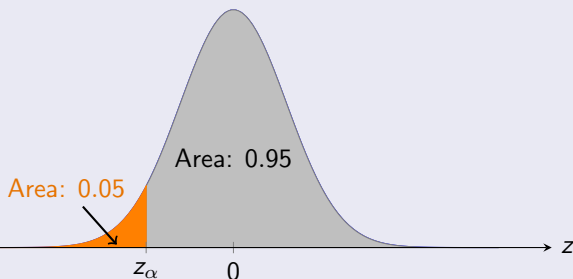
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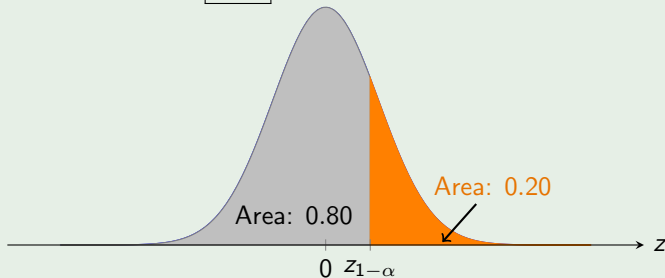
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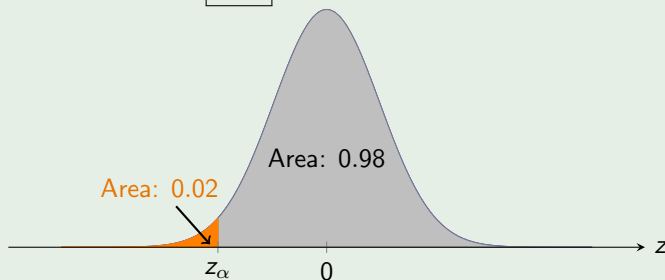
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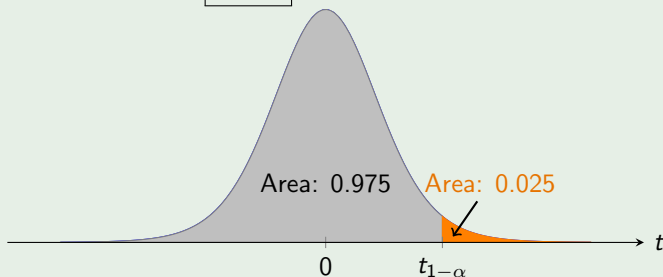
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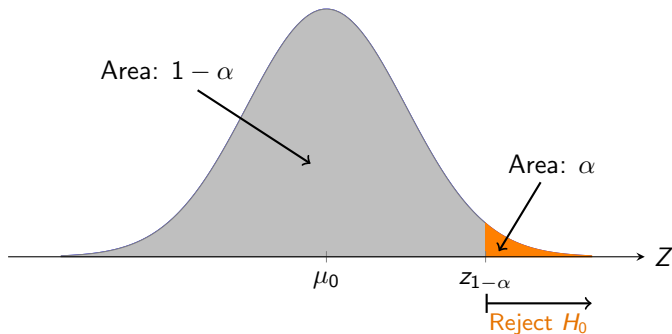
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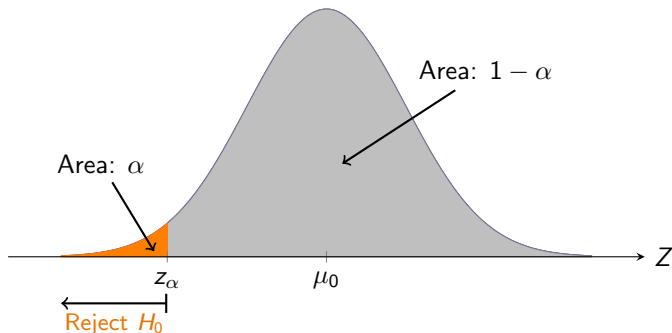
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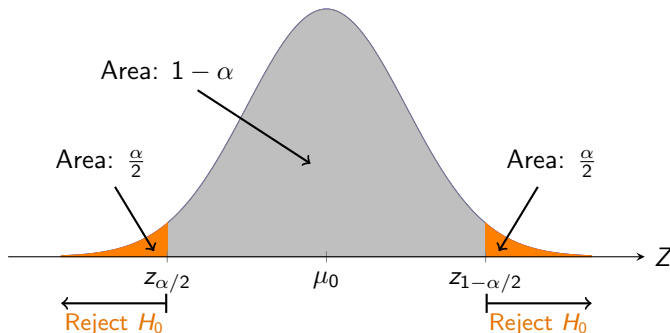
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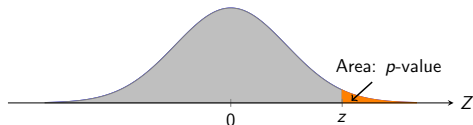
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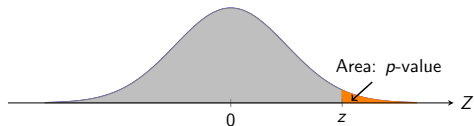


