

## Hypothesis Tests for the Mean





# Z Test of Hypothesis for the Mean ( $\sigma$ Known)

• Convert sample statistic ( ) to a  $\overline{\underline{X}}$  test statistic





### Critical Value Approach to Testing

- For a two-tail test for the mean, σ known:
- Convert sample statistic ( ) to test statistic (Z statistic)
- Determine the critical Z values for a specified level of significance  $\,\alpha\,$  from a table or computer
- Decision Rule: If the test statistic falls in the rejection region, reject H<sub>0</sub>; otherwise do not reject H<sub>0</sub>



**Two-Tail Tests** 

 There are two cutoff values (critical values), defining the regions of rejection





# **One-Tail Tests**

• In many cases, the alternative hypothesis focuses on a particular direction

This is a lower-tail test since the alternative hypothesis is focused on the lower tail below the mean of 3

H<sub>0</sub>: μ ≤ 3 H<sub>1</sub>: μ > 3 This is an upper-tail test since the
alternative hypothesis is focused on the upper tail above the mean of 3



#### Lower-Tail Tests

There is only one critical value, since the rejection area is in only one tail





### **Upper-Tail Tests**





# Example: Upper-Tail Z Test for Mean ( $\sigma$ Known)

A phone industry manager thinks that customer monthly cell phone bills have increased, and now average over \$52 per month. The company wishes to test this claim. (Assume  $\sigma = 10$  is known)

#### Form hypothesis test:

H <sub>0</sub> : µ ≤ 52	the average is not over \$52 per month
H <sub>1</sub> : μ > 52	the average is greater than \$52 per month (i.e., sufficient evidence exists to support the manager's claim)



# Example: Find Rejection Region

(continued)

• Suppose that  $\alpha$  = 0.10 is chosen for this test





### Review: One-Tail Critical Value





# Example: Test Statistic (continued)

Obtain sample and compute the test statistic

Suppose a sample is taken with the following results: n = 64, X = 53.1 ( $\sigma = 10$  was assumed known)

• Then the test statistic is:

