

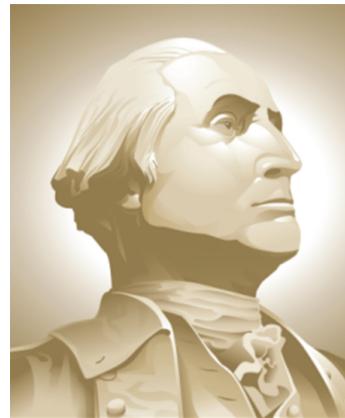
# EMSE 4765: DATA ANALYSIS

## For Engineers and Scientists

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Session 4: Estimator Distributions, Confidence Intervals,  
Hypothesis Testing

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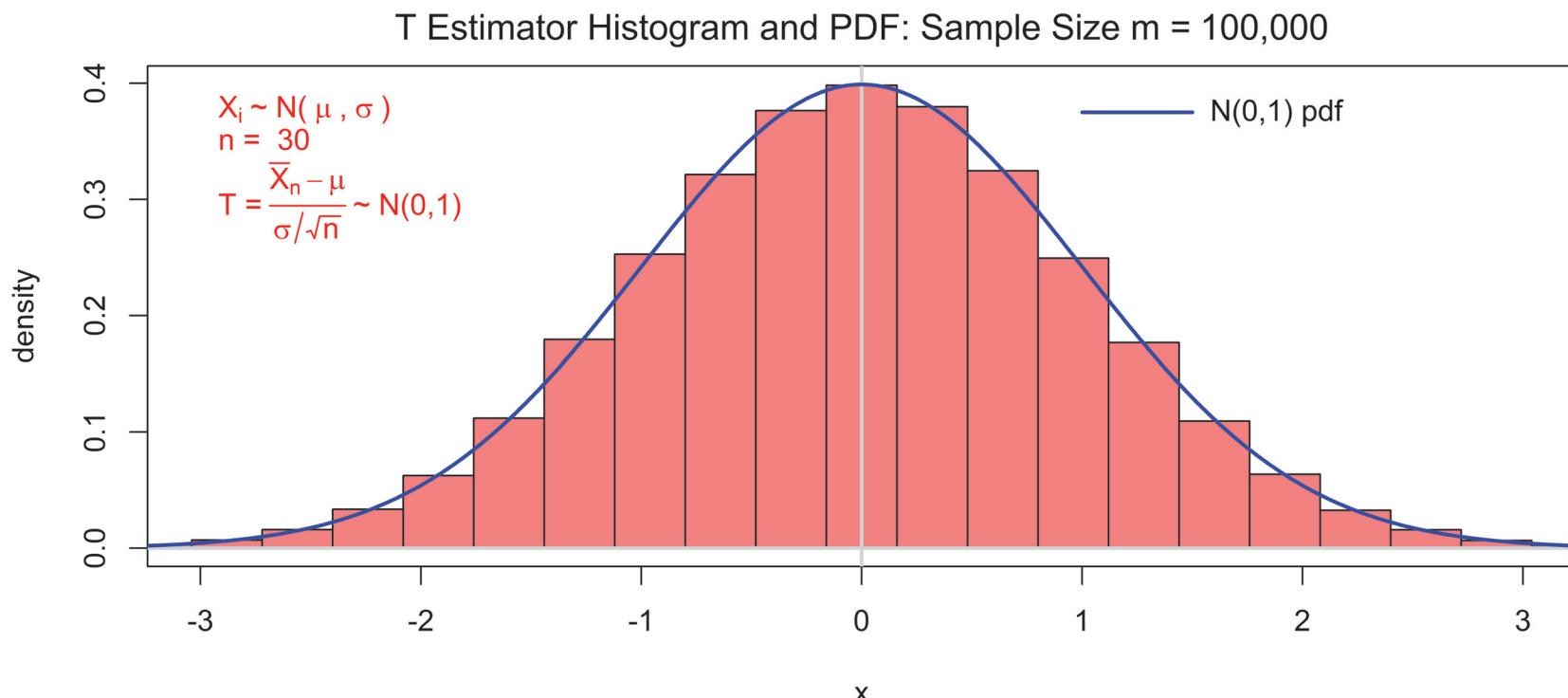
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- Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random *i.i.d.* sample, where  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1) - \text{standard normal distribution}$$

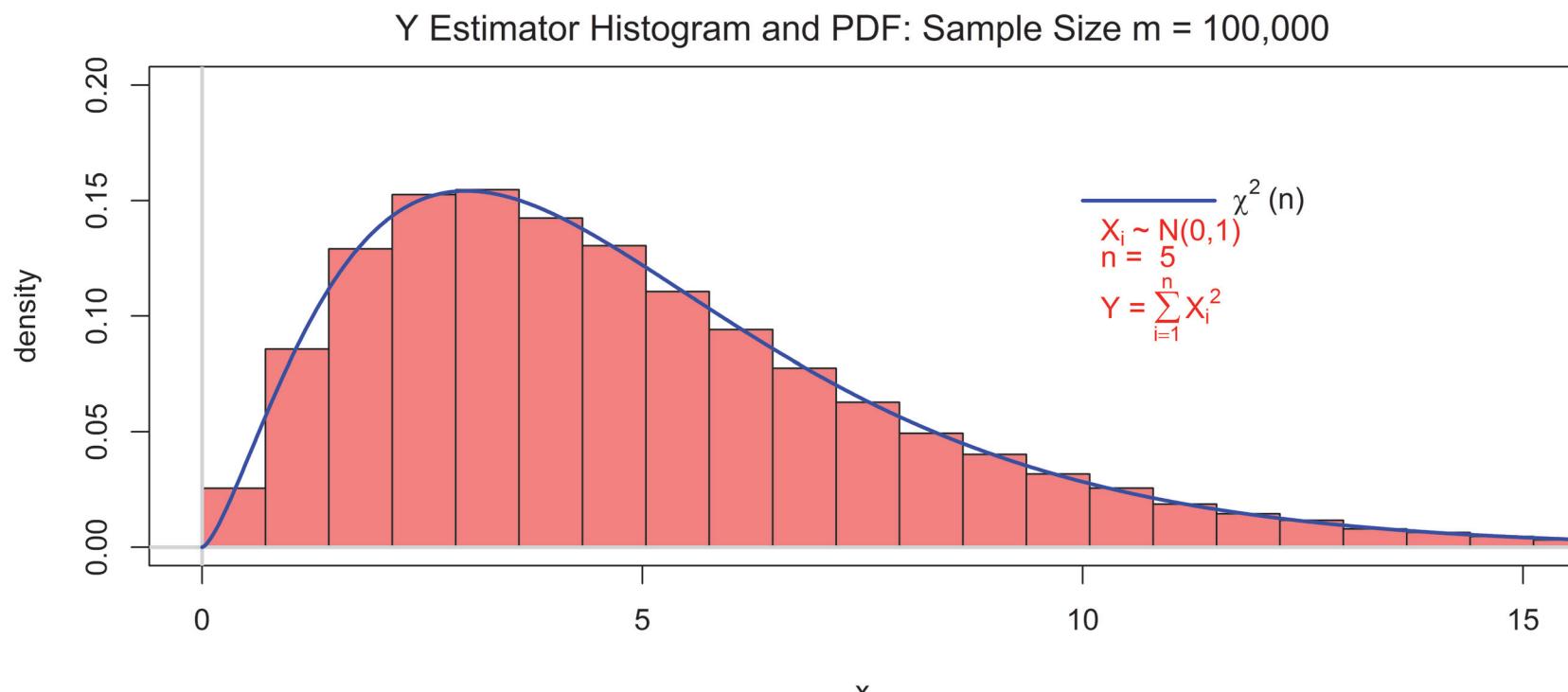


Analysis in "T\_Variance\_Known.R"

