

P for POWER

Statistical Inference

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R4.0 Environment

library(knitr) # creating slides

library(ggplot2) # making plots

library(reshape2) # handling data frames

\therefore if $\alpha = 5\%$

\therefore if H_0 is $\mu_0 = 30$

\therefore if H_a is $\mu_a > 30$

CASE: Respiratory Distress Index and
Sleep Disturbances

Central Theory Limit

Where $(\bar{X}-30)/(s/\sqrt{n})$ measures the number of standard errors the sample mean is from the mean hypothesized by H_0 and the denominator

(s/\sqrt{n}) (is the standard error of the sample mean)

PS: if H_a specified that $\mu_a > \mu_0$

:: flip the following reasoning

:: look at the right tail

POWER

Power is the probability of rejecting the NULL HYPOTHESIS H_0 ,when it is false.

:: Used to determine if your sample size was big enough to yield a meaningful, rather than random result

:: Detect if your ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS, H_a is true, to lower the risk of a Type II errors.

Equation

As beta, β , is the probability of a *Type II error*, for accepting a false null hypothesis, then the complement of this the power is $(1-\beta)$.

$$P = (1 - \beta)$$

Do you remember this ... ?

- :: As μ_a gets bigger, the test gets more powerful
- :: As n gets bigger, the test gets more powerful
- :: Power decreases with increases in variation
- :: As α increases, power increases
- :: In a one sided test the power is greater as α is bigger than $\alpha/2$

Alpha

Power is the probability that the true mean μ is greater than the $(1-\alpha)$ quantile, in our sleep example:

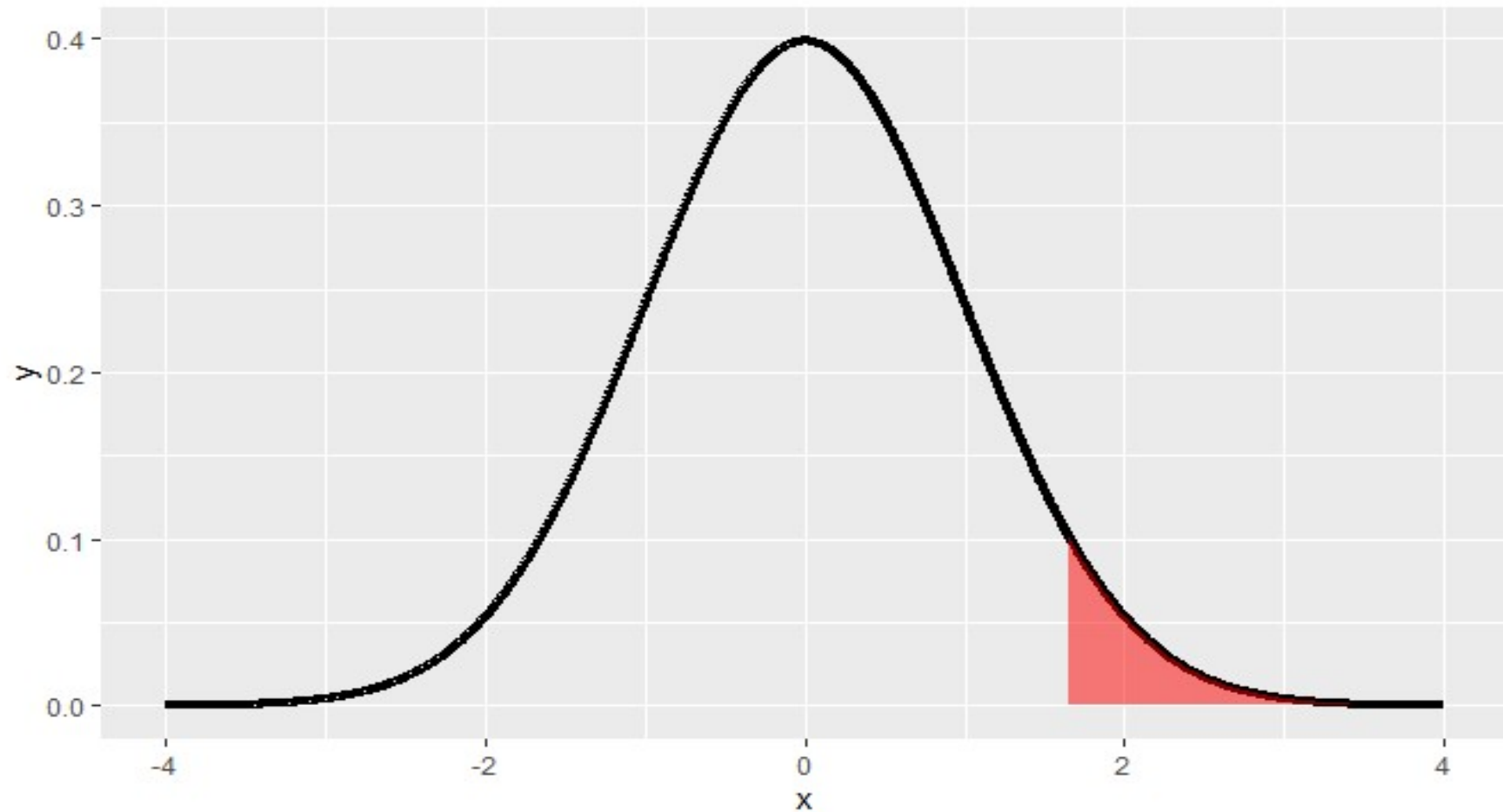
:: if $\alpha = .05$ and as $H_a \mu_a 30 <$

:: for normal distributions of which we know the variances

:: we make $p = \text{qnorm}(.95)$ our reference

When to reject H_0 ?

