

# How to Present Conclusions?

Two ways of presenting conclusions in hypothesis testing:

Fixed significance level

vs

P-value

Relevant concepts

Test statistic

Critical region/value

Significance level (Size of the test)

Type I error, Type II error

Power of the test

We covered the relevant concepts, but skipped a detail.

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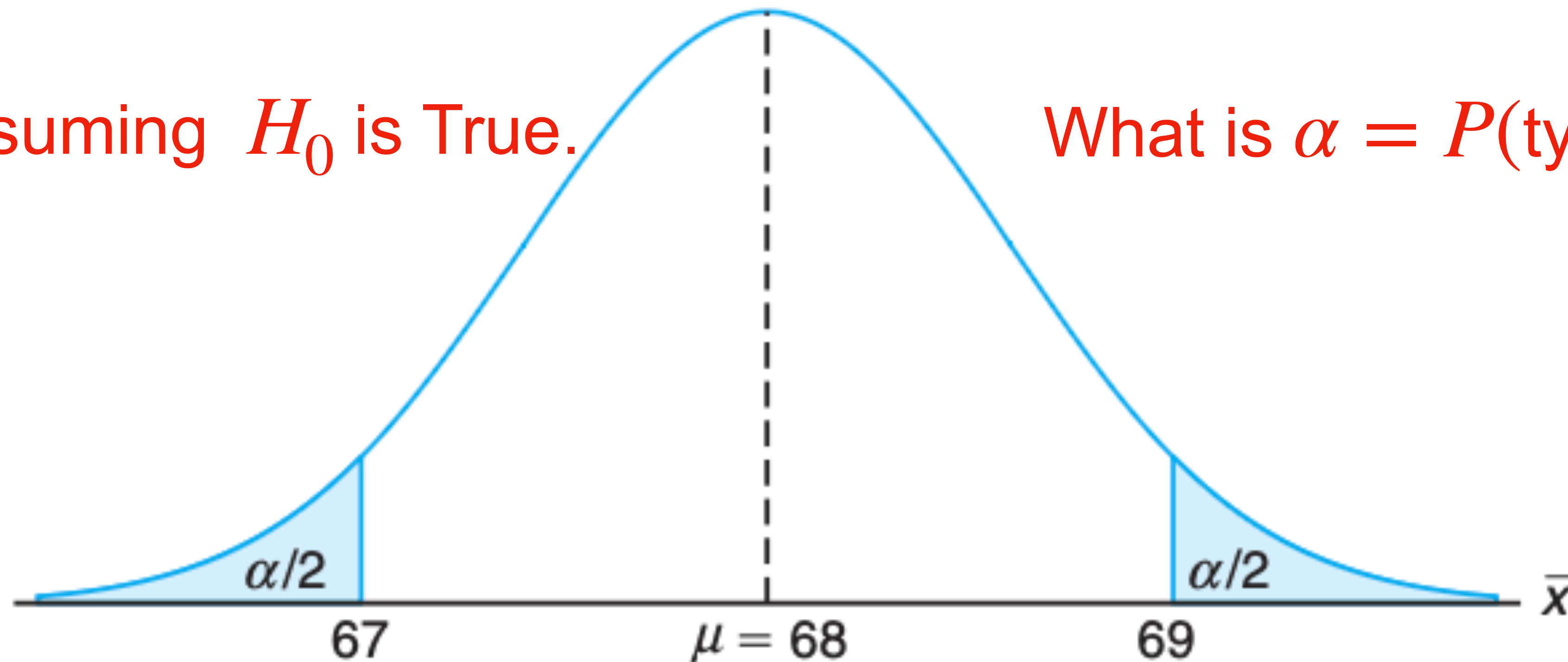
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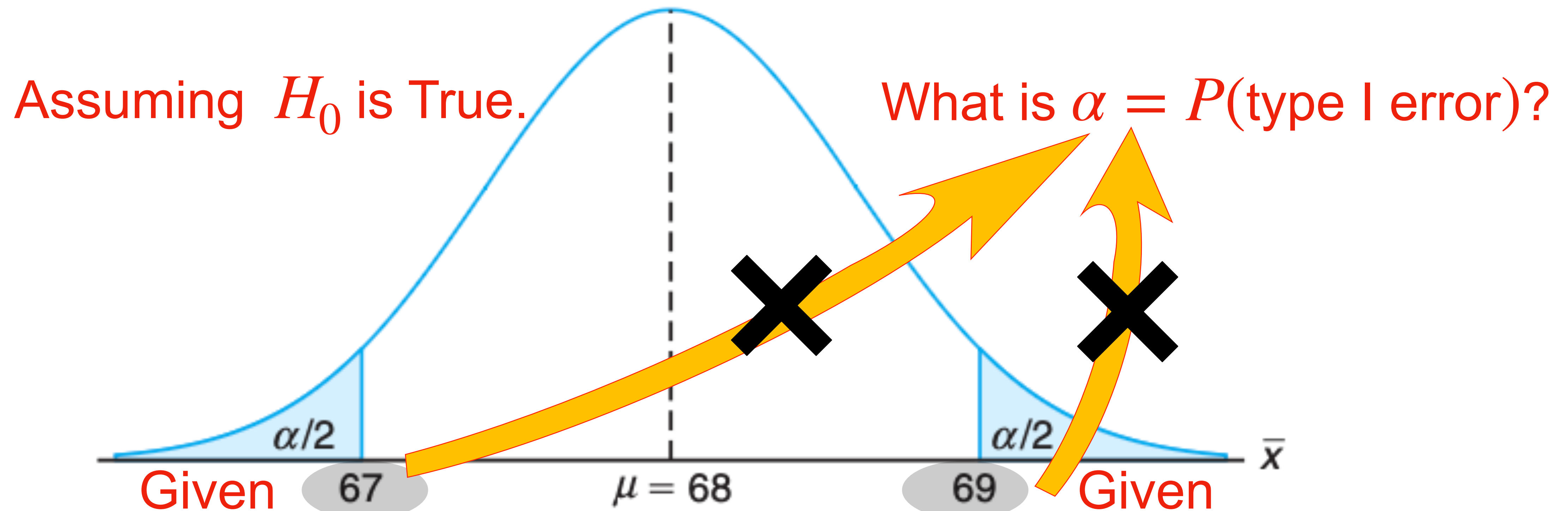
