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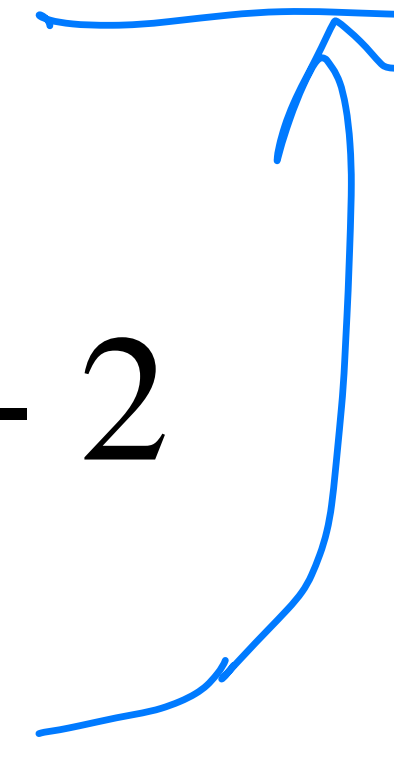
one-sided: $\theta > 3.2$

two-sided: $\theta < -1.5$ or $\theta > 2$

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Complement of H_0

Novel finding after research

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Assume H_0 is True. Let x be the highest number.

Obtain new number $y = x + 1$.

Impossible event: x is the largest number, but y is bigger than it!

H_0 must be false.



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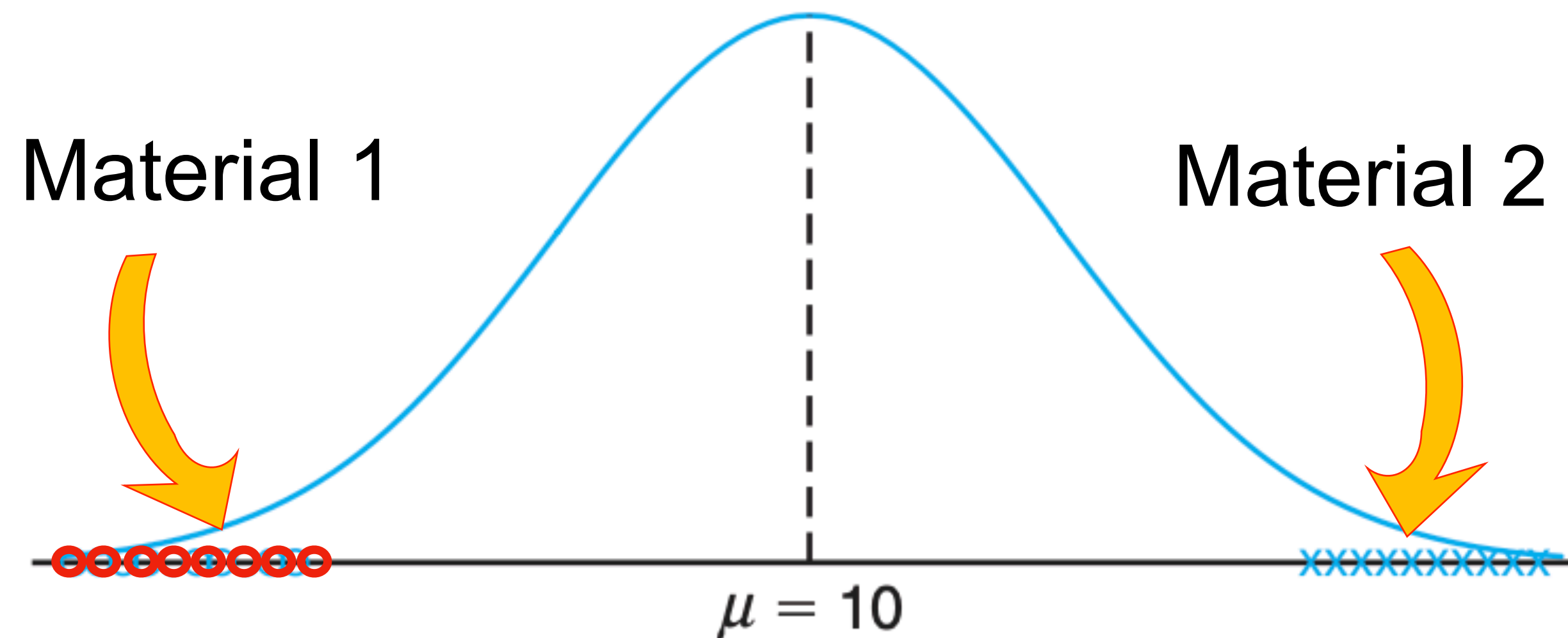
If the procedure doesn't work we don't reject H_0 (doesn't mean we accept it!).

