

Lecture 18: Chapter 10, Sections 2-3

Inference for Quantitative Variable

Finish CI; Hypothesis Test with t

- t : Other Levels of Confidence; Test vs. CI
- Compare z and t ; t Test with Software
- How Large is “Large” t ?
- t Test with Small n
- What Leads to Rejecting H_0 ; Errors, Multiple Tests
- Relating Confidence Interval and Test Results, Review

Looking Back: *Review*


□ 4 Stages of Statistics

- Data Production (discussed in Lectures 1-3)
- Displaying and Summarizing (Lectures 3-8)
- Probability (discussed in Lectures 9-14)
- Statistical Inference
 - 1 categorical (discussed in Lectures 14-16)
 - 1 quantitative (began L16) : z CI, z test, t CI, t test
 - categorical and quantitative
 - 2 categorical
 - 2 quantitative

t Intervals at Other Levels of Confidence

Confidence Level

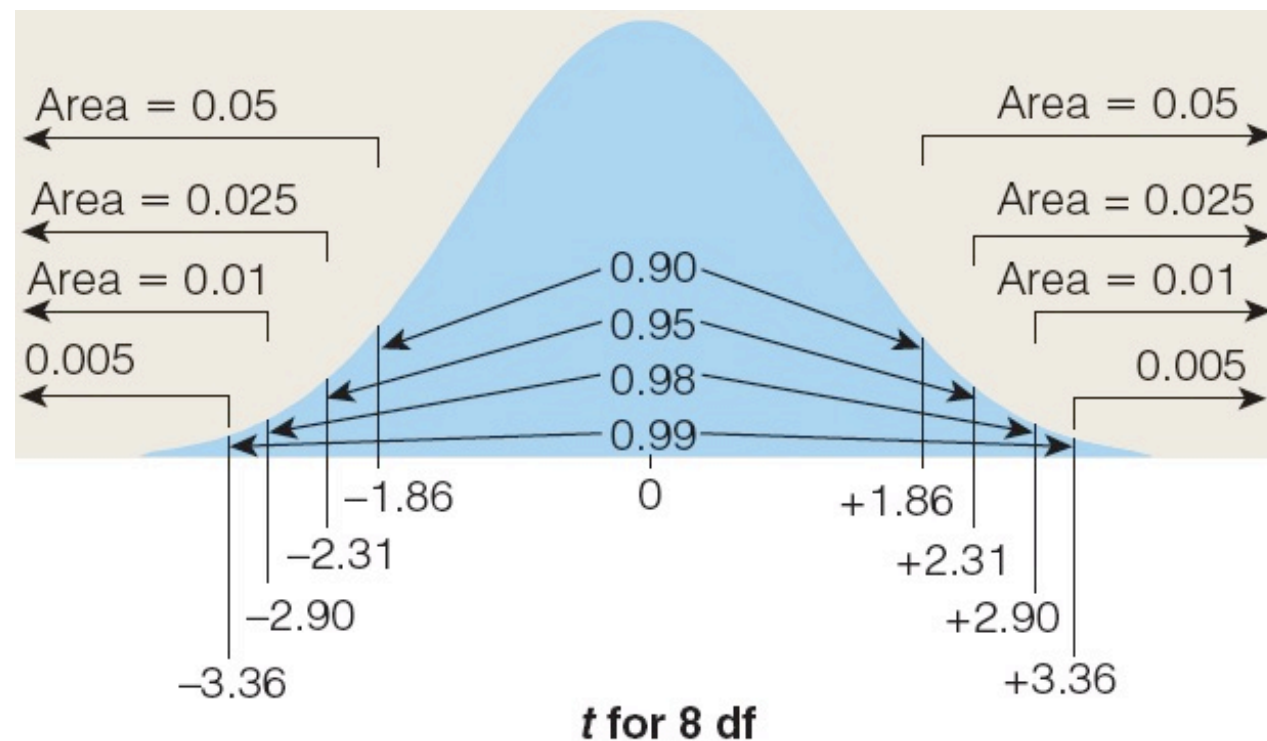
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- Lower confidence \rightarrow smaller t multiplier
- Higher confidence \rightarrow larger t multiplier
- Table excerpt \rightarrow at any given level, $t > z$ mult \rightarrow using s not σ gives wider interval (less info)
- t multipliers decrease as df (and n) increase

Example: *Intervals at Other Confidence Levels*

- **Background:** Random sample of shoe sizes for 9 college males: 11.5, 12.0, 11.0, 15.0, 11.5, 10.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0



- **Question:** What is t multiplier for 99% confidence?
- **Response:**

Example: *Intervals at Other Confidence Levels*

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We can produce 95% confidence interval:

$$11.2 \pm 2.31 \frac{1.7}{\sqrt{9}} = (9.9, 12.5)$$

- **Question:** What would 99% confidence interval be, and how does it compare to 95% interval? (Use the fact that t multiplier for 8 df, 99% confidence is 3.36.)
- **Response:** 99% interval interval is

- Width _____ for 95%
- Width _____ for 99%

Summary of t Confidence Intervals

Confidence interval for μ is $\bar{x} \pm \text{multiplier} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$
where **multiplier** depends on

- **df**: smaller for larger n , larger for smaller n
- **level**: smaller for lower level, larger for higher

Note: margin of error is larger for larger s .

