

# Lecture 25: more Chapter 10, Section 1

## Inference for Quantitative Variable: Hypothesis Tests

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- z Test about Population Mean: 4 Steps
- Examples: 1-sided or 2-sided Alternative
- Relating Test and Confidence Interval
- Factors in Rejecting Null Hypothesis
- Inference Based on  $t$  vs.  $z$



# Looking Back: *Review*

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## □ 4 Stages of Statistics

- Data Production (discussed in Lectures 1-4)
- Displaying and Summarizing (Lectures 5-12)
- Probability (discussed in Lectures 13-20)
- Statistical Inference
  - 1 categorical (discussed in Lectures 21-23)
  - 1 quantitative: confidence intervals, hypothesis tests
  - categorical and quantitative
  - 2 categorical
  - 2 quantitative

## Behavior of Sample Mean (*Review*)

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For random sample of size  $n$  from population with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , sample mean  $\bar{X}$  has

- mean  $\mu$
- standard deviation  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
- shape approximately normal for large enough  $n$

→ If  $\sigma$  is known, standardized  $\bar{X}$  follows  $z$  (standard normal) distribution

## Hypothesis Test About $\mu$ (with $z$ )

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Problem Statement  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$  vs.  $H_a : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu > \mu_0 \\ \mu < \mu_0 \\ \mu \neq \mu_0 \end{array} \right\}$

1. Consider sampling and study design.
2. Summarize with  $\bar{x}$ , standardize to  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$  assuming  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$  is true; is  $z$  “large”?
3. Find  $P$ -value (prob. of  $Z$  this far above/below/away from 0); is it “small”?
4. Based on size of  $P$ -value, choose  $H_0$  or  $H_a$ .

## Hypothesis Test About $\mu$ with $z$ (*Details*)

1. Consider **sampling** and **study design**.

2. Summarize with  $\bar{x}$ , standardize to  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$  if  $H_0$  is true; is  $z H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$

3. Find prob. of  $z$  this far above/below/away from 0 ( $P$ -value); consider if it is “small”.

4. Based on size of  $P$ -value, choose  $H_0$  or  $H_a$ .

■ If sample is biased, mean of  $\bar{X}$  is not  $\mu_0$ .

■ If  $\text{pop} < 10n$ , s.d. of  $\bar{X}$  is not  $\sigma / \sqrt{n}$ .

■ If  $n$  is too small, distribution of  $\bar{X}$  is not normal, won't standardize to  $z$ : graph data, see guidelines.

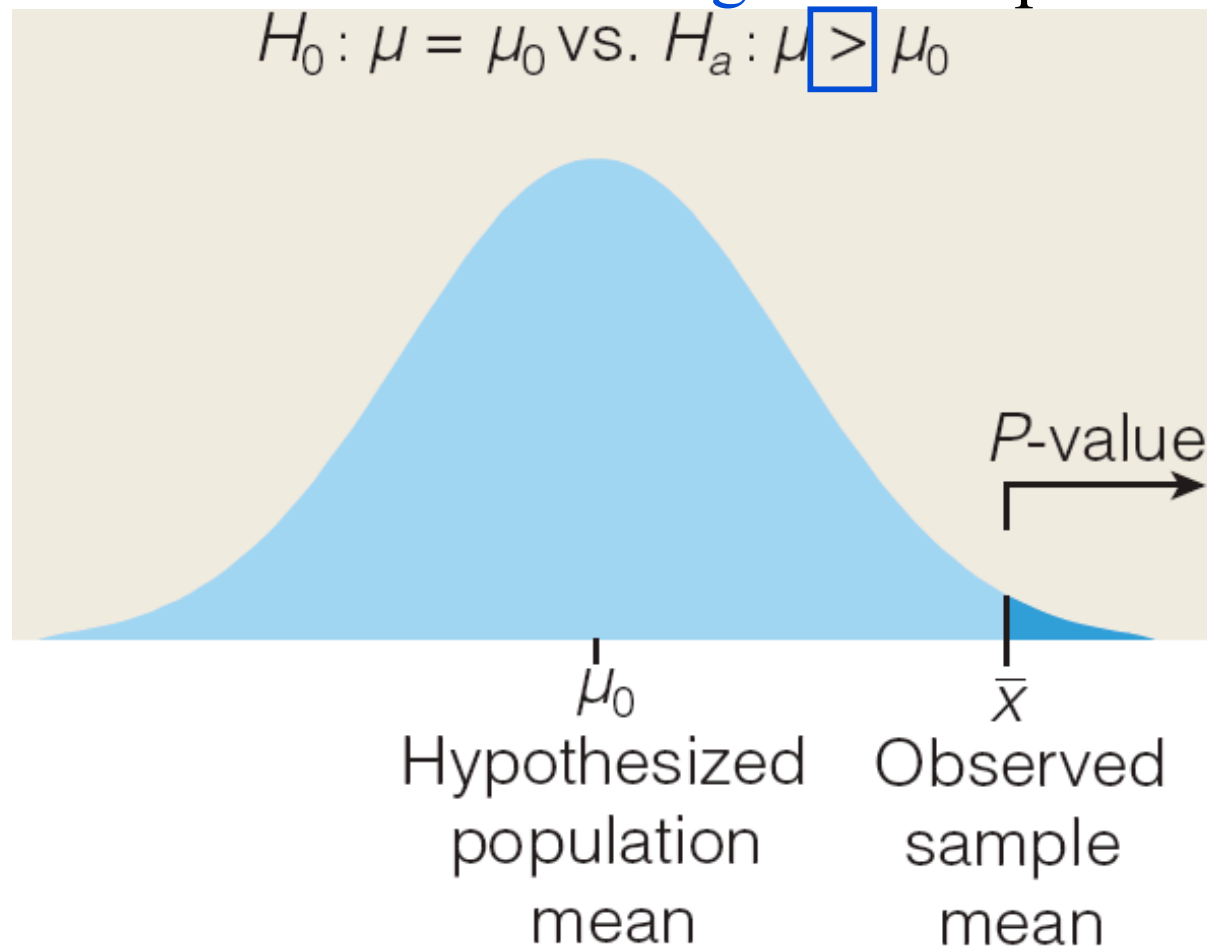
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3. Find prob. of  $z$  this far above/below/away from 0 (*P-value*); consider if it is “small”.
4. Based on size of  $P$ -value, choose  $H_0$  or  $H_a$ .
  - Assess  $P$ -value based on form of alternative hypothesis (greater, less, or not equal)

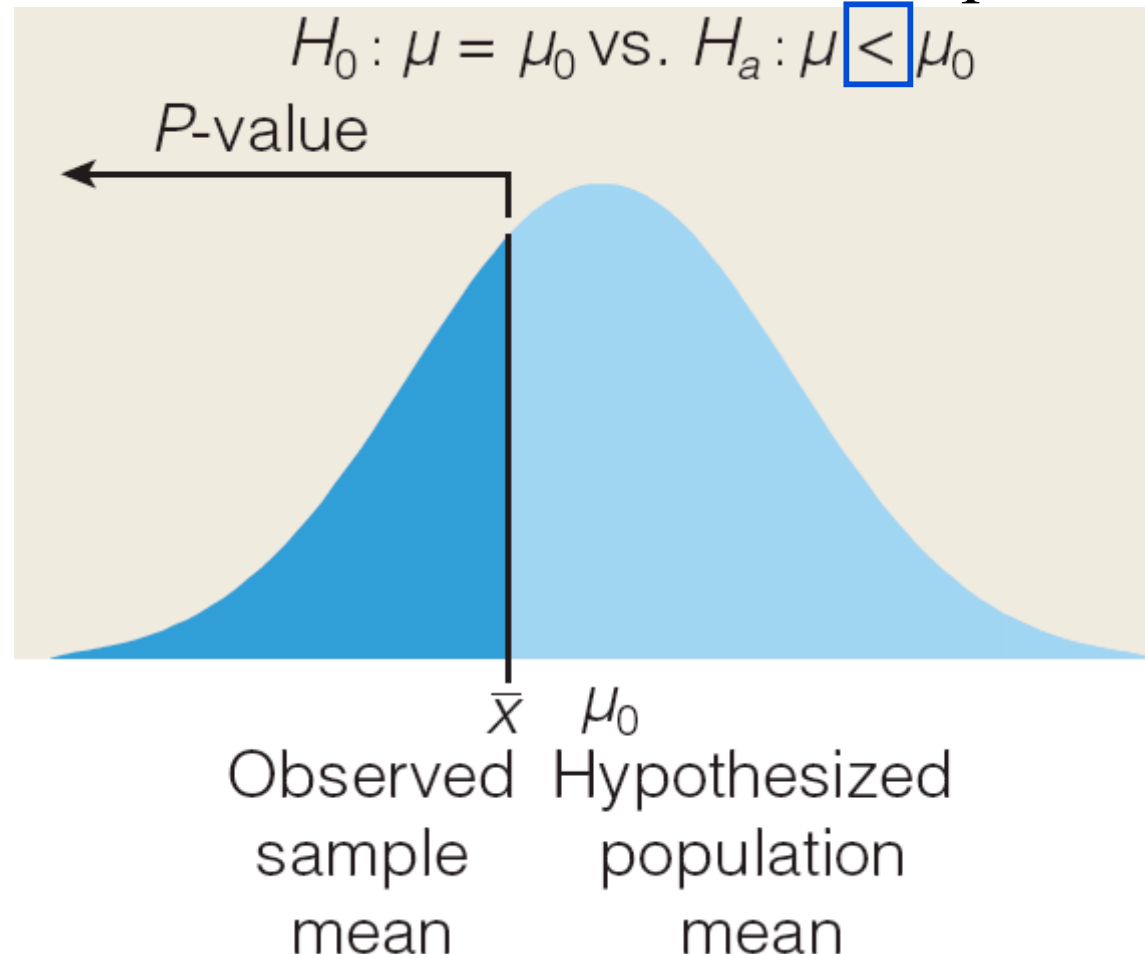
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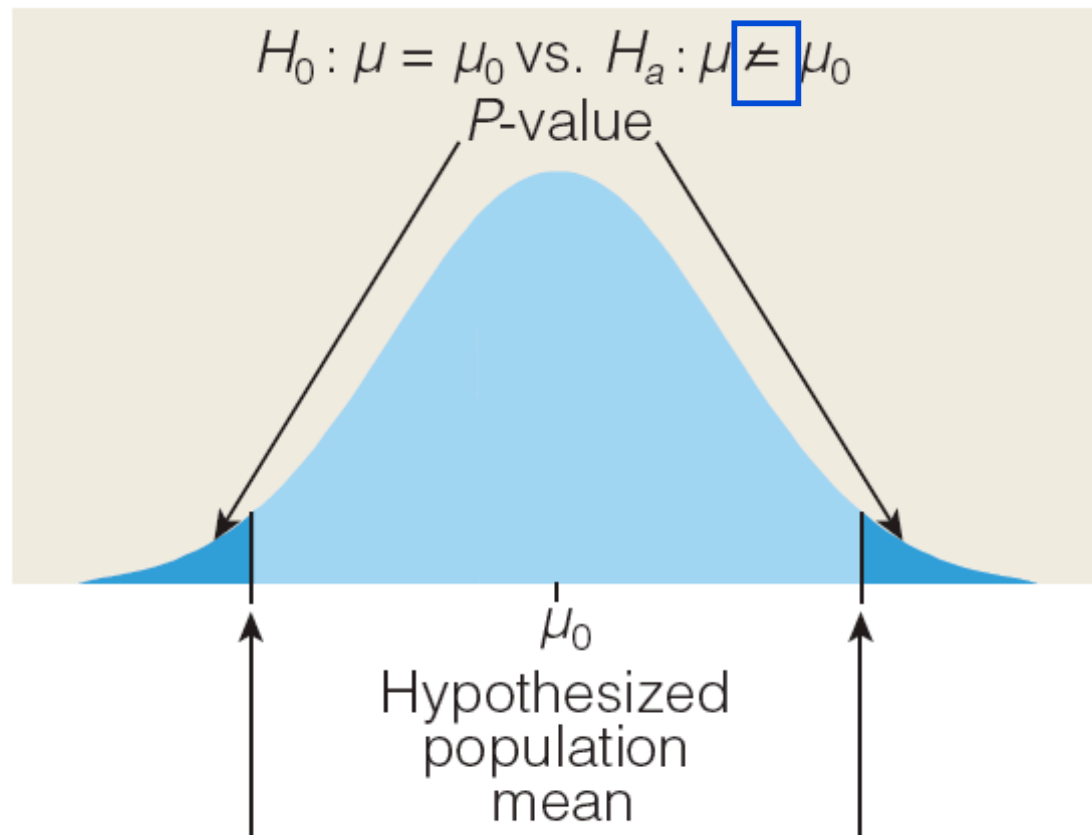
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# Hypothesis Test About $\mu$ with $z$ (*Details*)

