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Session 4: Estimator Distributions, Confidence Intervals,
Hypothesis Testing

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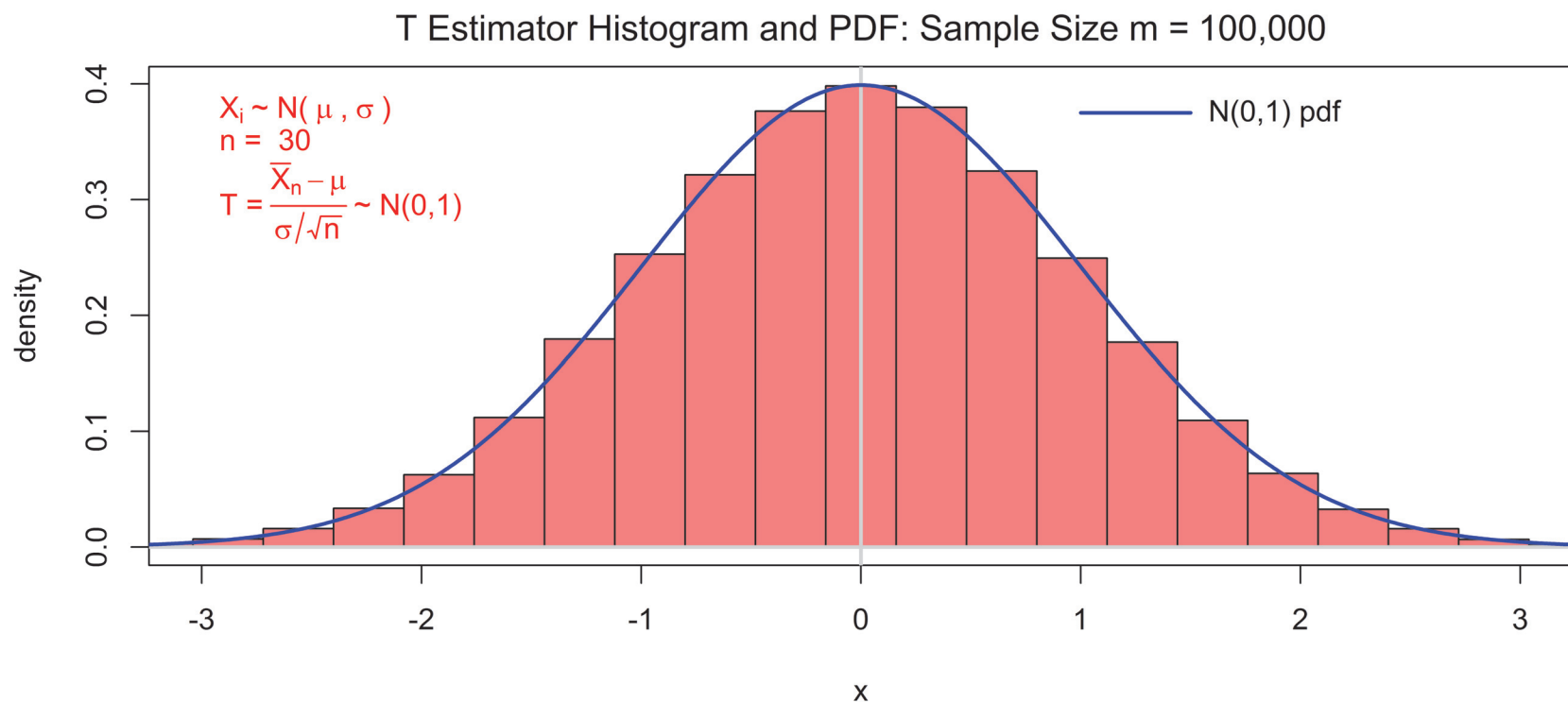
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- Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be a random *i.i.d.* sample, where $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma) \Rightarrow$