If a test statistic fell in the shaded portion, 5% of the area under the curve, we would reject H_0 in favor H_a



Two distributions

The two hypotheses, H_0 and H_a , represent two distributions

:: since they're talking about means or

:: centers of distributions

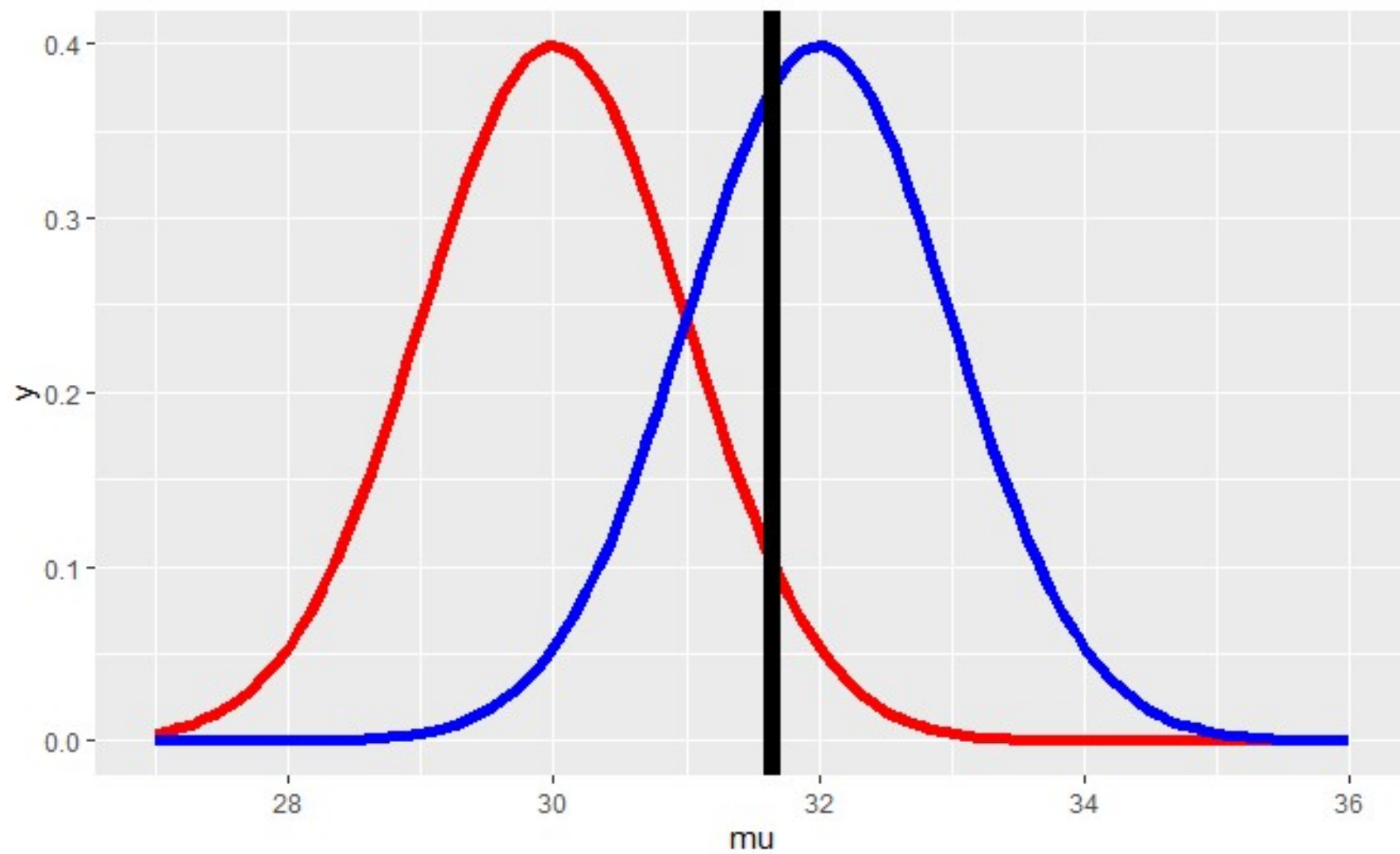
Normal distributed

For a *random variable* X which is distributed as *Normal* with a mean μ , μ and variance *sigma squared*, σ^2

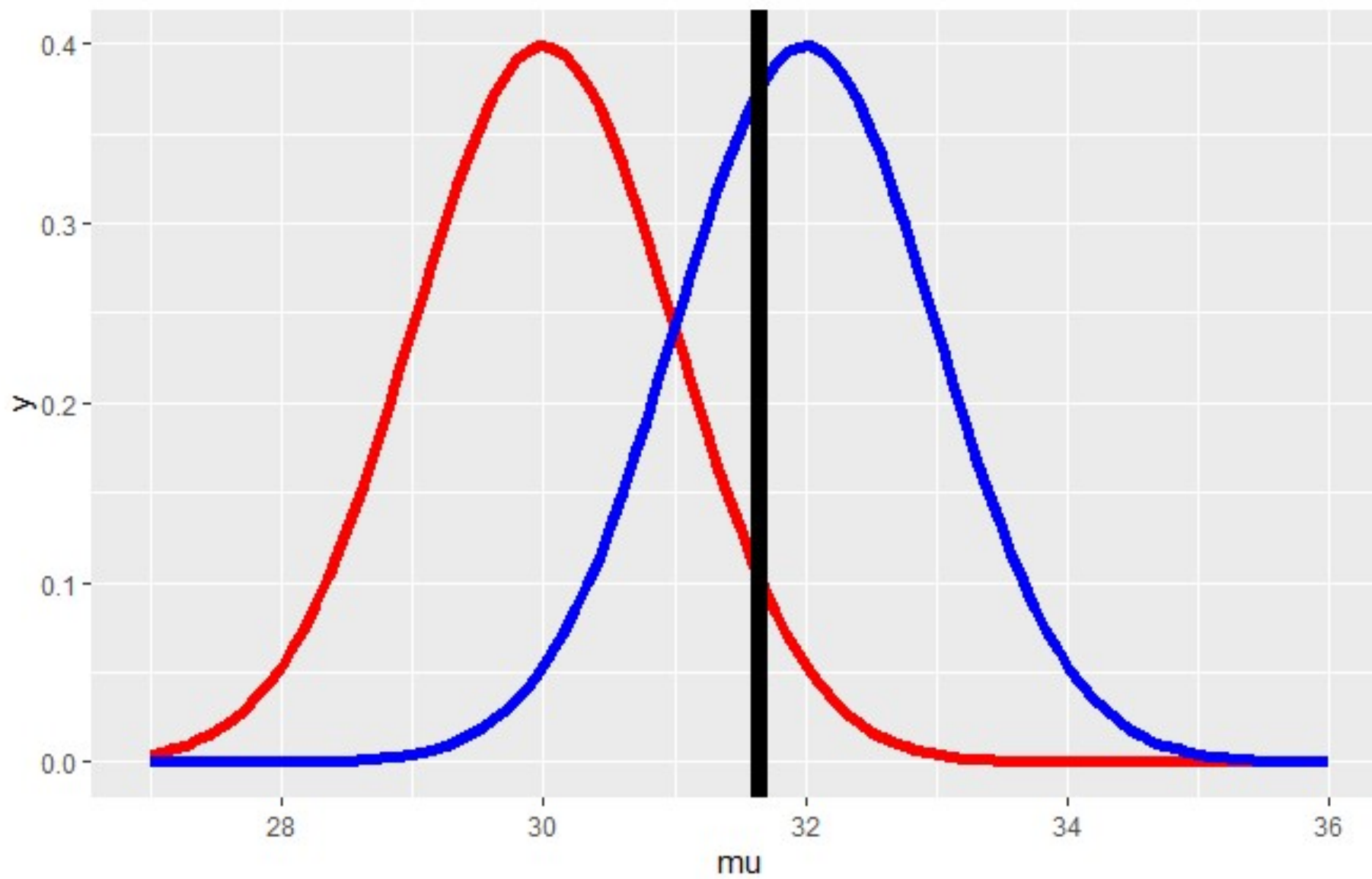
:: under H_0 , X' is $N(\mu_0 , \sigma^2/n)$