Alternative “ $\neq$ ”:  $P$ -value is **two-tailed** probability



Observed sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is either of these

## Example: *Assumptions for z Test*

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- **Background:** Earnings of 446 surveyed university students had mean \$3,776. The mean of earnings for the population of students is unknown. Assume we know population standard deviation is \$6,500.
- **Question:** What aspect of the situation is unrealistic?
- **Response:**

*Looking Ahead: In real-life problems, we rarely know the value of the population standard deviation. Eventually, we'll learn how to proceed when all we know is the sample standard deviation  $s$ .*

# Example: *Test with One-Sided Alternative*

- **Background:** Earnings of 446 surveyed university students had mean \$3,776. Assume population s.d. \$6,500.
- **Question:** Are we convinced that  $\mu$  is less than \$5,000?
- **Response:** State  $H_0$  : \_\_\_\_\_ vs.  $H_a$  :

One-Sample Z: Earned

Test of mu = 5 vs mu < 5

The assumed sigma = 6.5

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Earned	446	3.776	6.503	0.308
Variable	95.0% Upper Bound	Z	P	
Earned	4.282	-3.98	0.000	

1. Data production issues were discussed for confidence interval.
2. Output shows sample mean \_\_\_\_\_ and  $z =$  \_\_\_\_\_. Large? \_\_\_\_\_
3.  $P$ -value = \_\_\_\_\_. Small? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Conclude? \_\_\_\_\_

## Example: *Notation*

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- **Background:** Want to test if mean of all male shoe sizes could be 11.0, based on a sample mean 11.222 from 9 male students. Assume pop. s.d. 1.5.
- **Question:** How do we denote the numbers given?
- **Response:**
  - 11.0 is proposed value of population mean \_\_\_\_\_
  - 11.222 is sample mean \_\_\_\_\_
  - 9 is sample size \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1.5 is population standard deviation \_\_\_\_\_

## Example: *Intuition Before Formal Test*

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- **Background:** Want to test if mean of all male shoe sizes could be 11.0, based on a sample mean 11.222 from 9 male students. Assume pop. s.d. 1.5.
- **Question:** What conclusion do we anticipate, by “eye-balling” the data?
- **Response:**
  - Sample mean (11.222) seems close to proposed  $\mu_0 = 11.0$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sample size (9) small → \_\_\_\_\_
  - S.d. (1.5) not very small → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Anticipate standardized sample mean  $z$  large? \_\_\_\_\_
  - $P$ -value small? \_\_\_\_\_
  - conclude population mean may be 11.0? \_\_\_\_\_

## Example: *Test with Two-Sided Alternative*

- **Background:** Want to test if mean of all male shoe sizes could be 11.0, based on a sample mean 11.222 from 9 male students. Assume pop. s.d. 1.5.
- **Question:** What do we conclude from the output?
- **Response:**  $z = 0.44$ . Large? \_\_\_\_\_  
P-value (two-tailed) = 0.657. Small? \_\_\_\_\_  
Conclude population mean may be 11.0? \_\_\_\_\_