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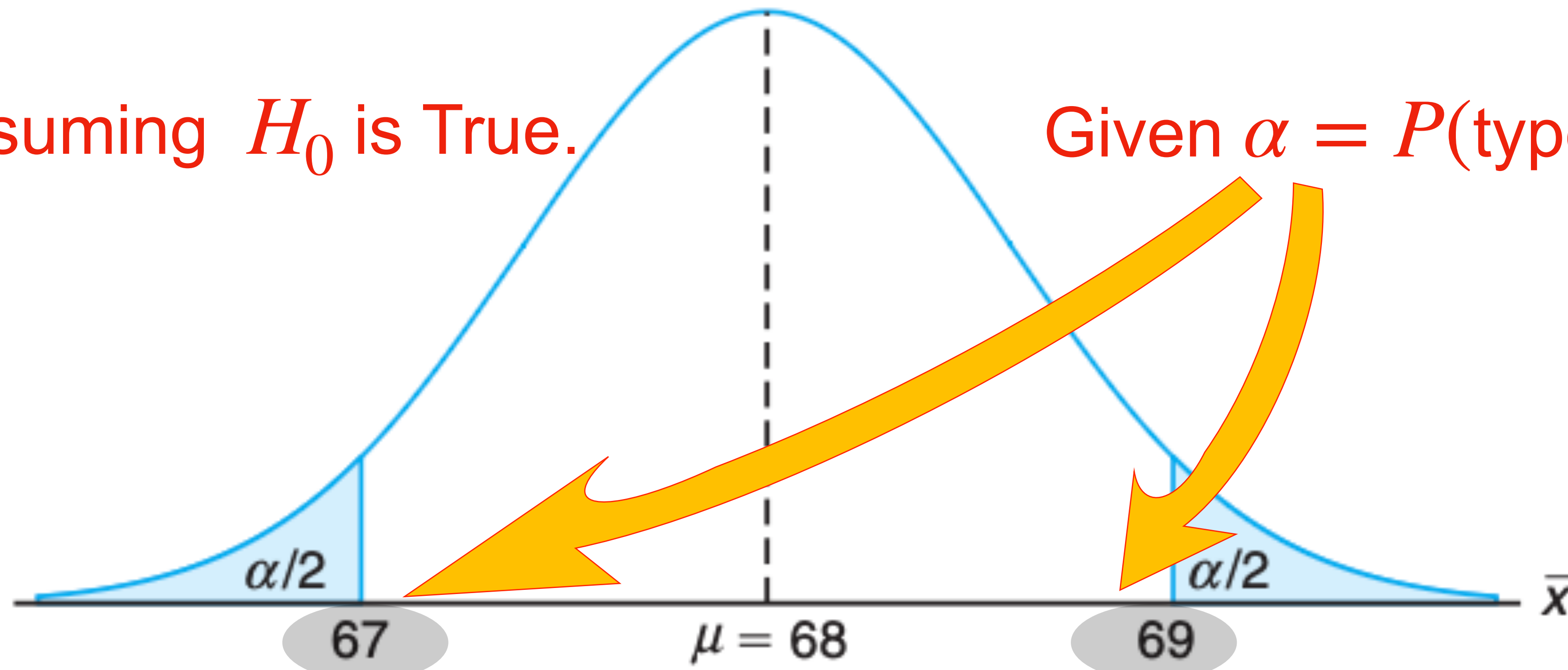
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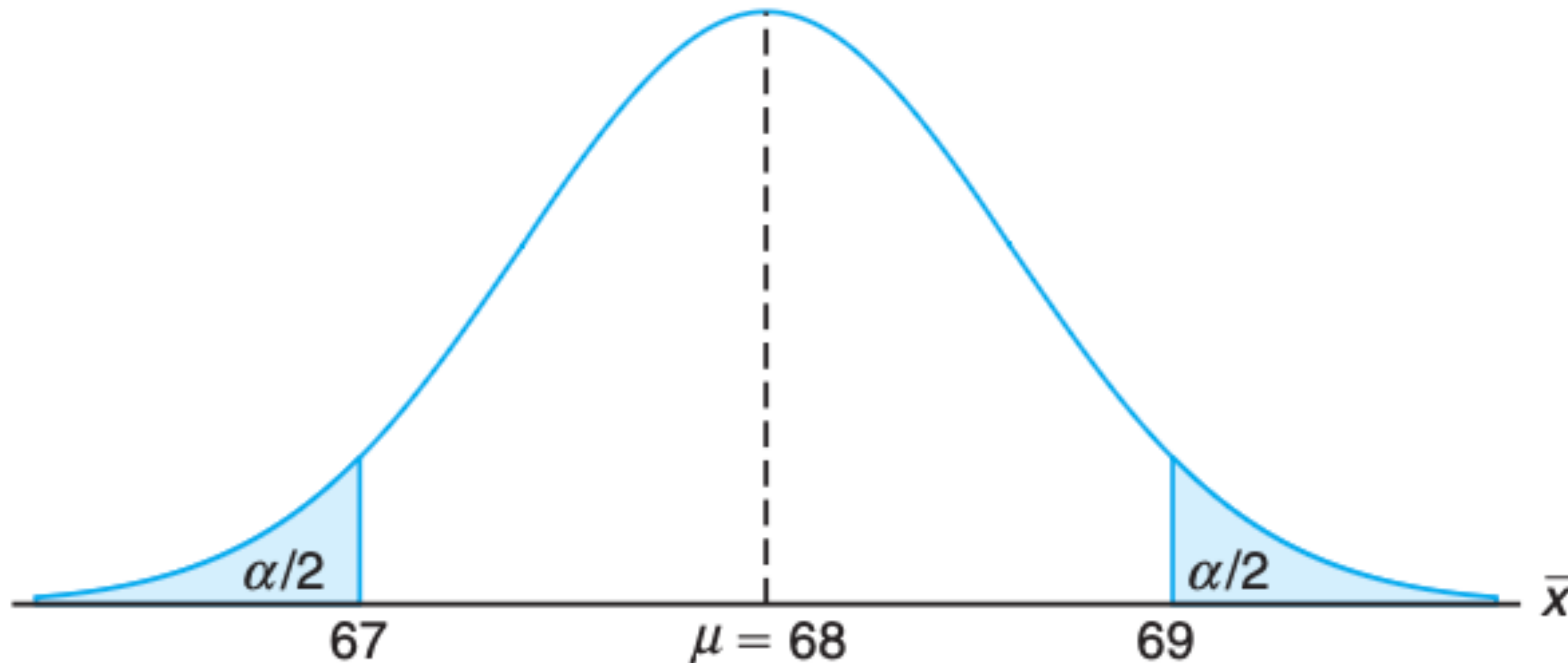
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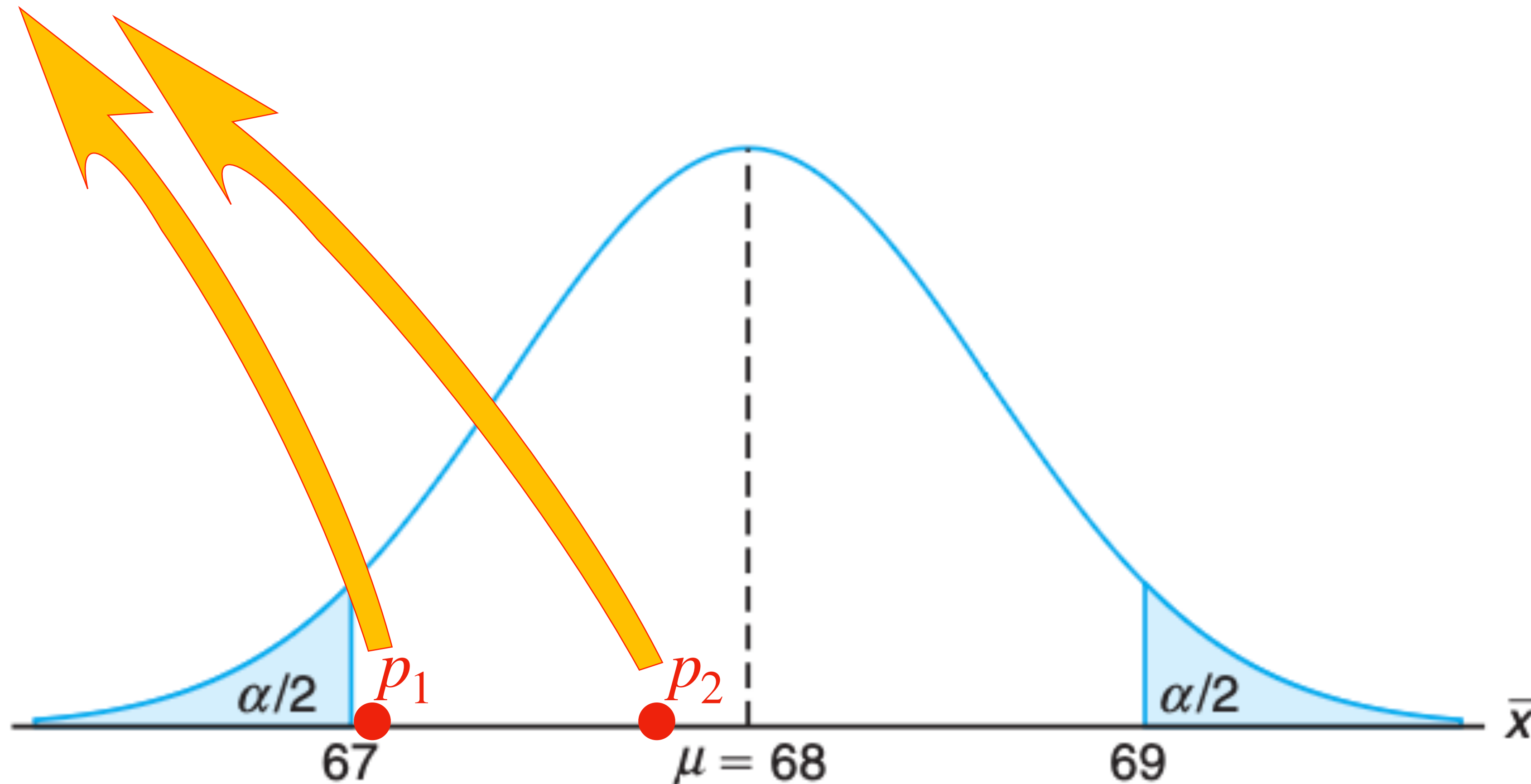