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10 # n is the sample size of the dataset, mu and sigma are arbitrary chosen values
11 n<-30
12 the_mu<-5
13 the_sigma<-2
14
15 # m is the the number of datasets randomly generated.
16 m<-100000
17 t_stat<-replicate(m,0)
18 for (i in c(1:m))
19 {
20   sample<-rnorm(n,the_mu,the_sigma)
21   x_bar<-mean(sample)
22   st_dev_x_bar<-the_sigma/(n^0.5)
23   t_stat[i]<-(x_bar-the_mu)/st_dev_x_bar
24 }
25
26 # N_bins is the number of intervals for the histogram of the Estimator.
27 N_bins<-25
28 LB<-4
29 UB<-4
30 bins<-c(1:N_bins)/N_bins
31 bins<-(UB-LB)*bins+LB
32 t_probs<-Estimate_empirical_histogram(bins,t_stat)
33 bins<-c(LB,bins)
34 bin_widths<-bins[2:(N_bins+1)]-bins[1:N_bins]
35
36 # Evaluating the theoretical values for the pdf of the Estimator
37 x_points<-c(0:1000)/1000
38 LB<-4
39 UB<-4
40 x_points<-(UB-LB)*x_points+LB
41 n_points<-dnorm(x_points,0,1)
```

- Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random *i.i.d.* sample, where  $X_i \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow :$

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \sim \chi_n^2 - \text{Chi-squared distribution with } n \text{ degrees of freedom}$$



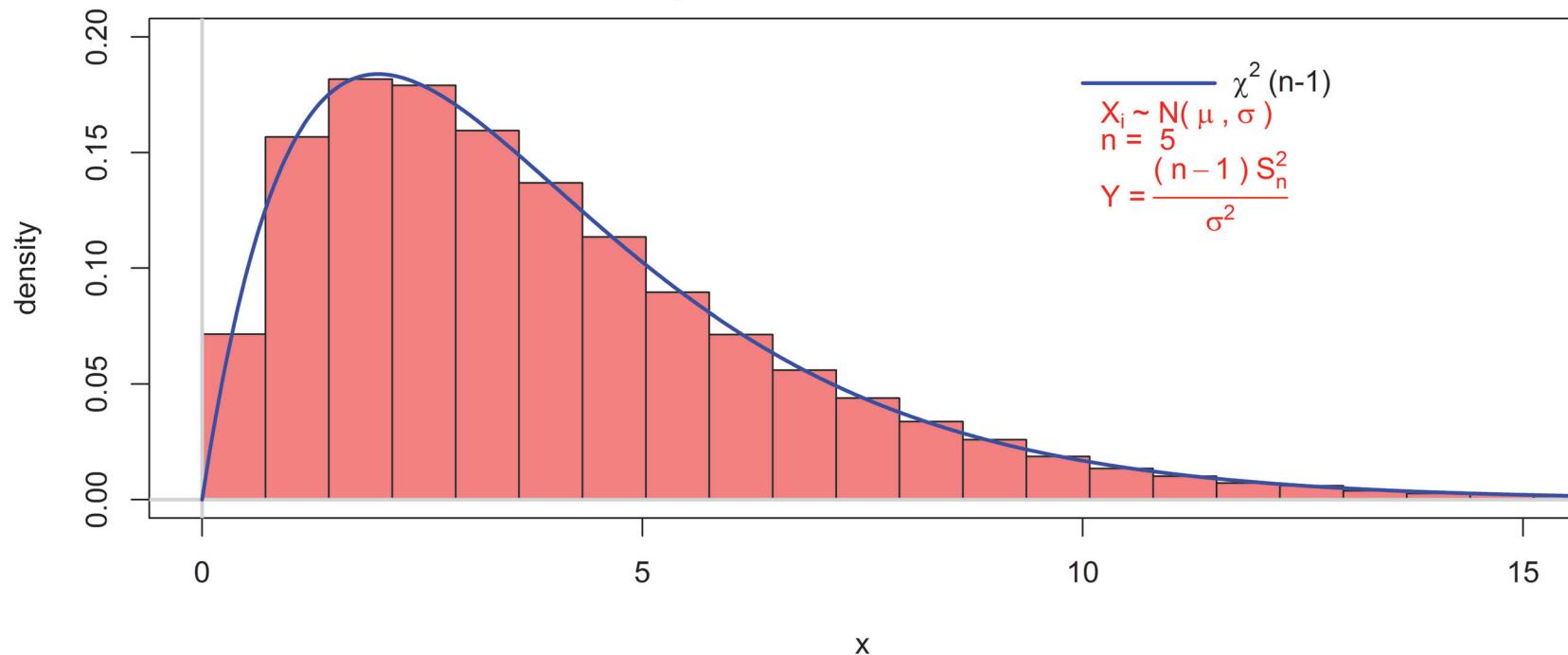
Analysis in "Chi\_Squared\_n.R"

- Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random *i.i.d.* sample, where  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma) \Rightarrow$

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right]^2 = \frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

### Chi-squared distribution with $(n - 1)$ degrees of freedom

Y Estimator Histogram and PDF: Sample Size m = 100,000

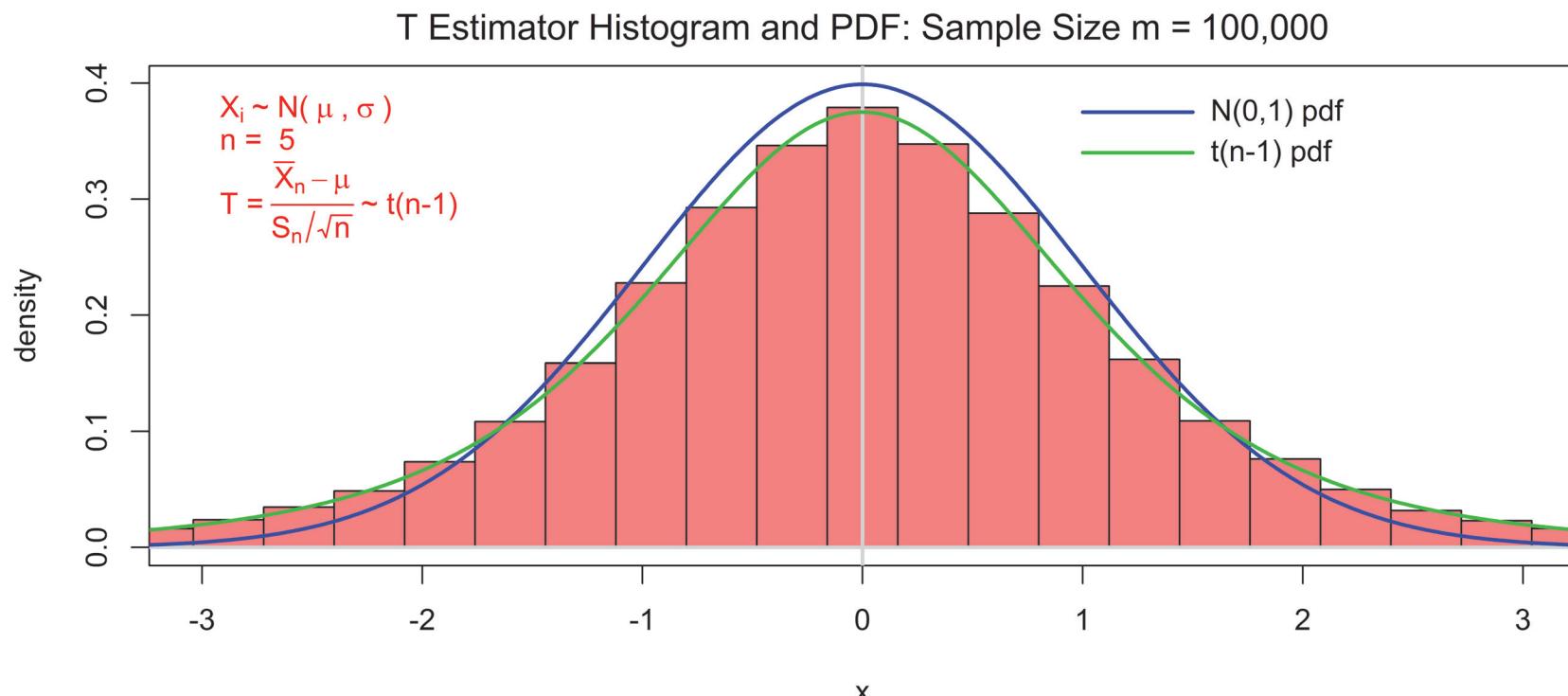


Analysis in "Chi\_Squared\_Minus\_One.R"

- Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random *i.i.d.* sample, where  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$   $\Rightarrow$  :

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S_n / \sqrt{n}} = \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \right] / \left[ \frac{S_n}{\sigma} \right] \sim \frac{Normal(0, 1)}{\sqrt{\chi_{n-1}^2 / (n-1)}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

**Student-t distribution with  $(n - 1)$  degrees of freedom**



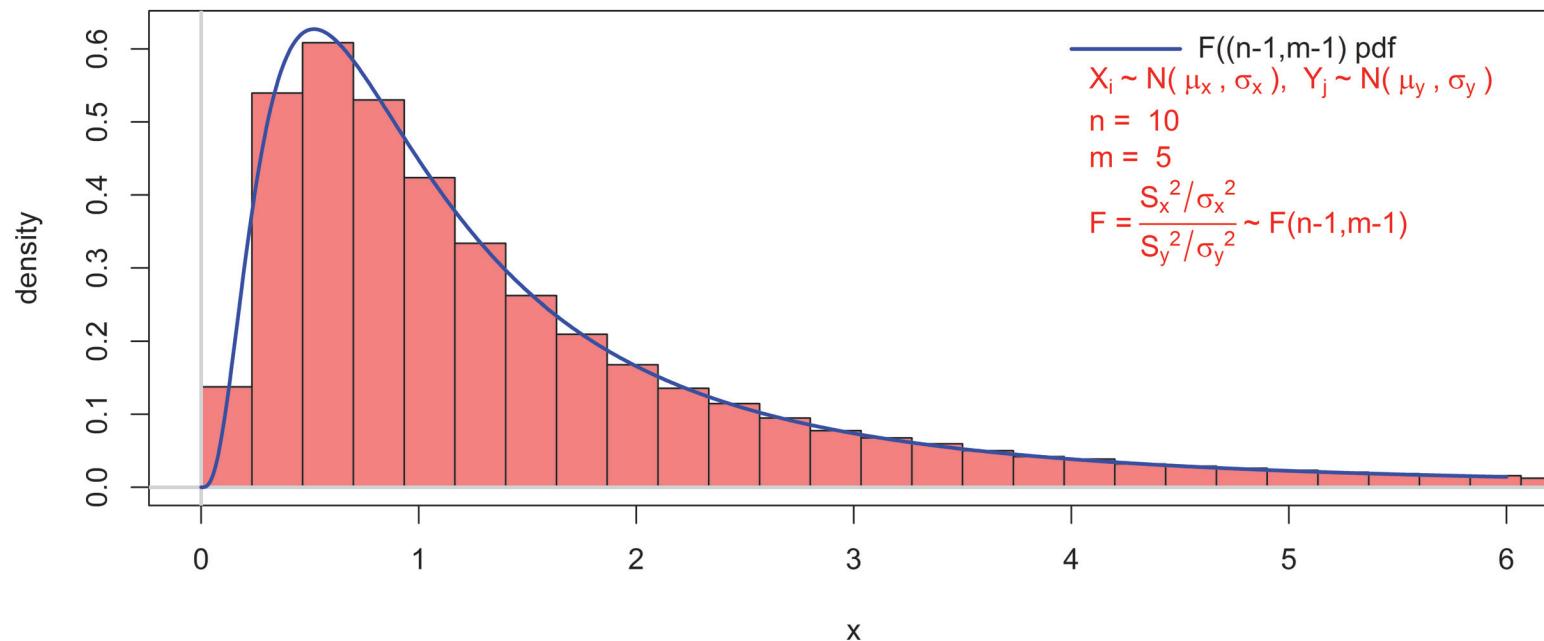
Analysis in "T\_Variance\_Unknown.R"

- Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$  be a random i.i.d. samples  
 $X_i \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ ,  $Y_i \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$  ( $Y_j$ 's independent of the  $X_i$ 's)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{S_x^2/\sigma_x^2}{S_y^2/\sigma_y^2} = \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma_x} \right)^2 \right] / \left[ \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 \right] \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$$

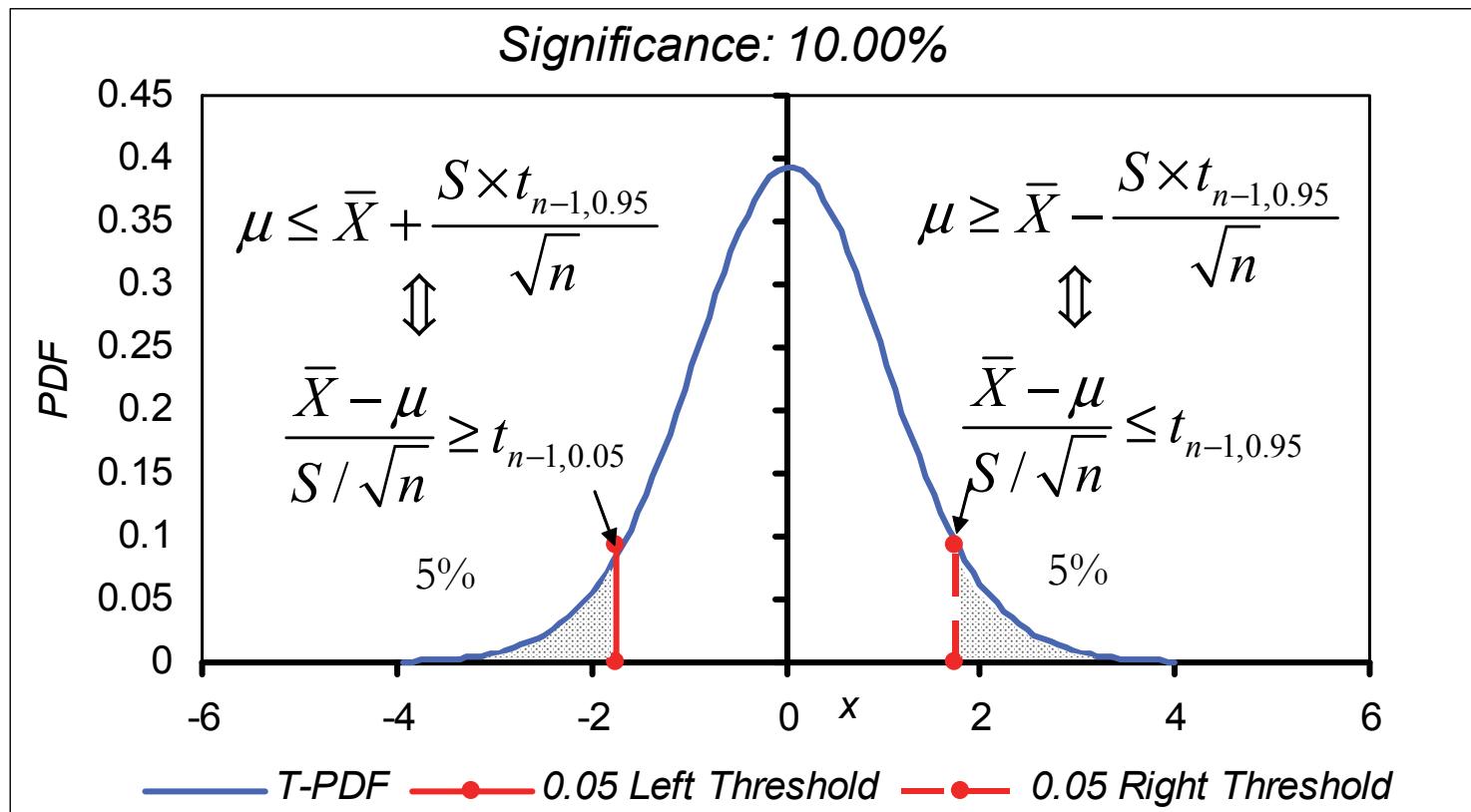
**F distribution with  $n - 1$  and  $m - 1$  degrees of freedom**

F Estimator Histogram and PDF: Sample Size m = 100,000



Analysis in "F\_Estimator.R"

Estimator distributions are important to determine confidence intervals.



90% Two-Sided Confidence Interval:

$$[\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}]$$

- 90% **two-sided confidence interval** for mean  $\mu$  is **a realization** of a **random interval** with **two random bounds** because  $\bar{X}$  and  $S$  are random variables.
- One obtains this 90% **two-sided confidence interval** with two **fixed bounds** by substituting **estimate**  $\bar{x}$  for **estimator**  $\bar{X}$  and **estimate**  $s$  for **estimator**  $S$ .

**Example 15 (Continued):** Dielectric breakdown voltage data

24.46	25.61	26.25	26.42	26.66	27.15	27.31	27.54	27.74	27.94
27.98	28.04	28.28	28.49	28.50	28.87	29.11	29.13	29.50	30.88

$$\bar{x} \approx 27.793, s^2 \approx 2.14, t_{19,0.95} = 1.73$$

**90% Two-Sided Confidence Interval for  $\mu$ :**

$$\left[ 27.793 - \frac{1.73 \times \sqrt{2.14}}{\sqrt{20}}, 27.793 + \frac{1.73 \times \sqrt{2.14}}{\sqrt{20}} \right] = [27.23, 28.36]$$

## Analysis in "Voltage\_Mu\_Sigma\_X\_Intervals.R"

## R - Code

## Excel - Analysis

Mean Confidence Interval	
X-Bar	27.793
Var X	2.137
St. Dev. X	1.462
n	20
St. Dev. X-Bar	0.32688
$\alpha$	10%
$t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}$	1.729133
LB	27.22778
UB	28.35822
$Pr(T > t_{n-1, \alpha/2})$	0.05

```
# loading the readr package
library(readr)
Voltage <- read_csv("Voltage.csv")

# Assigning First Column to Volt
Volt=Voltage[[1]]
mu_0=27

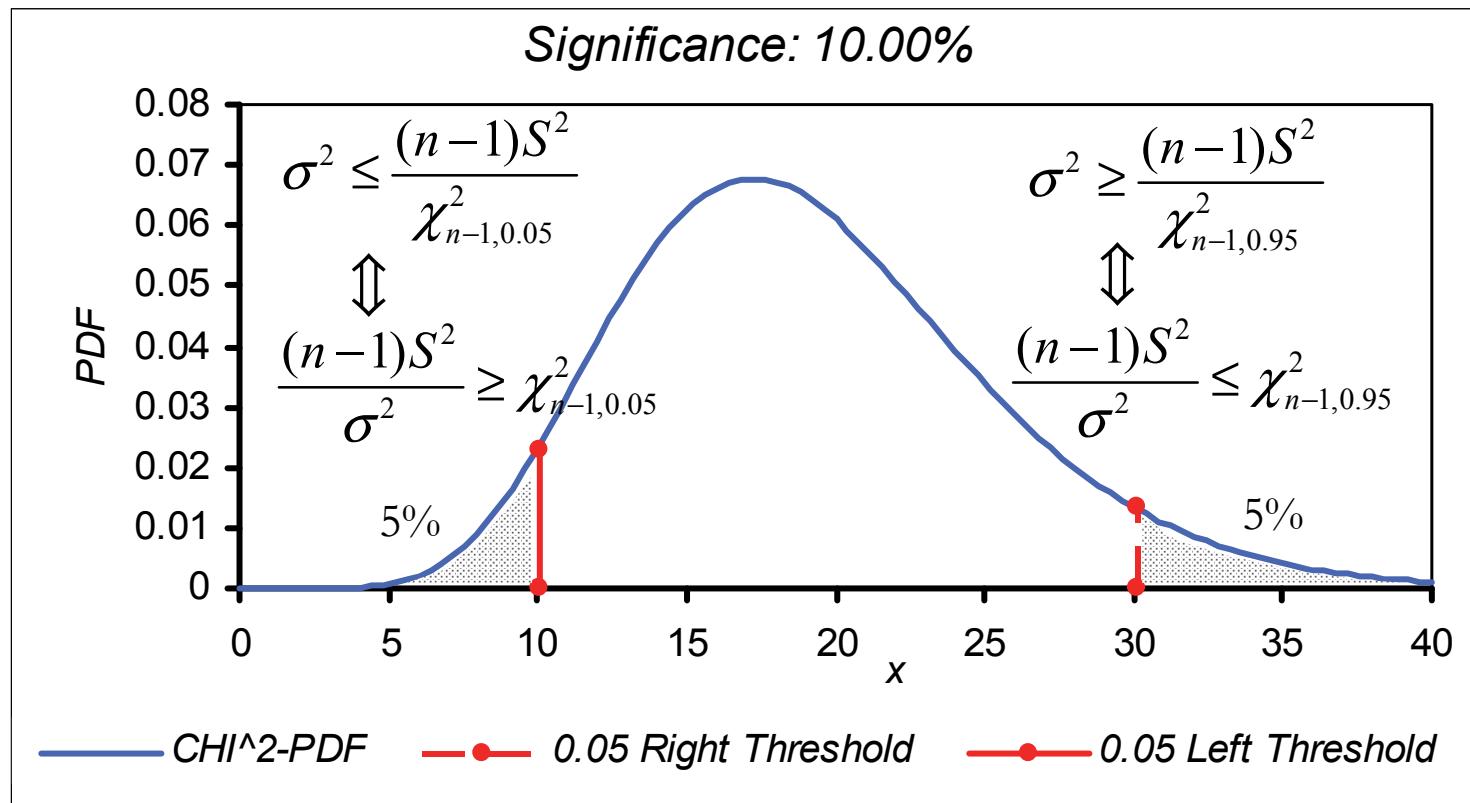
# Evaluating Confidence interval for the mean
alpha=0.10
t.test(Volt, conf.level = 1-alpha, mu = mu_0)
```

## R - Output

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One Sample t-test

data: Volt
t = 2.426, df = 19, p-value = 0.02539
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 27
90 percent confidence interval:
27.22778 28.35822
sample estimates:
mean of x
27.793
```

Estimator distributions are important to determine confidence intervals.



