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Chapter 9
Testing hypotheses about mean and proportion
Part 3

Statistical hypothesis testing

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Competing hypotheses

H_0 The **null hypothesis** (the default model)

H_1 The **alternative hypothesis** (the alternative claim)

Objective

Decide whether we should abandon H_0 in favor of H_1 .

Evidence

A random sample

Strategy

We use a statistic T and compare

[e.g., sample mean]

1. The observed value of T
2. The distribution of T as suggested by H_0 ,

We ask ourselves:

Q Is the observed value of T too extreme for H_0 to be plausible?

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Possible outcomes

- ▶ **Reject H_0**
(Meaning: The evidence is statistically significant in favor of H_1 .)
- ▶ **Fail to reject H_0**
(Meaning: The evidence is inconclusive.)

Remark

The statistical evidence is always meant to be against H_0 .
Even if the evidence is weak, it can never lead us to accept H_0 .

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Remark

Since the evidence is limited, our judgment can be erroneous!

Two types of errors

- ▶ **Type I** (false rejection):

H_0 is true but we incorrectly reject it.

- ▶ **Type II** (failure to reject):

H_0 is not true but we fail to reject it.

Tests about a population parameter

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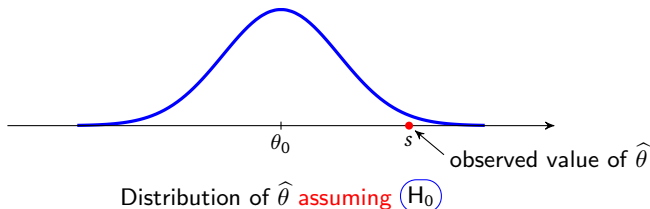
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Test statistic

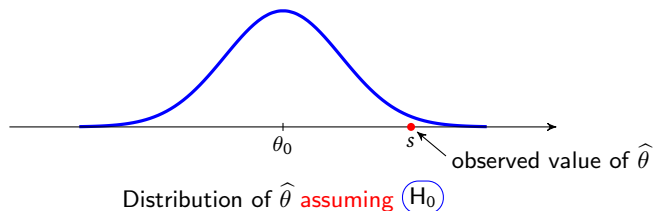
A point estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for θ .

[e.g., sample mean $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$]



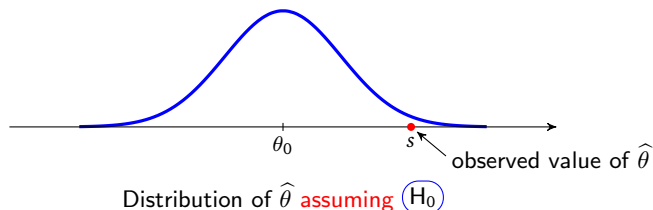
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Tests about a population parameter



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In order to make a fair and rigorous judgment:

We decide on a **significance level** α before observing the evidence, and choose the criterion for judgment in such a way that the probability of Type I error is α .

Tests about a population parameter

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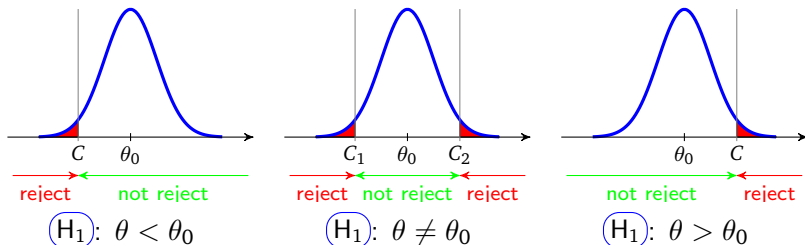
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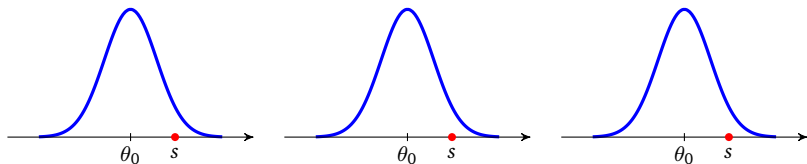
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Rejection region approach

Depending on the type of alternative hypothesis, choose the critical values in such a way that the red area (= the probability of Type I error) is α .

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Tests about a population parameter



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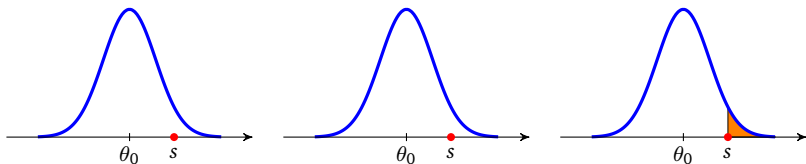
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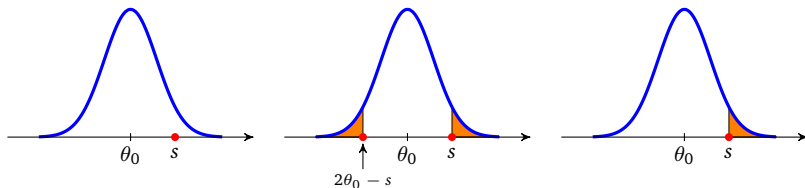
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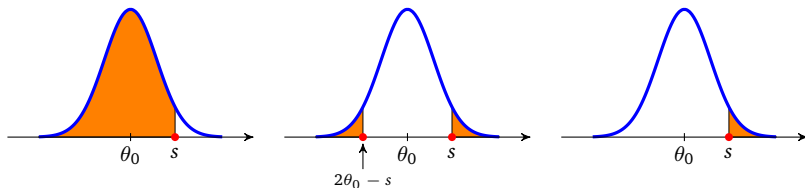
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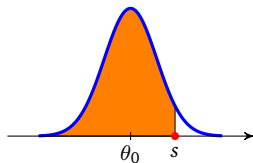
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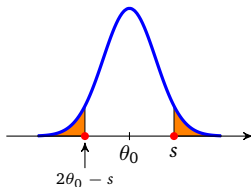
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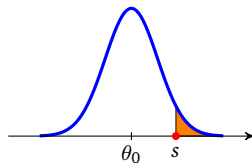
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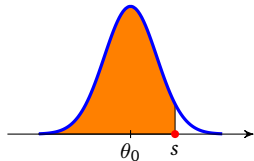


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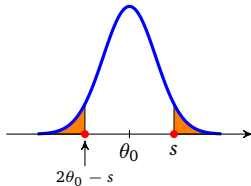
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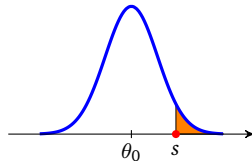
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Nevertheless, the p-value approach has an advantage:

The p-value provides a standardized measure of the strength (or **statistical significance**) of the evidence against the null hypothesis: The smaller the p-value, the stronger the evidence.

Tests about a population parameter

We now focus on the cases in which the parameter of interest is either the population mean or the population proportion.

Tests about the population mean

We consider the following scenarios:

- ① σ known, normal population
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where μ is the population mean concentration of the chemical in the fish captured from the coast of Beirut.

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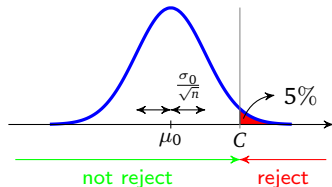
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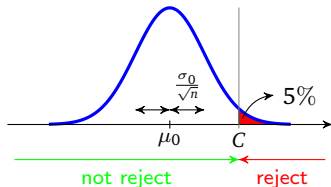
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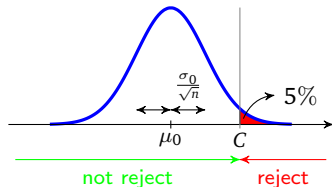
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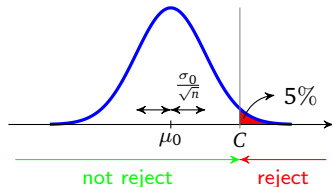
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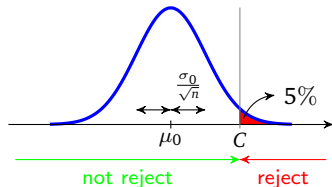
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Conclusion: The evidence is statistically significant in support of the claim that the concentration of the chemical is higher in fish from Beirut.