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

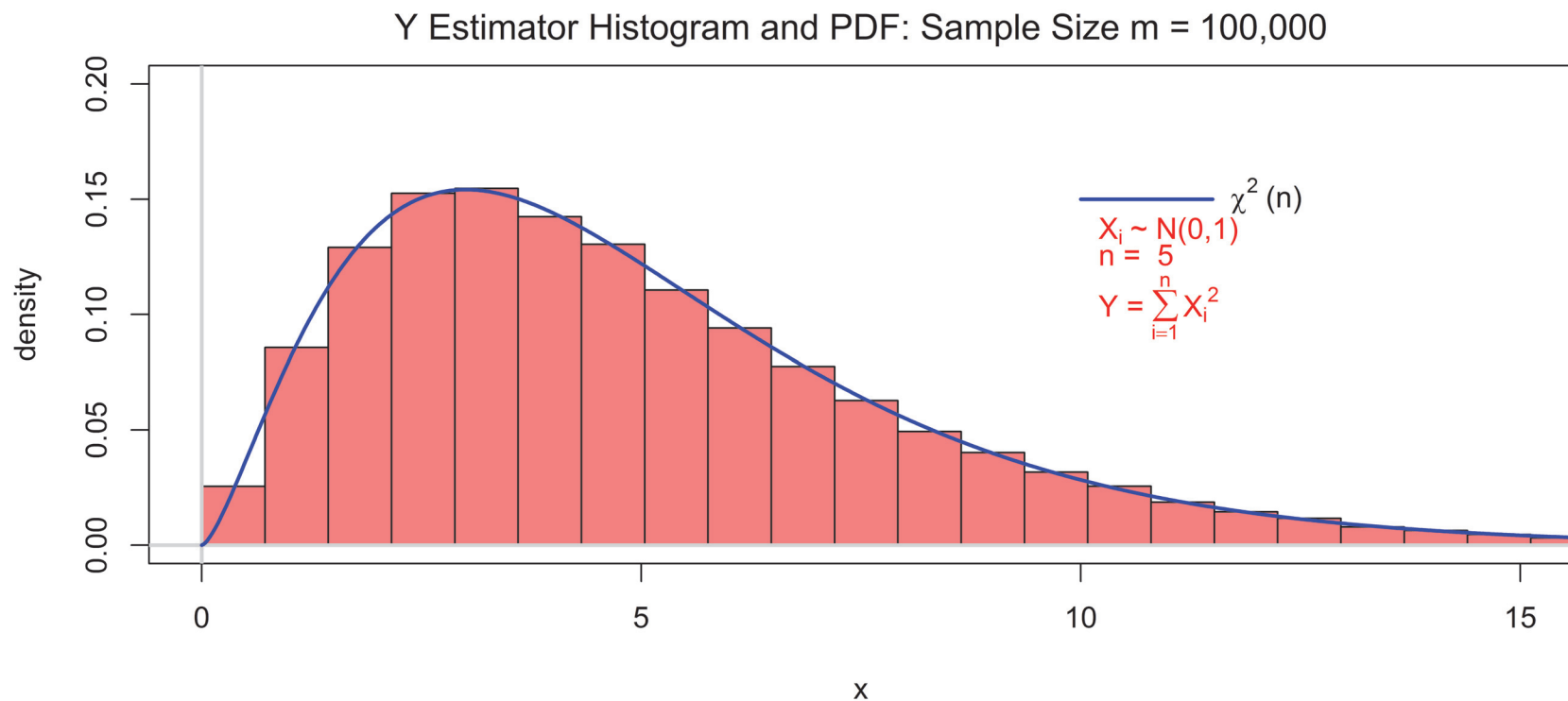


Analysis in "T_Variance_Known.R"

```
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 $X_i \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow$:

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



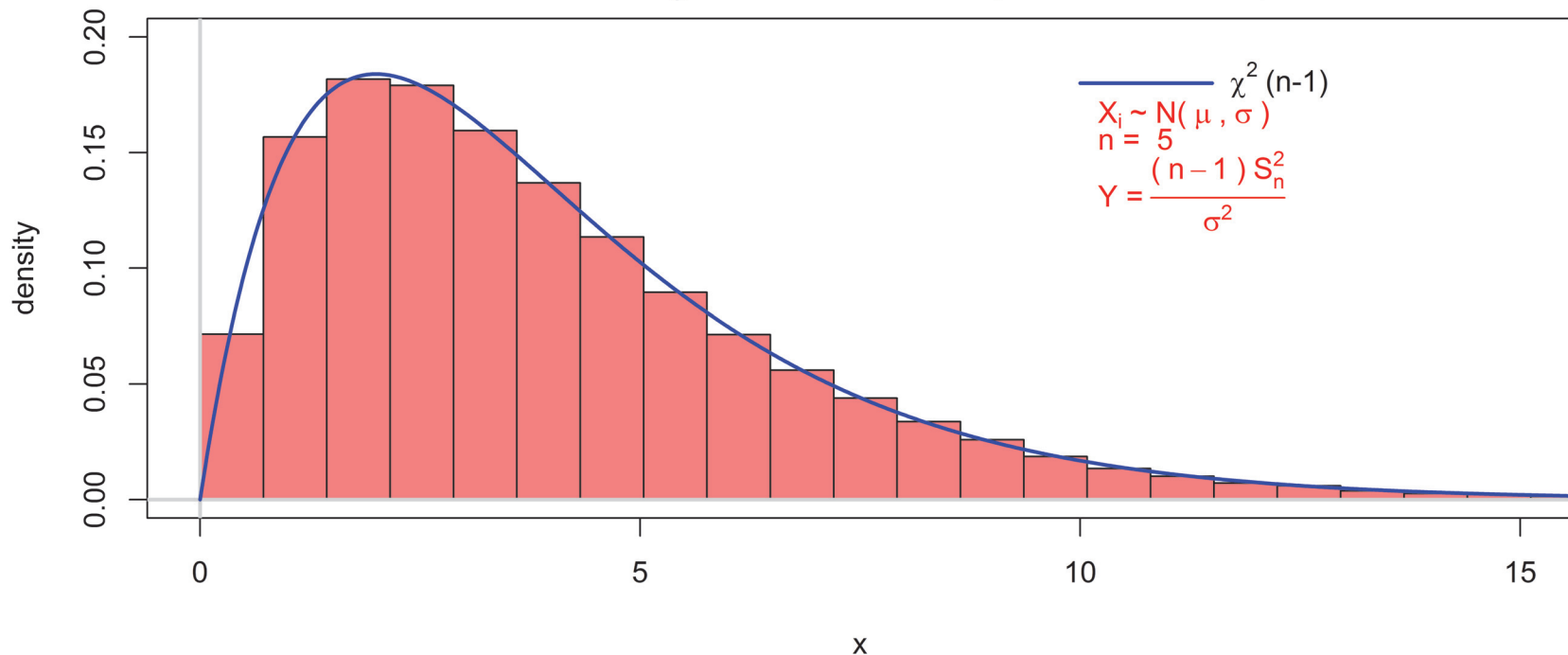
Analysis in "Chi_Squared_n.R"

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

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

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



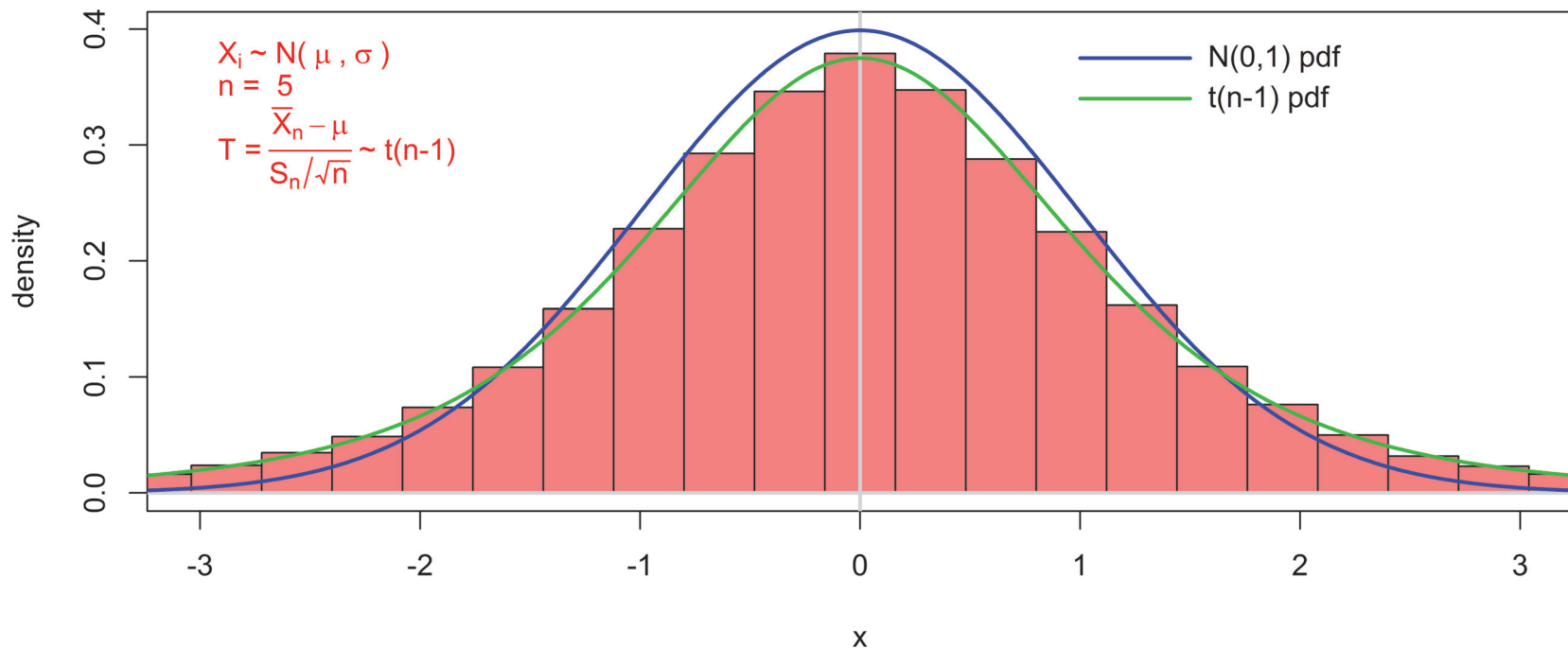
Analysis in "Chi_Squared_Minus_One.R"

- 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

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



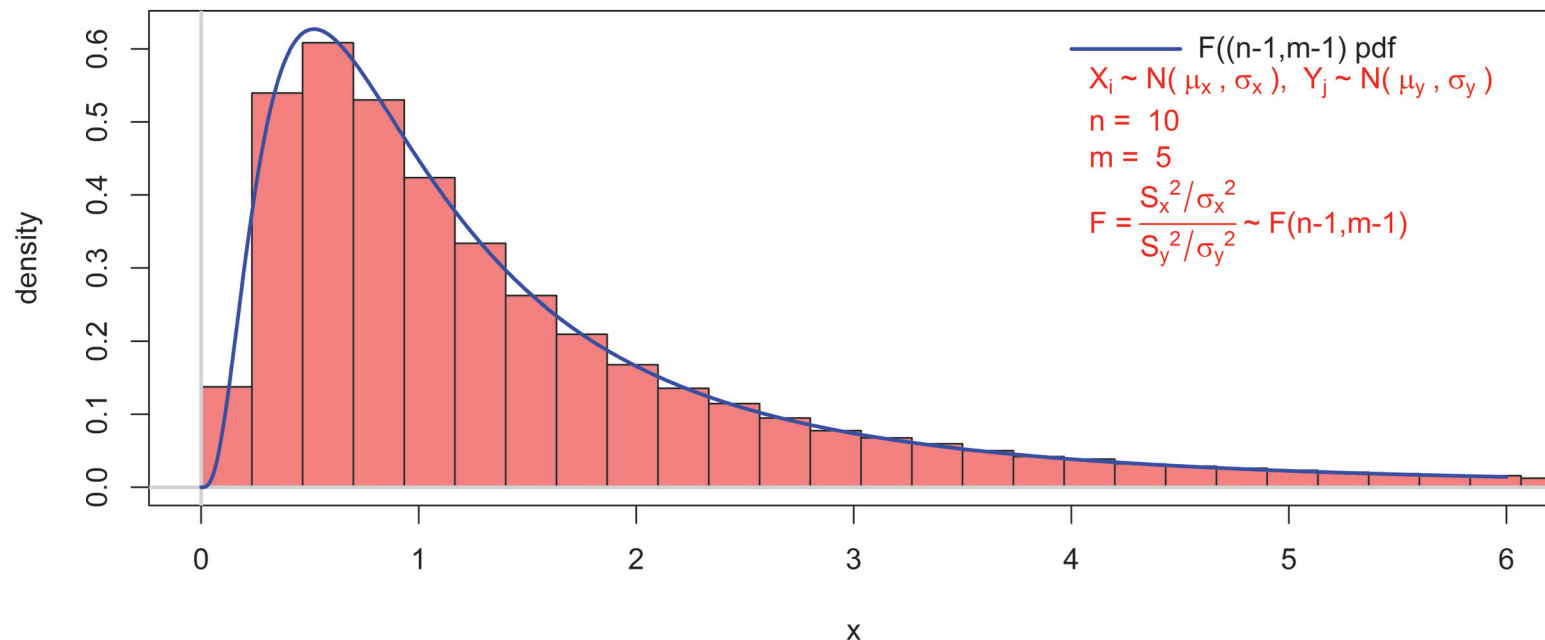
Analysis in "T_Variance_Unknown.R"

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

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

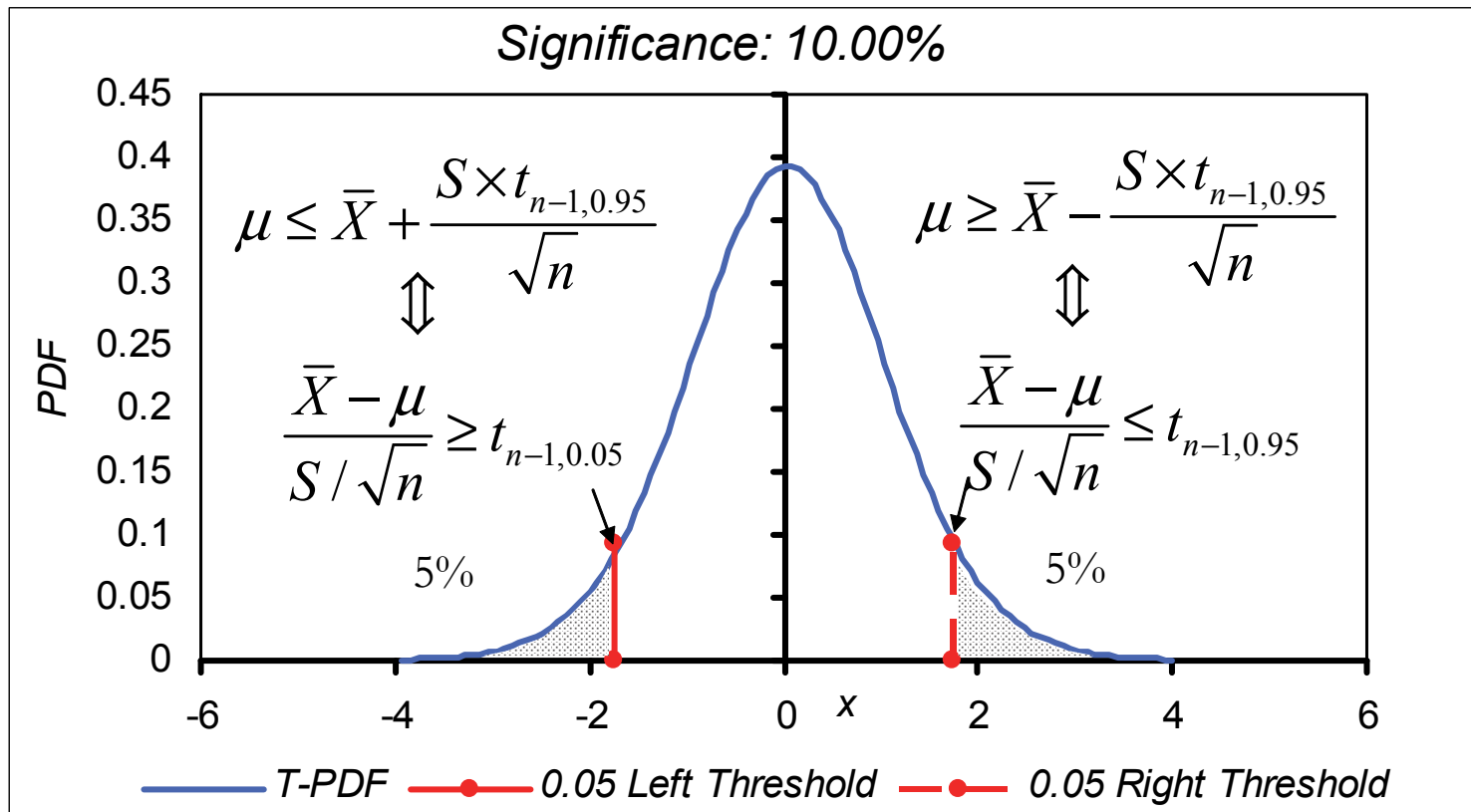
F distribution with $n - 1$ and $m - 1$ degrees of freedom

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:

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

- 90% **two-sided confidence interval** for mean μ 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 μ :

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

Analysis in "Voltage_Mu_Sigma_X_Intervals.R"

R - Code

```
# 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)
```

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
	α	10%
	$t_{n-1,1-\alpha/2}$	1.729133
	LB	27.22778
	UB	28.35822
	$Pr(T > t_{n-1,1-\alpha/2})$	0.05

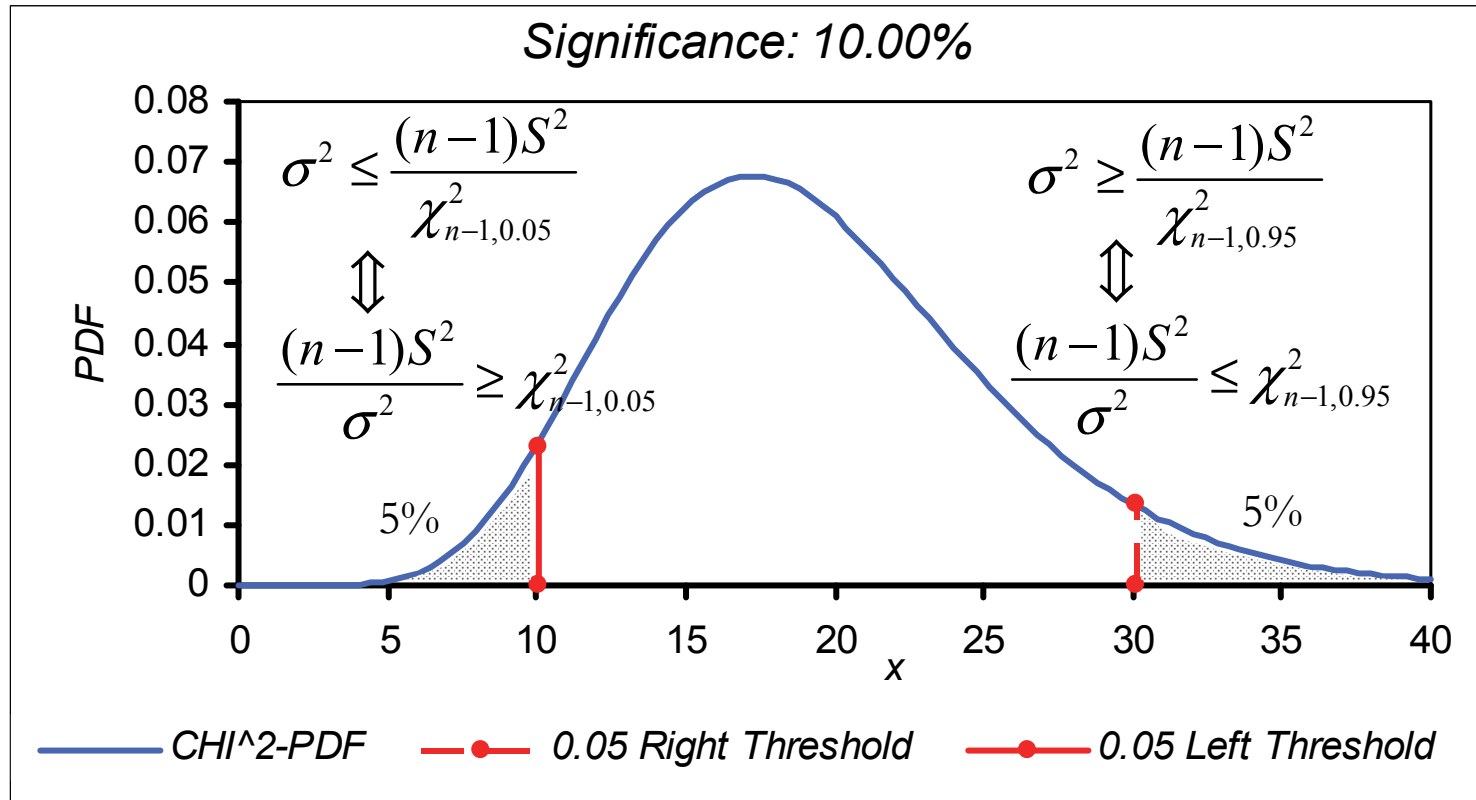
R - Output