90% Two-Sided Confidence Interval:  $\sigma^2 \in \left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{n-1,0.95}}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{n-1,0.05}} \right]$

- 90% two-sided confidence interval for variance  $\sigma^2$  is a realization of a random interval with two random bounds because  $S^2$  is a random variable.
- One obtains this 90% two-sided confidence interval with two fixed bounds by substituting the estimate  $s^2$  for the estimator  $S^2$ .

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$$s^2 \approx 2.14, \chi^2_{19,0.05} = 10.12, \chi^2_{19,0.95} = 30.14$$

90% Two-Sided Confidence Interval for  $\sigma^2$ :

$$\left[ \frac{19 \times 2.14}{30.14}, \frac{19 \times 2.14}{10.12} \right] = [1.347, 4.014]$$

## Analysis in "Voltage\_Mu\_Sigma\_X\_Intervals.R"

## R - Code

## Excel - Analysis

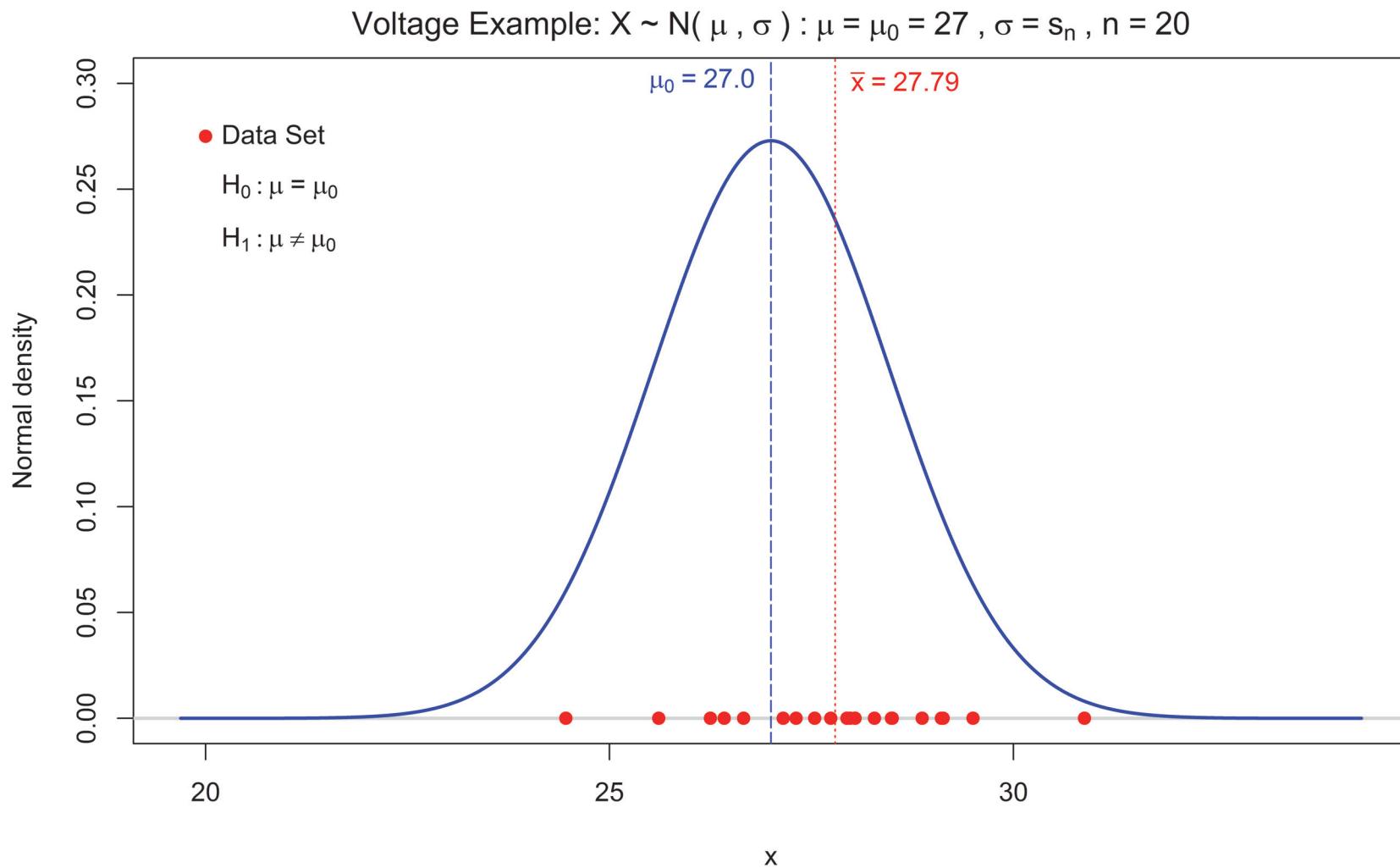
Variance Confidence Interval		
$\chi^2_{n-1,\alpha/2}$	10.117013	
$\chi^2_{n-1,1-\alpha/2}$	30.143527	
LB	1.347003	
UB	4.013380	

```
# Evaluating Confidence interval for the variance
alpha=0.10
n<-length(Volt)
Variance_Estimate<-var(Volt)
Chi_05=qchisq(alpha/2, n-1)
Chi_95=qchisq(1-alpha/2, n-1)
LL_Var= (n-1)*Variance_Estimate/Chi_95
UPP_Var=(n-1)*Variance_Estimate/Chi_05
LL_Var
UPP_Var
```

## R - Output

```
> # Evaluating Confidence interval for the variance
> alpha=0.10
> n<-length(Volt)
> Variance_Estimate<-var(Volt)
> Chi_05=qchisq(alpha/2, length(Volt)-1)
> Chi_95=qchisq(1-alpha/2, length(Volt)-1)
> LL_Var= (n-1)*Variance_Estimate/Chi_95
> UPP_Var=(n-1)*Variance_Estimate/Chi_05
> LL_Var
[1] 1.347003
> UPP_Var
[1] 4.01338
```

Analysis in file "Voltage\_Hypothesis\_1.R". Should we Reject  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_1$ ?



- There is a connection between **confidence intervals** and **hypothesis testing**. Let  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an *i.i.d.* sample from a **normal distribution** with unknown mean  $\mu$  and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . Consider the hypothesis test.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \mu &= \mu_0 \\ H_1 : \mu &\neq \mu_0 \end{aligned}$$

**High values and low values of  $\bar{x}$**  are an **indication of support for the alternative hypothesis**. High values and low values of  $\bar{x}$  go together with high and low values of the following  **$t_0$  estimate**

$$t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}, \text{ Note that: Estimator } T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1} \text{ if } H_0 \text{ is true}$$

- How high or low do we let  $\bar{x}$  (or  $t_0$ ) get before we reject the null hypothesis?** This is determined by **the distribution of  $T$**  and **the significance level  $\alpha$  that you specify**. For a two-sided test we divide the significance level  $\alpha$ , say 10%, by two **for two tails with equal probability** and by convention:

Too high a value of  $\bar{x} \Leftrightarrow t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} > t_{n-1,0.95}$

Too low a value of  $\bar{x} \Leftrightarrow t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} < t_{n-1,0.05} = -t_{n-1,0.95}$