→ interval **narrower** for

- **larger n** (via df and \sqrt{n} in denominator)
- **lower level** of confidence
- **smaller s.d.** (distribution with less spread)

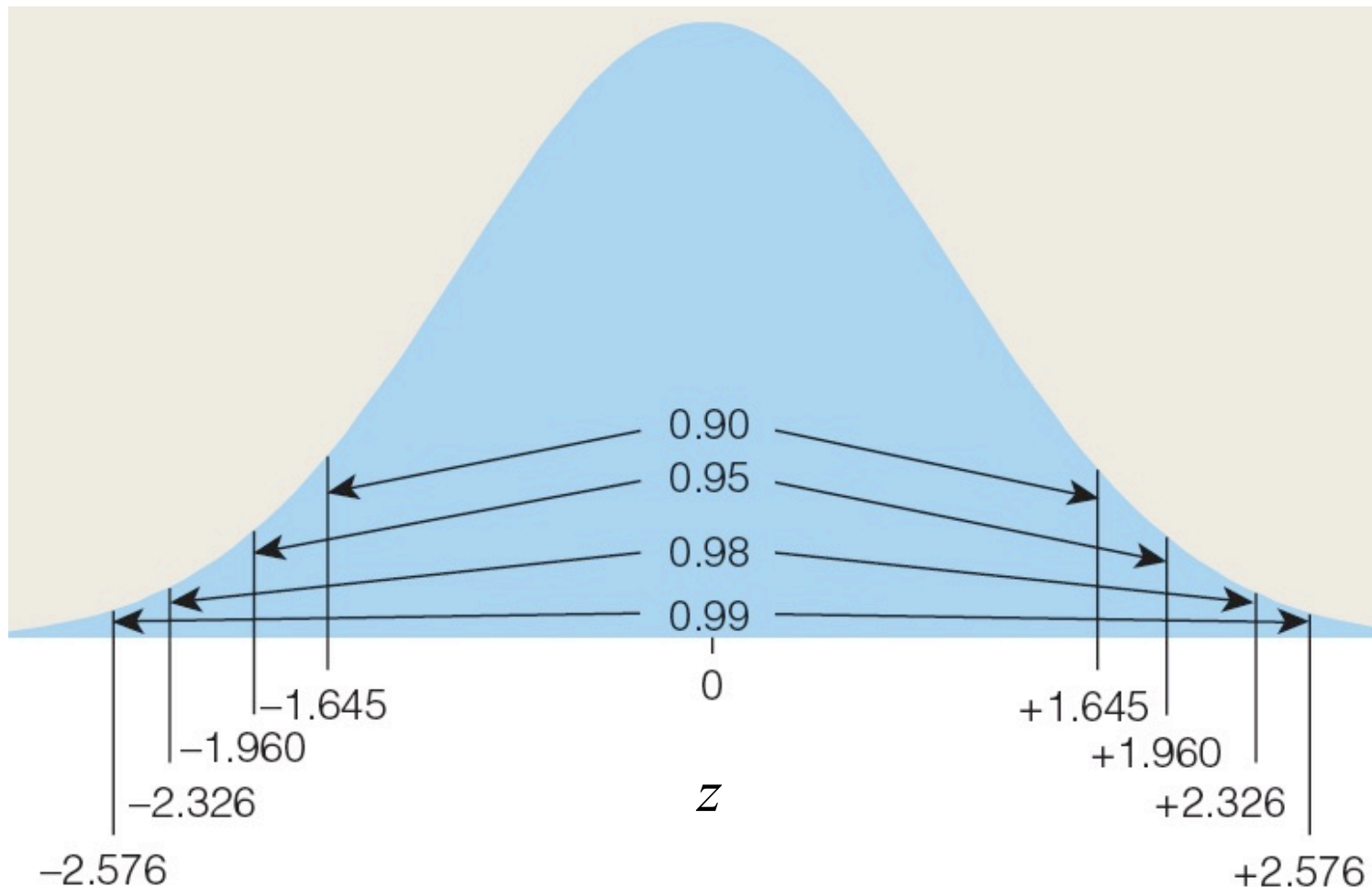
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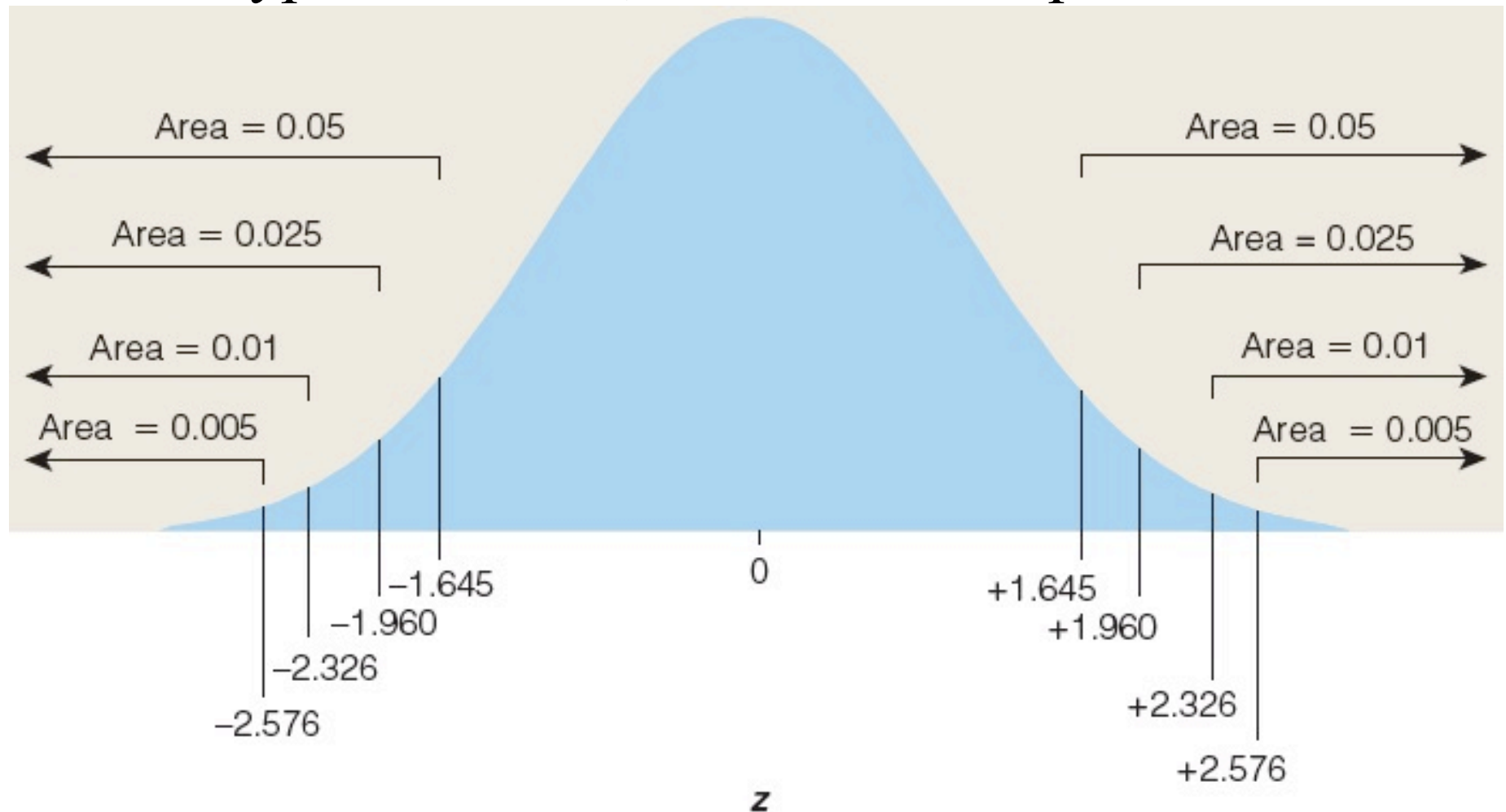
From z Confidence Intervals to Tests (*Review*)