```
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
```

STATISTICAL INFERENCE Variance Confidence Intervals

Estimator distributions are important to determine confidence intervals.



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

STATISTICAL INFERENCE Variance Confidence Intervals

- 90% **two-sided confidence interval** for variance σ^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 .

Example 15 (Continued): Dielectric breakdown voltage data

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

90% Two-Sided Confidence Interval for σ^2 :

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

STATISTICAL INFERENCE Variance Confidence Intervals

Analysis in "Voltage_Mu_Sigma_X_Intervals.R"

R - Code

Excel - Analysis

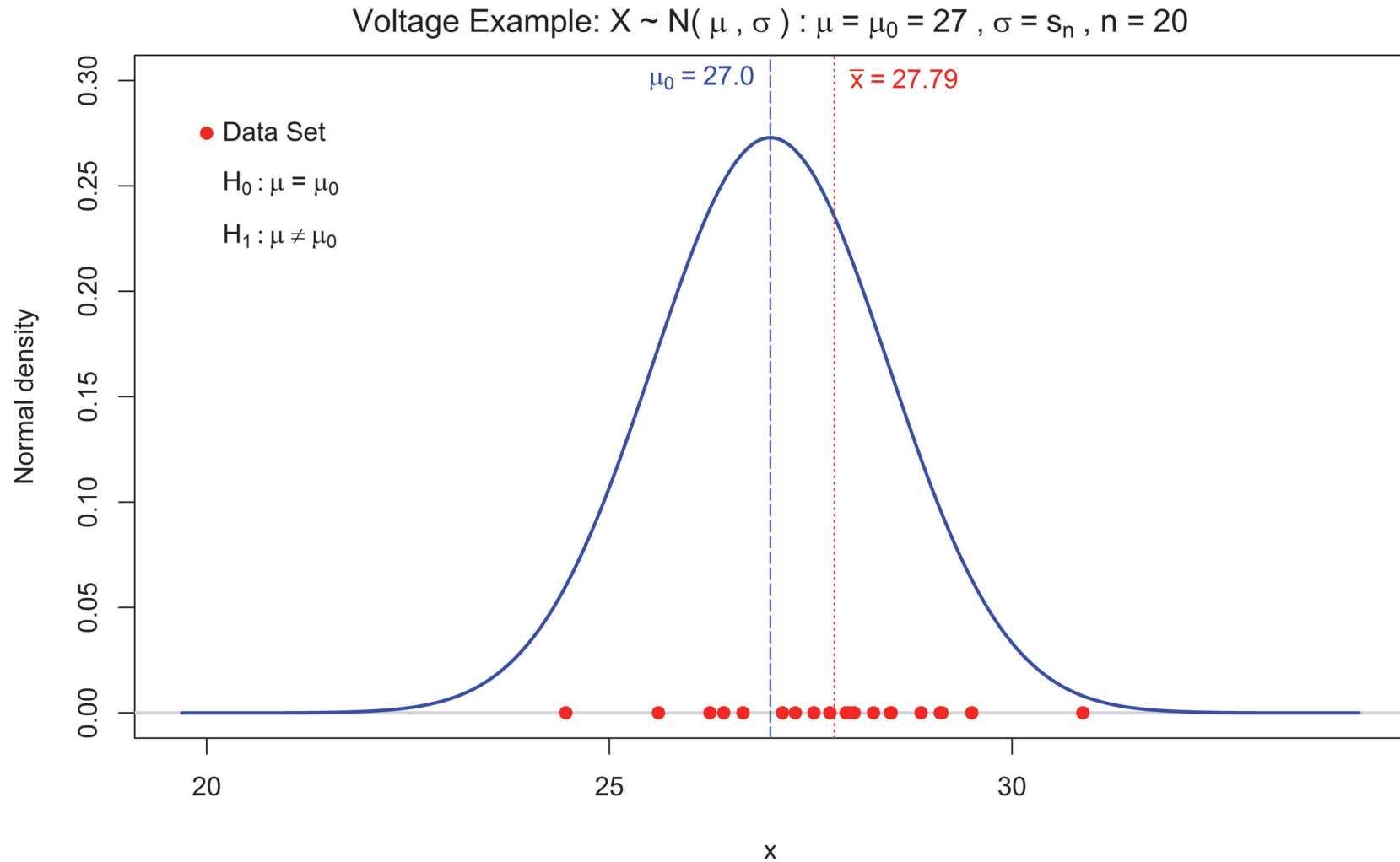
Variance Confidence Interval		
	$\chi^2_{n-1, \alpha/2}$	10.117013
	$\chi^2_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}$	30.143527
	LB	1.347003
	UB	4.013380

```
# 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 μ and unknown variance σ^2 . Consider the hypothesis test.

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$$

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 α that you specify**. For a two-sided test we divide the significance level α , 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:**

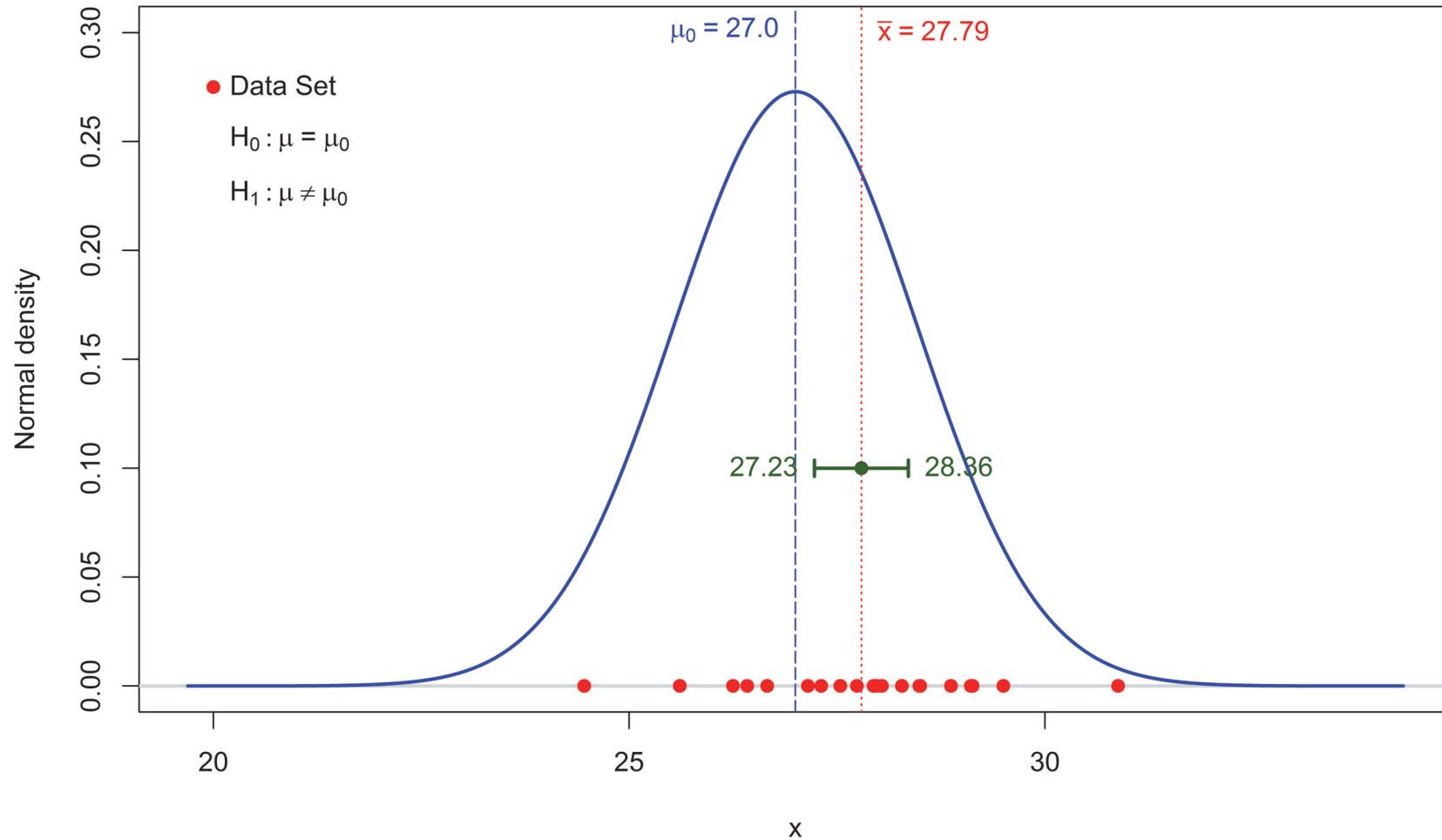
$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \notin [t_{n-1,0.05}, t_{n-1,0.95}] \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \in [t_{n-1,0.05}, t_{n-1,0.95}] \end{cases}$$

which is equivalent to:

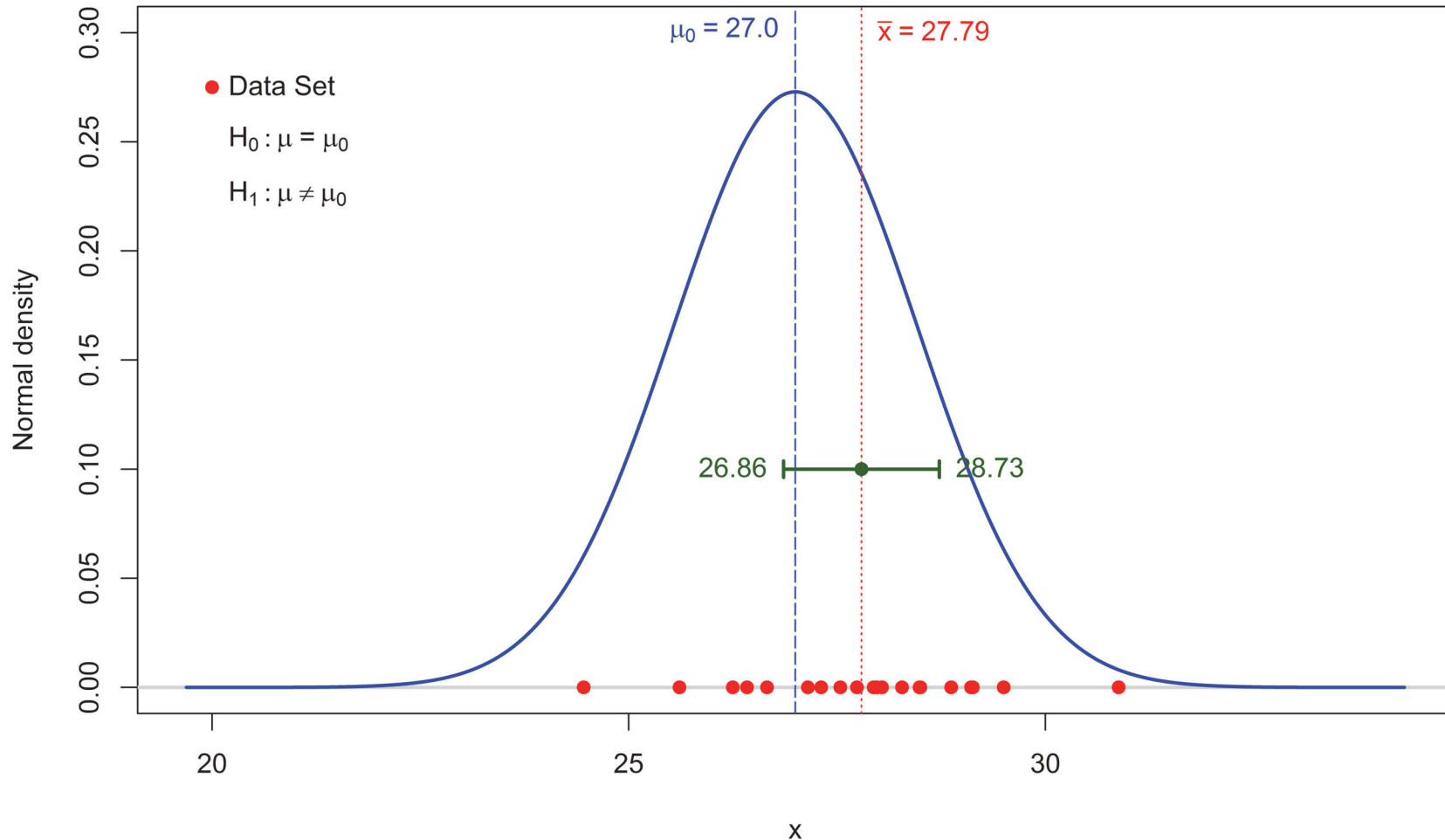
$$\begin{cases} \text{we reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \notin [\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}] \\ \text{we fail to reject } H_0 \text{ if } \mu_0 \in [\bar{x} - t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1,0.95} \times \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}]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