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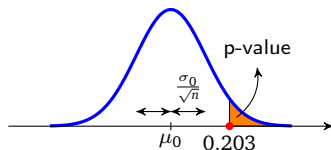
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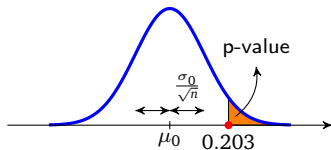
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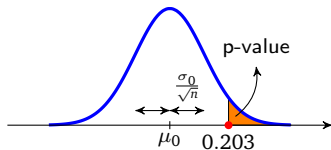
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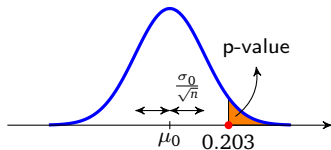
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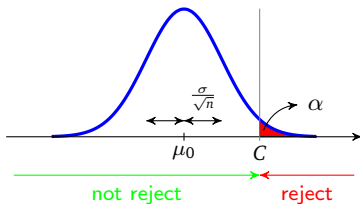
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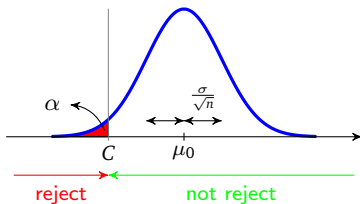
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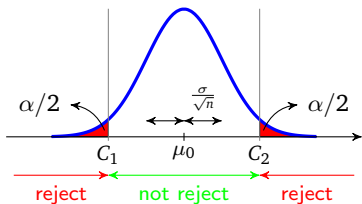
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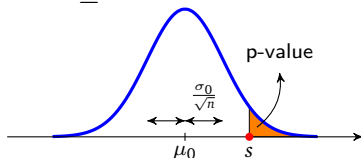
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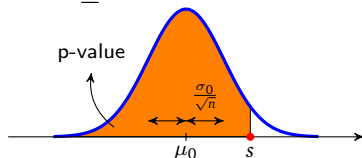
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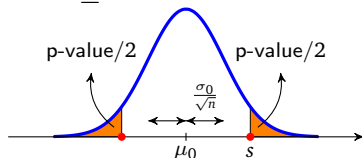
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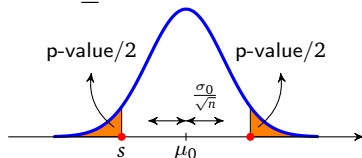
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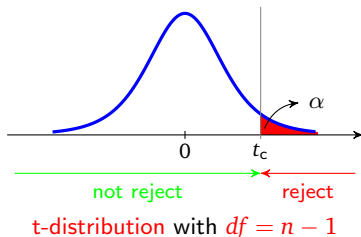
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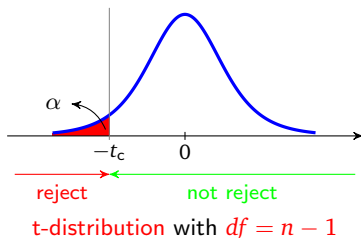
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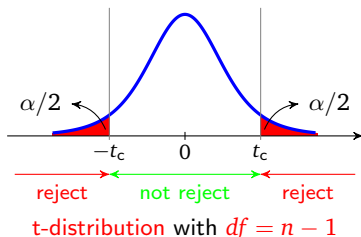
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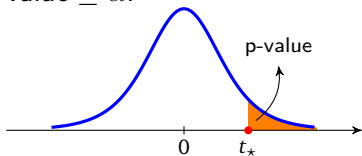
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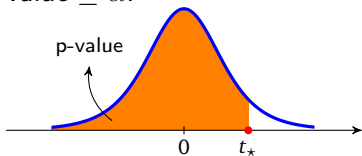
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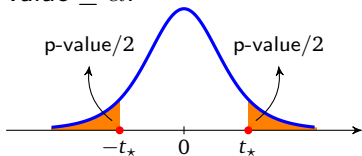