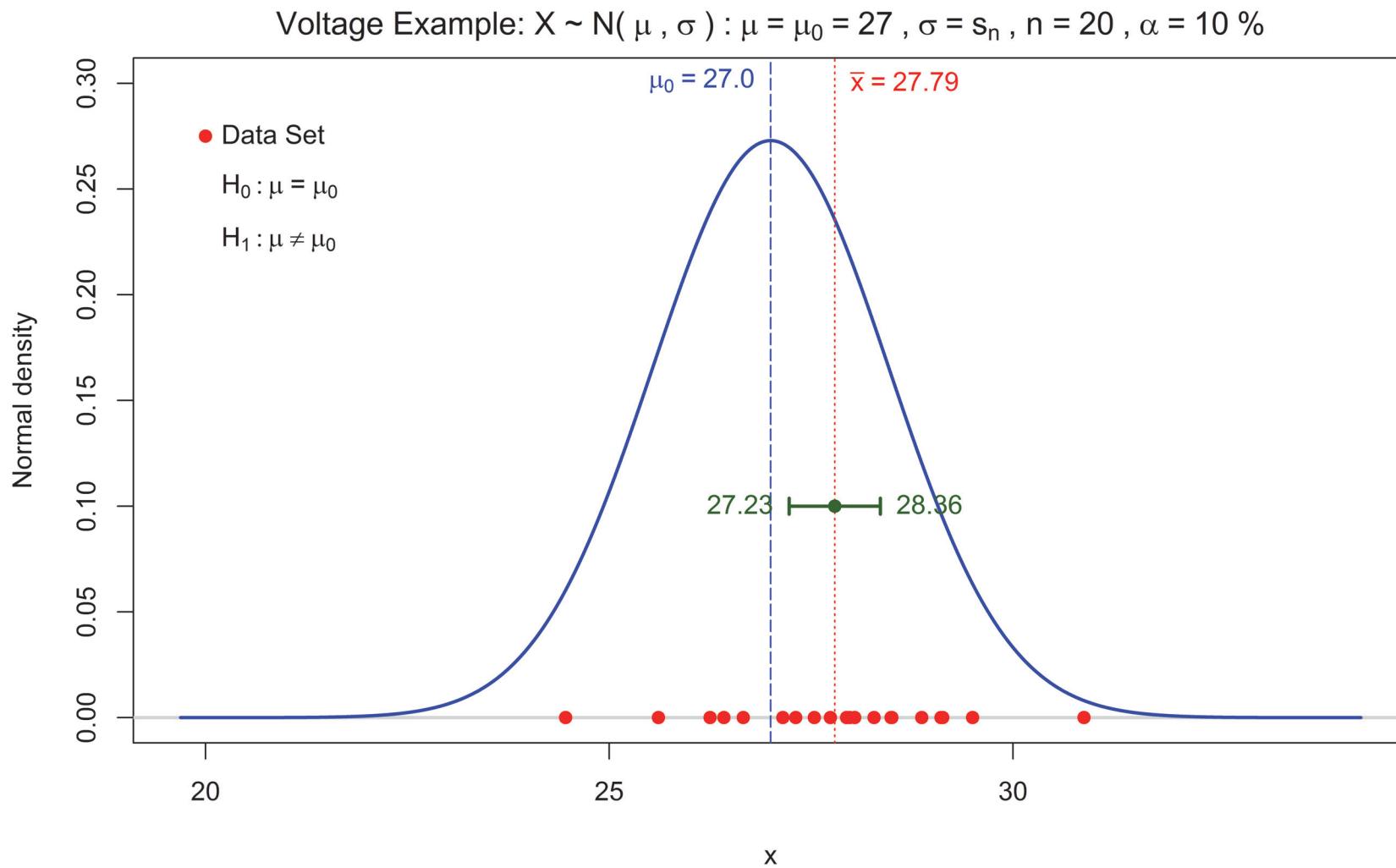
- **Conclusion:**

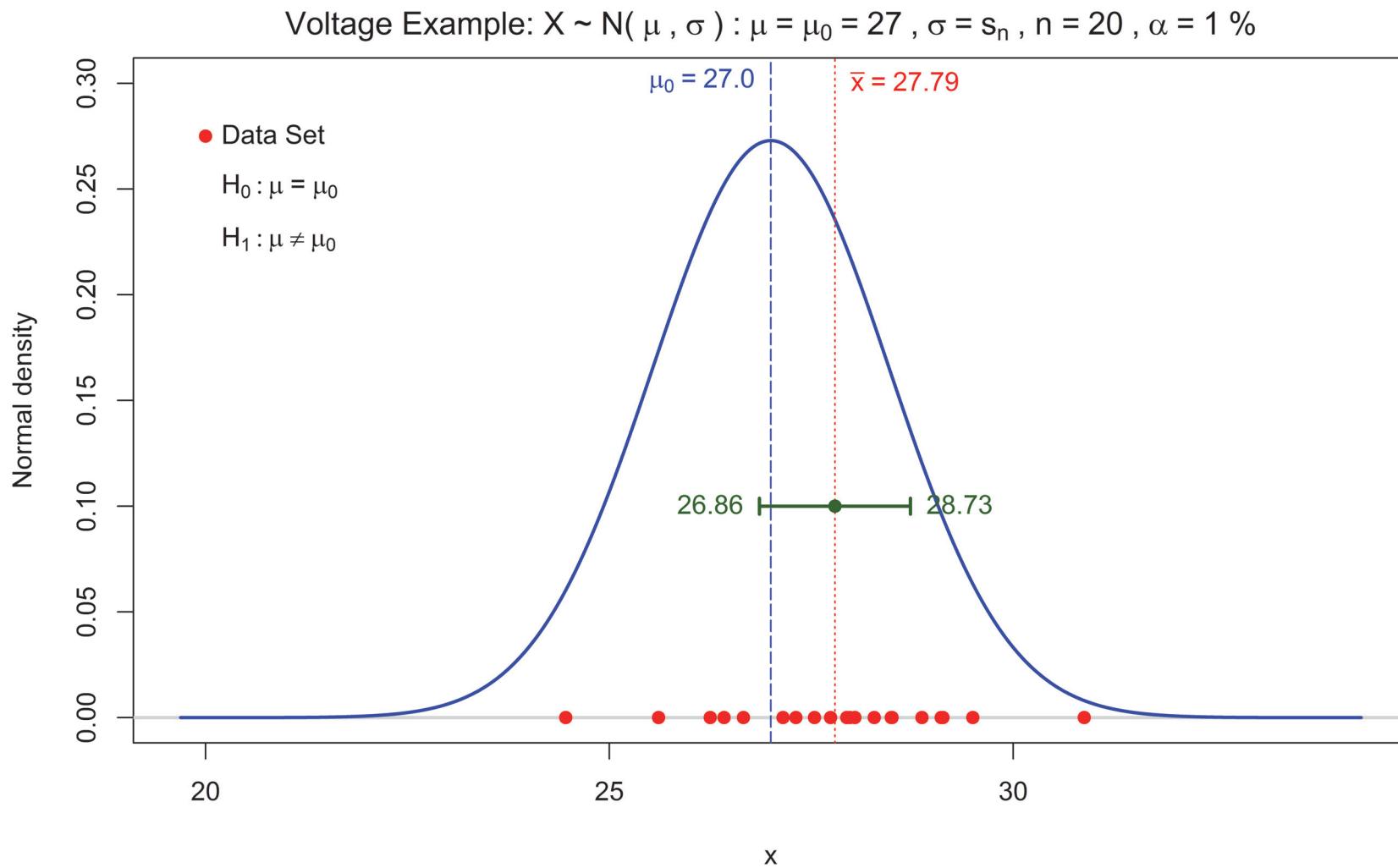
$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \notin [t_{n-1,0.05}, t_{n-1,0.95}] \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \in [t_{n-1,0.05}, t_{n-1,0.95}] \end{cases}$$

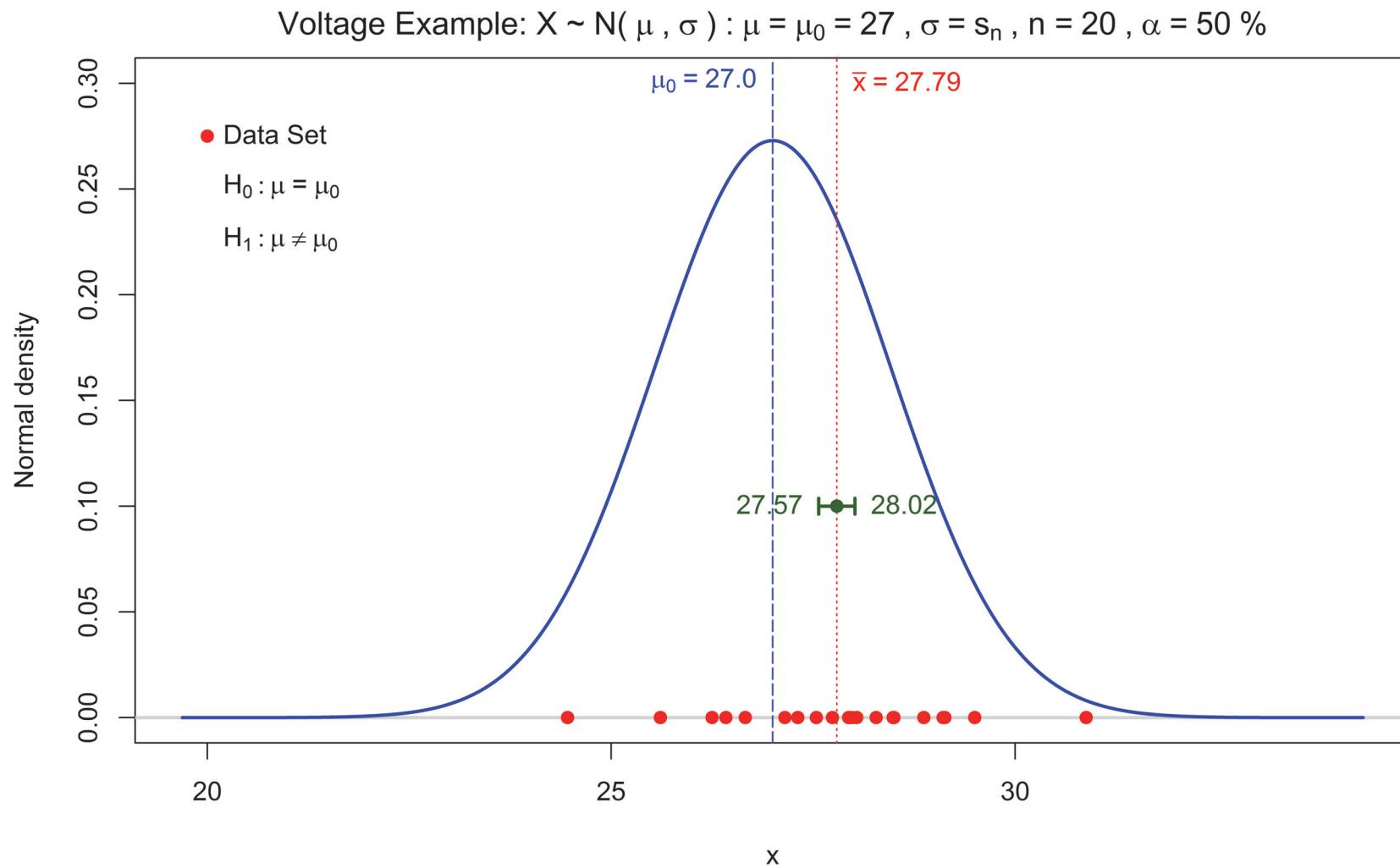
**which is equivalent to:**

$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \notin [\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}] \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \in [\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}] \end{cases}$$

- **But:  $[\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}]$  is the 90% confidence interval for  $\mu$ .**

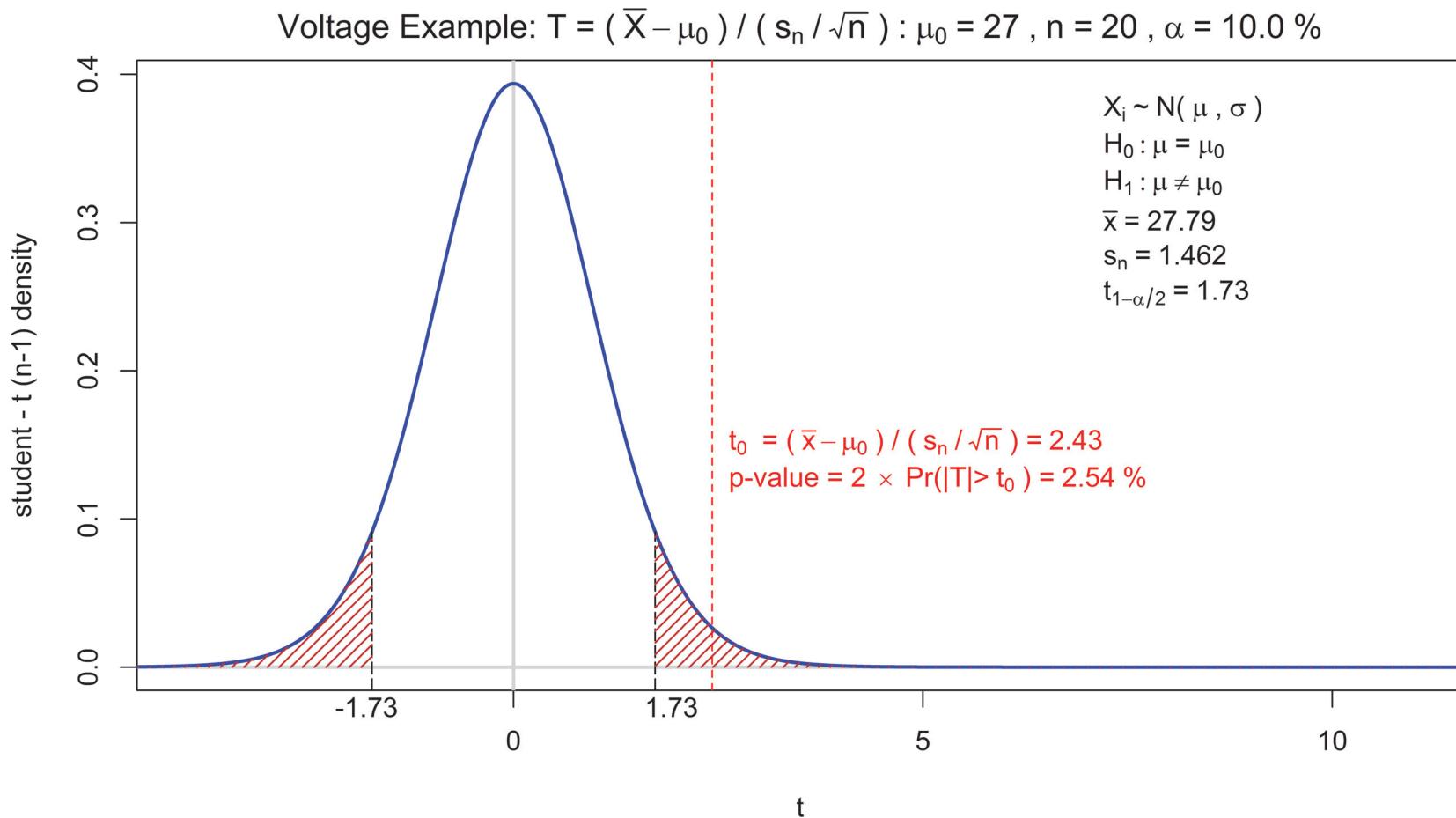






Scenario where we reject  $H_0$  based on the value of  $t_0$  - estimate

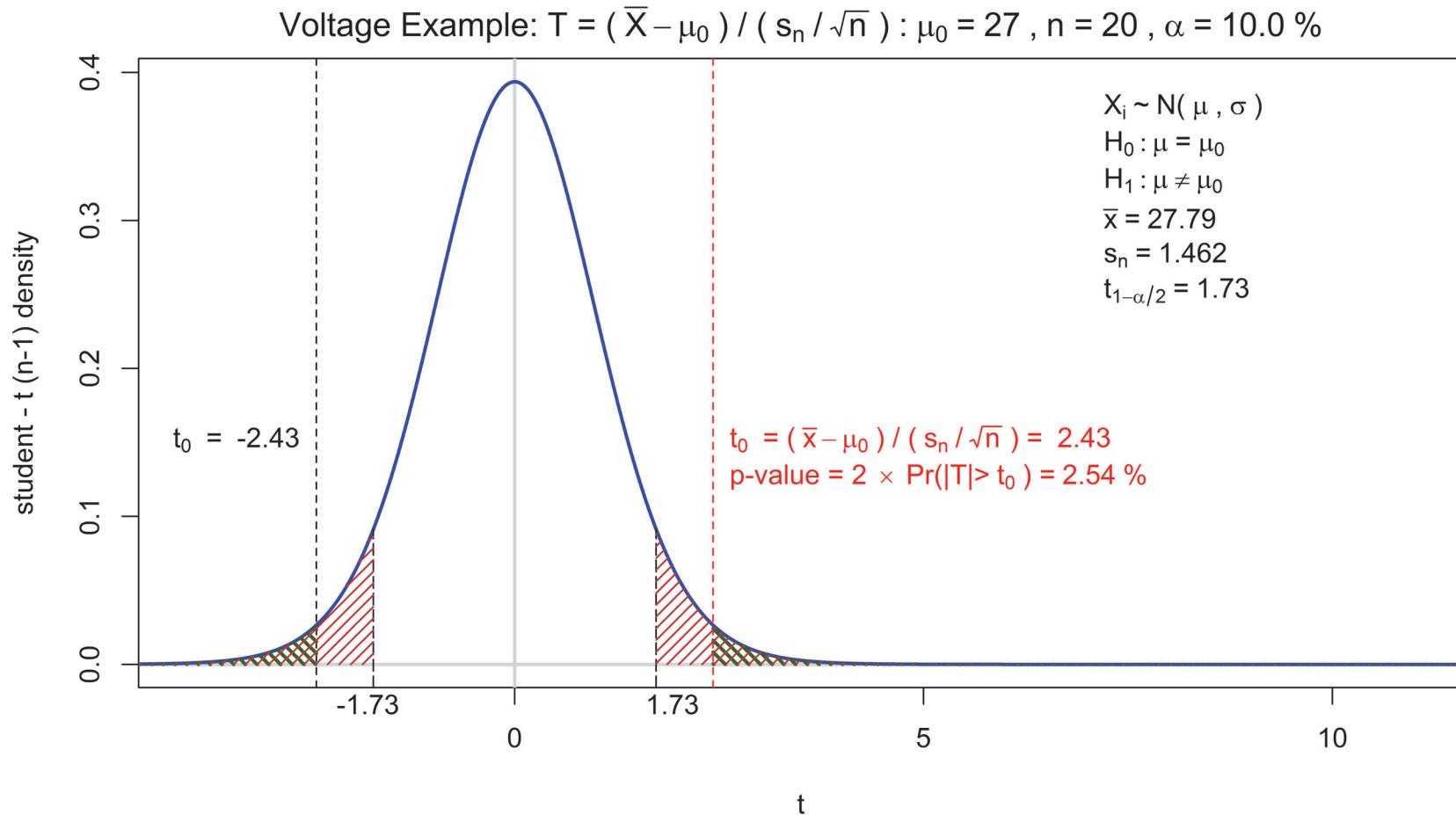
Type 1 error =  $Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 | \mu = \mu_0) = \alpha$



Analysis in file "Voltage\_Hypothesis\_2.R"

Scenario where we reject  $H_0$  based on the value of  $t_0$  - estimate

$$p\text{-value} = \Pr(T_{n-1} \notin [-t_0, t_0]) = 2\Pr(T_{n-1} > t_0) < \alpha$$



Analysis in file "Voltage\_Hypothesis\_3.R"

**Definition:** The **p-value** of an hypothesis test is **the largest significance level** at which we would just fail to reject the null-hypothesis. It is also **the probability of observing something more extreme than you have observed.**

- $p\text{-value} = Pr(T_{n-1} \notin [-t_0, t_0]) = 2Pr(T_{n-1} > t_0)$ . Small p-values indicate level of evidence against the null-hypothesis.