One-Sample Z: Shoe

Test of  $\mu = 11$  vs  $\mu \neq 11$

The assumed sigma = 1.5

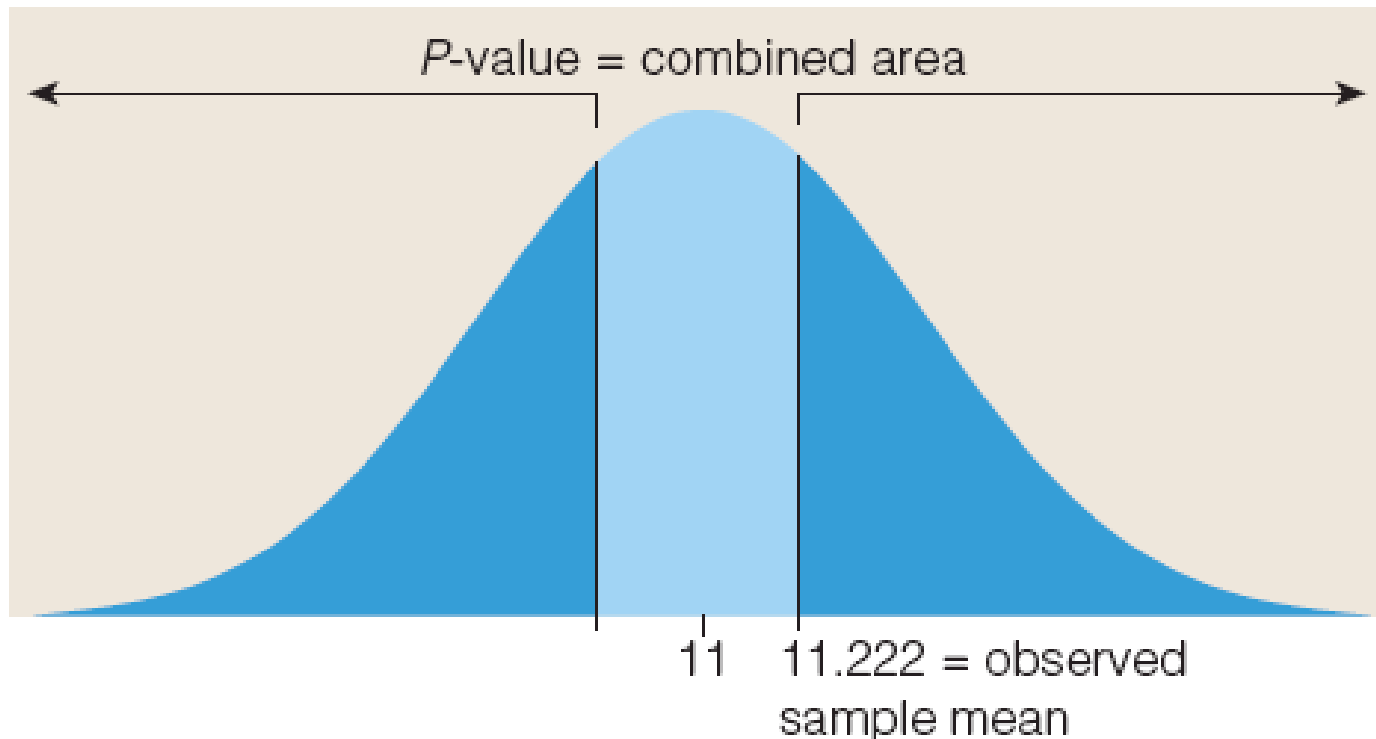
Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Shoe	9	11.222	1.698	0.500
Variable	95.0% CI		Z	P
Shoe	( 10.242, 12.202)		0.44	0.657