:: under H_a , X' is $N(\mu_a , \sigma^2/n)$

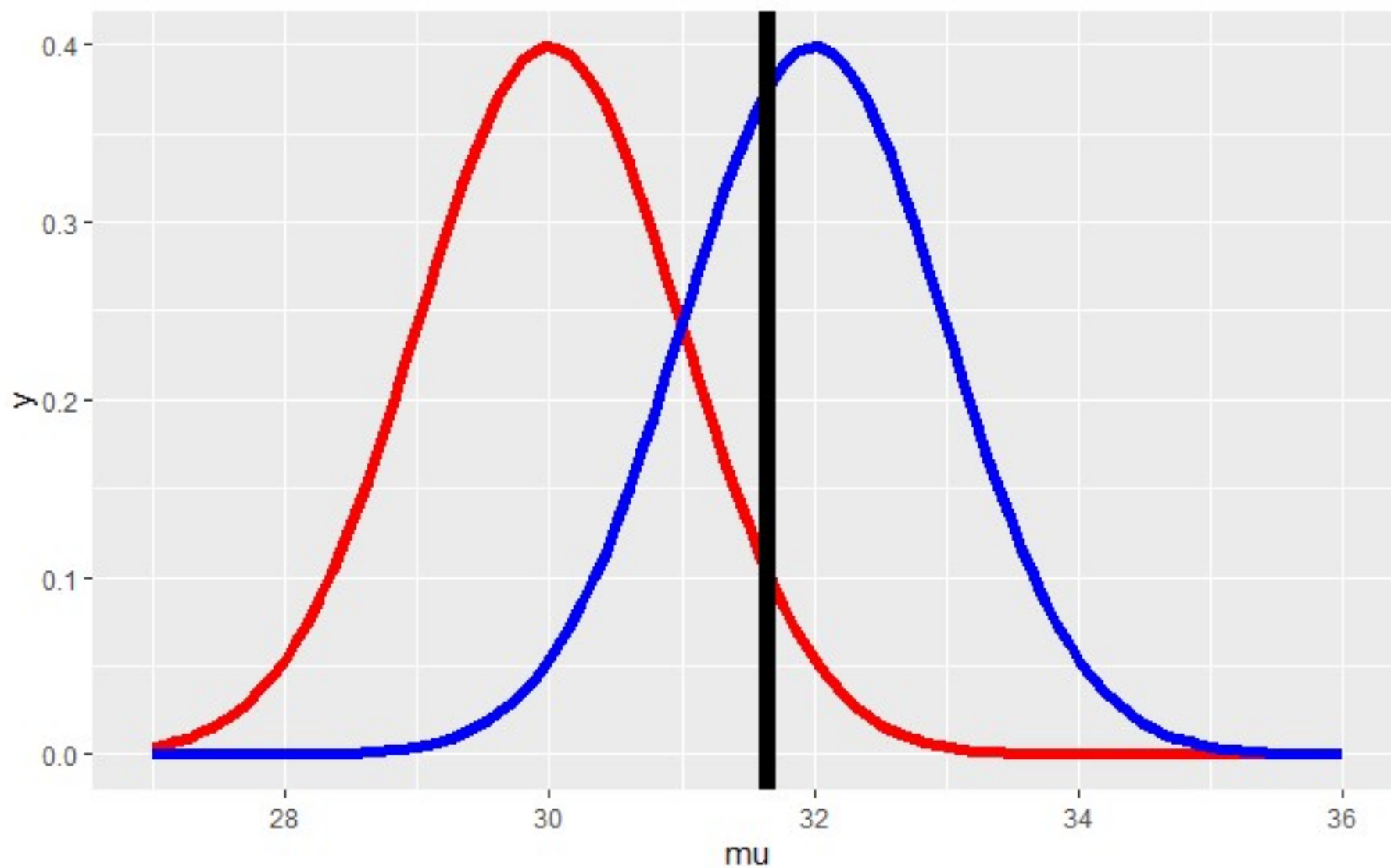
95th percentile of H_0 , black vertical on the red plot