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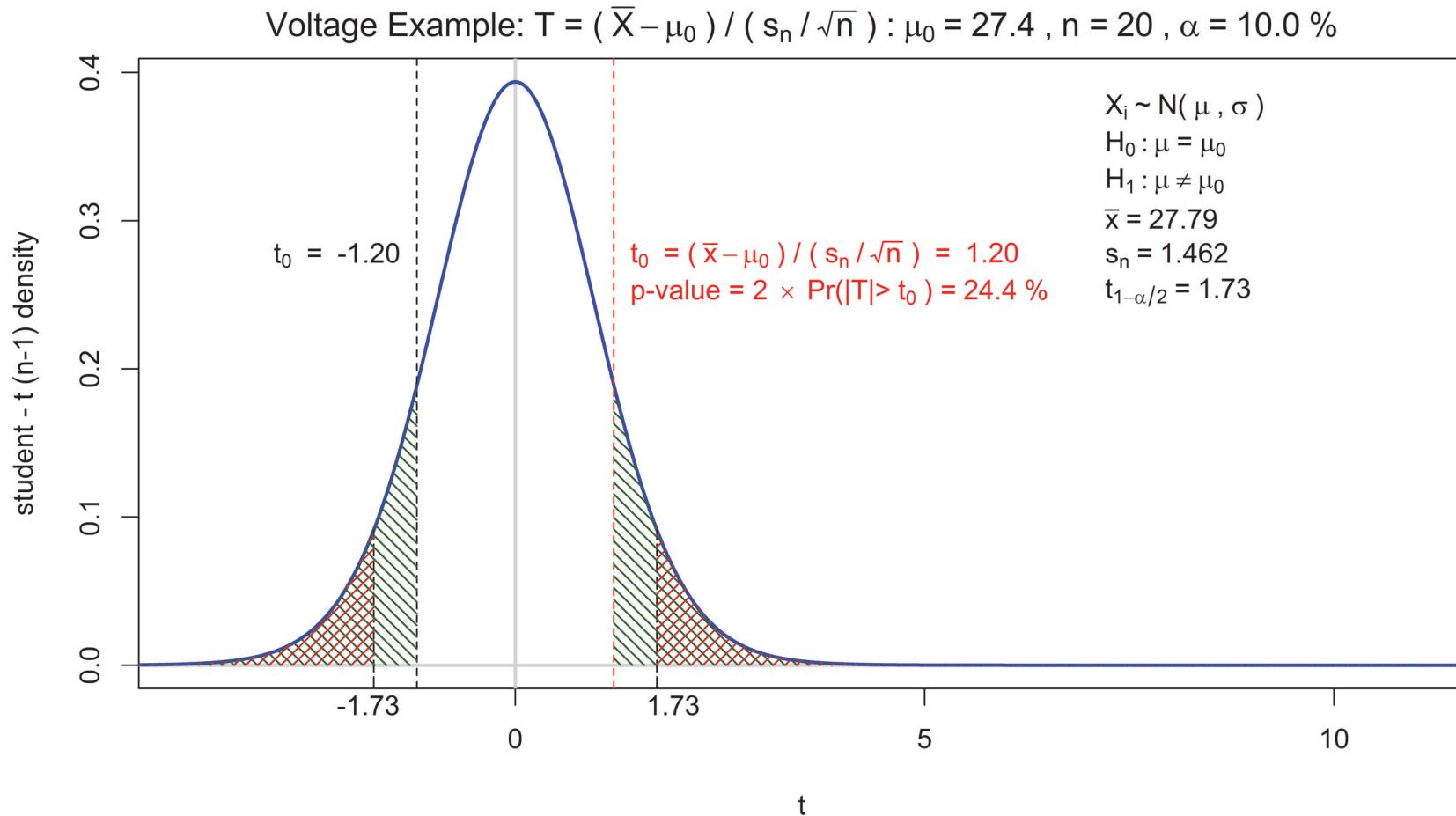
$$H_0 : \mu = 27, H_1 : \mu \neq 27 \Rightarrow t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - 27}{\sqrt{2.14}/\sqrt{20}} \approx 2.43$$

**Conclusion:**

$$t_0 \notin [-1.73, 1.73] \Rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0, p\text{-value} = 2Pr(T_{19} > 2.43) \approx 2.54\%$$

Scenario where we fail to reject  $H_0$  based on the value of  $t_0$  - estimate

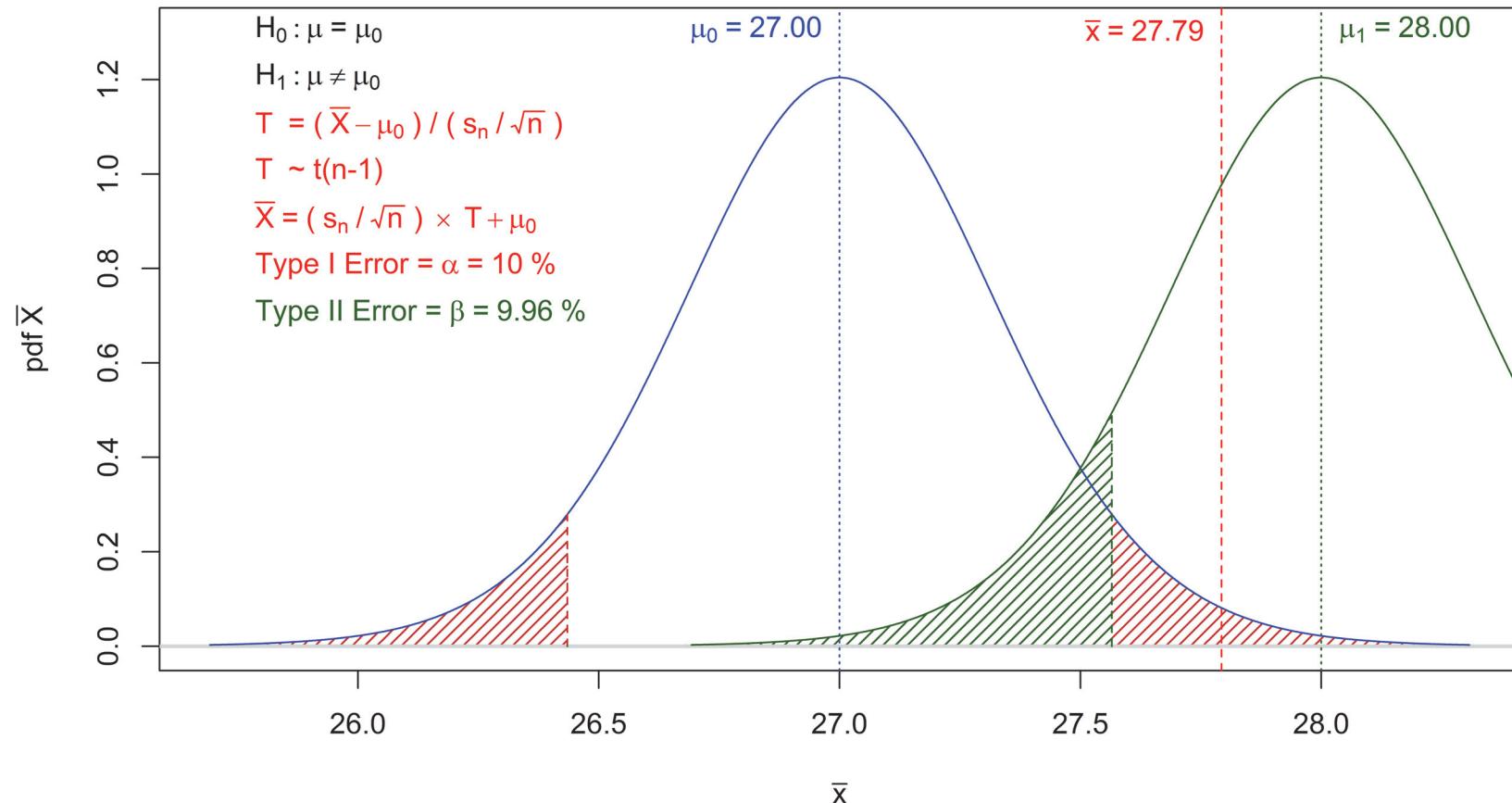
$$p\text{-value} = \Pr(T_{n-1} \notin [-t_0, t_0]) = 2\Pr(T_{n-1} > t_0) > \alpha$$



Analysis in file "Voltage\_Hypothesis\_4.R"

$\alpha = \text{Type I Error} = \Pr(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is True})$

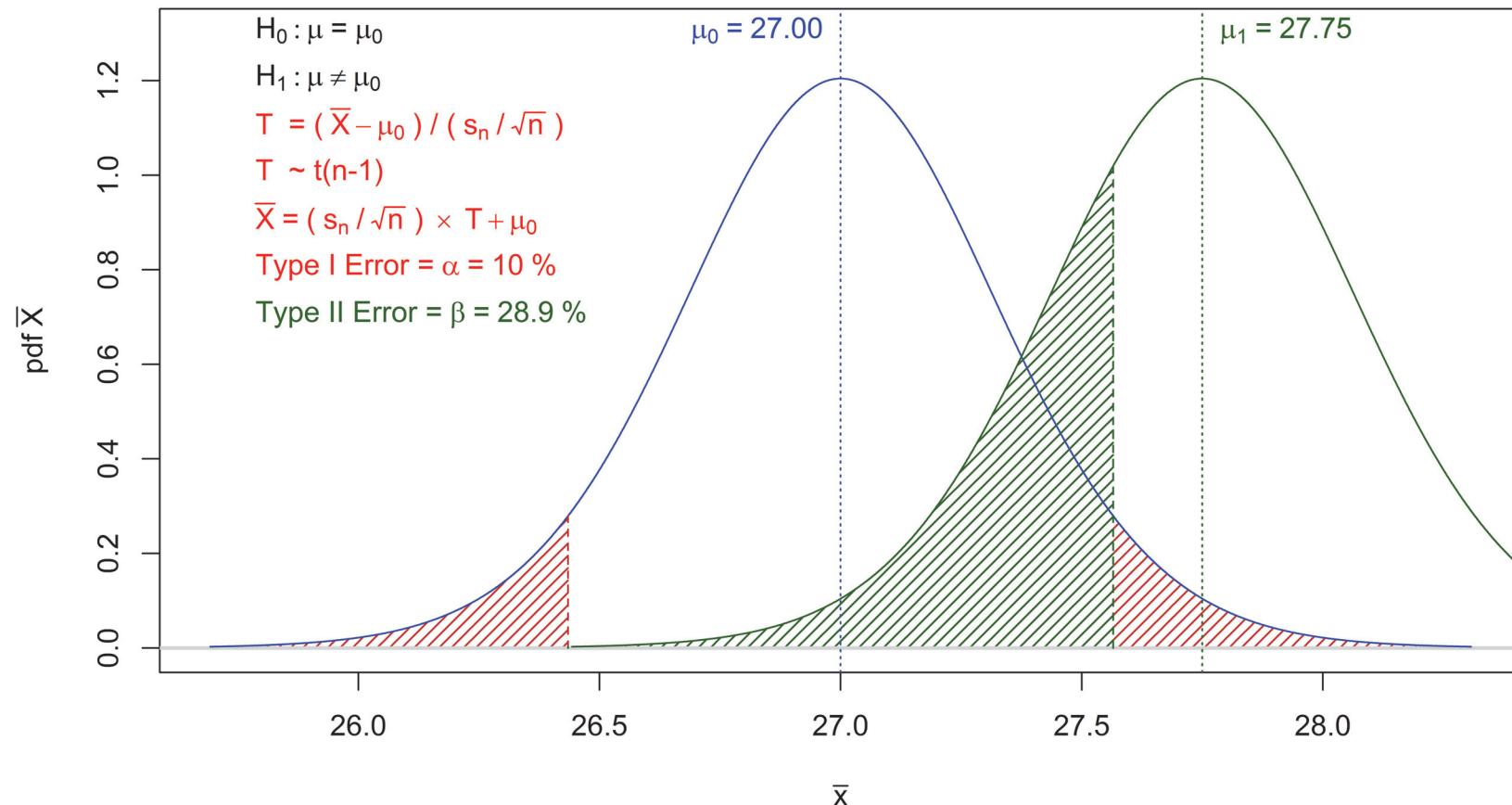
$\beta = \text{Type II Error} = \Pr(\text{Accept } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is False})$



Analysis in file "Voltage\_Type\_II\_Error.R"