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From z Confidence Intervals to Tests (*Review*)

For hypothesis tests, used “outside” probabilities.



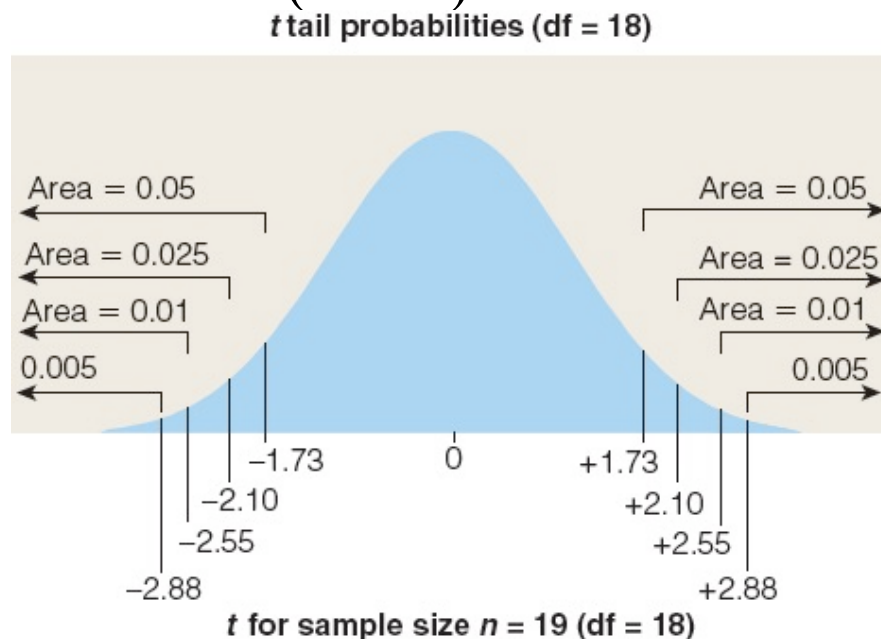
From t Confidence Intervals to Tests

Confidence interval: use **multiplier** for t dist, $n-1$ df

Hypothesis test: P -value based on **tail** of t dist, $n-1$ df

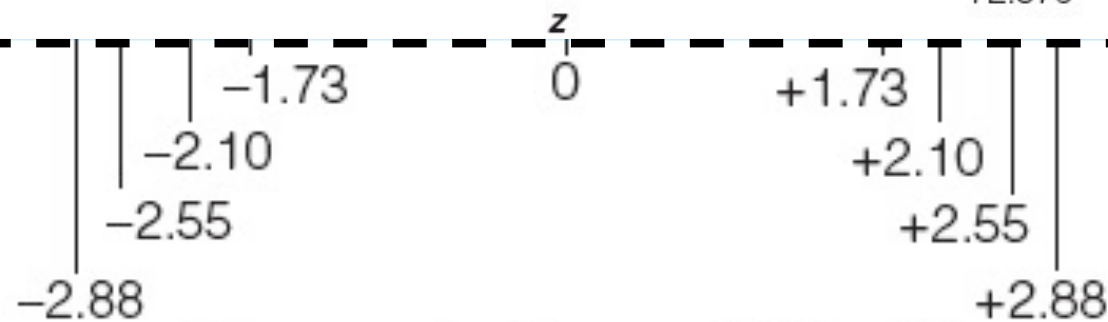
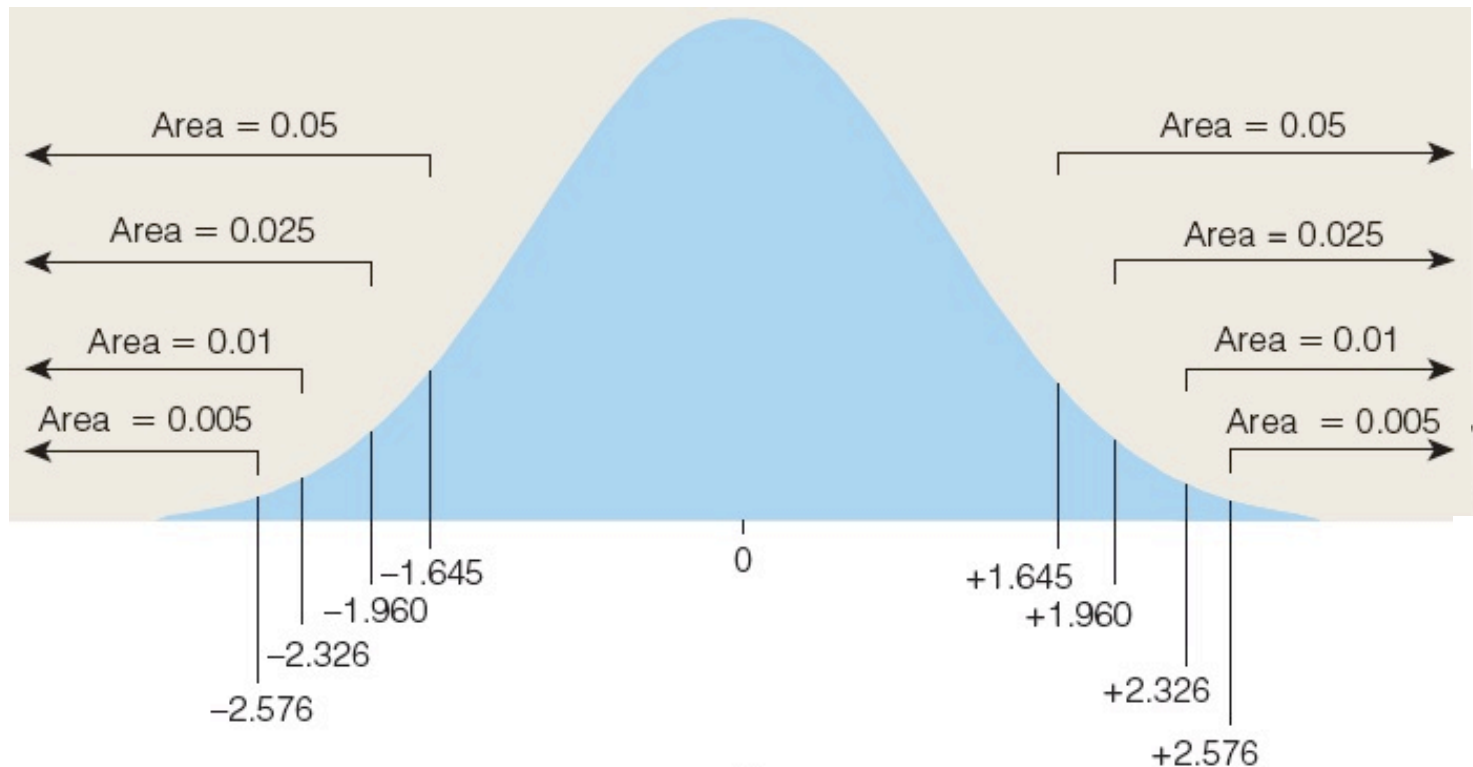
Example: Hypothesis Test: t vs. z