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Example: Amounts of corrosion using 2 different materials.

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$



Probability of obtaining these data is near 0, if H_0 is True.

We can reject H_0 (and accept the alternative hypothesis that the two means are different).

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→ let's first go over these.

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The result from actual data that we base our decision on. Denoted with X .

Critical Region:

Set of outcomes that are extreme (near impossible) when H_0 is true.

Leads to rejection of H_0 .

Critical Value:

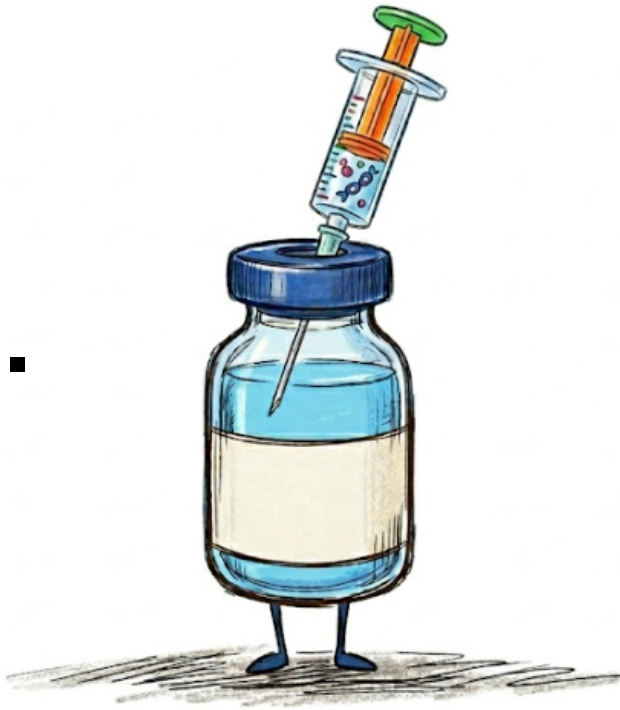
Boundary line of the critical region.

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x values indicate possible numbers of vaccine successes in any sample data.

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If H_0 were true we'd expect around at most 5 or so many successes.

If we observe a number considerably larger, say > 8 we can reject H_0 .