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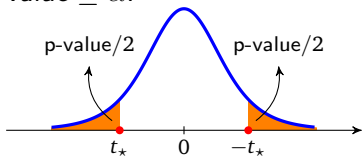
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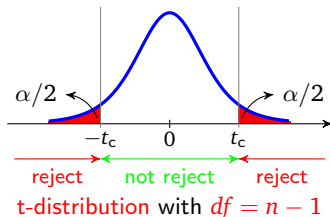
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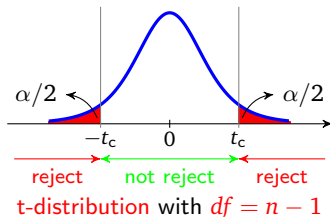
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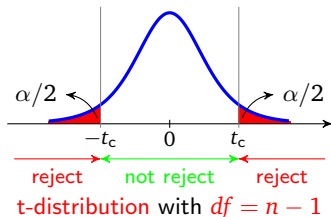
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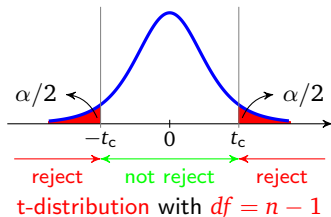
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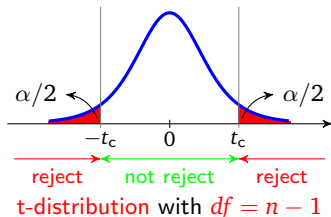
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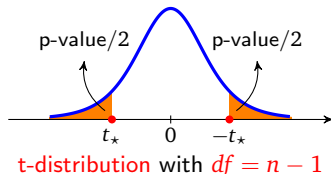
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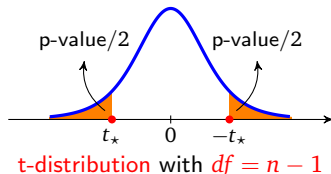
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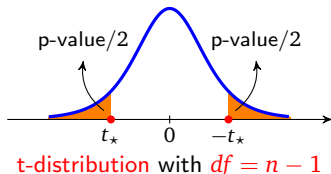
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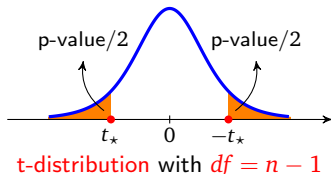
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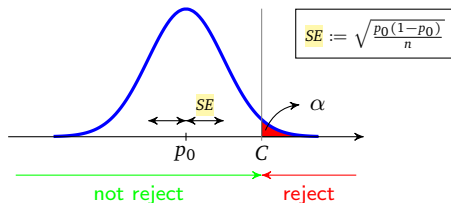
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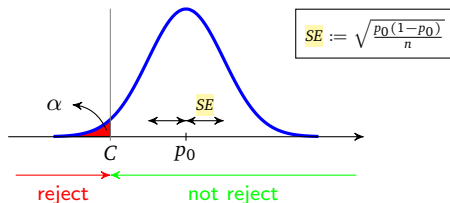
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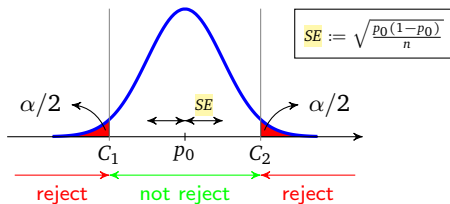
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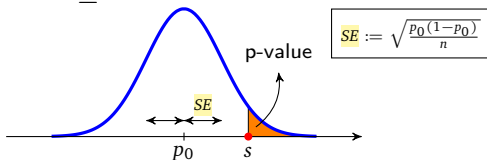
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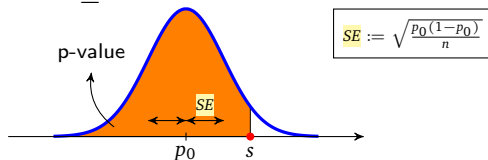
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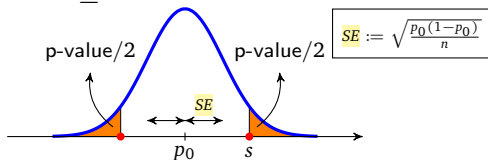
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