

#### 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





#### 6 Steps in Hypothesis Testing

- 1. State the null hypothesis,  $H_0$  and the alternative hypothesis,  $H_1$
- 2. Choose the level of significance,  $\alpha$ , and the sample size, n
- 3. Determine the appropriate test statistic and sampling distribution
- 4. Determine the critical values that divide the rejection and nonrejection regions



#### 6 Steps in Hypothesis Testing

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- 5. Collect data and compute the value of the test statistic
- 6. Make the statistical decision and state the managerial conclusion. If the test statistic falls into the nonrejection region, do not reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ . If the test statistic falls into the rejection region, reject the null hypothesis. Express the managerial conclusion in the context of the problem



### Hypothesis Testing Example

est the claim that the true mean # of TV sets in US homes is equal to 3. (Assume  $\sigma = 0.8$ )

- 1. State the appropriate null and alternative hypotheses
  - $H_0: \mu = 3$   $H_1: \mu \neq 3$  (This is a two-tail test)
- 2. Specify the desired level of significance and the sample size
  - Suppose that  $\alpha$  = 0.05 and n = 100 are chosen for this test



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- 3. Determine the appropriate technique
  - $-\sigma$  is known so this is a Z test.
- 4. Determine the critical values

- For  $\alpha$  = 0.05 the critical Z values are ±1.96

- 5. Collect the data and compute the test statistic
  - Suppose the sample results are

n = 100, X = 2.84 ( $\sigma$  = 0.8 is assumed known)

#### So the test statistic is:

7 –	$\overline{X} - \mu$	2.84 - 3	16	_2 0
<b>Z</b> –	σ	0.8		-2.0
	$\sqrt{n}$	$\sqrt{100}$		



## Hypothesis Testing Example<sub>continued</sub>)

• 6. Is the test statistic in the rejection region?





#### Hypothesis Testing Example<sub>continued</sub>) 6(continued). Reach a decision and interpret the result



Since Z = -2.0 < -1.96, we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is sufficient evidence that the mean number of TVs in US homes is not equal to 3



#### p-Value Approach to Testing

- p-value: Probability of obtaining a test statistic more extreme ( ≤ or ≥ ) than the observed sample value given H<sub>0</sub> is true
  - Also called observed level of significance
  - Smallest value of  $\,\alpha\,$  for which  ${\rm H}_{\rm 0}\,$  can be rejected



## p-Value Approach to Testing

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- Convert Sample Statistic (e.g., ) t Test Statistic (e.g., Z statistic)
- Obtain the p-value from a table or computer
- Compare the p-value with  $\alpha$

If p-value  $\geq \alpha$ , do not reject H<sub>0</sub>



#### p-Value Example

• Example: How likely is it to see a sample mean of 2.84 (or something further from the mean, in either direction) if the true mean is  $\mu = 3.0$ ?





## p-Value Example Compare the p-value with α

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- If p-value <  $\alpha$ , reject H<sub>0</sub>
- If p-value  $\geq \alpha$ , do not reject H<sub>0</sub>





#### Connection to Confidence Intervals

## • For $\overline{X} = 2.84$ , $\sigma = 0.8$ and n = 100, the 95% confidence interval is:

2.84 - (1.96) 
$$\frac{0.8}{\sqrt{100}}$$
 to 2.84 + (1.96)  $\frac{0.8}{\sqrt{100}}$ 

#### $2.6832 \le \mu \le 2.9968$

Since this interval does not contain the hypothesized mean (3.0), we reject the null hypothesis at α = 0.05



#### **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

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

Find the rejection region:





#### 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:





#### Example: Decision

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Reach a decision and interpret the result:



#### Do not reject $H_0$ since $Z = 0.88 \le 1.28$

i.e.: there is not sufficient evidence that the mean bill is over \$52





Do not reject H<sub>0</sub> since p-value = 0.1894 >  $\alpha$  = 0.10



# t Test of Hypothesis for the Mean ( $\sigma$ Unknown)

• Convert sample statistic ( ) to a  $\pm$  test statistic





## Example: Two-Tail Test ( $\sigma$ Unknown)

The average cost of a hotel room in Parlakhemundi is said to be Rs.168 per night. A random sample of 25 hotels resulted in X = Rs.172.50 and S = Rs.15.40. Test at the

 $\alpha$  = 0.05 level.

(Assume the population distribution is normal)





#### Example Solution: Two-Tail Test



**Do not reject H<sub>0</sub>:** not sufficient evidence that true mean cost is different than Rs.168



# • For X = 172.5, S = 15.40 and n = 25, the 95% confidence interval is:

172.5-(2.0639)15.4 25 to 172.5+(2.0639)15.4 25

 $166.14 \le \mu \le 178.86$ 

• Since this interval contains the Hypothesized mean (168), we do not reject the null hypothesis at  $\alpha = 0.05$ 



## Hypothesis Tests for Proportions

- Involves categorical variables
- Two possible outcomes
  - "Success" (possesses a certain characteristic)
  - "Failure" (does not possesses that characteristic)
- Fraction or proportion of the population in the "success" category is denoted by p



#### Proportions

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- Sample proportion in the success category is denoted by  $p_s$ 



$$\mu_{ps}=p$$

$$\sigma_{ps} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$



#### Potential Pitfalls

- Use randomly collected data to reduce selection biases
- Choose the level of significance, α, and the type of test (onetail or two-tail) before data collection
- Do not employ "data snooping" to choose between one-tail and two-tail test, or to determine the level of significance
- Do not practice "data cleansing" to hide observations that do not support a stated hypothesis
- Report all pertinent findings