- **Background:** Suppose one test with very large n has $z = 2$; another test with $n = 19$ (18 df) has $t = 2$.



- **Question:** How do P -values compare for z and t ? (Assume alternative is “greater than”.)
- **Response:** 90-95-98-99 Rule $\rightarrow z$ P -value _____.
 t curve for 18 df $\rightarrow t$ P -value _____.

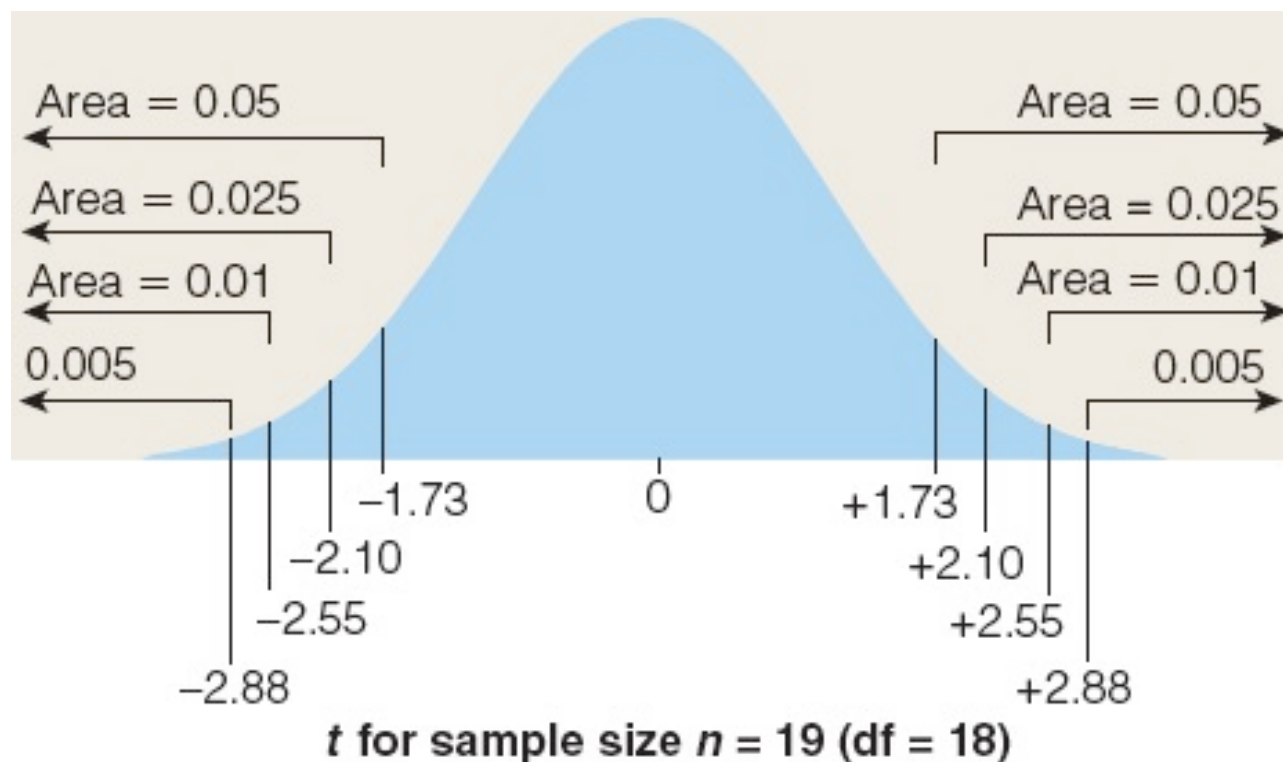
Comparing Critical Values, z with t for 18 df



t for sample size $n = 19$ (df = 18)

Example: Hypothesis Test: t vs. z

- **Background:** Consider t curve for 18 df.