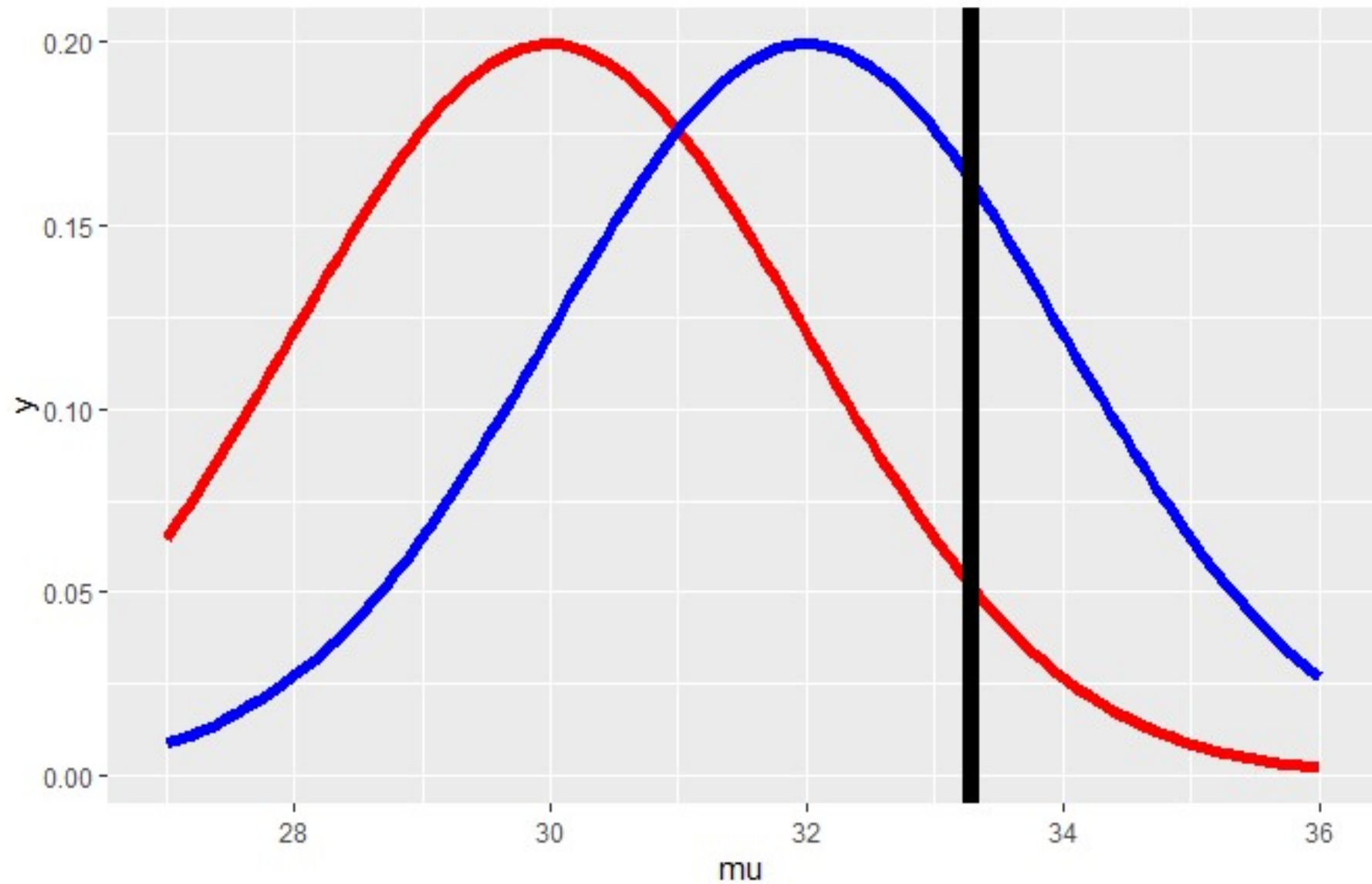
Mean proposed by H_a , peak of blue plot



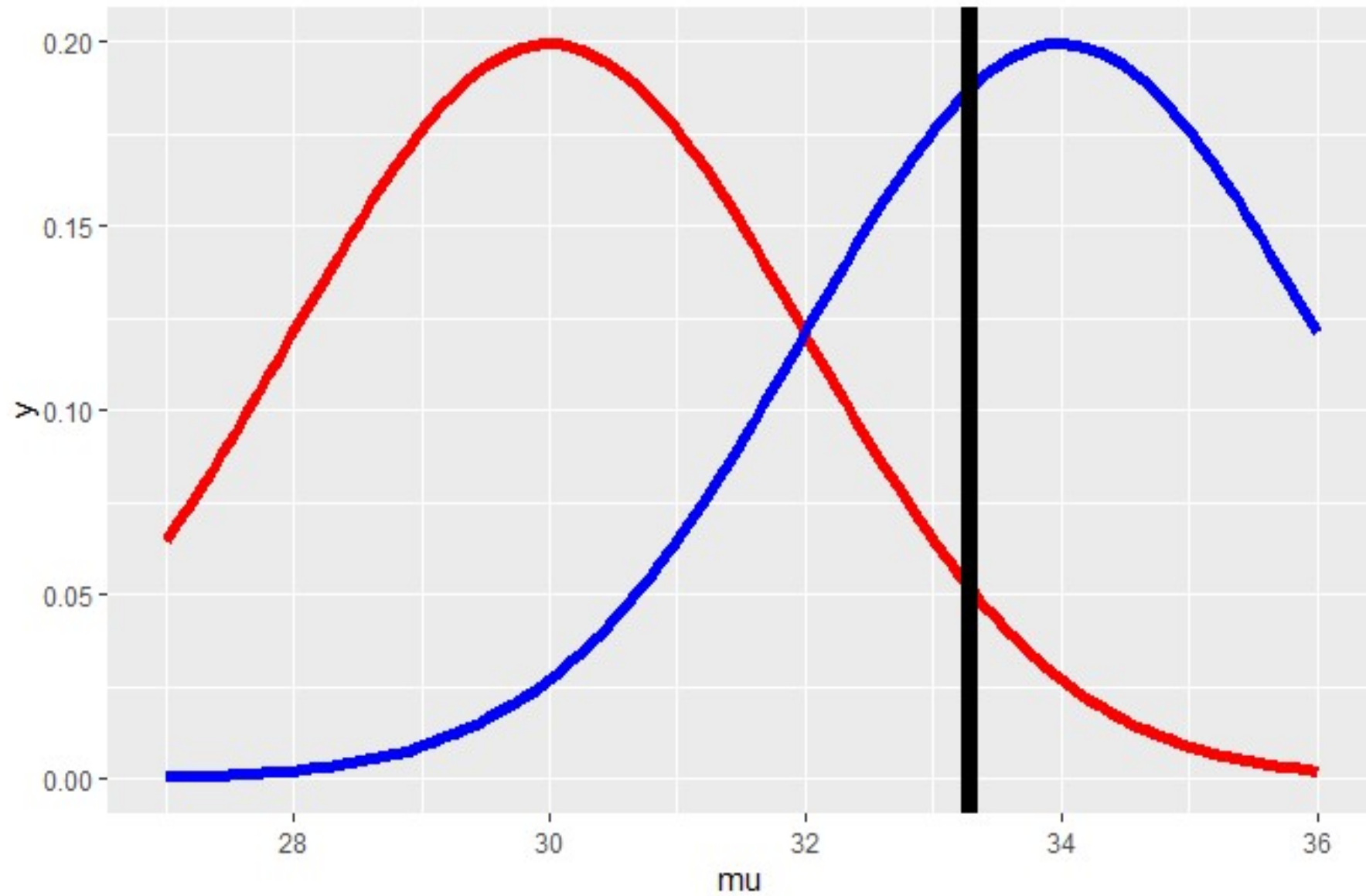
Power is how far H_a is from the right of 95th percentile of H_0