- 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 μ .**

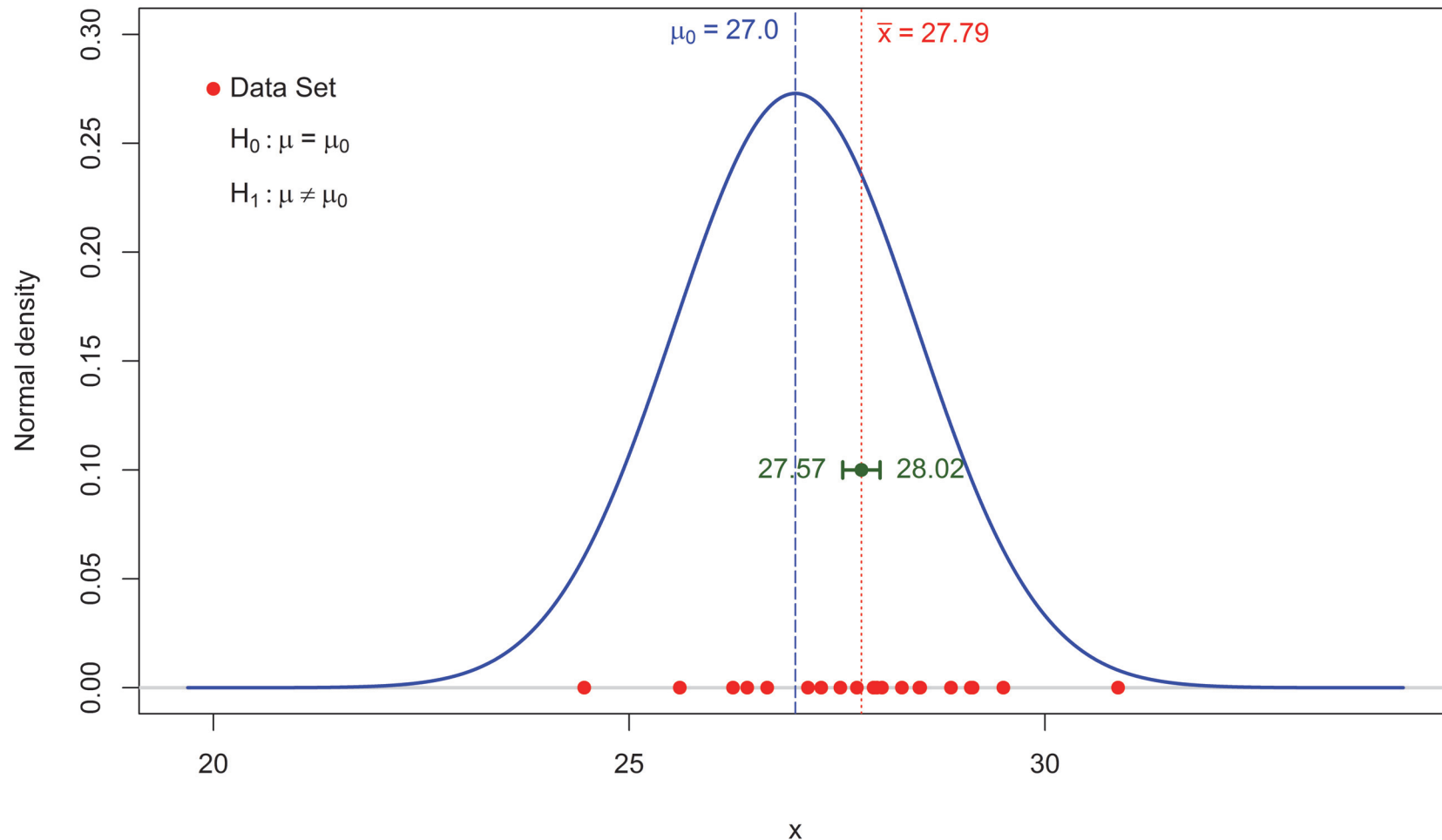
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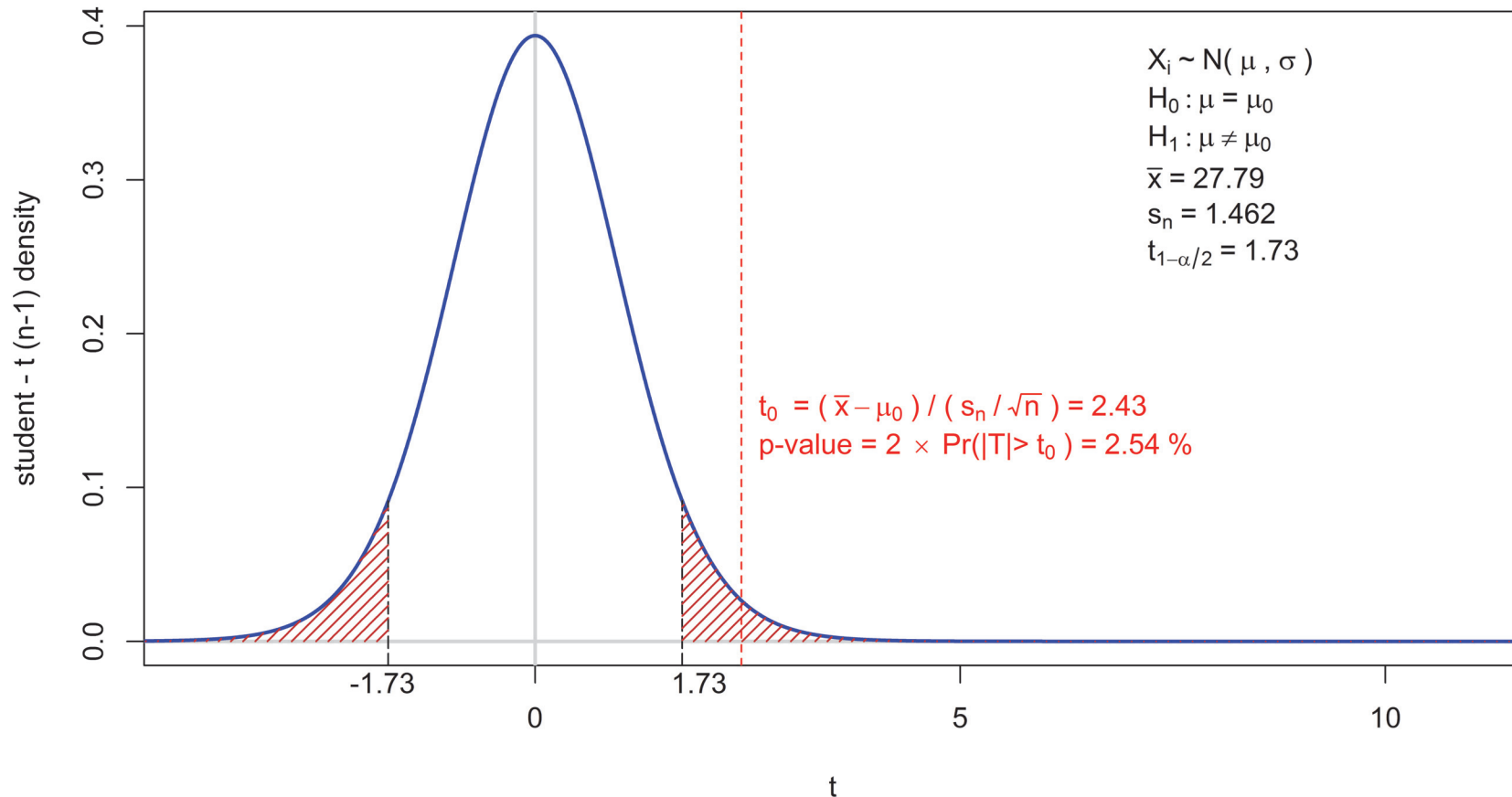
Voltage Example: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma) : \mu = \mu_0 = 27, \sigma = s_n, n = 20, \alpha = 50\%$



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

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

Voltage Example: $T = (\bar{X} - \mu_0) / (s_n / \sqrt{n}) : \mu_0 = 27, n = 20, \alpha = 10.0 \%$

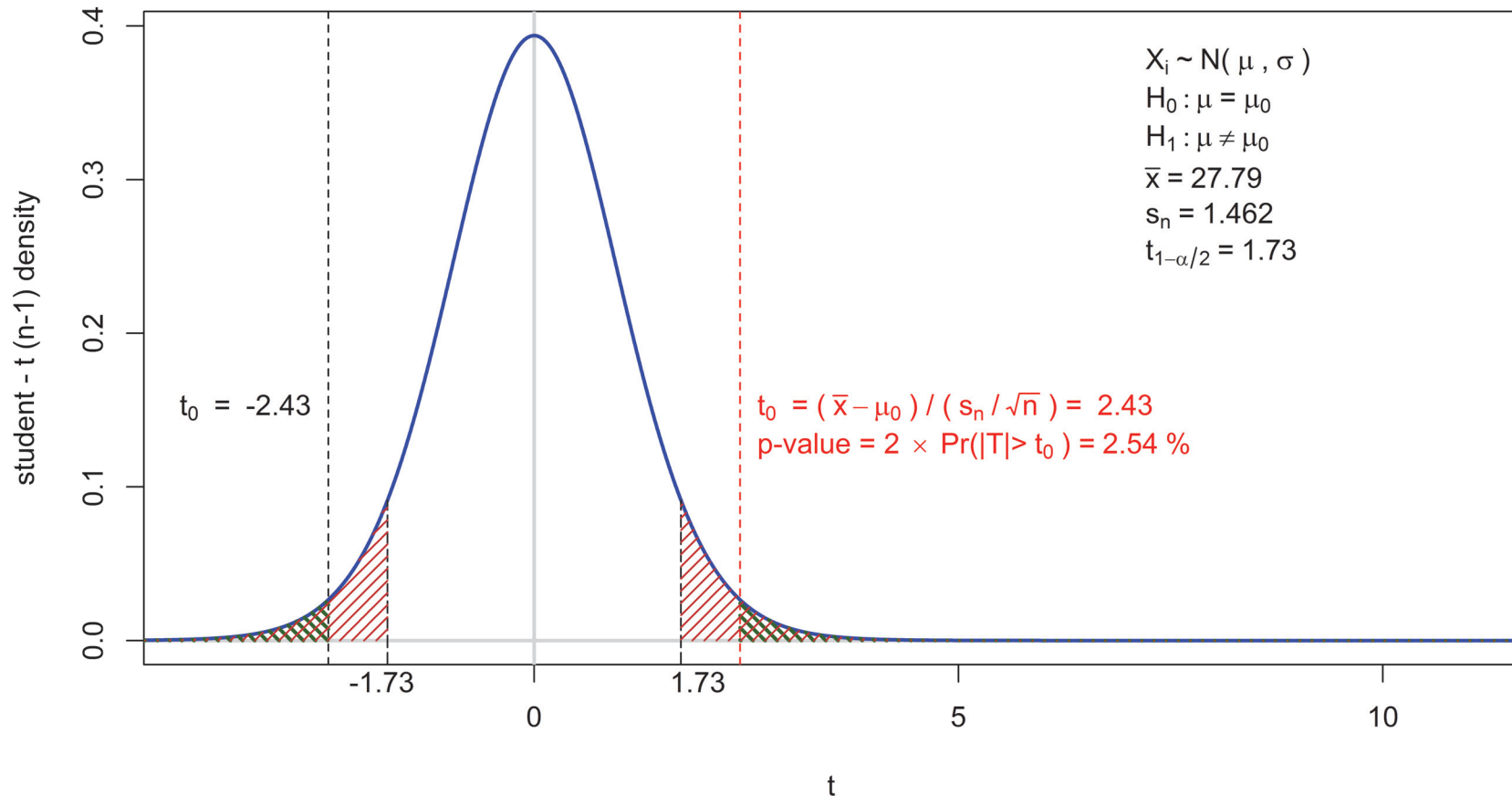


Analysis in file "Voltage_Hypothesis_2.R"

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

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

Voltage Example: $T = (\bar{X} - \mu_0) / (s_n / \sqrt{n}) : \mu_0 = 27, n = 20, \alpha = 10.0\%$



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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$$\bar{x} \approx 27.793, s^2 \approx 2.14, \alpha = 0.10, t_{19,0.05} = -1.73, t_{19,0.95} = 1.73$$

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

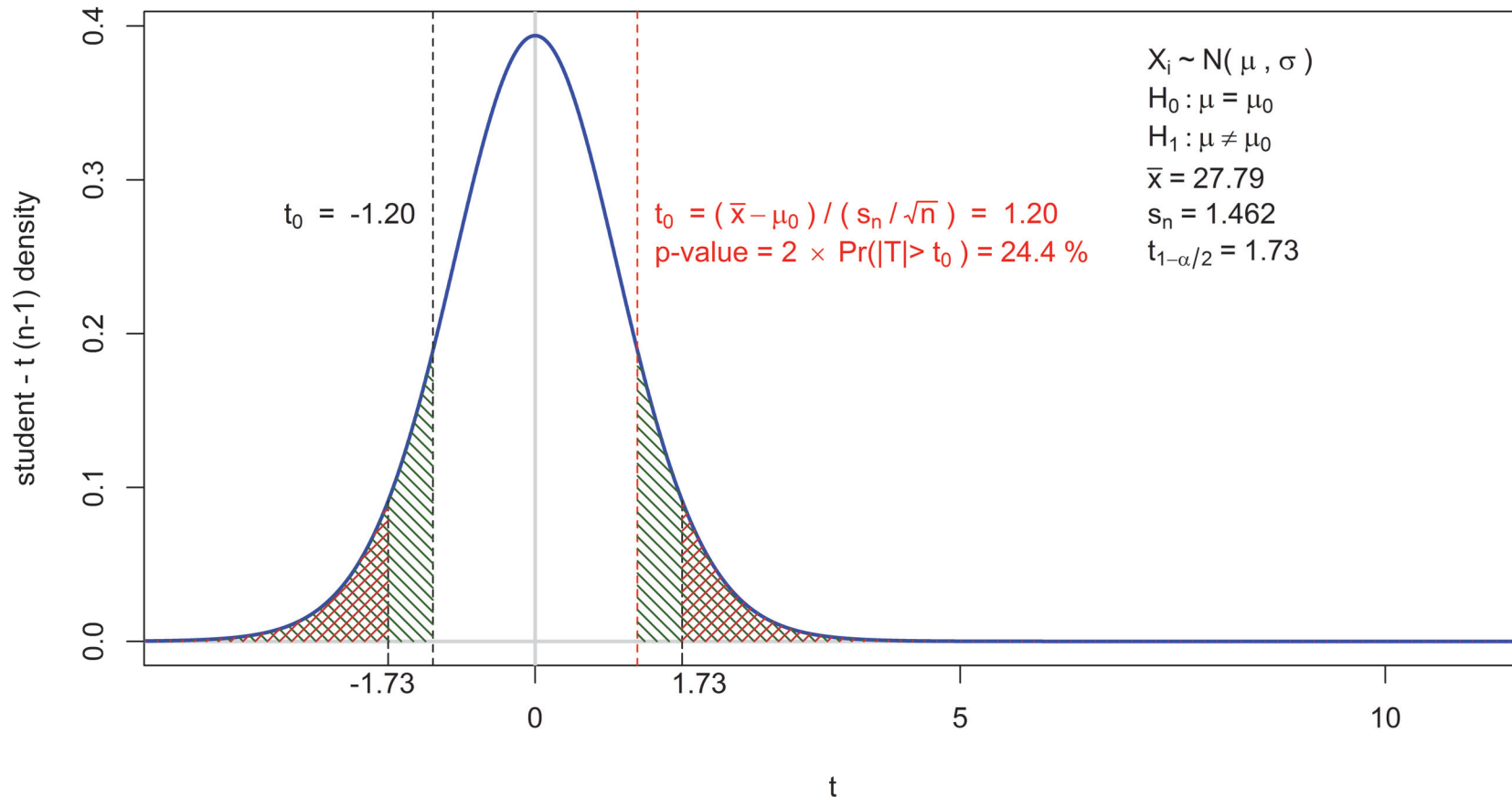
Conclusion:

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

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

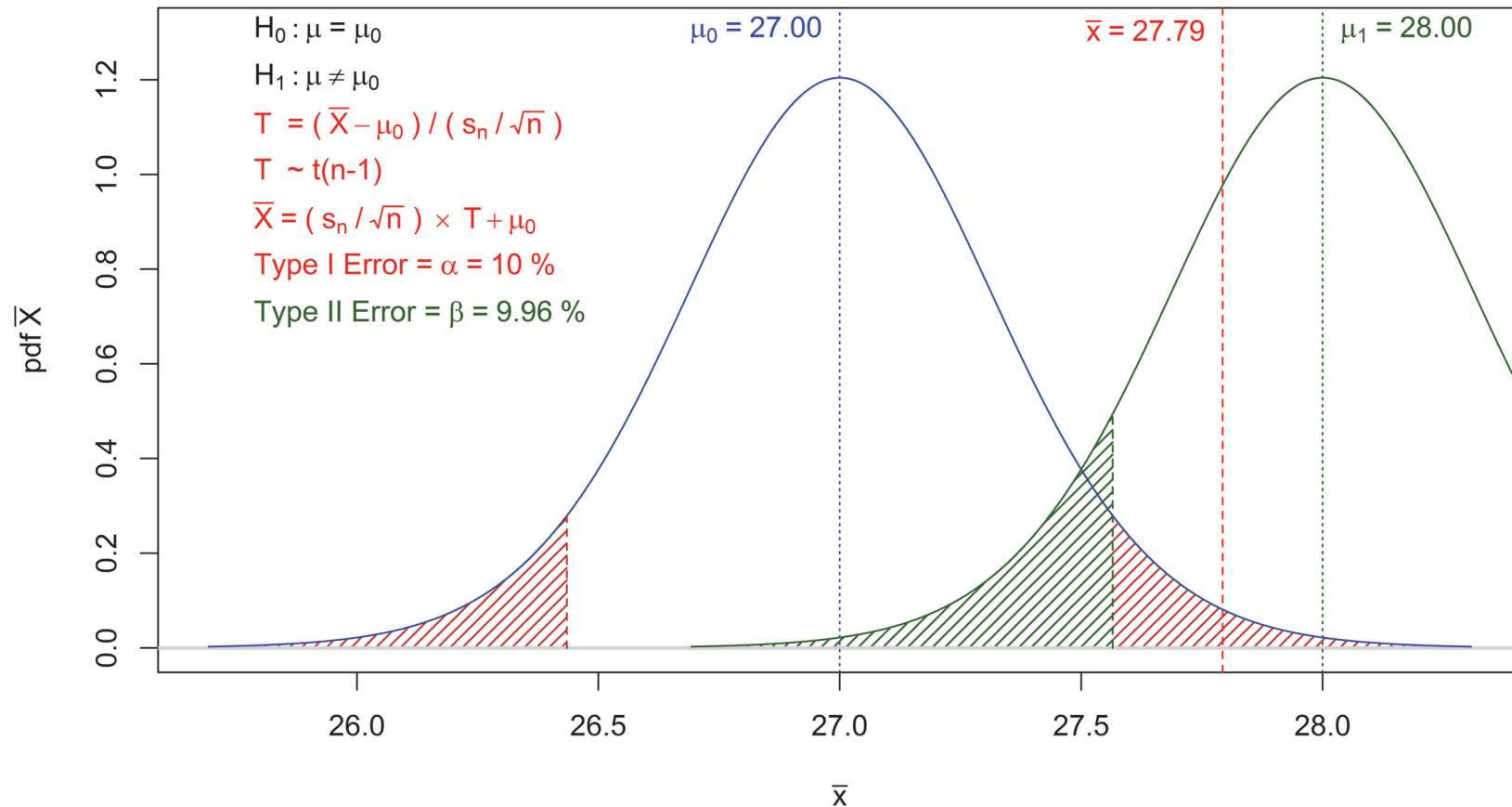
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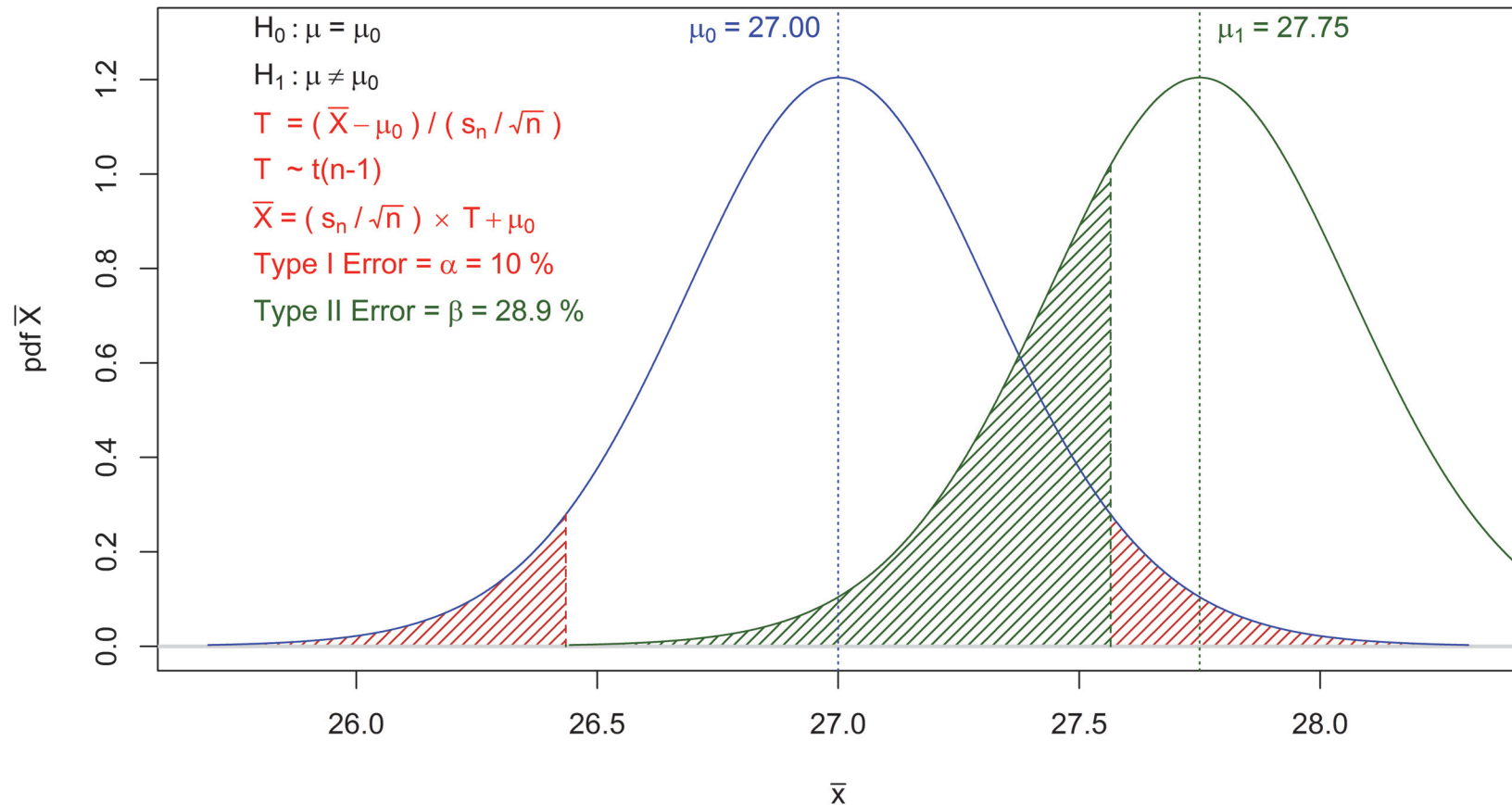
Analysis in file "Voltage_Hypothesis_4.R"

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



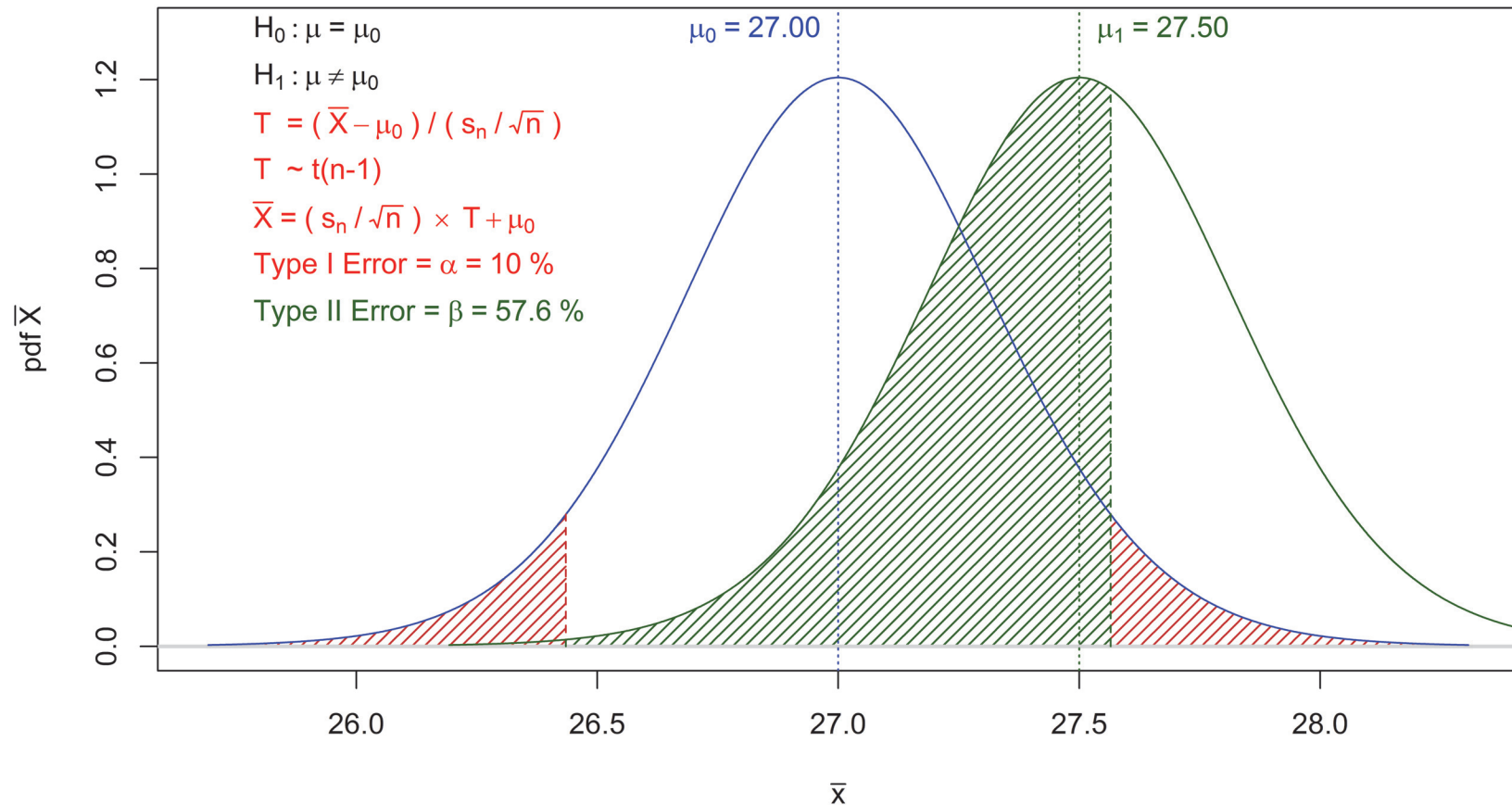
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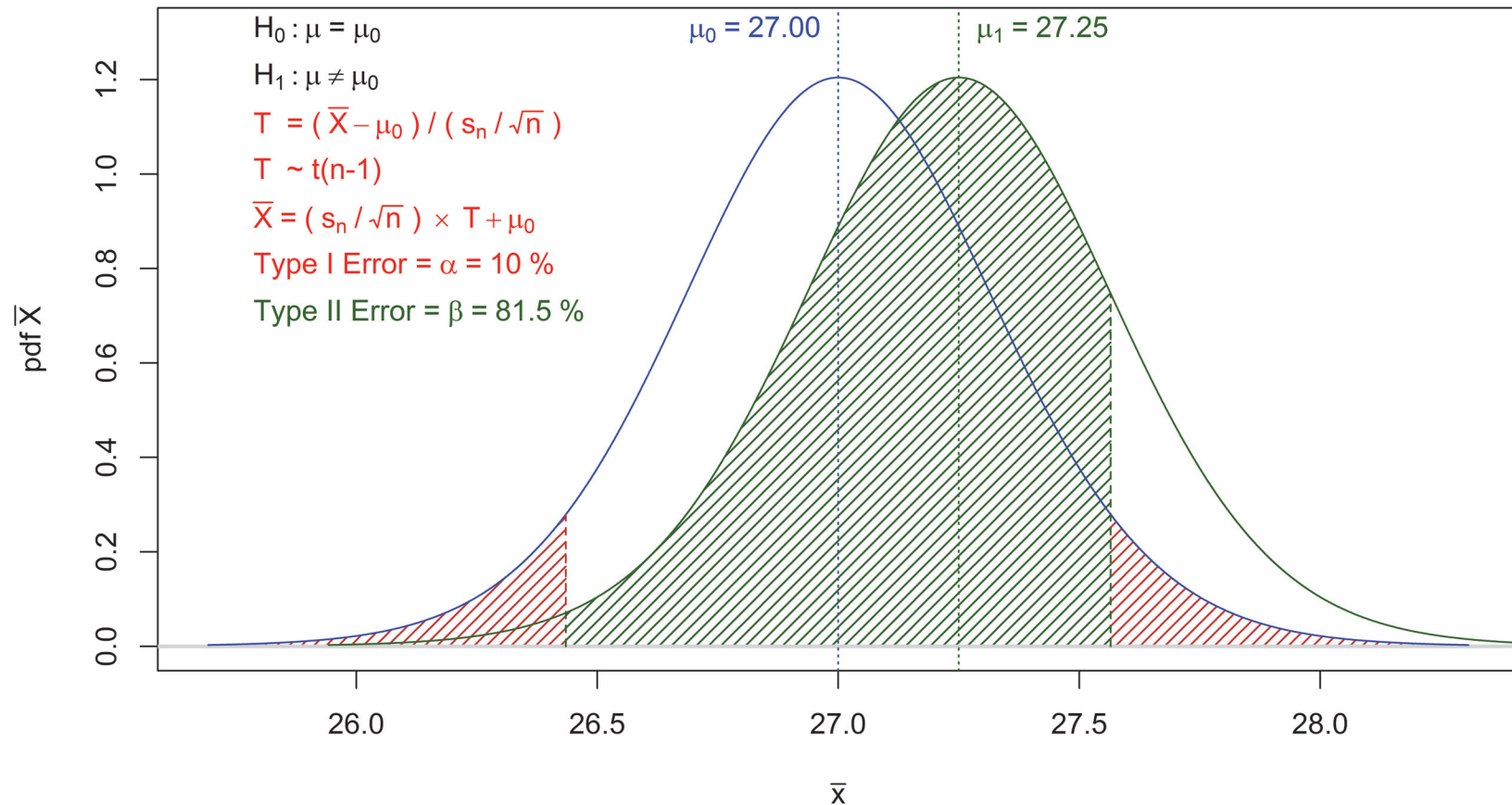
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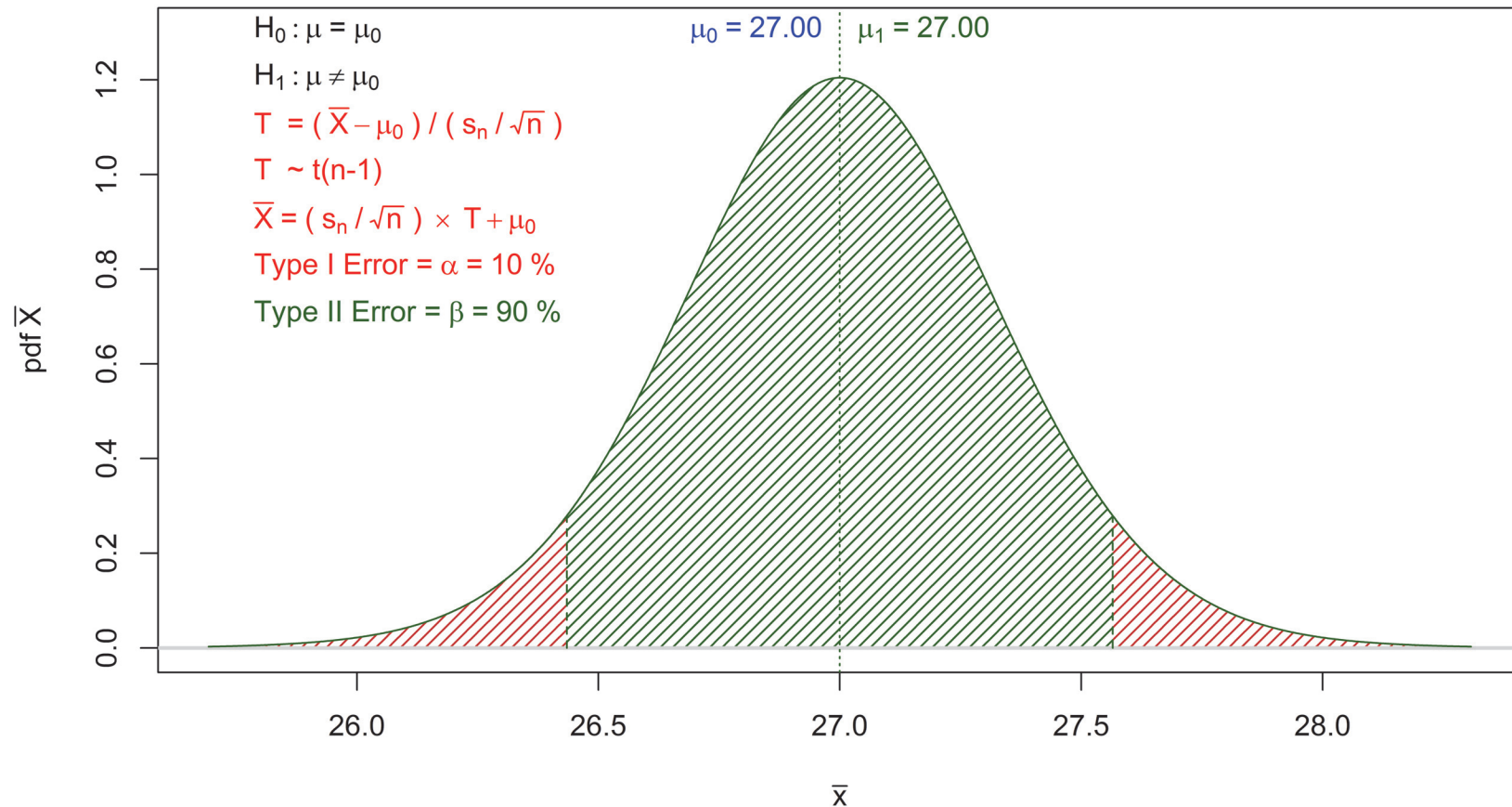
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Definition: Type 2 error $\beta = Pr(\text{fail to reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false})$

- The value of β 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 | \mathbf{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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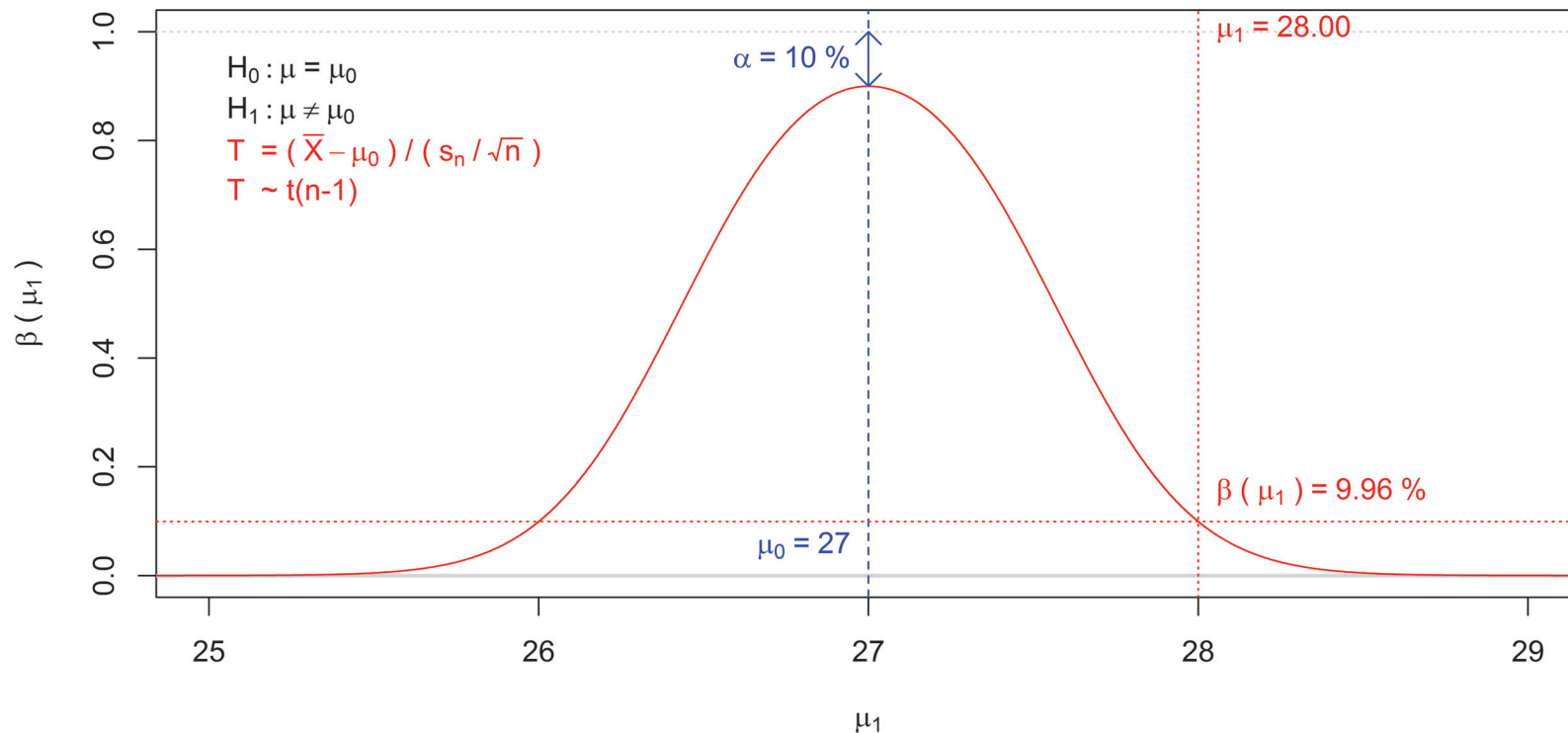
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$t_{19,0.05} = -1.73$, $t_{19,0.95} = 1.73$ to estimate Type II Error $\hat{\beta}(\mu_1)$:

$$\hat{\beta}(\mu_1) = Pr\left(t_{n-1,0.05} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{s/\sqrt{n}} \leq T \leq t_{n-1,0.95} + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right), \text{ where } T \sim T(19)$$