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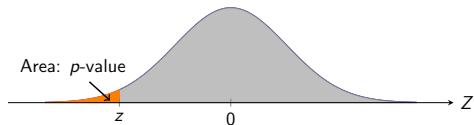
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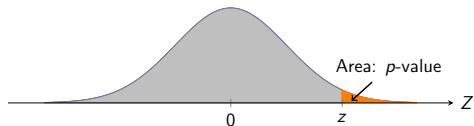
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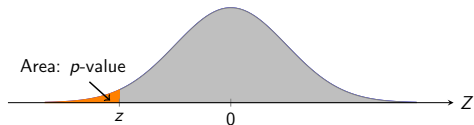
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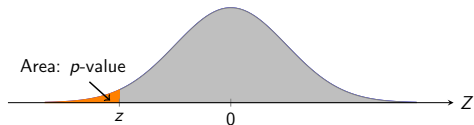
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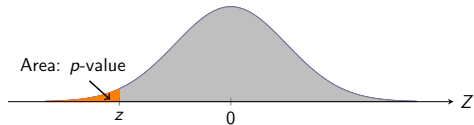
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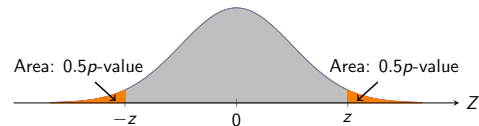
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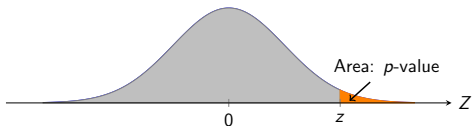
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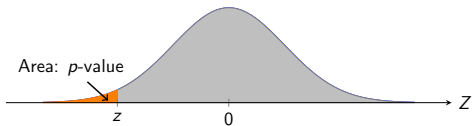
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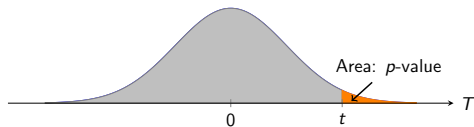
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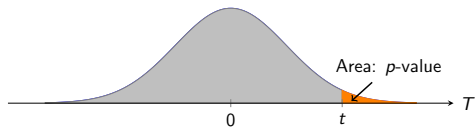
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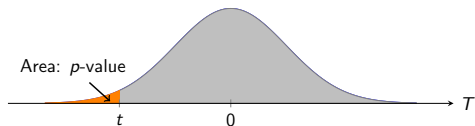
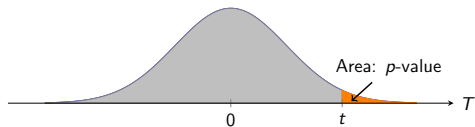


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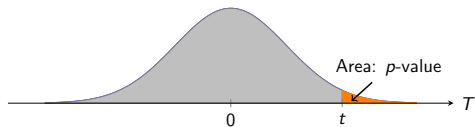
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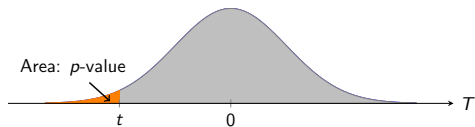
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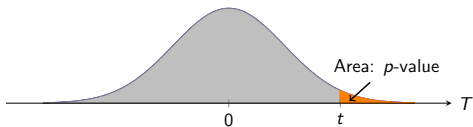


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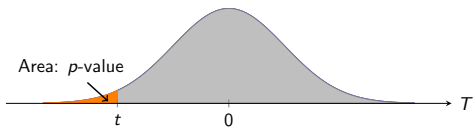
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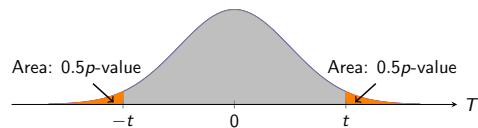
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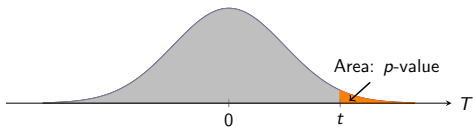
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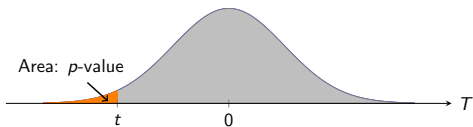
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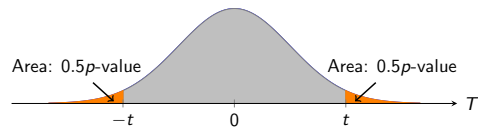
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Using a significance level of 0.01, we fail to reject  $H_0$  since  $0.0204 > 0.01$ . Thus, at the 1% significance level, there is insufficient evidence to conclude that true average thickness differs from the target value.