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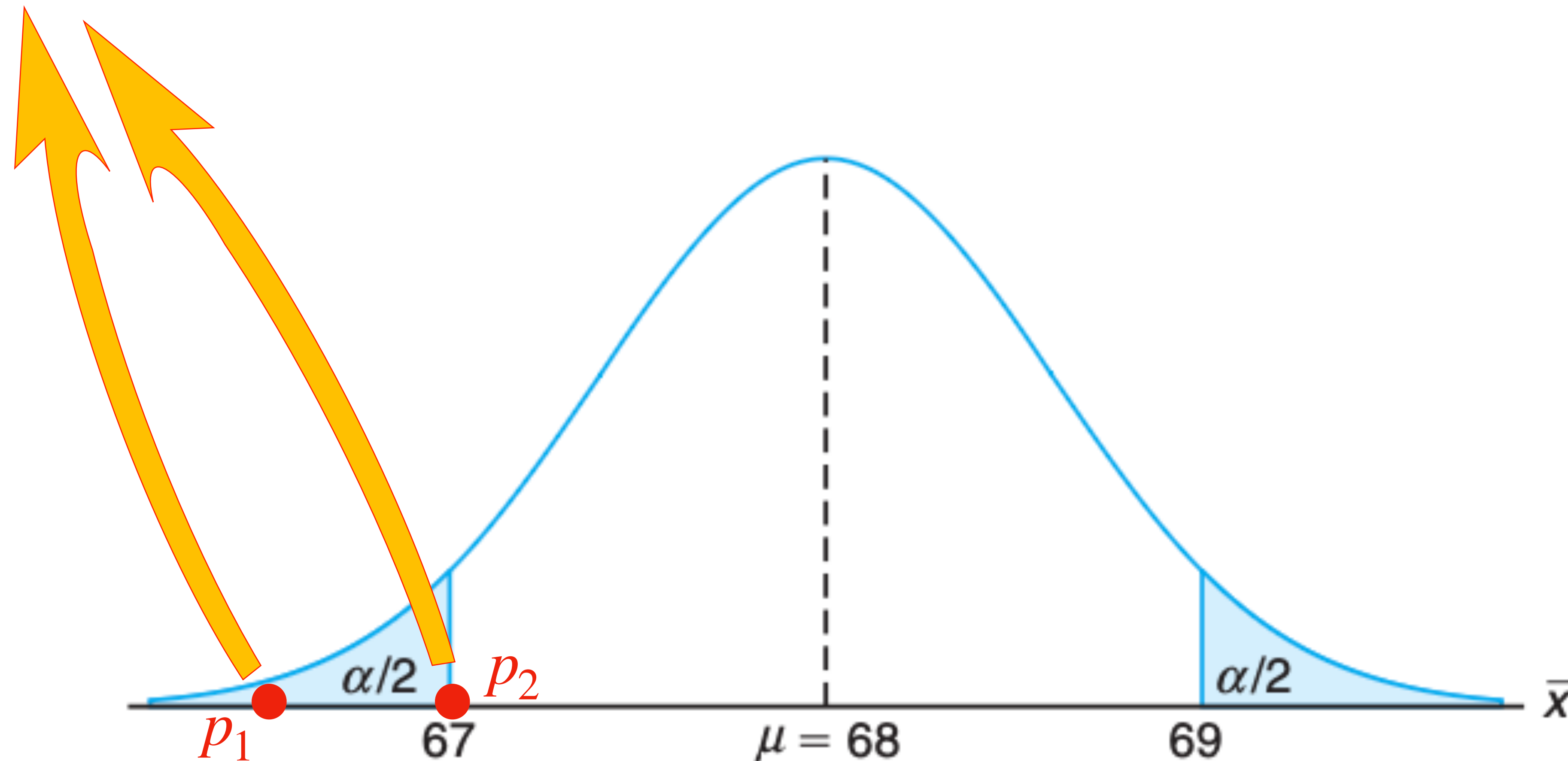