Power depends on the null distribution's variance



If $\mu_a = 34 > \mu_0$ the test H_a is more powerful than H_0

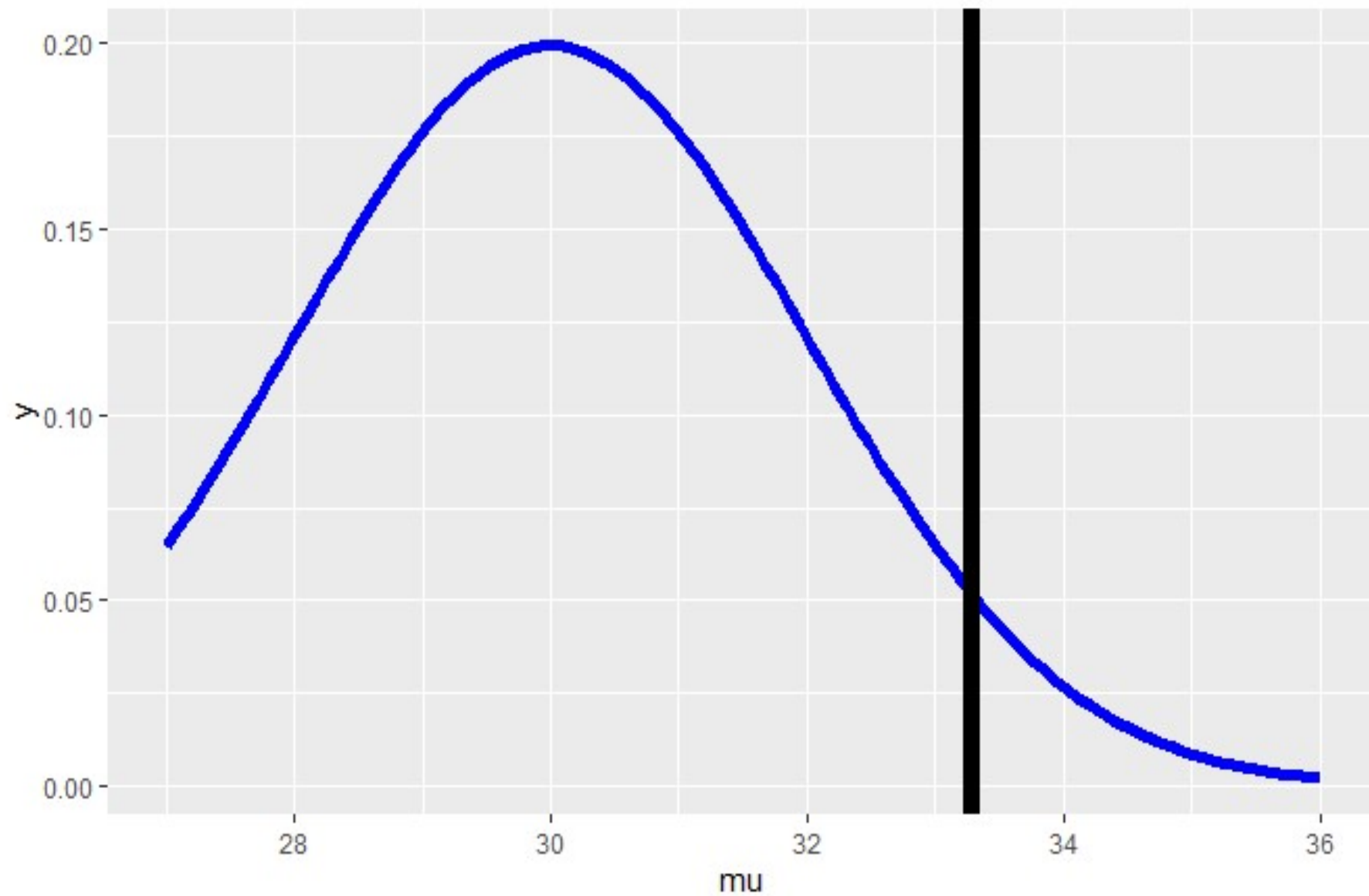


If power is large, we can reject the null hypothesis

The distribution represented by H_a moved to the right, most of the blue curve is to the right of the vertical line, indicating that with μ_a , $\beta = 0.34$ the test is more powerful, so it is

\therefore correct to reject the H_0 as it appears to be false.