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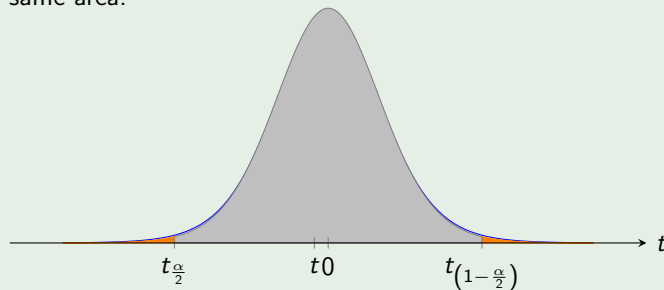
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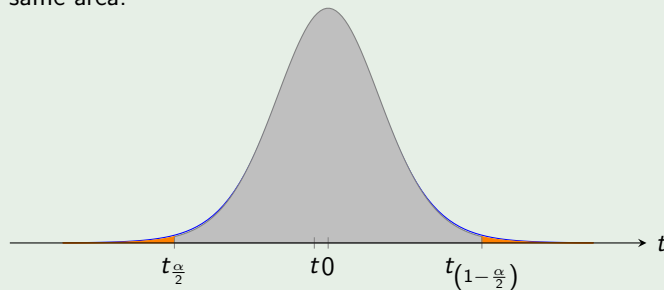
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In real terms, this means that the sample was within the bounds of what would be acceptable if the population mean were 1.615 oz. Therefore, we would not stop the production line.

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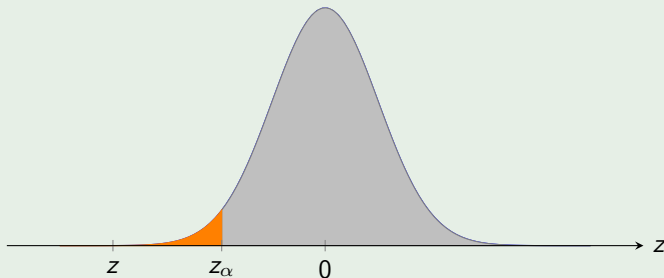
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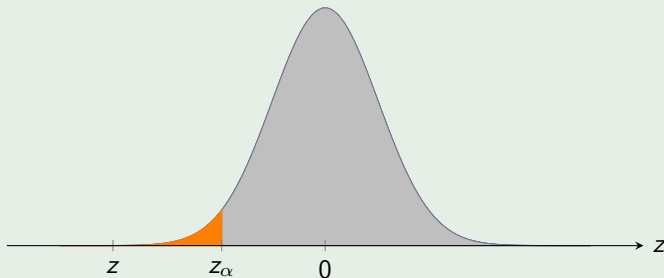


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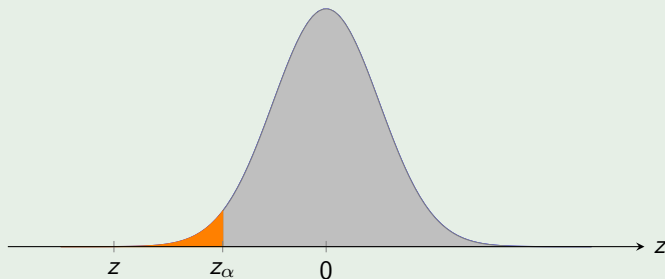


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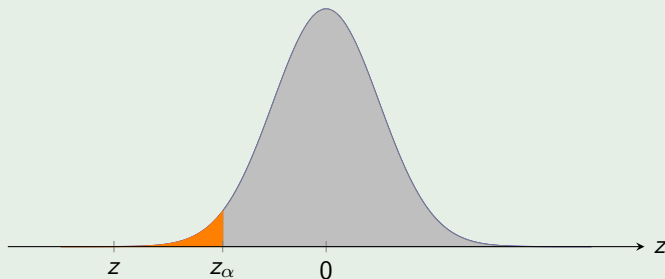
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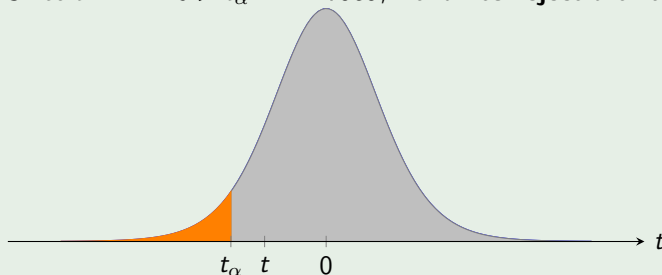
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