- **Question:** Would a value of $t = 3$ be considered extreme?
- **Response:** _____; $|t|$ for 18 df almost never exceeds _____.

Example: *t* Test (by Hand)

- **Background:** Wts. of 19 female college students:

110 110 112 120 120 120 125 125 130 130 132 133 134 135 135 135 145 148 159

- **Question:** Is pop. mean 141.7 reported by NCHS plausible, or is there evidence that we've sampled from pop. with lower mean (or that there is bias due to under-reporting)?

- **Response:**

1. Pop. $\geq 10(19)$; shape of weights close to normal $\rightarrow n=19$ OK
2. $\bar{x} = 129.36, s = 12.82, t =$.
3. P -value = _____ small because $|t|$ more extreme than 3 can be considered unusual for most n ; in particular, for 18 df, $P(t < -2.88)$ is less than 0.005.
4. Reject H_0 ? _____ Conclude?

Example: *t* Test (with Software)

- **Background:** Random sample of shoe sizes for 9 college males: 11.5, 12.0, 11.0, 15.0, 11.5, 10.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0
- **Question:** Can we believe mean shoe size of all college males is 11?
- **Response:** Use software: enter values, specify proposed mean 11 and “not-equal” alternative.

One-Sample T: Shoe

Test of $\mu = 11$ vs $\mu \text{ not } = 11$

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Shoe	9	11.222	1.698	0.566

Variable	95.0% CI	T	P
Shoe	(9.917, 12.527)	0.39	0.705

Note: small sample is OK because shoe sizes are normal.

Is t large? _____ Is P -value small? _____

Believe population mean=11? _____

How Large is “Large” for z Statistic (*Review*)

68-95-99.7 Rule → guidelines for “unusual” z :

	common	not unusual	borderline	quite unusual	extremely improbable
$ z $	less than 1	closer to 1 than to 2	around 2	considerably greater than 2	greater than 3

Values near **2** may be considered borderline.

How Large is “Large” for t Statistic

Excerpts from t table →

- May call values near **2** borderline for $df > 10$
- May call values near **3** borderline for $df < 5$

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Use of t with Very Small Samples

Can assume shape of \bar{X} for random samples of **any** size n is approximately normal if graph of sample data appears **normal**.

Normal population $\rightarrow \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s / \sqrt{n}}$ is exactly t

Example: *t* Test with Small *n*

- **Background:** Random sample of 4 Math SATs (570, 580, 640, 760) have mean 637.5, s.d. 87.3.
- **Question:** Do they represent population with mean greater than 500? (Use cut-off $\alpha=0.05$.)
- **Response:** *n* is small but *t* procedure is OK because SATs are normal:

One-Sample T: MathSAT

Test of $\mu = 500$ vs $\mu > 500$

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
MathSAT	4	637.5	87.3	43.7

Variable	95.0% Lower Bound	T	P
MathSAT	534.7	3.15	0.026

P-value = _____

Using cutoff 0.05, small enough to reject H_0 ? _____

Conclude population mean > 500 ? _____

Example: *t* Test with Small *n*, 2-Sided Alternative

- **Background:** Random sample of 4 Math SATs (570, 580, 640, 760) have mean 637.5, s.d. 87.3.
- **Question:** Do they represent population with mean **different from** 500? (Use cut-off $\alpha=0.05$.)

- **Response:** Now use \neq alternative:

One-Sample T: MathSAT

Test of $\mu = 500$ vs $\mu \neq 500$

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
MathSAT	4	637.5	87.3	43.7

Variable	95.0% CI	T	P
MathSAT	(498.6, 776.4)	3.15	0.051

P-value = _____

Using cutoff 0.05, small enough to reject H_0 ? _____

Conclude population mean $\neq 500$? _____

A Closer Look: *t near 3 can be considered borderline for very small n .*

One-sided vs. Two-sided Results

- Tested $H_o : \mu = 500$ vs. $H_a : \mu > 500$
 $P\text{-value}=0.026 \rightarrow$ rejected H_0
- Tested $H_o : \mu = 500$ vs. $H_a : \mu \neq 500$
 $P\text{-value}=0.051 \rightarrow$ did not reject H_0

Suspecting mean > 500 got us significance

Example: *Concerns about 2-Sided Test*

- **Background:** Random sample of 4 Math SATs (570, 580, 640, 760) have mean 637.5, s.d. 87.3. The t test failed to reject $H_0: \mu = 500$ vs. 2-sided H_a because P -value=0.051.
- **Question:** Should we believe 500 is a plausible value for the population mean?
- **Response:** Several concerns:
 - If these were students admitted to university, should have used “>” alternative.
 - $n=4$ very small \rightarrow vulnerable to Type ____ Error
 - MUST we stick to 0.05 as cut-off for small P -value? ____
 - Maybe could have found out σ and done ____ test instead.
 - Does $\mu=500$ seem plausible when smallest value is 570? ____

Factors That Lead to Rejecting H_0

Statistically significant data produce P -value small enough to reject H_0 . t plays a role:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)\sqrt{n}}{s}$$

Reject H_0 if P -value small; if $|t|$ large; if...

- Sample mean far from μ_0
- Sample size n large
- Standard deviation s small

Factors That Lead to *Not* Rejecting H_0

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)\sqrt{n}}{s}$$

Can't reject H_0 if P -value not small; if $|t|$ not large; if...