# *P*-value as Nonstandard Normal Probability

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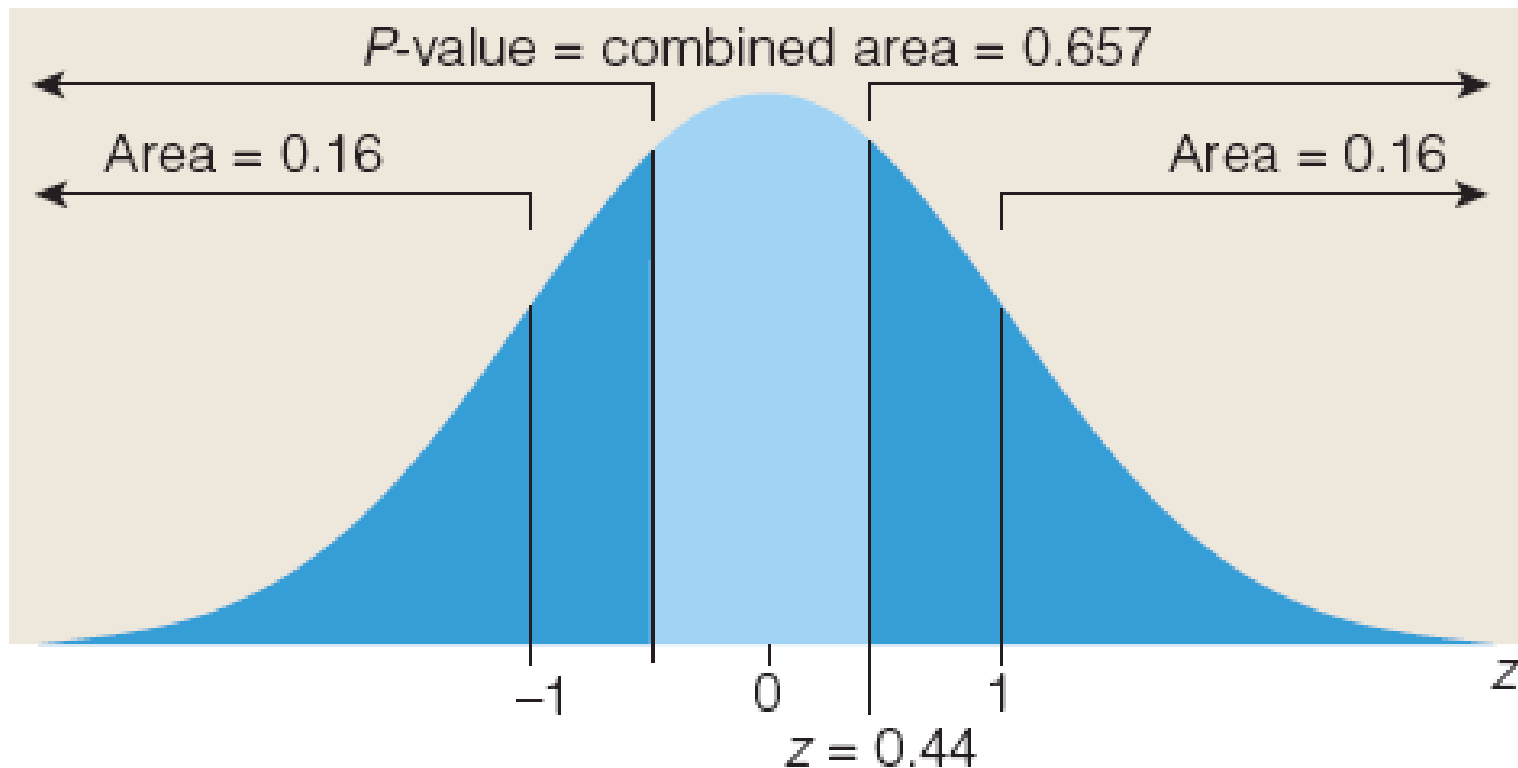
*P*-value is probability of **sample mean** as far from 11.0 (in either direction) as 11.222.

$H_0: \mu = 11.0$  vs.  $H_a: \mu \neq 11.0$



# $P$ -value as Standard Normal Probability

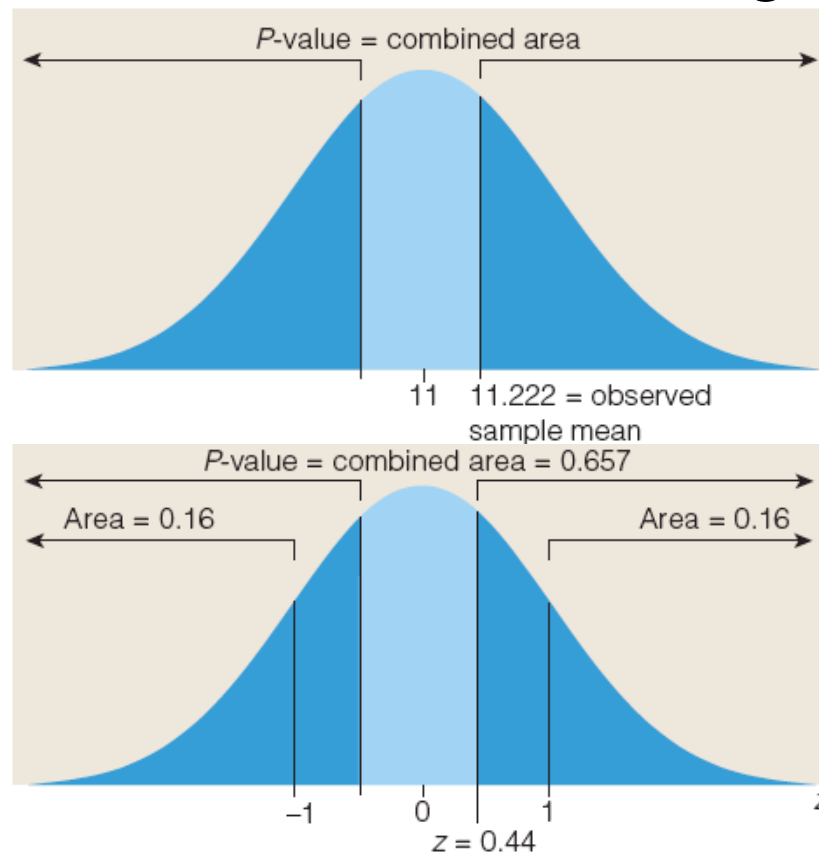
$P$ -value as probability of **standardized sample mean**  $z$  as far from 0 (in either direction) as 0.44.





# Comparing $P$ -value Based on $\bar{x}$ vs. $z$

Same area under curve, just different scales on horizontal axis due to standardizing (below).



## Example: *Test Results and Confidence Interval*

- **Background:** Tested if mean of all male shoe sizes could be 11.0, based on a sample mean 11.222 from 9 male students. Assumed pop. s.d. 1.5.  $P$ -value was 0.657; didn't reject null.
- **Question:** Would we expect 11.0 to be contained in a confidence interval for  $\mu$  ?
- **Response:** Test showed 11.0 to be plausible for  $\mu \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_  
(In fact, 11.0 is \_\_\_\_\_ contained in the confidence interval.)