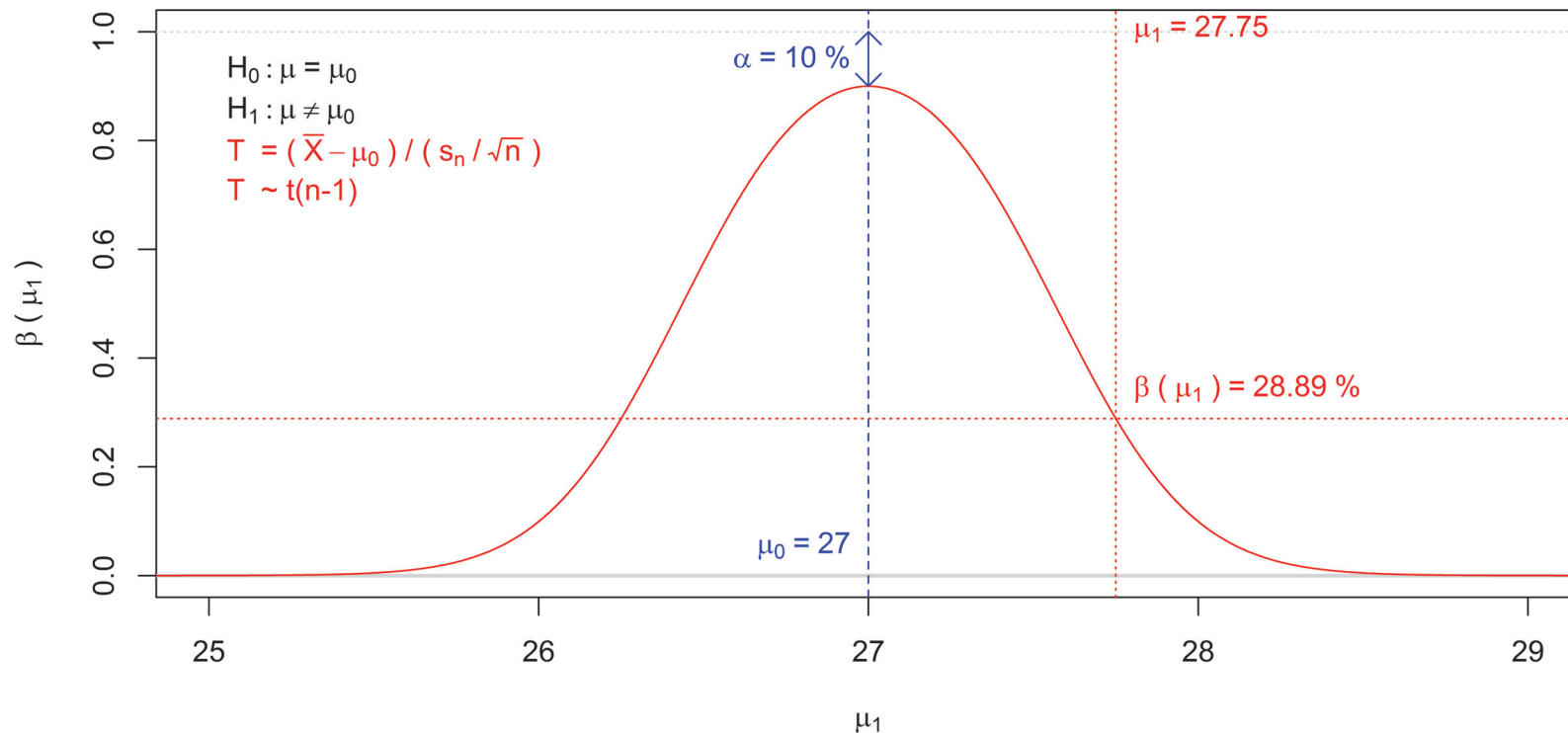


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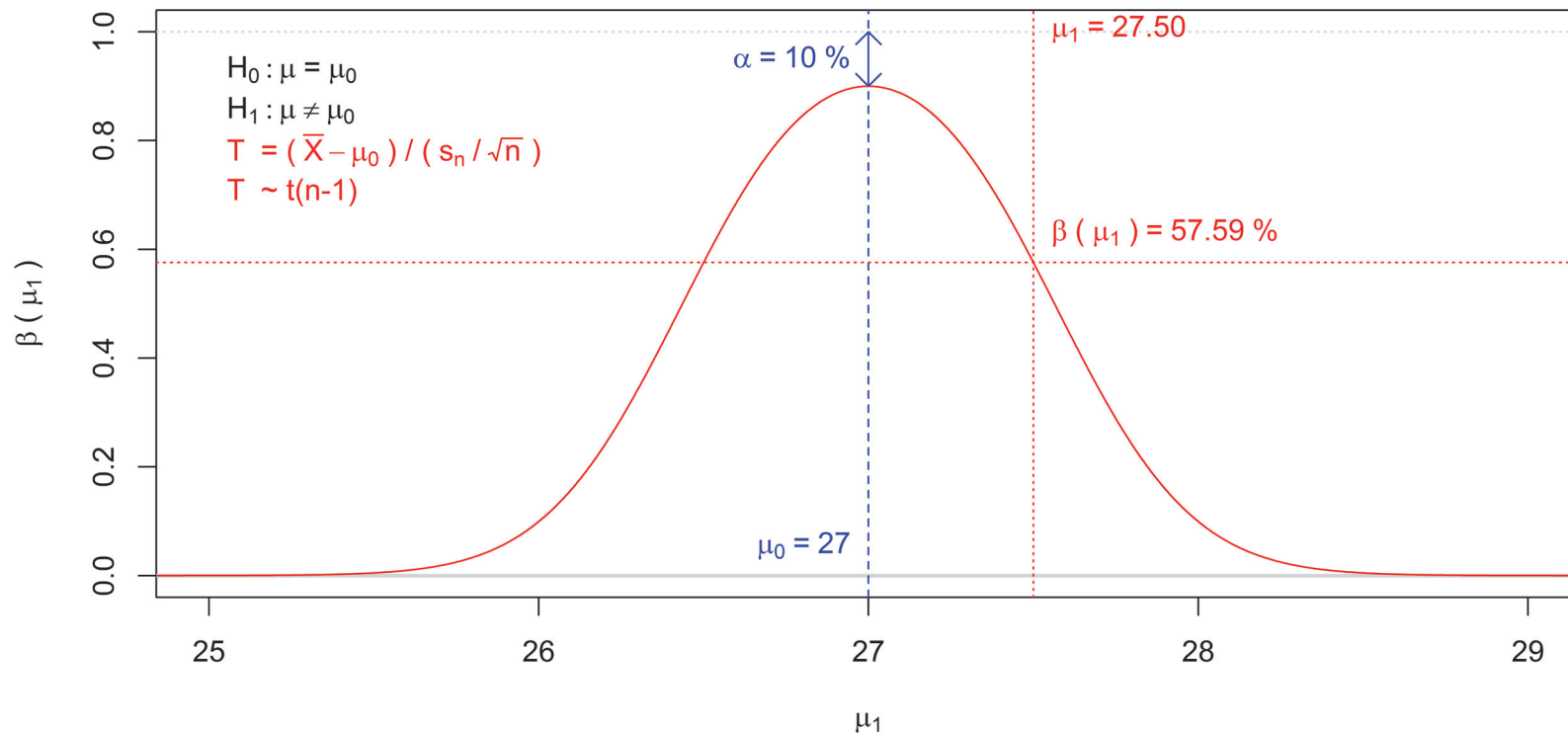


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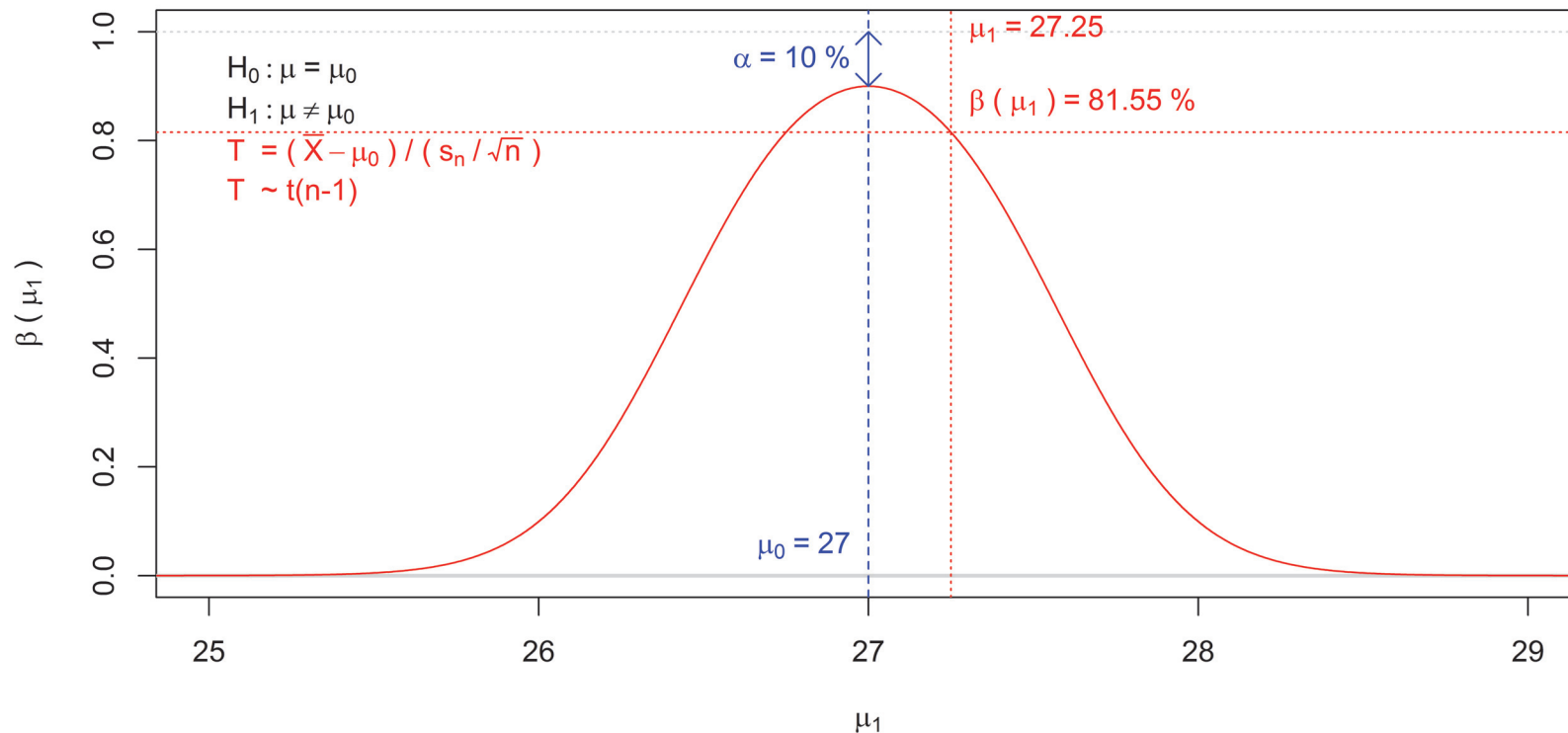