- Sample mean close to μ_0
- Sample size n small
- Standard deviation s large

Types I and II Error

- Small n can lead to Type II Error
(Fail to reject false H_0) (*Sampled only 4 SATs.*)
- Multiple tests can lead to Type I Error
(Reject true H_0)...

Example: *Multiple Tests*

- **Background:** Suppose all Verbal SATs have mean 500. Sample $n=20$ scores each in 100 schools, each time test $H_0 : \mu = 500$ vs. $H_a : \mu < 500$.
- **Question:** If we reject H_0 in 4 of those schools, can we conclude that mean Verbal SAT in those 4 schools is significantly lower than 500?
- **Response:** If we set 0.05 as cut-off for small P -value then long-run probability of committing Type I Error (rejecting true H_0) is ____.
Even if all 100 schools actually have mean 500, by chance alone some samples will produce a sample mean low enough to reject H_0 ____% of the time.

Confidence Interval and Hypothesis Test Results

- Confidence Interval: range of plausible values
- Hypothesis Test: decides if a value is plausible

Informally,

- If μ_o is **in** confidence interval, **don't reject** $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$
- If μ_o is **outside** confidence interval, **reject** $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$

Example: *Relating Confidence Interval to Test*

□ **Background:** Consider these confidence intervals:

- 95% CI for pop mean earnings (3171, 4381)
- 95% CI for pop mean shoe size (9.9, 12.5)
- 95% CI for pop mean Math SAT (498.6, 776.4)

□ **Question:** What to conclude about hypotheses...?

- $H_o : \mu = 5000$ vs. $H_a : \mu < 5000$
- $H_o : \mu = 11$ vs. $H_a : \mu \neq 11$
- $H_o : \mu = 500$ vs. $H_a : \mu \neq 500$

□ **Response:** Check if proposed mean is in interval:

- Reject H_0 ? _____
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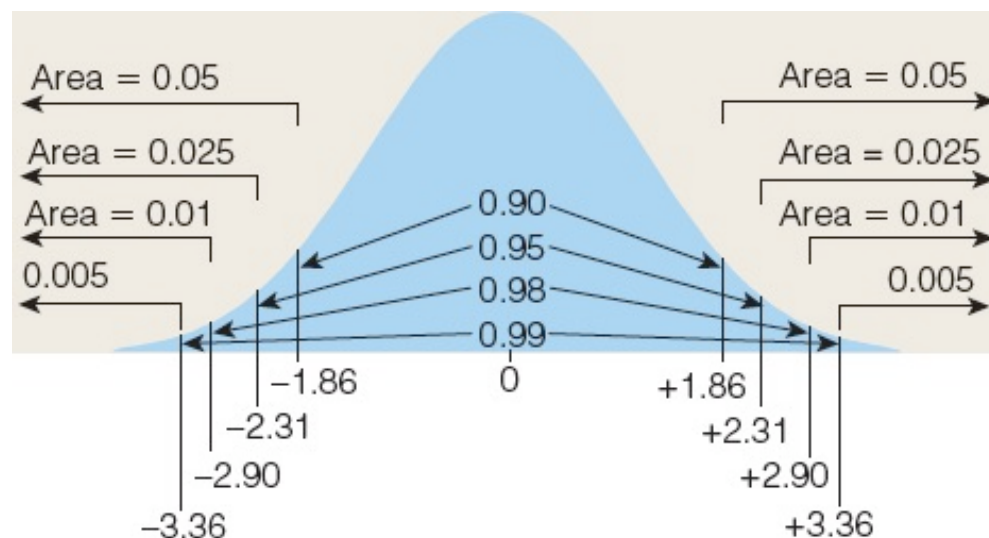
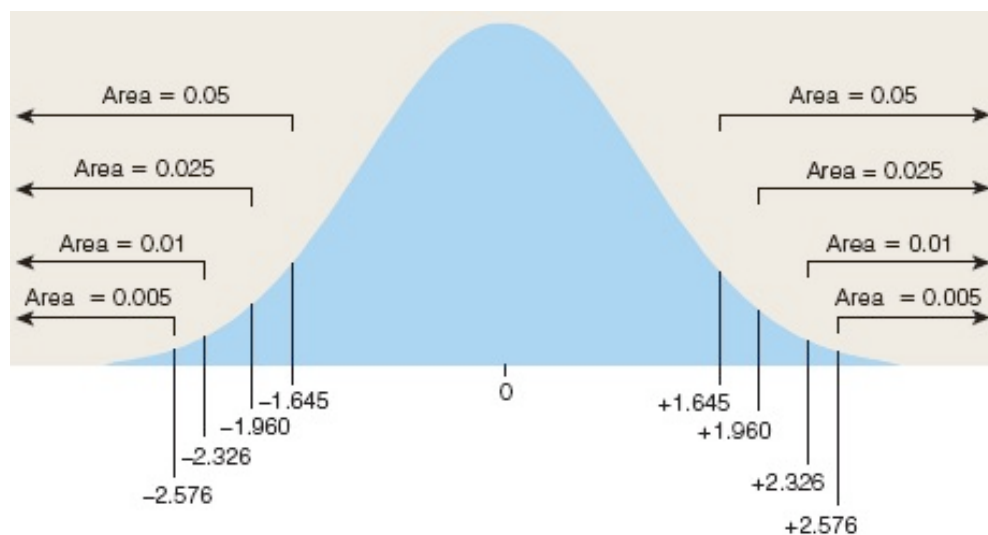
Examples: *Reviewing z and t Tests (#1-#4)*

- **Background:** Sample mean and standard deviation of amount students spent on textbooks in a semester is being used to test if the mean for all students exceeds \$500. The null hypothesis will be rejected if the P -value is less than 0.01. We want to draw conclusions about mean amount spent by **all students at a particular college.**

