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Chapter 10
Estimation and hypothesis testing about two populations
Part 2

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The above tables show the result of the experiment.

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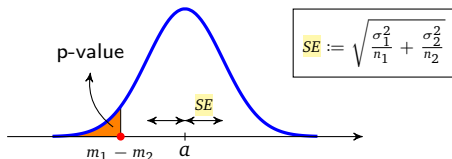
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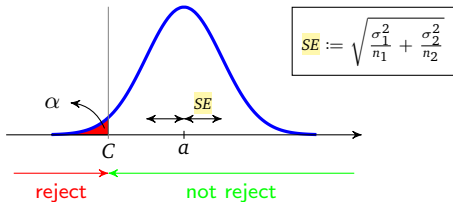
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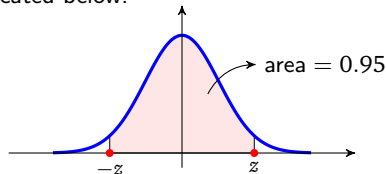
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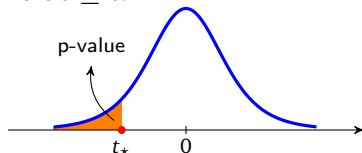
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where $t_{\star}$ is the observed value of the test statistic T .

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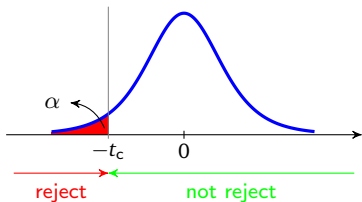
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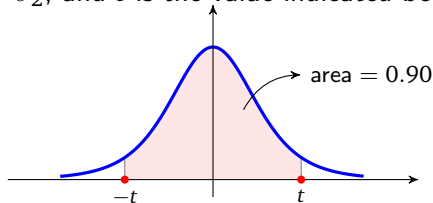
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