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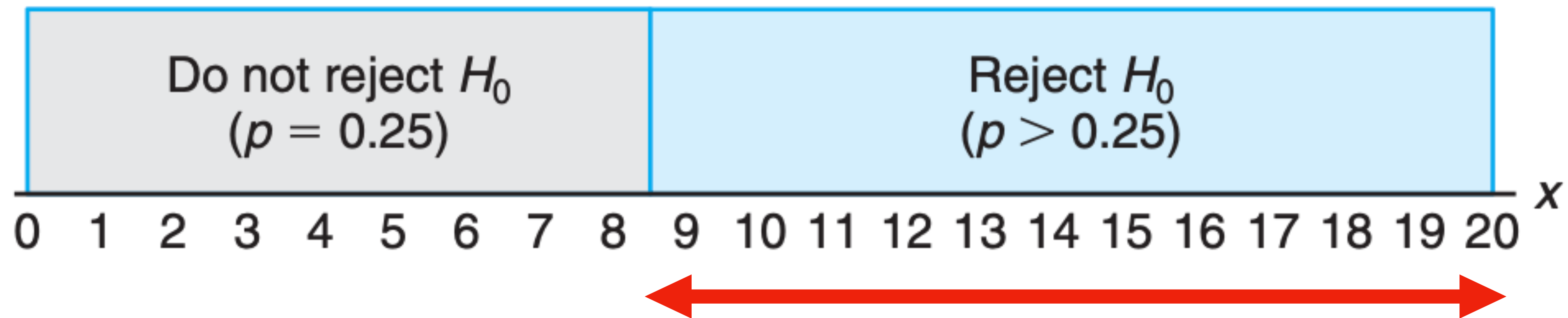
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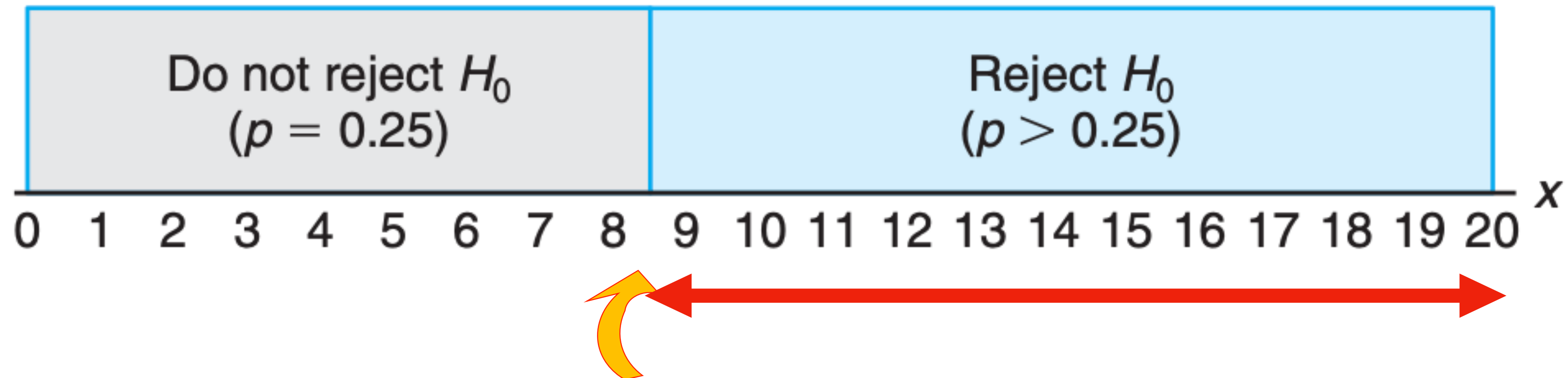
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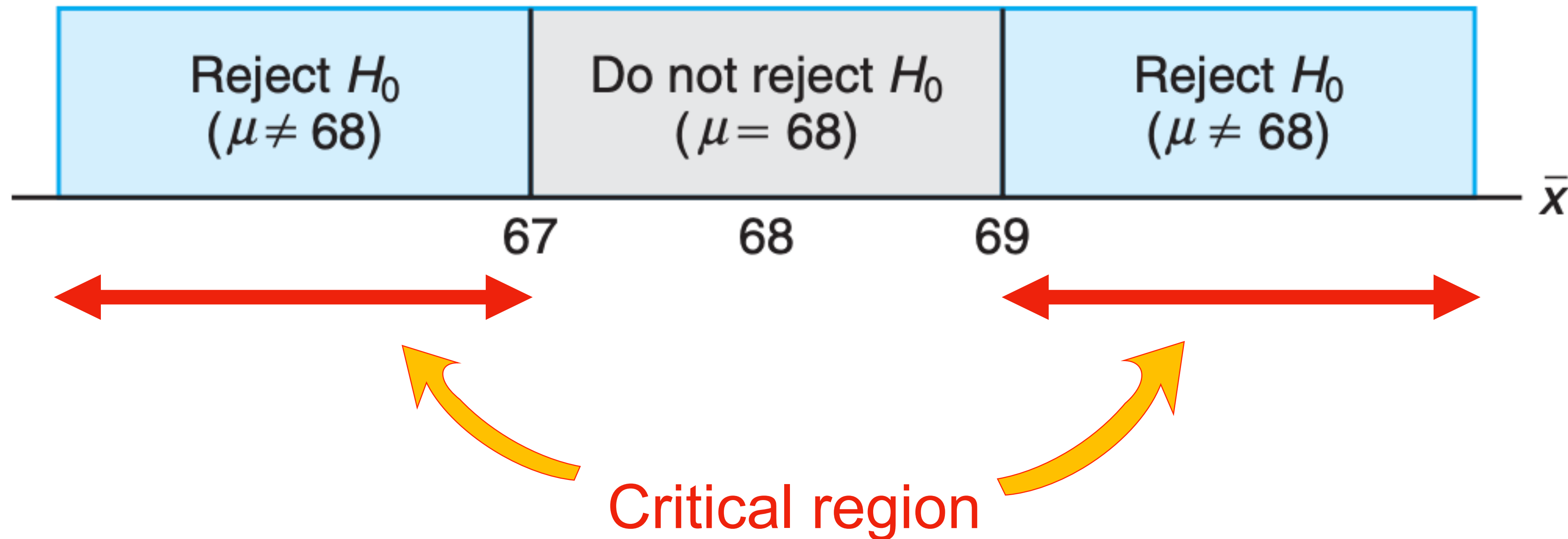
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Rejection of the null hypothesis when it is true is called a **type I error**.