One-Sample Z: Shoe

Test of mu = 11 vs mu not = 11

The assumed sigma = 1.5

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
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Variable	95.0% CI		Z	P
Shoe	(	10.242, 12.202)	0.44	0.657



## **Example:** *Test Results and Confidence Interval*

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- **Background:** Tested if mean earnings of all students at a university could be \$5,000, based on a sample mean \$3,776 for  $n=446$ . Assumed pop. s.d. \$6,500.  $P$ -value was 0.000; rejected null hypothesis.
- **Question:** Would 5,000 be contained in the confidence interval for  $\mu$ ?
- **Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Factors That Lead to Rejecting $H_0$

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**Statistically significant** data produce  $P$ -value small enough to reject  $H_0$ .  $z$  plays a role:

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

Reject  $H_0$  if  $P$ -value small; if  $|z|$  large; if...

- Sample mean far from  $\mu_0$
- Sample size  $n$  large
- Standard deviation  $\sigma$  small



## Role of Sample Size $n$

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- **Large  $n$ :** may reject  $H_0$  even if sample mean is not far from proposed population mean, from a practical standpoint.

Very small  $P$ -value  $\rightarrow$  strong evidence against  $H_0$  but  $\bar{x}$  not necessarily very far from  $\mu_0$ .

- **Small  $n$ :** may fail to reject  $H_0$  even though it is false.

Failing to reject false  $H_0$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> type of error.

## Definition (*Review*)

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- **Type I Error:** reject null hypothesis even though it is true (false positive)
- **Type II Error:** fail to reject null hypothesis even though it's false (false negative)

Test conclusions determine possible error:

- Reject  $H_0$ : correct or Type I
- Do not reject  $H_0$ : correct or Type II

## Example: *Errors in a Medical Context*

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- **Background:** A medical test is carried out for a disease (HIV).
- **Questions:**
  - What does the null hypothesis claim?
  - What are the implications of a Type I Error?
  - What are the implications of a Type II Error?
  - Which type of error is more worrisome?

### Responses:

- Null hypothesis: \_\_\_\_\_
- False \_\_\_\_\_: conclude \_\_\_\_\_
- False \_\_\_\_\_: conclude \_\_\_\_\_
- Type \_\_\_\_ is more worrisome.

# Example: *Errors in a Legal Context*

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□ **Background:** A defendant is on trial.

□ **Questions:**

- What does  $H_0$  claim?
- What does a Type I Error imply?
- What does a Type II Error imply?
- Which type is more worrisome?

□ **Responses:**

- $H_0$ : \_\_\_\_\_
- Type I: Conclude \_\_\_\_\_
- Type II: Conclude \_\_\_\_\_
- Type \_\_\_ is more worrisome.





## Sample Mean Standardizing to $z$

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→ If  $\sigma$  is known, standardized  $\bar{X}$  follows  $z$  (standard normal) distribution:

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

If  $\sigma$  is unknown and  $n$  is large enough (20 or 30), then  $s \approx \sigma$  and  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}} \approx z$

Can use  $z$  if  $\sigma$  is known or  $n$  is large.

What if  $\sigma$  is unknown **and**  $n$  is small?

## Sample mean standardizing to $t$

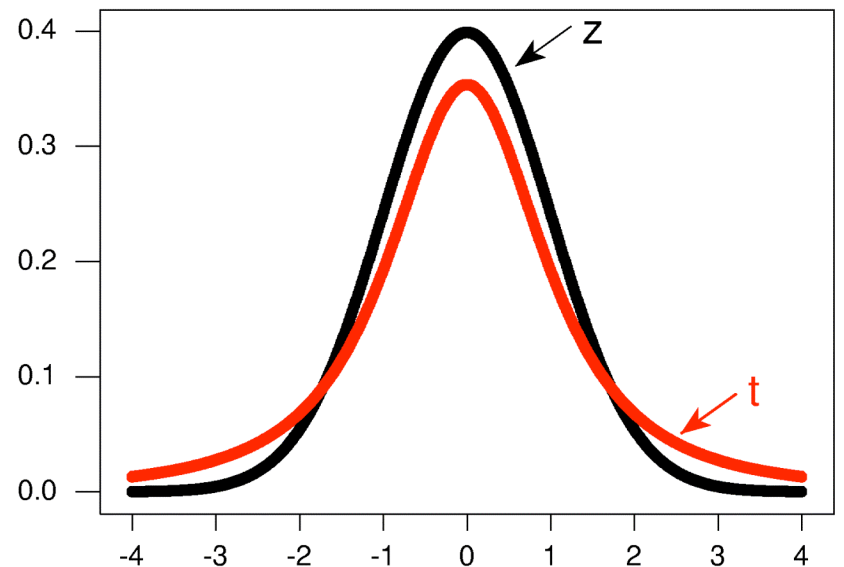
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For  $\sigma$  unknown and  $n$  small,  $\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = t$

- $t$  (like  $z$ ) centered at 0 since  $\bar{X}$  centered at  $\mu$
  - $t$  (like  $z$ ) symmetric and bell-shaped if  $\bar{X}$  normal
  - $t$  more spread than  $z$  (s.d. > 1) [ $s$  gives less info]
- $t$  has “ $n-1$  degrees of freedom” (spread depends on  $n$ )