If $\mu_a = 30 = \mu_0$ the power is at α



If power is similar or equal to the 95th percentile of H_0 , we cannot reject the null hypothesis

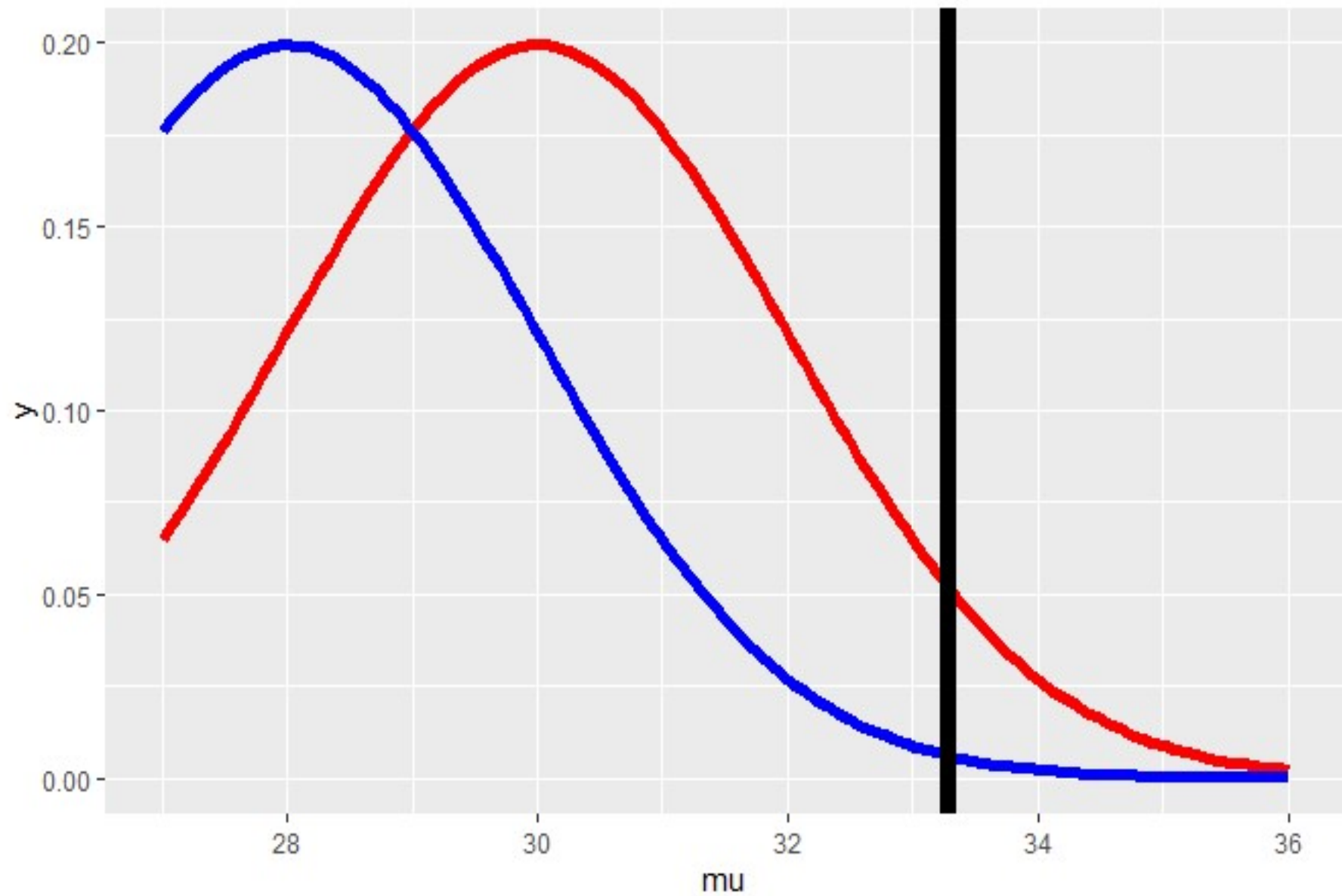
The distribution represented by H_a , in the above graph moved under the blue curve, indicating that with

$\therefore \mu_a = 30 = \mu_0$, the test,

$\therefore H_a$ is almost as powerful as H_0 , so it is

\therefore incorrect to reject the null hypothesis since it does not appear to be false.

If $\mu_a > 28 = \mu_0$ the test's power is weaker



Not worth investigating

The distribution represented by H_a will move to the left of μ_0 , 30 = the area under the blue curve is less than the 5% our α , so the test is not only less powerful, it even contradicts H_a

\therefore it is therefore not worth looking into.

RECAP

Power is a function that depends on a specific value of an alternative mean, μ_a , which is any value greater than μ_0 , the mean hypothesized by H_0