***Looking Back:** If the sample is biased, or n is too small to guarantee \bar{X} to be approximately normal, neither z nor t is appropriate. Otherwise, use z if population standard deviation is known or n is large. Use t if population standard deviation is unknown and n is small.*

Example: Reviewing z and t Tests (#1)

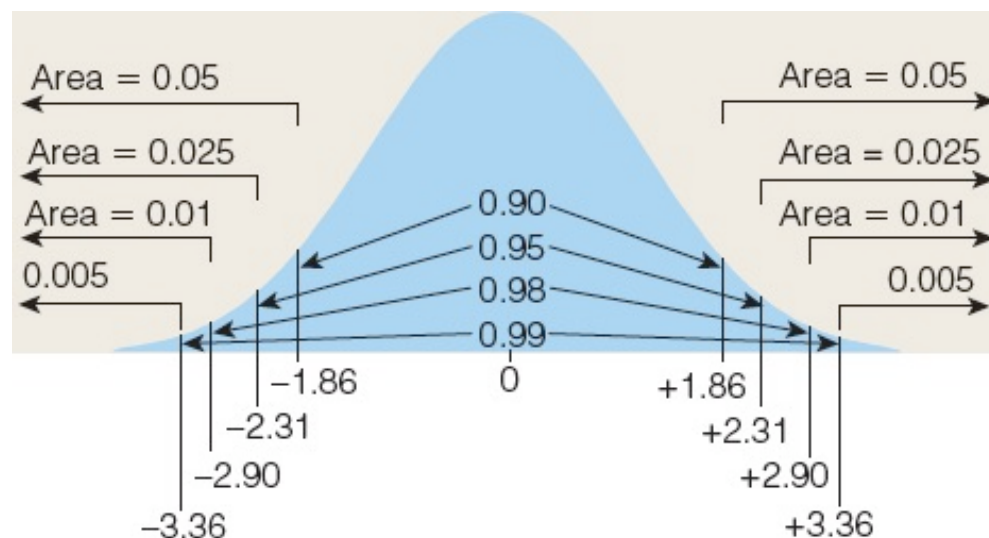
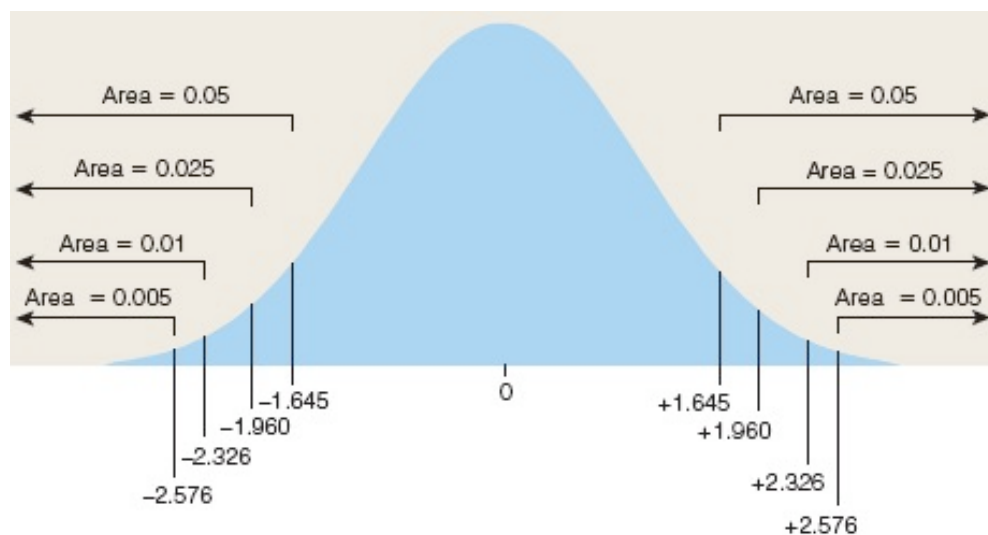
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- **Question:** What do we conclude if a **representative** sample of 9 students have $t=+2.5$? There is an **outlier** in the data set.
- **Response:**

Example: Reviewing z and t Tests (#2)

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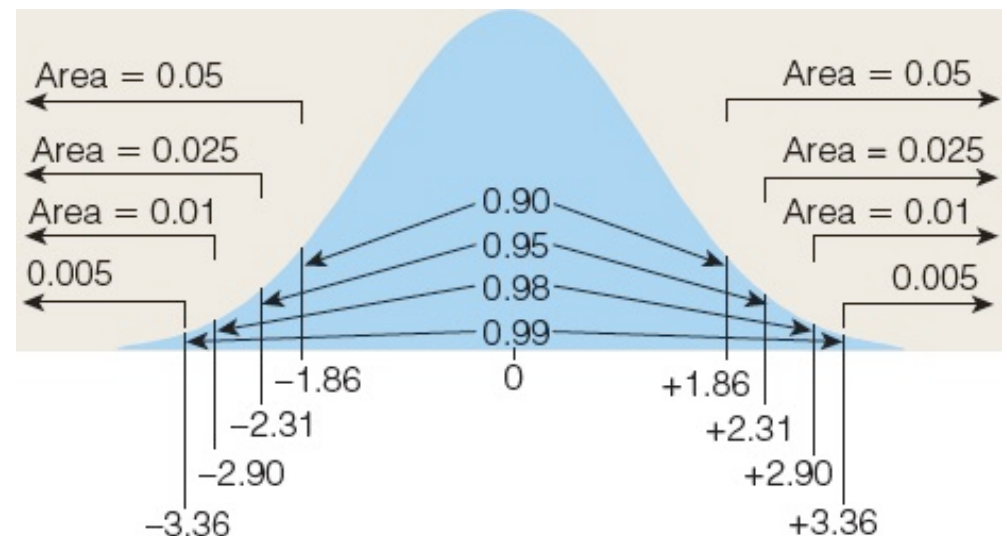
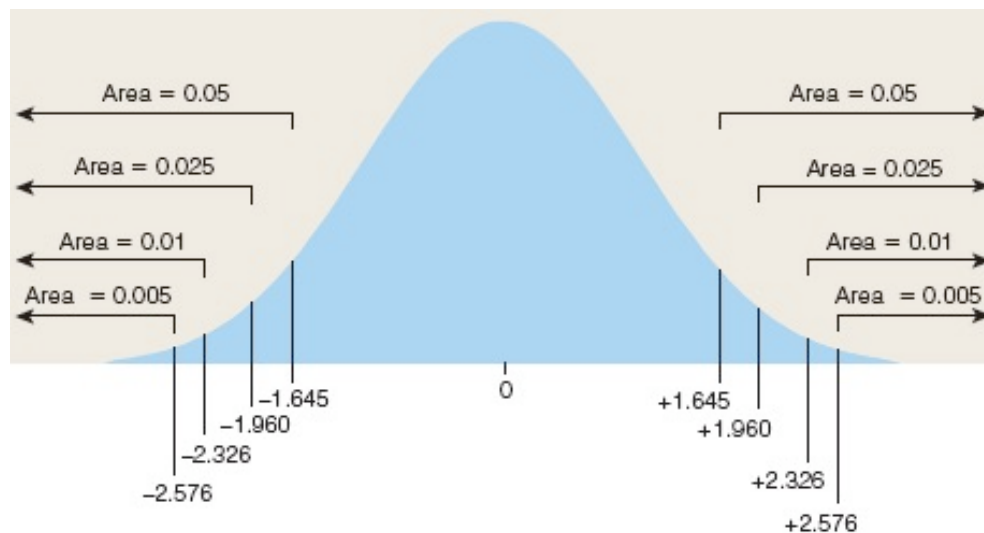