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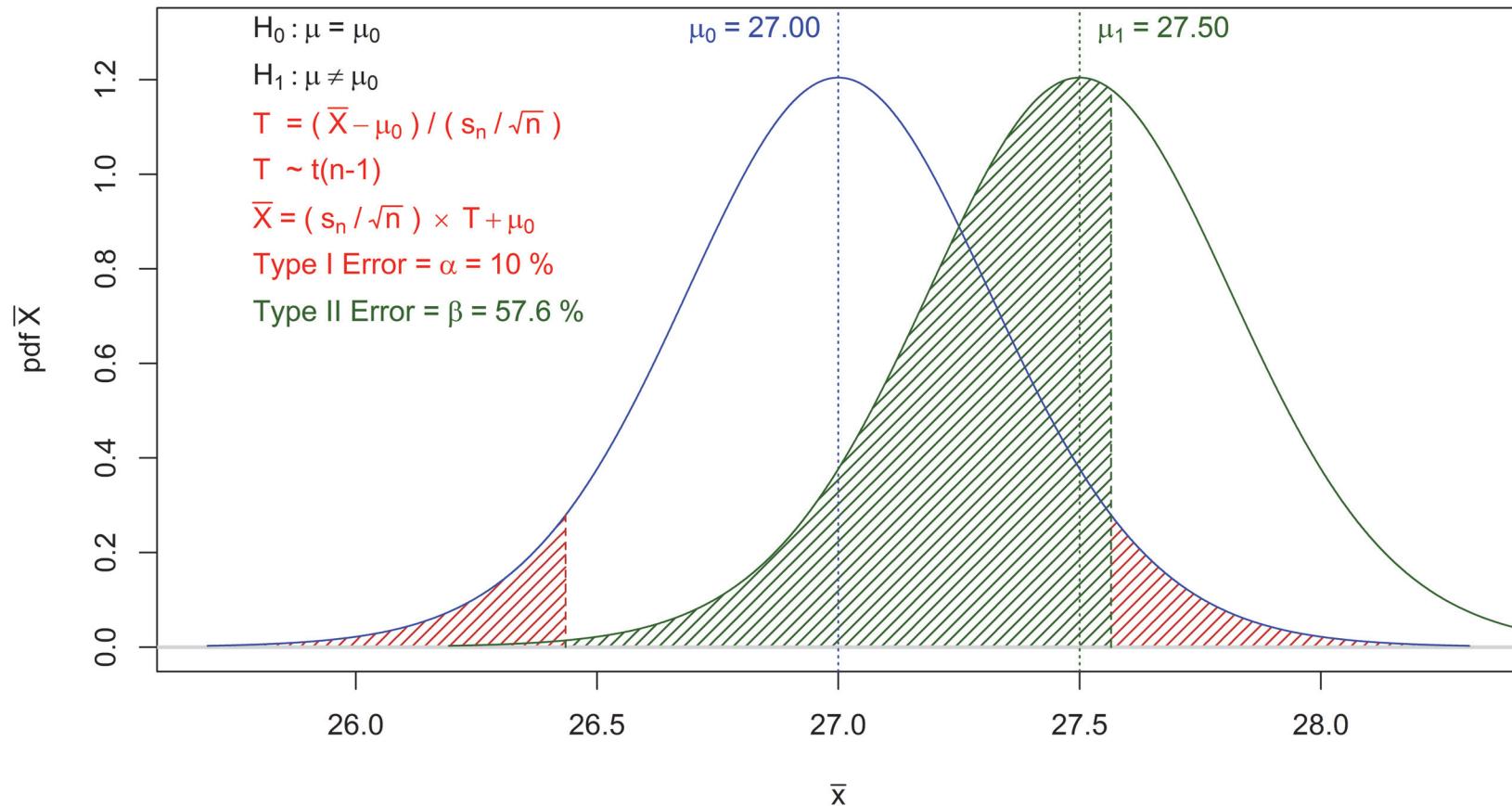
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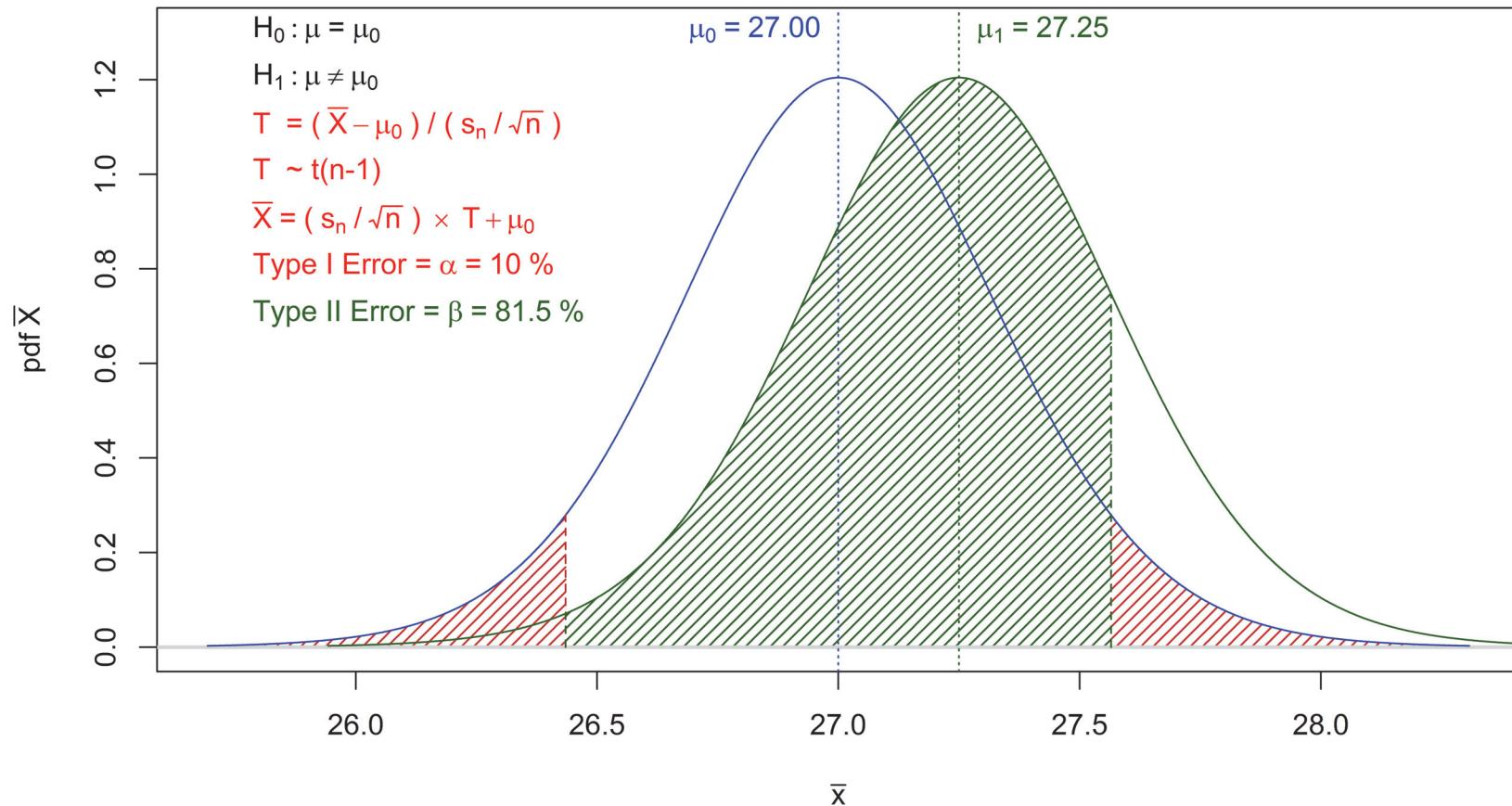
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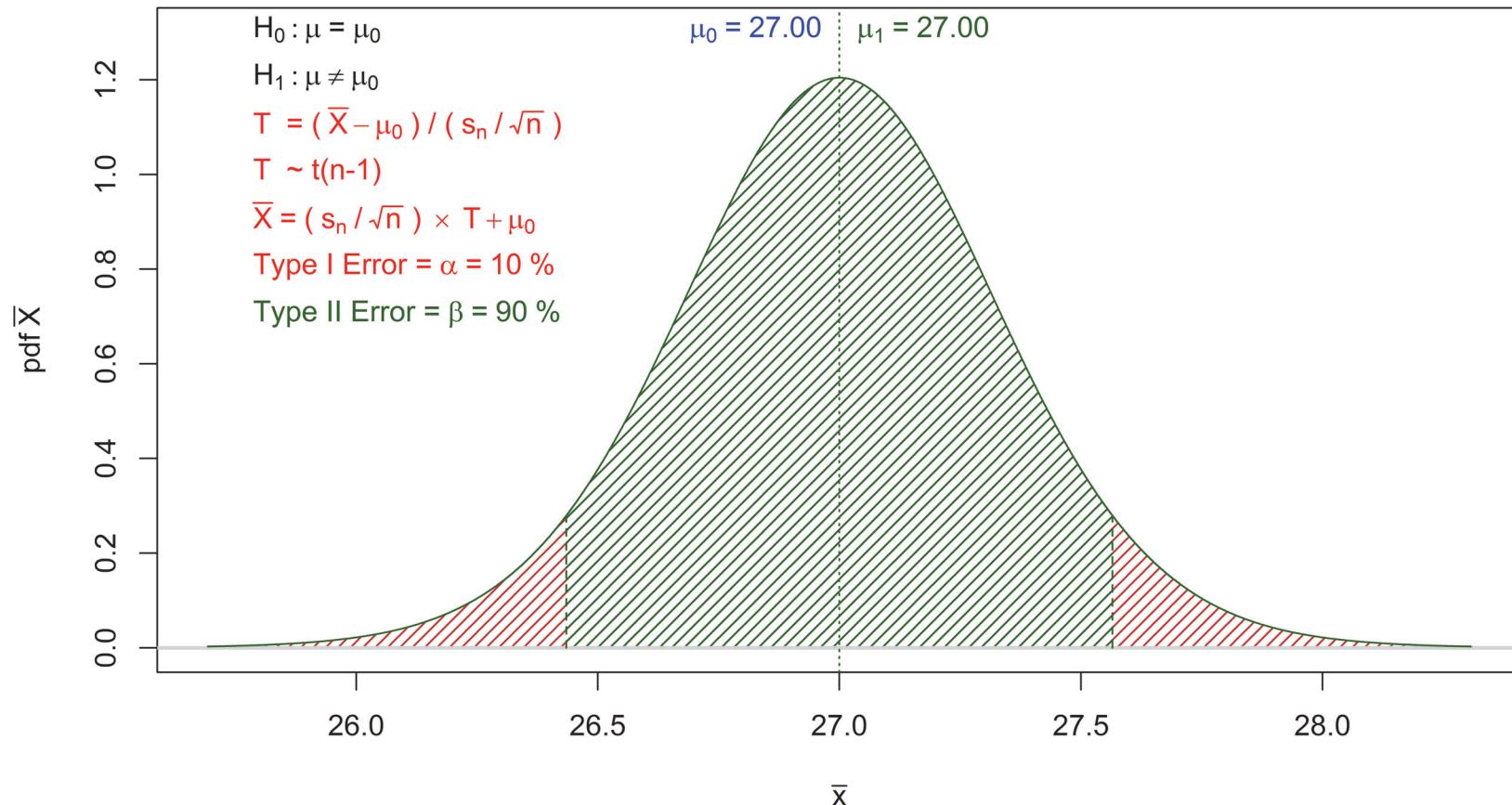
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**Definition:** Type 2 error  $\beta = \Pr(\text{fail to reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false})$

- The value of  $\beta$  depends on how one defines : " $H_0$  is false"  $\equiv \mu = \mu_1 \neq \mu_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta(\mu_1) &= \Pr(\text{fail to reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false}) = \Pr(\text{fail to reject } H_0 | \mu = \mu_1) \\
 &= \Pr(t_{n-1,0.05} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1,0.95} | \mu = \mu_1) \\
 &= \Pr(t_{n-1,0.05} + \frac{\mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\bar{X}}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1,0.95} + \frac{\mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} | \mu = \mu_1) \\
 &= \Pr(-t_{n-1,0.95} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_1}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1,0.95} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{S/\sqrt{n}} | \mu = \mu_1)
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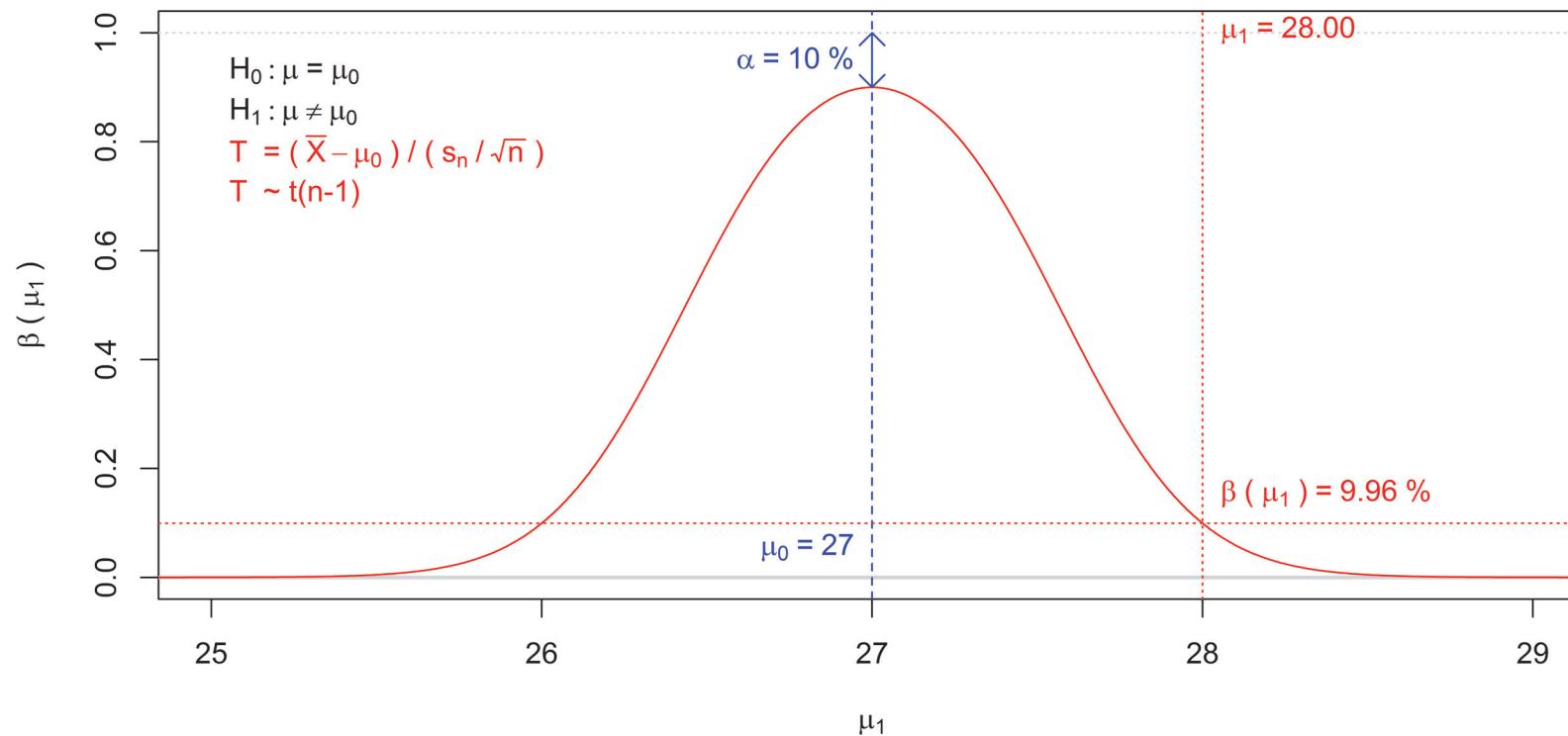
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$$\hat{\beta}(\mu_1) = Pr\left(t_{n-1,0.05} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{s/\sqrt{n}} \leq T \leq t_{n-1,0.95} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right), \text{ where } T \sim T(19)$$