# Inference About Mean Based on $z$ or $t$

- $\sigma$  known  $\rightarrow$  standardized  $\bar{x}$  is  $z$   
(may use  $z$  if  $\sigma$  unknown but  $n$  large)
- $\sigma$  unknown  $\rightarrow$  standardized  $\bar{x}$  is  $t$



$z$  or  $t$  = standardized difference between  
sample mean and proposed population mean

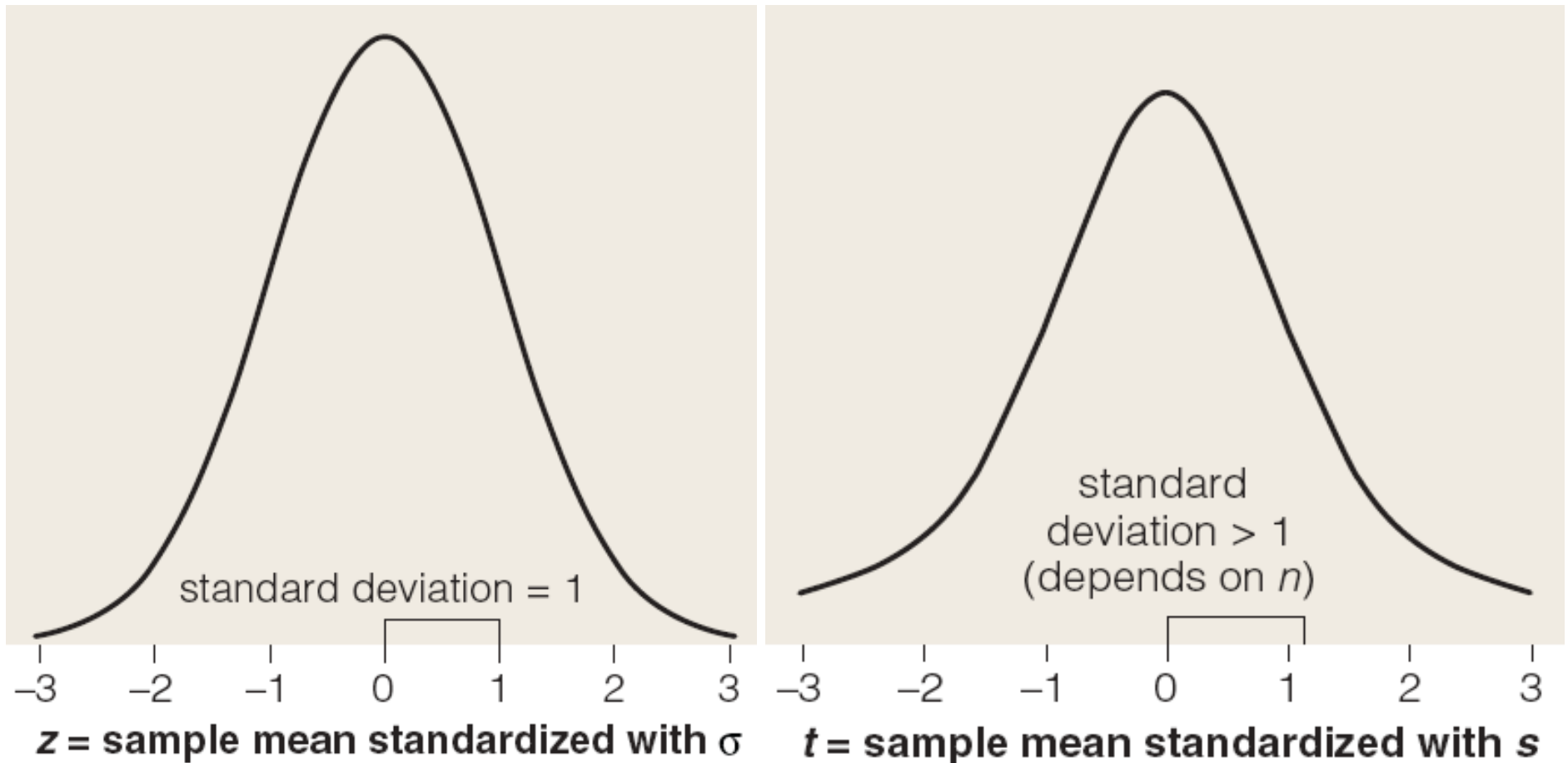
## Inference *by Hand* Based on $z$ or $t$

	$\sigma$ known	$\sigma$ unknown
small sample ( $n < 30$ )	$\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = z$	$\frac{x - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}} = t$
large sample ( $n \geq 30$ )	$\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = z$	$\frac{x - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}} \approx z$