- **Question:** What do we conclude if a **representative** sample of 9 students have $t=+2.5$? The data set appears **normal**.

- **Response:** _____ H_0 _____

Example: Reviewing z and t Tests (#3)

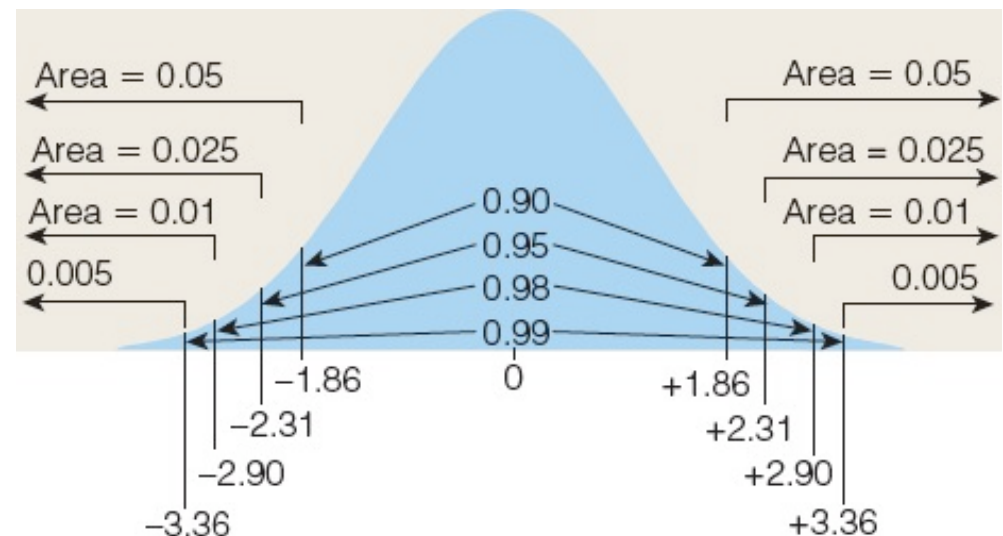
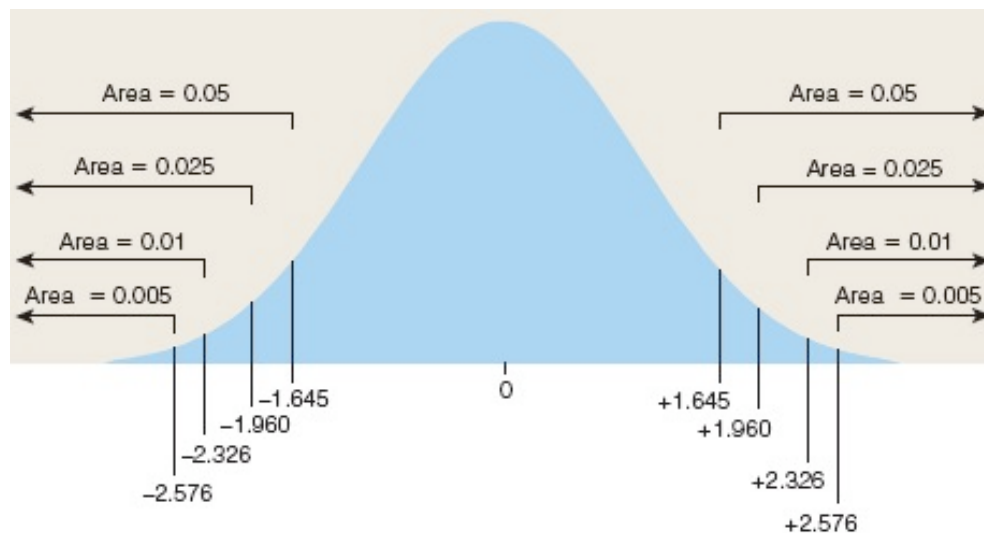
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- **Response:**

Example: Reviewing z and t Tests (#4)

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- **Question:** What do we conclude if a sample of **90 biology majors** have $t=+2.5$? The data set appears **normal**.
- **Response:**

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(Inference for Means: t Confidence Intervals)

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- from confidence interval to hypothesis test
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