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# P-value

Reporting the P-value takes care of this:

Probability of observing data at least as extreme as observed test statistic.

(Assuming  $H_0$  is true.)

A ***P*-value** is the lowest level (of significance) at which the observed value of the test statistic is significant.

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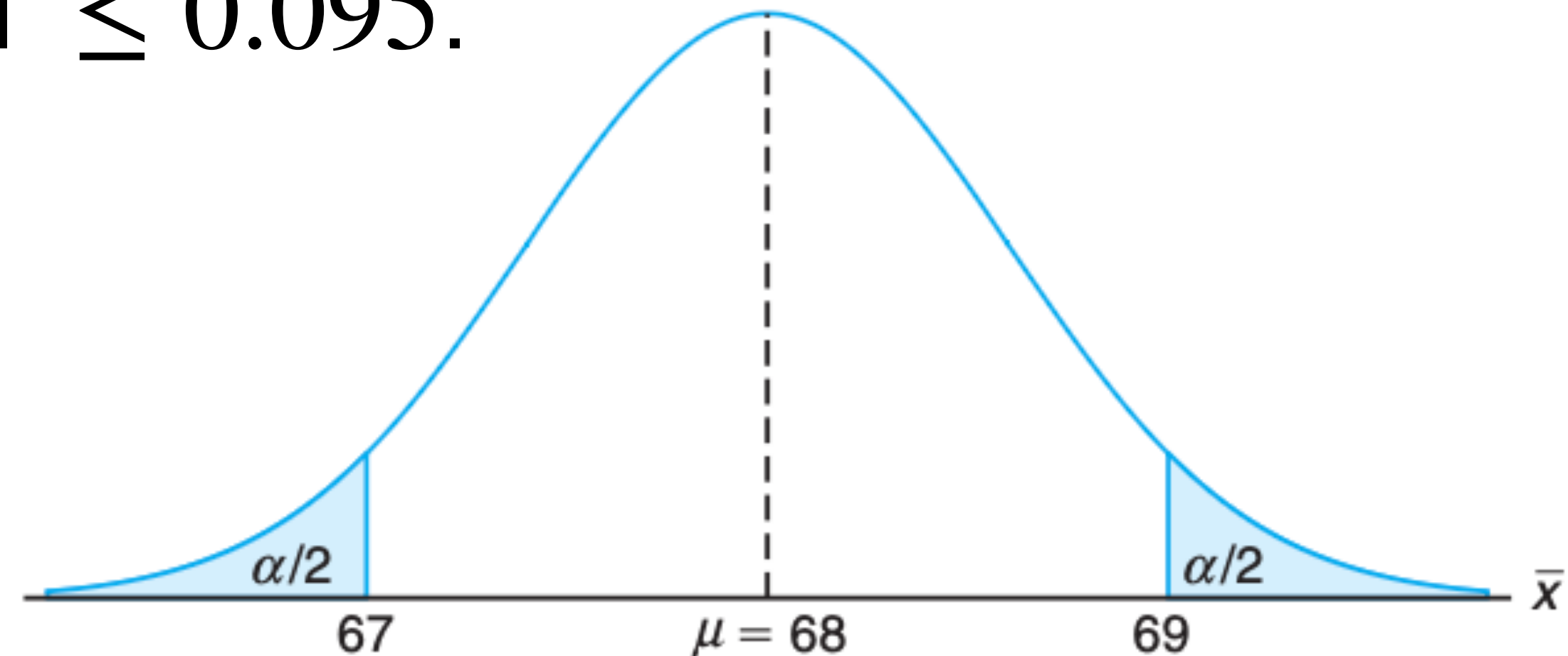
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“At  $\alpha = 0.1$  we reject  $H_0$ .”