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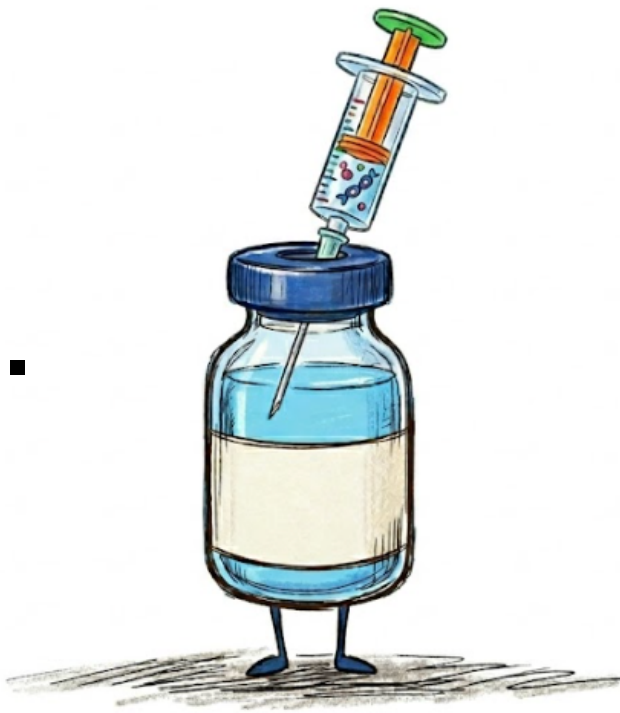
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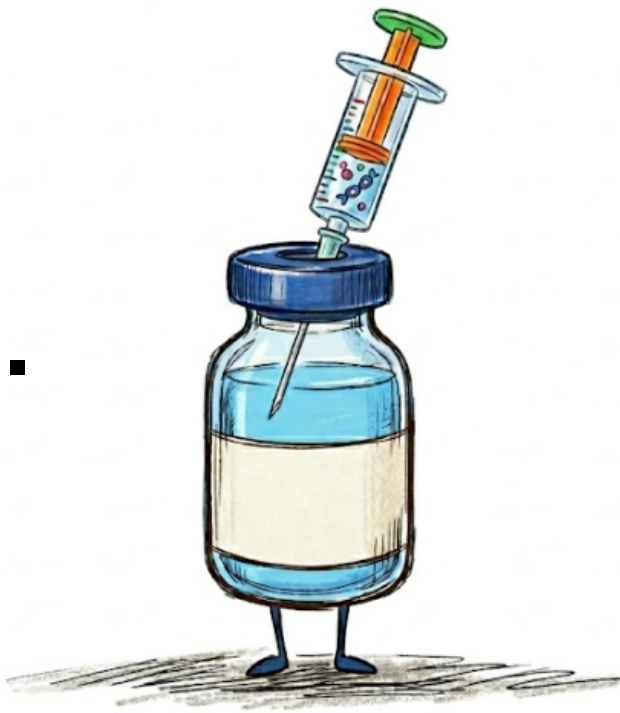
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