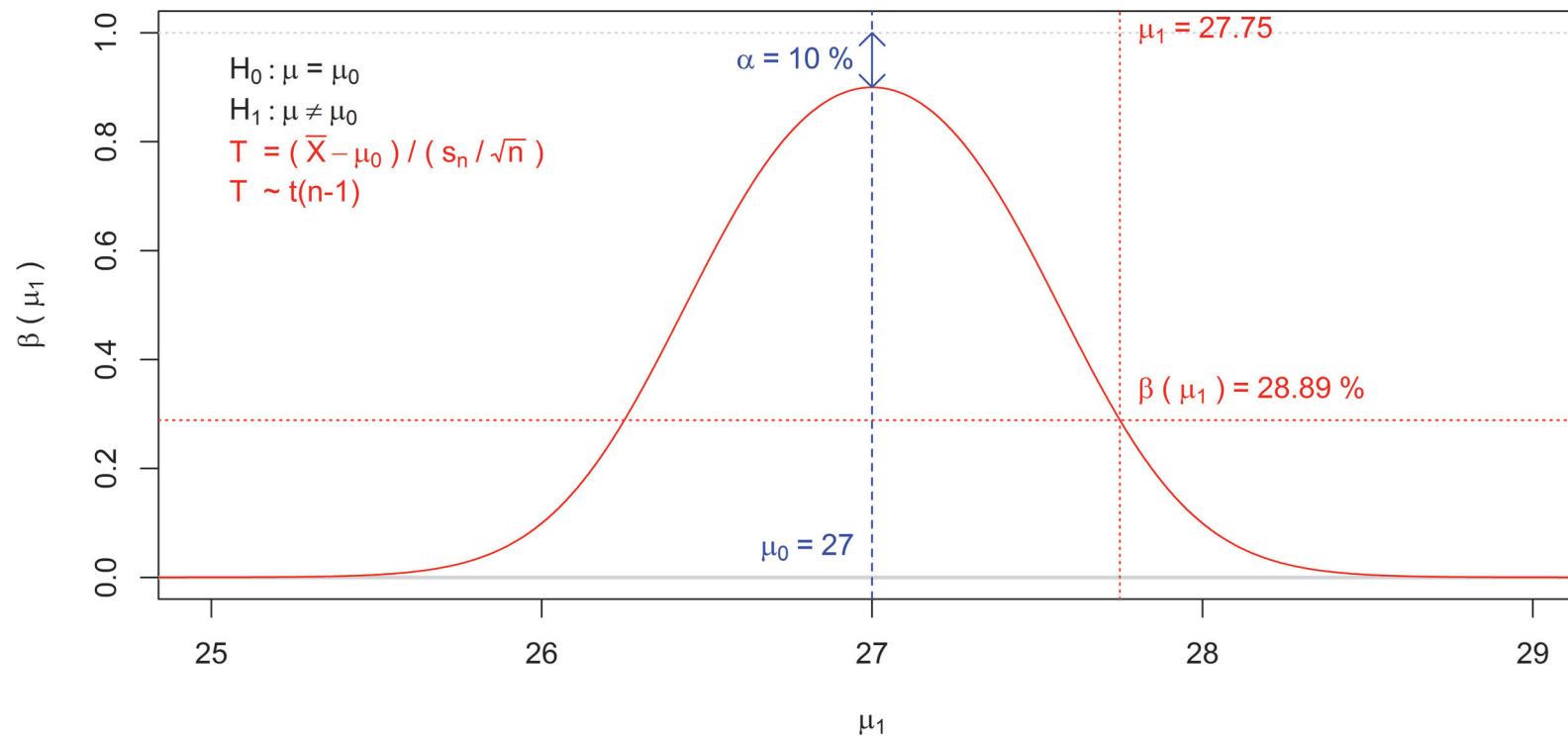


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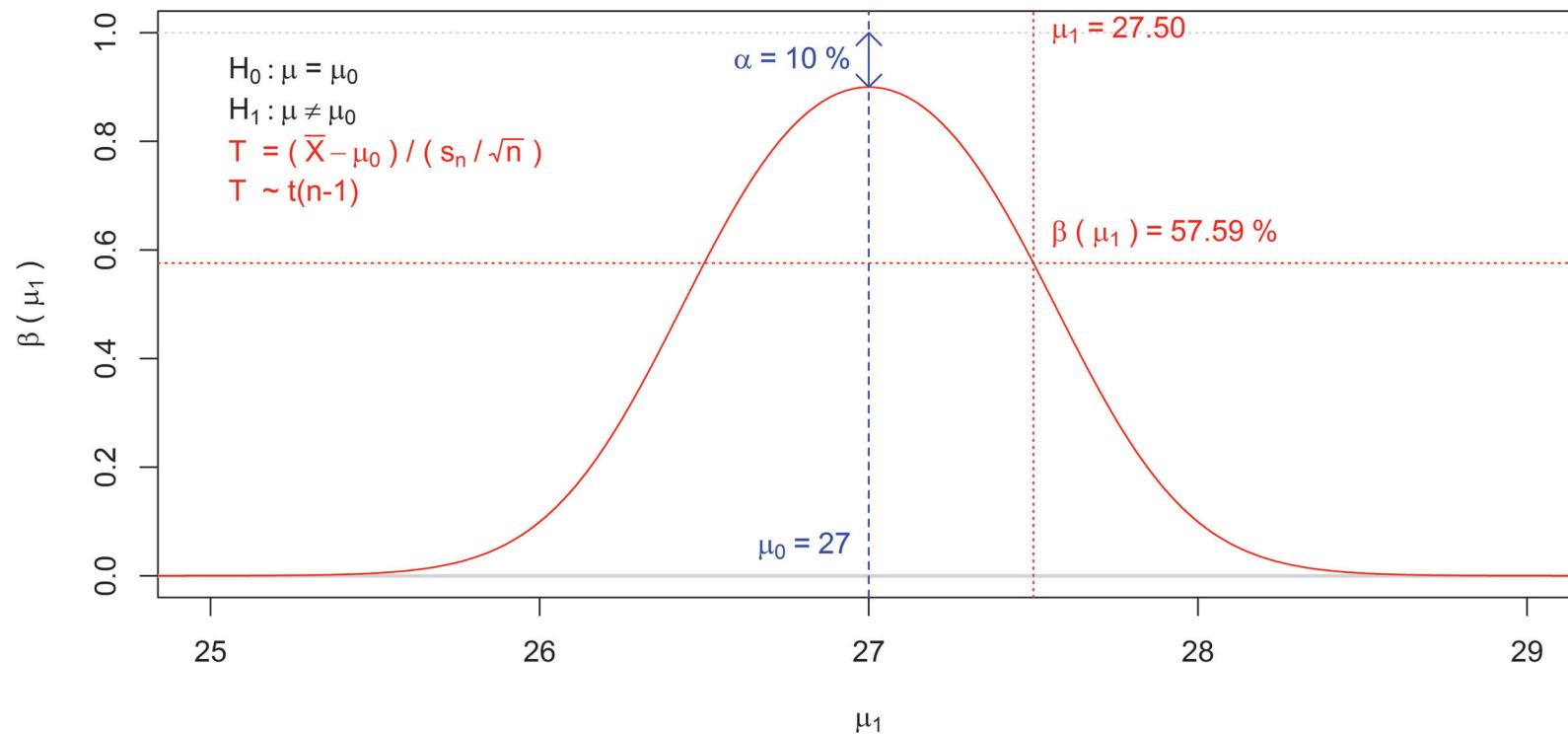


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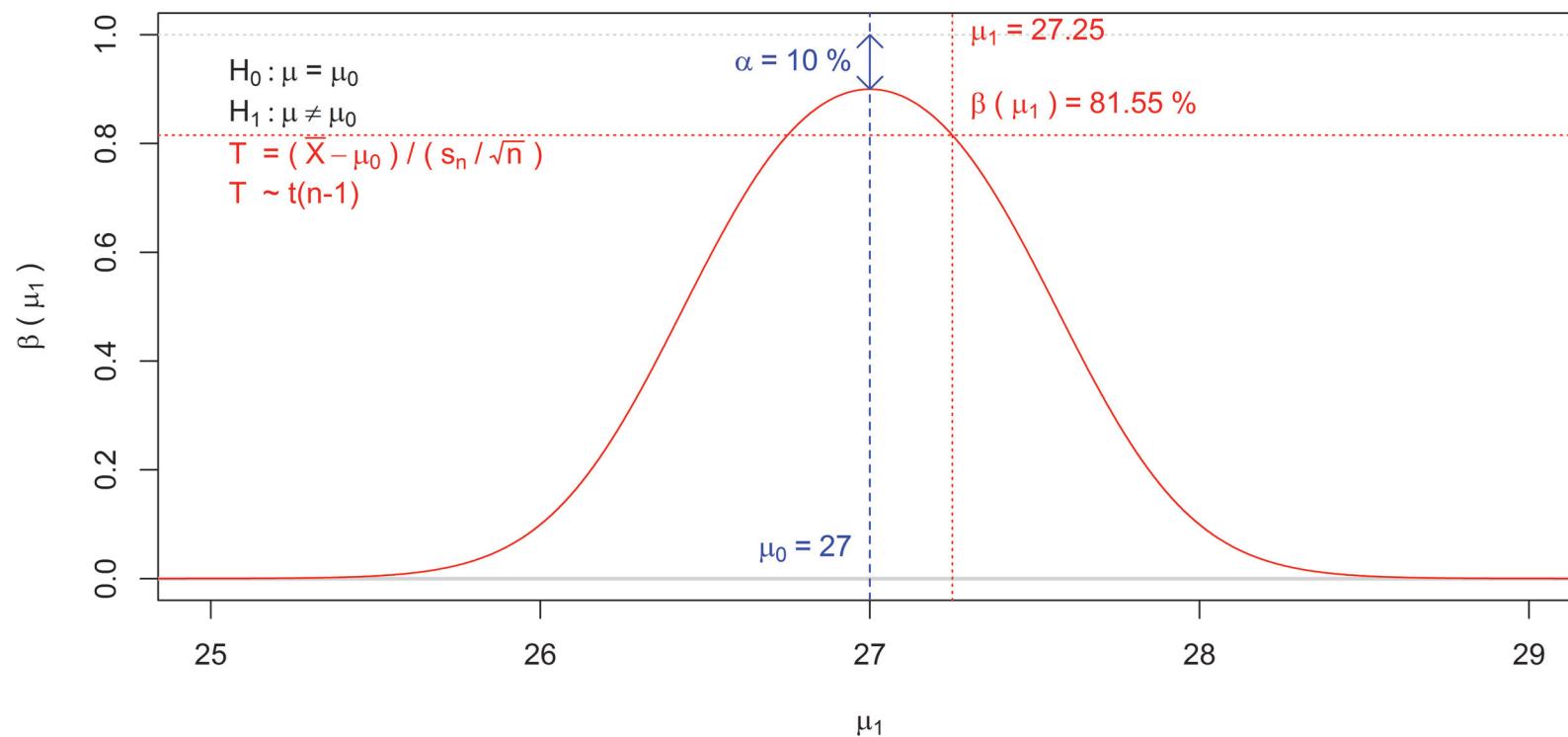