“At  $\alpha = 0.05$  we fail to reject  $H_0$ .”



# Procedure for Hypothesis Testing

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## Approach to Hypothesis Testing with Fixed Probability of Type I Error

1. State the null and alternative hypotheses.
  2. Choose a fixed significance level  $\alpha$ .
  3. Choose an appropriate test statistic and establish the critical region based on  $\alpha$ .
  4. Reject  $H_0$  if the computed test statistic is in the critical region. Otherwise, do not reject.
  5. Draw scientific or engineering conclusions.
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## Significance Testing ( $P$ -Value Approach)

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  4. Use judgment based on the  $P$ -value and knowledge of the scientific system.
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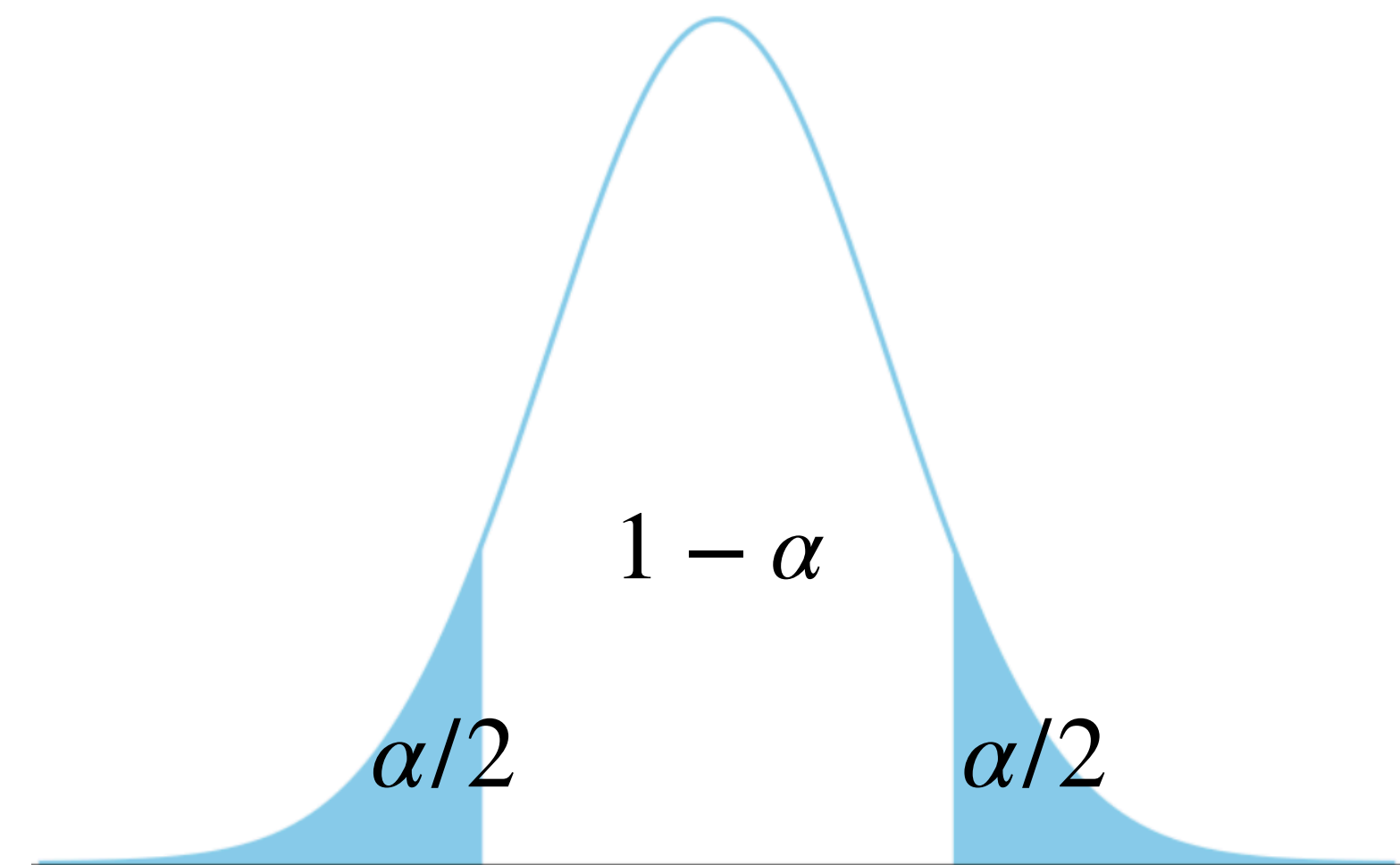
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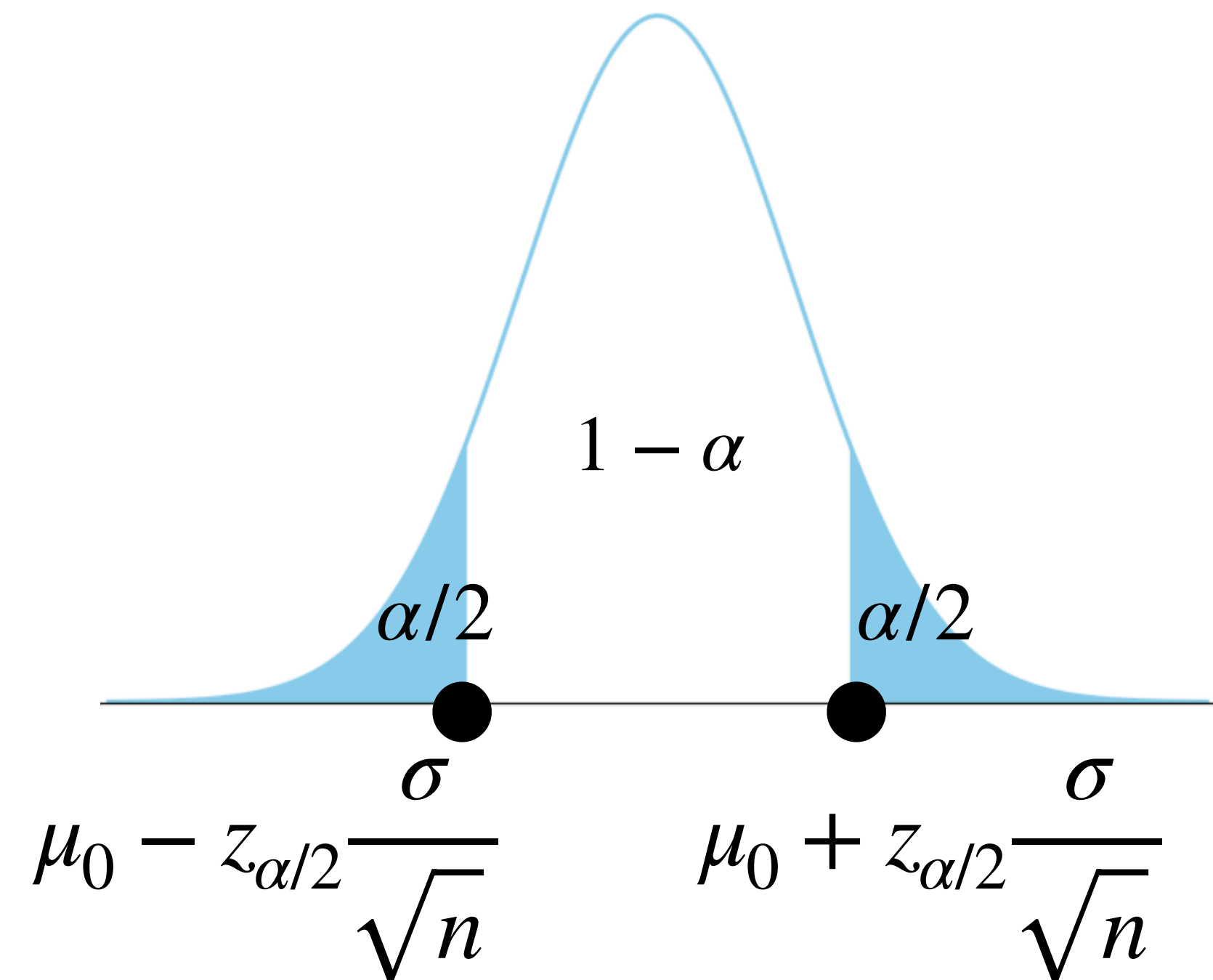