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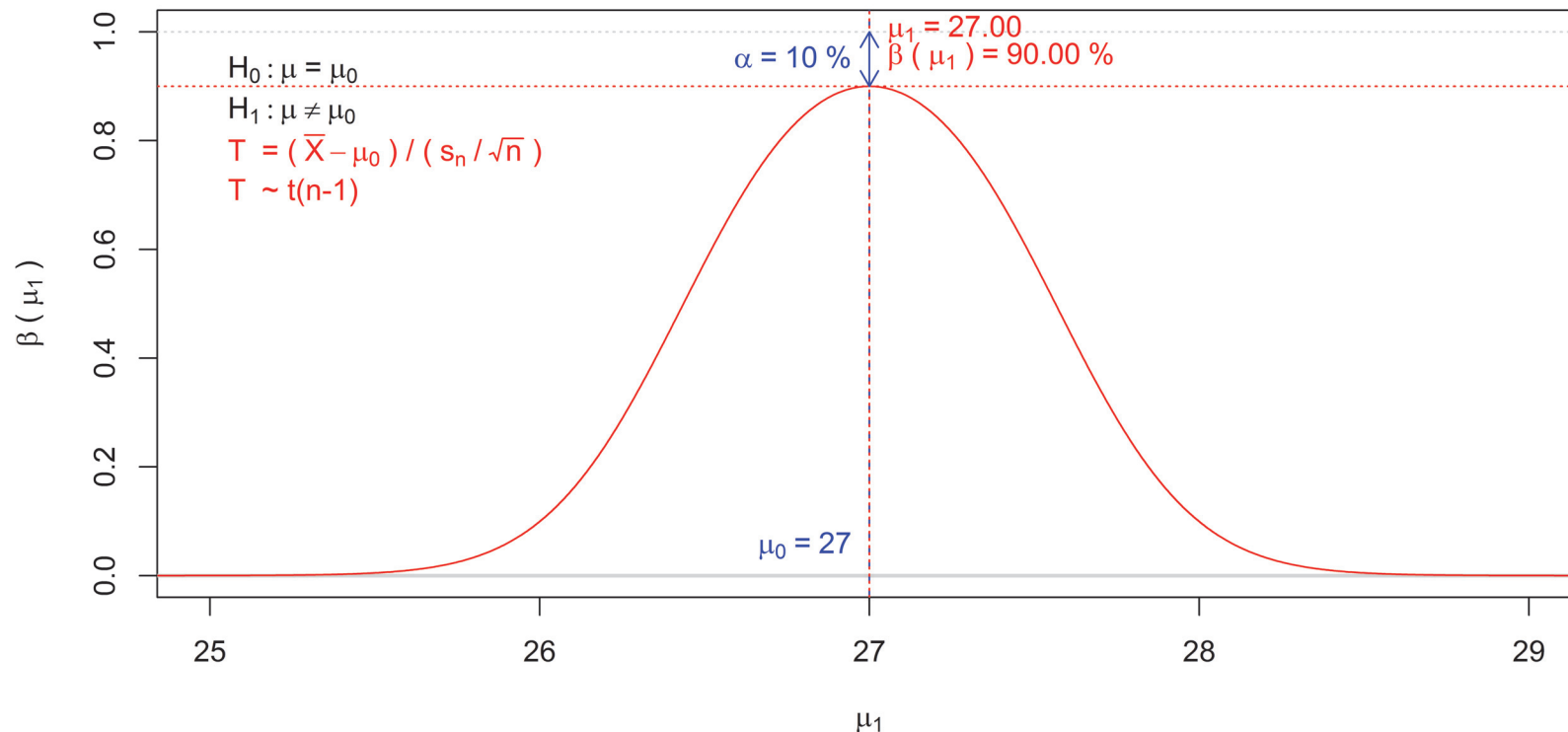


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Now, only high values of \bar{x} are an indication of **support for the alternative hypothesis H_1** . **High values of \bar{x} go together with high values of**

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

- **How high should \bar{x} (or t_0) be before we reject the null hypothesis?** This is determined by the significance level α 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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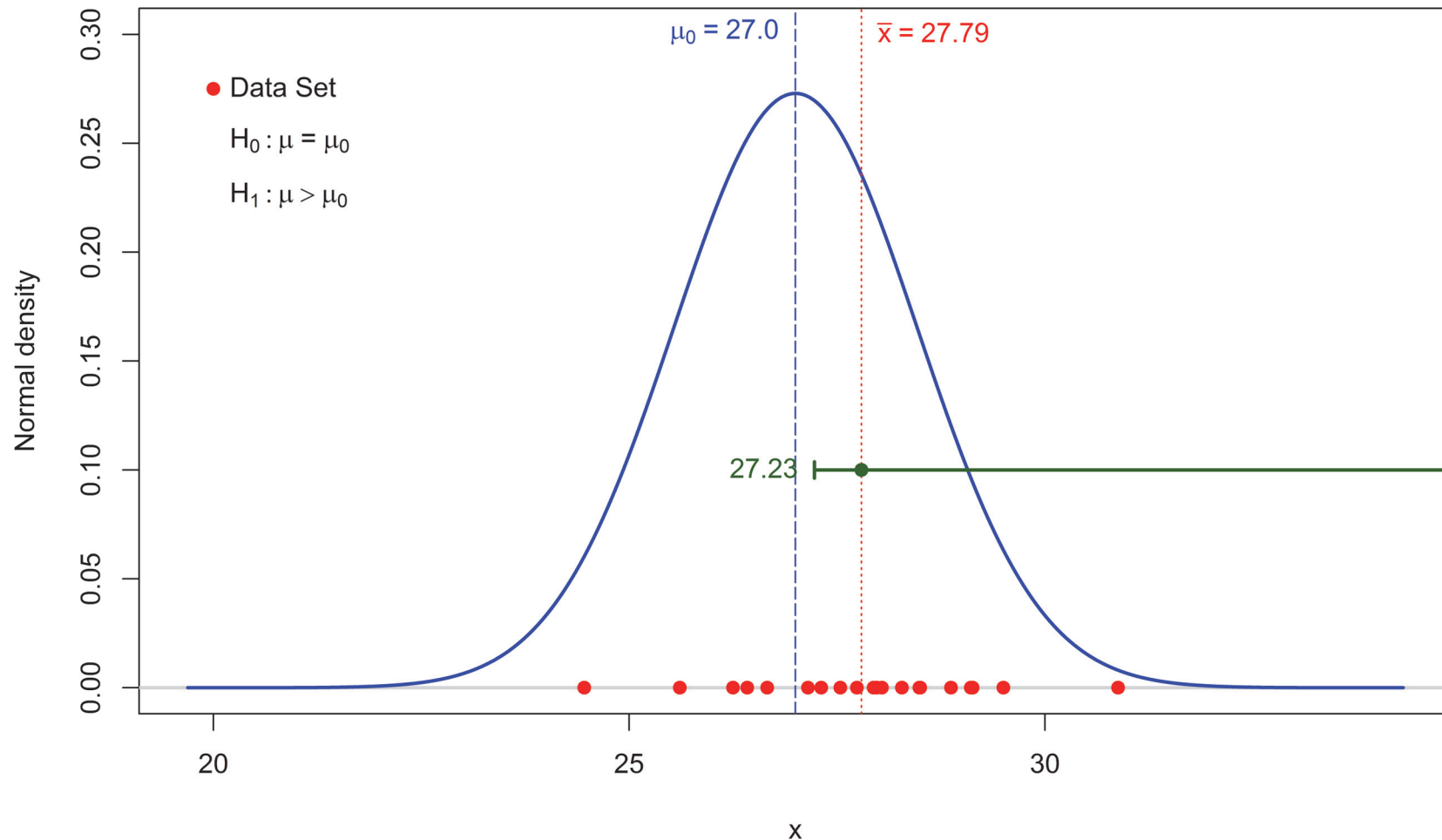
- Why?:**

$$\frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \geq t_{n-1,0.95} \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} - \mu_0 \geq t_{n-1,0.95} \times s/\sqrt{n} \Leftrightarrow$$

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

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

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

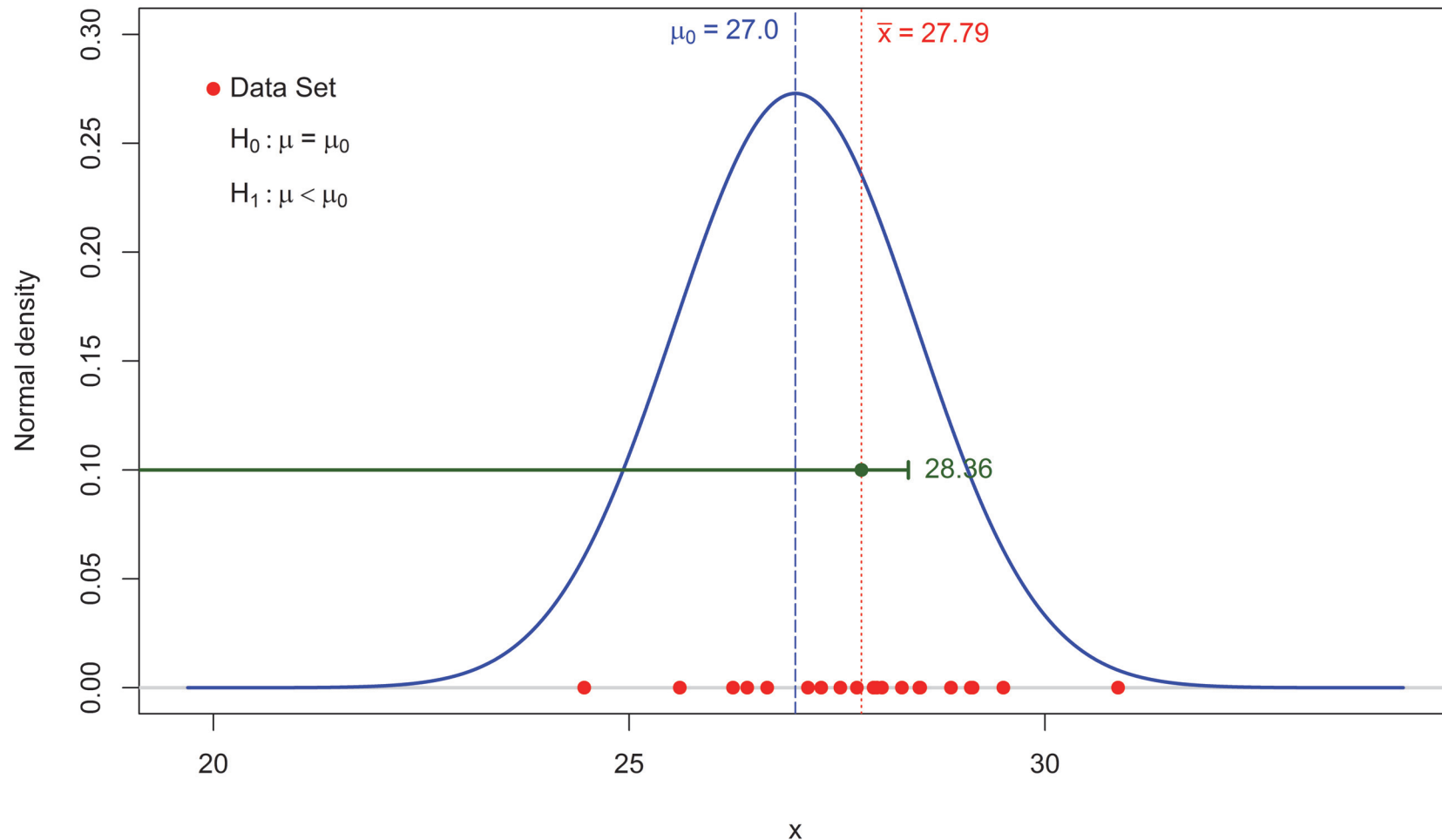
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which is equivalent to:

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

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

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Given a dataset x_1, \dots, x_n and n **numerical coefficients** μ_1, \dots, μ_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** μ_1, \dots, μ_n given datasets $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ 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 μ_i needs to be formulated** and **their estimates follow from the datasets** $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ 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 μ and variance σ^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 σ^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 χ_{n-1}^2 **Estimator Distribution** one may analogously (as we did for the mean μ) **develop hypothesis tests** of the form:

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

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

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

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

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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 , χ^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**.