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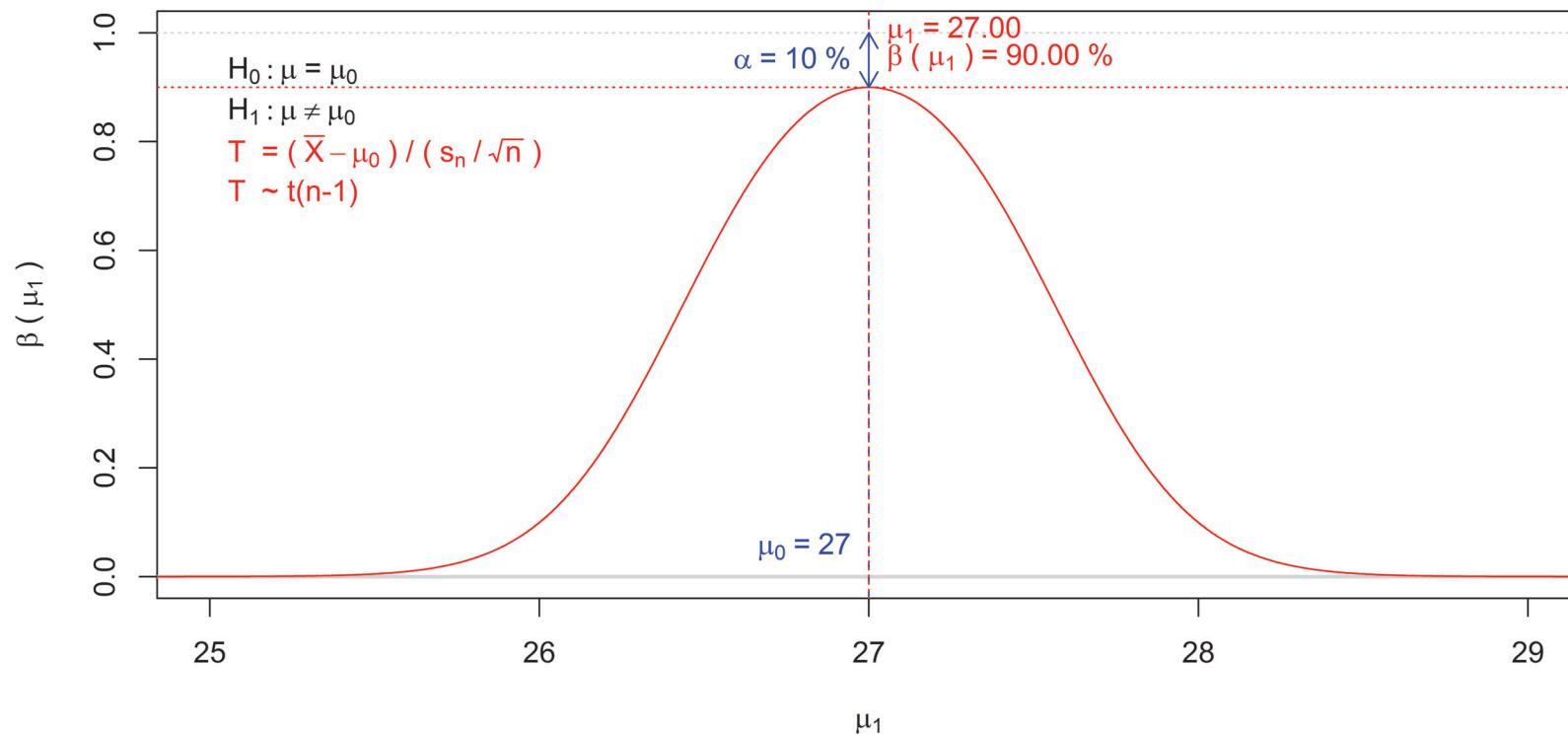


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Now, only high values of  $\bar{x}$  are an indication of support for the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$ . High values of  $\bar{x}$  go together with high values of

$$t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

- How high should  $\bar{x}$  (or  $t_0$ ) be before we reject the null hypothesis? This is determined by the significance level  $\alpha$  that you specify:

$$\text{Too high a value of } \bar{x} \Leftrightarrow t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \geq t_{n-1, 0.95} \text{ (Here } \alpha = 5\% \text{!)}$$

- Conclusion:

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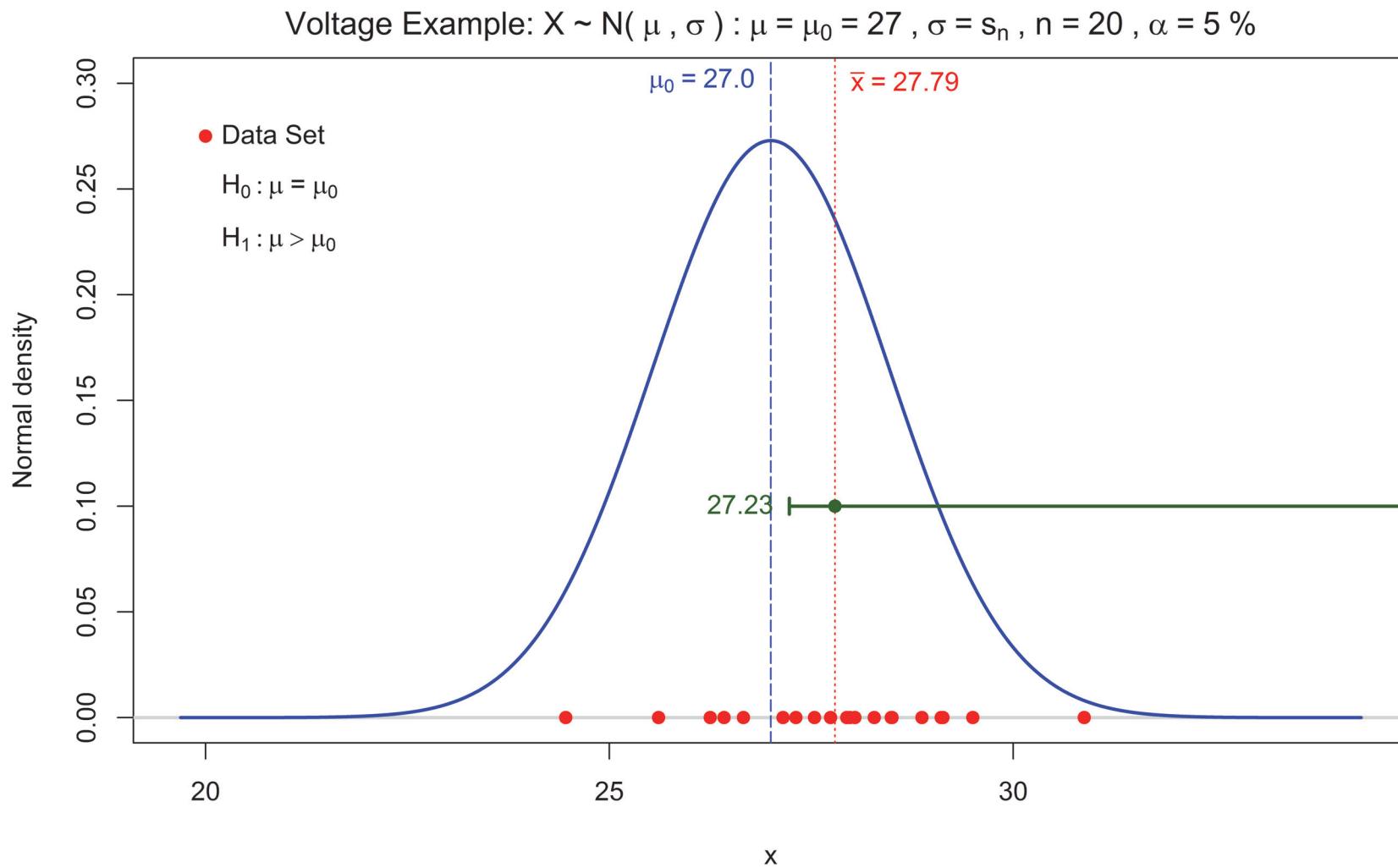
which is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \notin (\bar{x} - \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty) \quad (\Rightarrow \text{Conclusion: } \mu_0 < \mu) \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \in (\bar{x} - \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty) \end{cases}$$

- Why?:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \geq t_{n-1,0.95} &\Leftrightarrow \bar{x} - \mu_0 \geq t_{n-1,0.95} \times s/\sqrt{n} \Leftrightarrow \\ -\mu_0 &\geq -\bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times s/\sqrt{n} \Leftrightarrow \mu_0 \leq \bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times s/\sqrt{n} \end{aligned}$$

- $(\bar{x} - \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty)$  is upper 95% confidence interval for true mean  $\mu$ .



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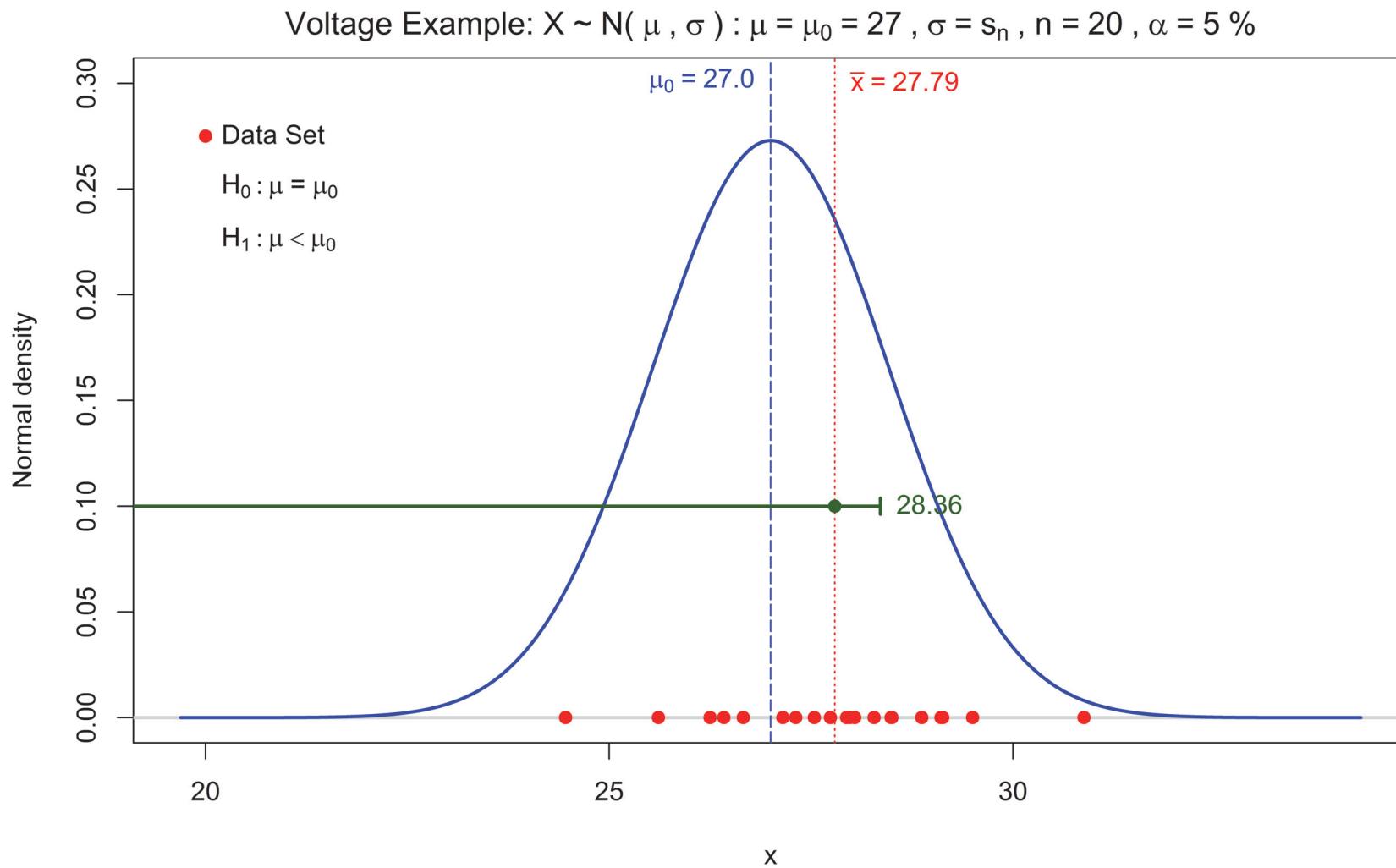
Then at a significance level of  $\alpha = 5\%$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1,0.05} = -t_{n-1,0.95} \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} > t_{n-1,0.05} = -t_{n-1,0.95} \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to:

$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \notin (-\infty, \bar{x} + \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}}) \Rightarrow \text{Conclusion: } \mu_0 > \mu \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \in (-\infty, \bar{x} + \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}}) \end{cases}$$

- $(-\infty, \bar{x} + \frac{s \times t_{n-1,0.95}}{\sqrt{n}})$  is lower **95% confidence interval for true mean  $\mu$** .



Given a dataset  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $n$  **numerical coefficients**  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$ , the value  $y$

$$y = \mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_n x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i$$

is called **a linear combination** of the  $x_i$  datapoints. **The objective of linear regression analysis** deals with **estimating the coefficients**  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  given datasets  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)_j, j = 1, \dots m$ . The variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are called the **explanatory variables** and the variable  $y$  is called the **dependent variable**. The dependent variable may typically be difficult to observe and the independent variables may not be. By observing a new datasets  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)_{new}$  and having established the relationship above, **we may infer/predict** the value of  $y_{new}$  associated with this dataset  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)_{new}$ .

- Conducting hypothesis tests on the coefficients here are of the form:

$$H_0 : \mu_i = 0, H_1 : \mu_i \neq 0$$

and are standard in regression analysis. **Thus an estimator for each coefficient  $\mu_i$  needs to be formulated** and **their estimates follow from the datasets**  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)_j, j = 1, \dots m$ .

Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random *i.i.d.* sample from a **normal distribution** with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then:

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right]^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

Chi-squared  $(n-1)$  degrees of freedom

- We developed **the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  two-sided confidence interval** for  $\sigma^2$

$$\left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1,1-\alpha/2}^2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1,\alpha/2}^2} \right]$$

Utilizing the above  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  Estimator Distribution one may analogously (as we did for the mean  $\mu$ ) **develop hypothesis tests** of the form:

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

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**Example 15 (Continued):** Dielectric breakdown voltage data

24.46	25.61	26.25	26.42	26.66	27.15	27.31	27.54	27.74	27.94
27.98	28.04	28.28	28.49	28.50	28.87	29.11	29.13	29.50	30.88

Hypothesis tests and confidence intervals involving the  $F$ ,  $\chi^2$  and  $t$  distributions all utilize an assumption of normality in the data. Although minor deviations from normality are allowable, the procedures above are not distribution-free. Alternatives exist to the above tests that are distribution-free and should be used in case of large departures from normality.

- How can we test for normality of the data?
- How can we test in general whether data fits a particular theoretical distribution?
- To answer to these questions is to execute a goodness-of-fit test.