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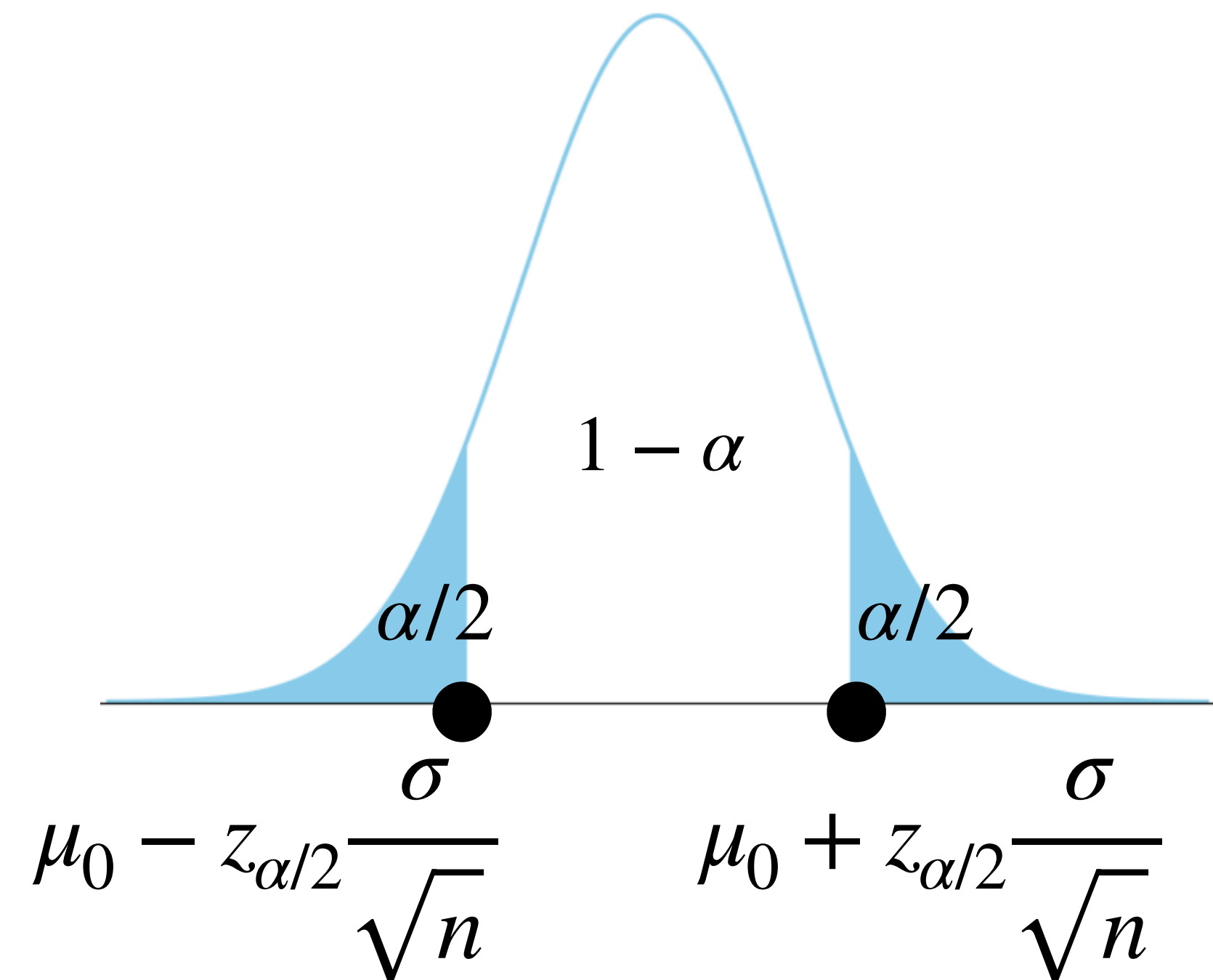
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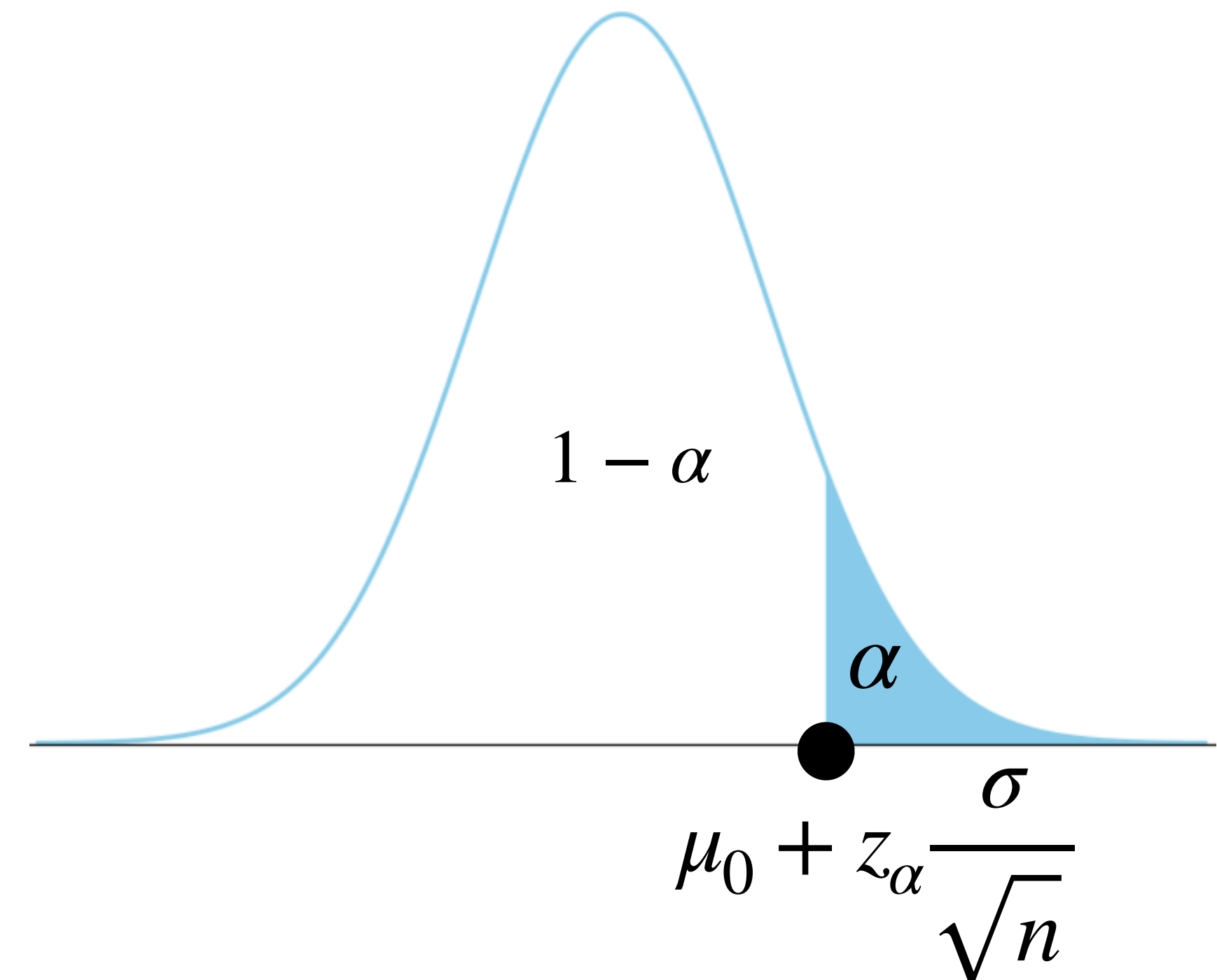
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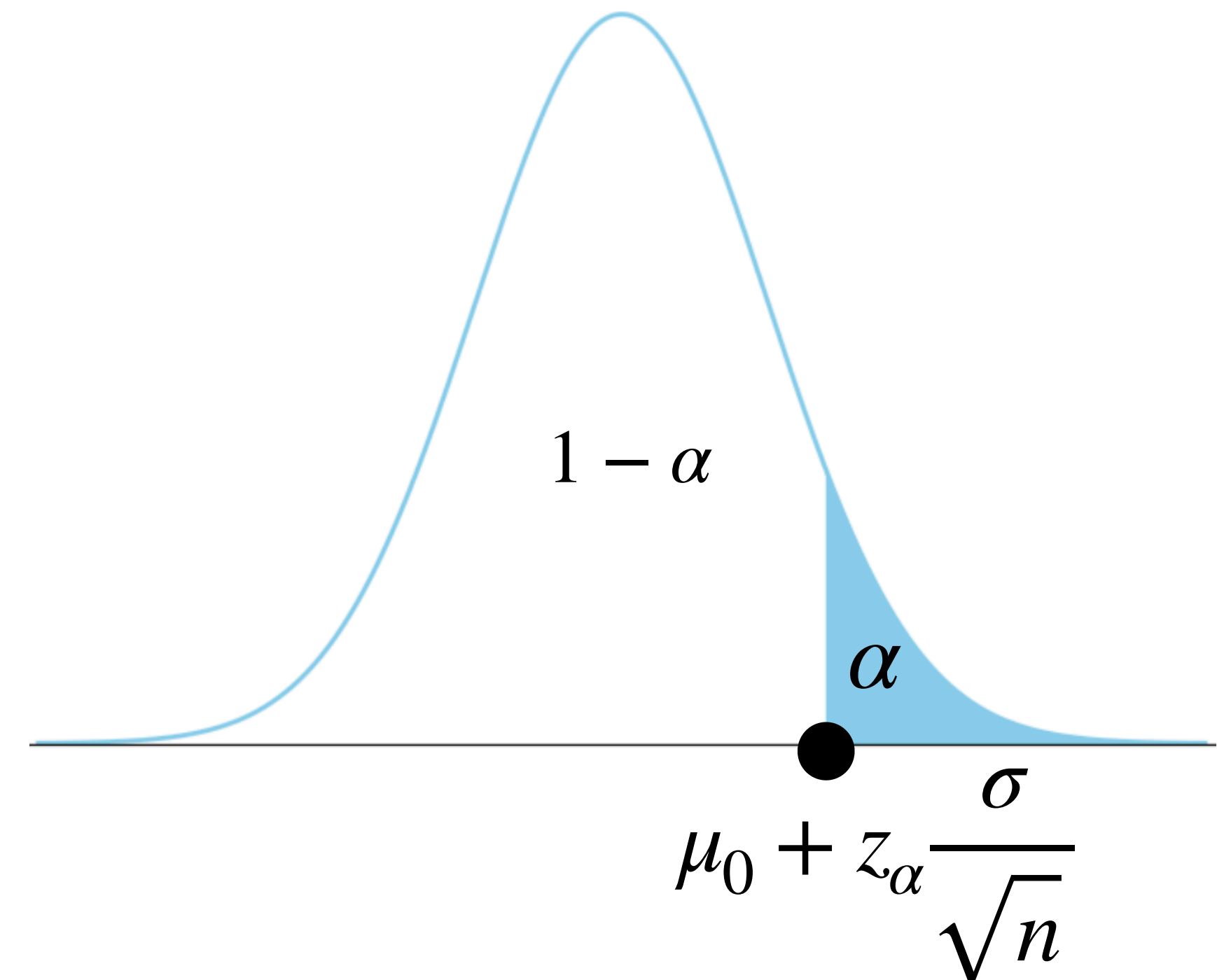
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can be done similarly.

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3.  $\alpha = 0.05$ .
4. Critical region:  $z > 1.645$ , where  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$ .
5. Computations:  $\bar{x} = 71.8$  years,  $\sigma = 8.9$  years, and hence  $z = \frac{71.8 - 70}{8.9 / \sqrt{100}} = 2.02$ .
6. Decision: Reject  $H_0$  and conclude that the mean life span today is greater than 70 years.

With P-value reporting:  $P = P(Z > 2.02) = 0.0217$ .

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The  $t$ -Statistic  
for a Test on a  
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(Variance  
Unknown)

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Unknown but Equal Variances Case: Consider the two-sided test.

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## Two-Sample Pooled $t$ -Test

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exceeds  $t_{\alpha/2, n_1+n_2-2}$  or is less than  $-t_{\alpha/2, n_1+n_2-2}$ .

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# Other Hypothesis Testing Cases

There are many other types of tests we do not cover in detail such as,

Two samples test on means (unknown and unequal variance case)

Two samples test on means (with paired observations)

One sample test concerning variance

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The background we provided here and the conceptual similarity between testing and the confidence intervals should allow you to learn these with independent study, if there is such a need.