$z$  used if  $\sigma$  known **or**  $n$  large

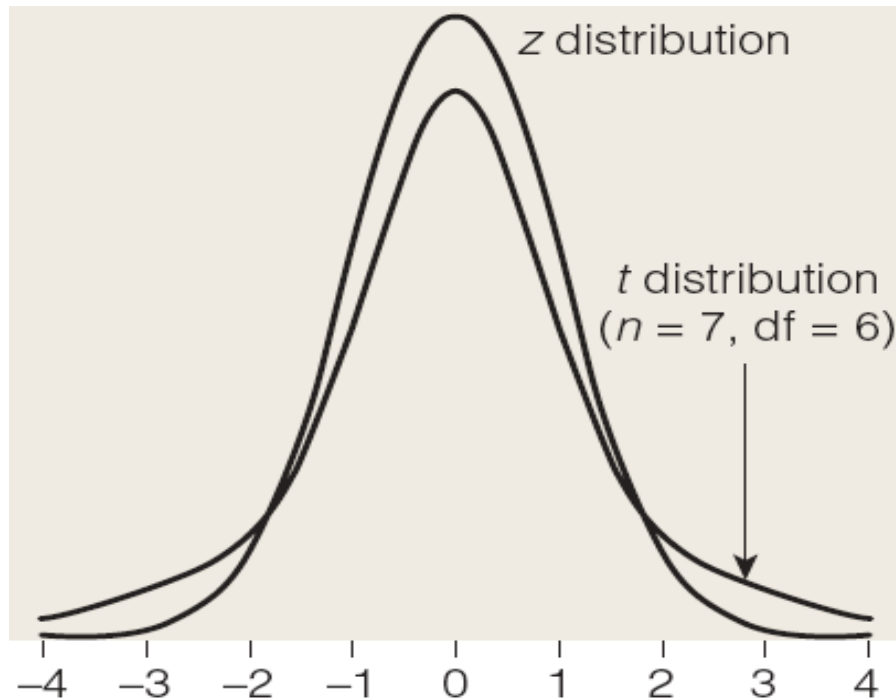
$t$  used if  $\sigma$  unknown **and**  $n$  small

# *z* vs. *t*: How the Sample Mean is Standardized



## Example: *Distribution of t (6 df) vs. z*

- **Background:** For  $n=7$ ,  $\frac{\bar{x}-\mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = t$  has 6 df.

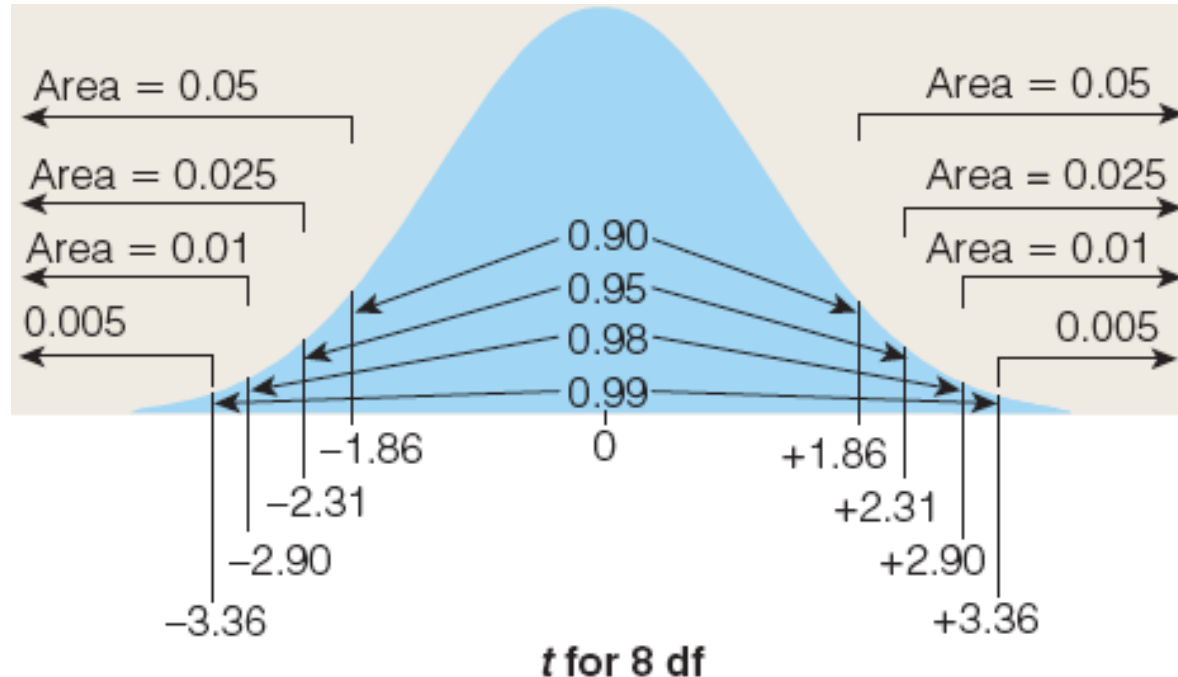


*A Closer Look: In fact,  $P(t > 2)$  is about 0.05;  $P(z > 2)$  is about 0.025.*

- **Question:** How does  $P(t > 2)$  compare to  $P(z > 2)$ ?
- **Response:**  $P(t > 2)$  \_\_\_\_\_  $P(z > 2)$ .

## Example: *Distribution of $t$ (8 df) vs. $z$*

- **Background:** According to 90-95-98-99 Rule for  $z$ ,  $P(z > 2)$  is between 0.01 and 0.025 because 2 is between 1.96 and 2.576. Consider the  $t$  curve for 8 df.



- **Question:** What is a range for  $P(t > 2)$  when  $t$  has 8 df?
- **Response:**  $P(t > 2)$  is between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



# Lecture Summary

## *(Inference for Means: Hypothesis Tests; $t$ Dist.)*

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- $z$  test about population mean: 4 steps
- Examples: 1-sided and 2-sided alternatives
- Relating test and confidence interval
- Factors in rejecting null hypothesis
  - Sample mean far from proposed population mean
  - Sample size large
  - Standard deviation small
- Inference based on  $z$  or  $t$ 
  - Population sd known; standardize to  $z$
  - Population sd unknown; standardize to  $t$
- Comparing  $z$  and  $t$  distributions