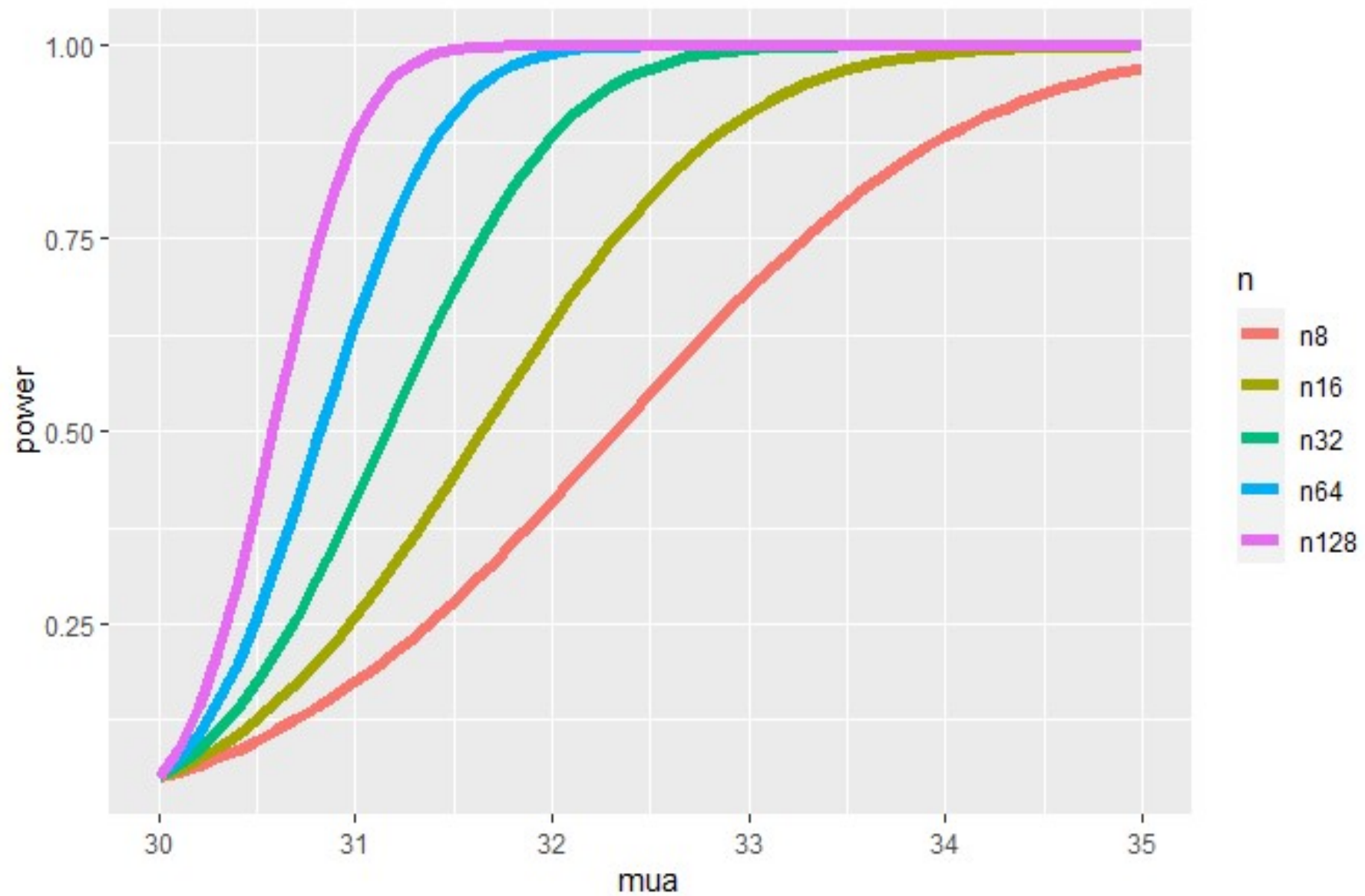
\therefore Recall that H_a specified $\mu > 30$, in the sleep case.

RECAP

If μ_a is much bigger than μ_0 30 = then the power, a probability, is bigger than if μ_a is close to 30.

:: As μ_a approaches 30, the mean under H_0 , the power approaches α .

Power Curves n



```
z <- qnorm(.95)
```

```
# mean=30
```

```
z <- qnorm(.95)
```

```
pnorm(30+z, mean=30, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.05
```

With the mean set to μ_0 the two distributions,
null and alternative, are the same and power = α = 5%.

$$\mu_a < \mu_0$$

```
#mean=32
```

```
z <- qnorm(.95)
```

```
pnorm(30+z, mean=32, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.63876
```

With $\mu_a < \mu_0$ the power is greater than α , at 64%.

:: When the sample mean is many standard errors greater than the mean hypothesized by the null hypothesis,
:: the probability of rejecting H_0 is false is much higher.

Standard deviation, sd

```
# sd=1
```

```
z <- qnorm(.95)
```

```
pnorm(30+z, mean=32, sd= 1, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.63876
```

```
# sd=2
```

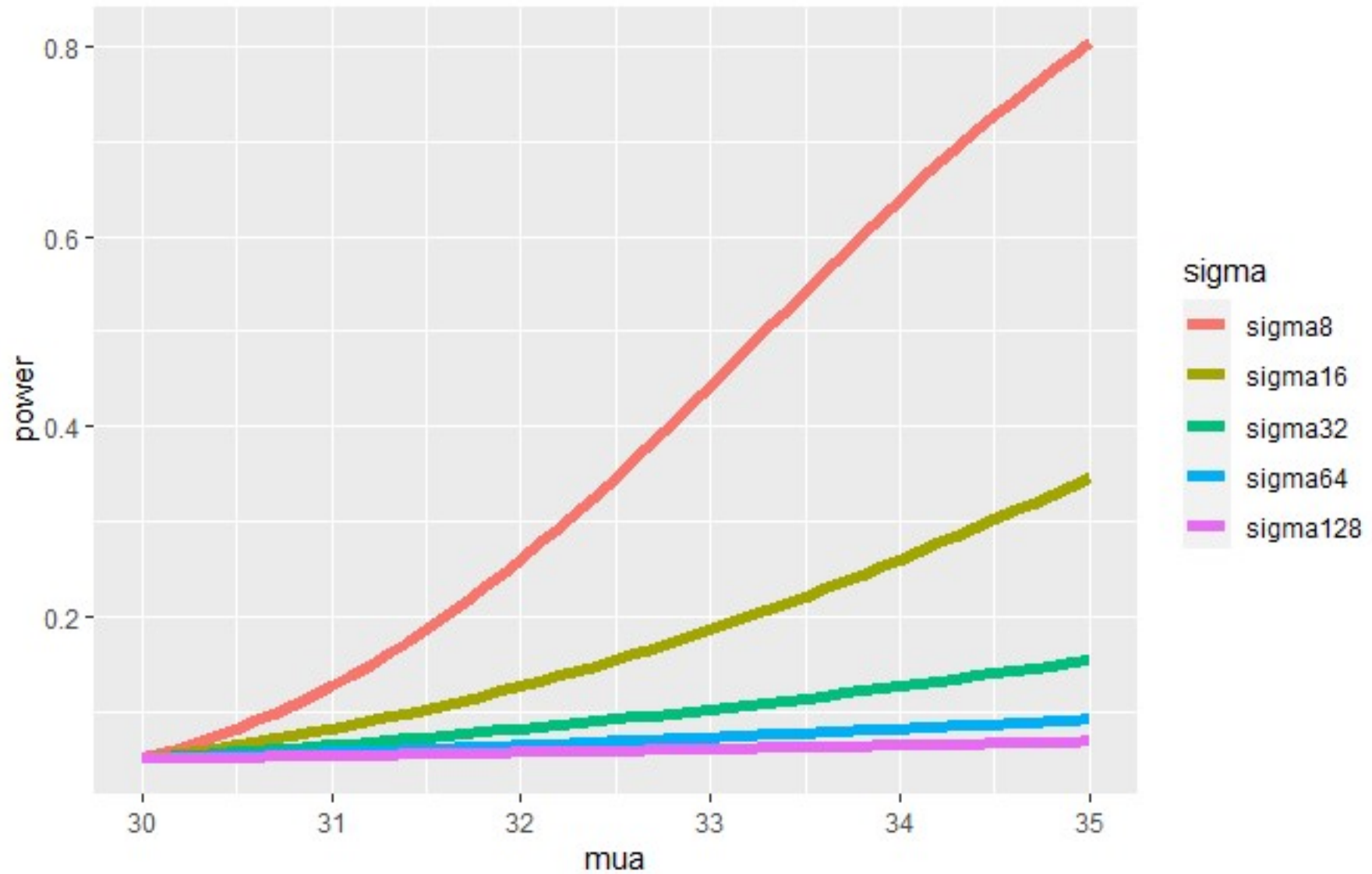
```
z <- qnorm(.95)
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pnorm(30+z, mean=32, sd= 2, lower.tail=FALSE)
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## [1] 0.5704709
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:: Power decreases with increases in variation

Power Curves, σ

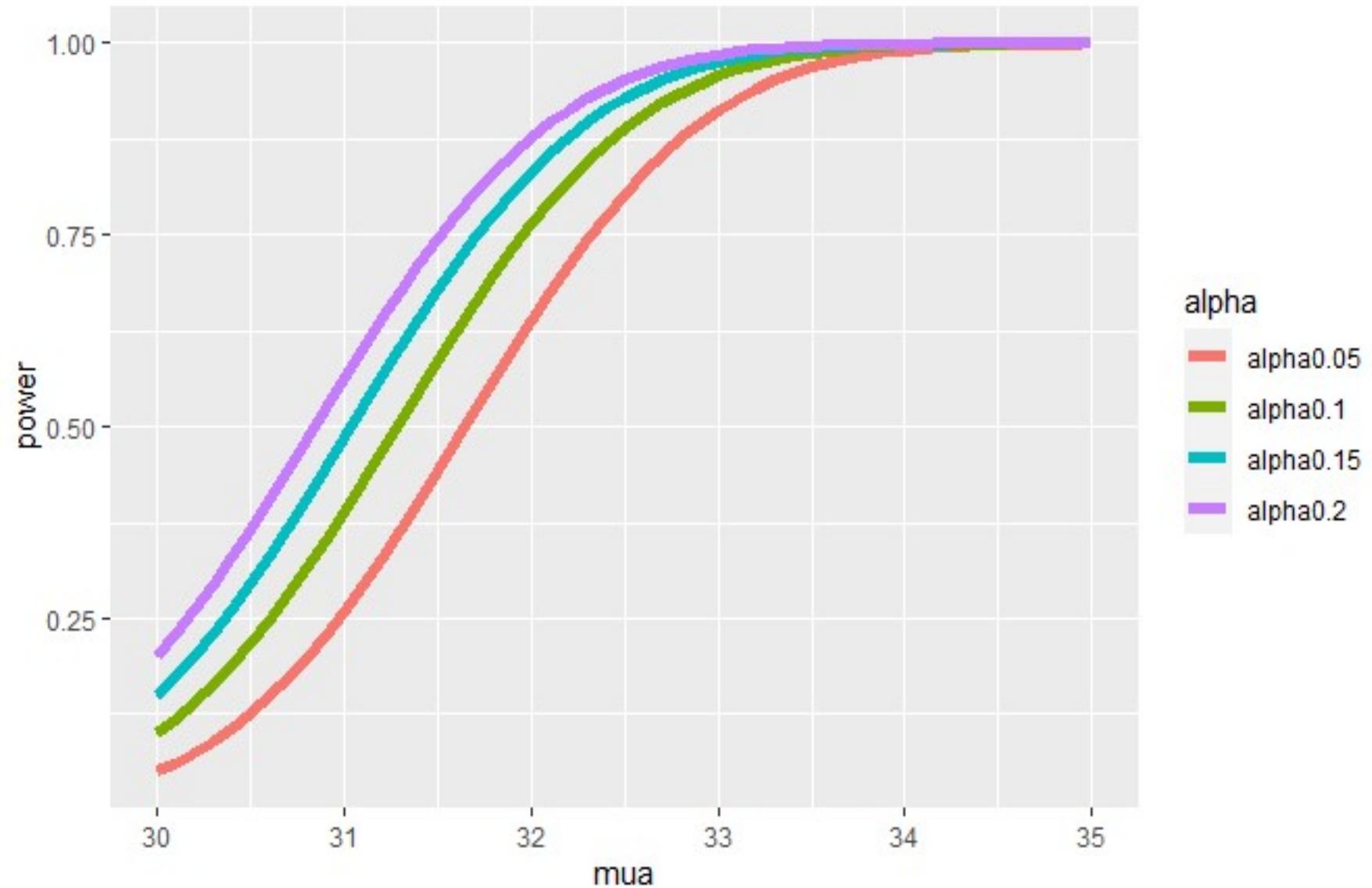


RECAP

:: As α increases, power increases

:: In a one sided test the power is greater as α is bigger than $\alpha/2$

Power Curves, α



POWERful RECAP

- :: As μ_a gets bigger, the test gets more **powerful**
- :: As n gets bigger, the test gets more powerful
- :: Power decreases with increases in variation
- :: As α increases, power increases, SO
- :: A one sided test has **greater power**

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