

- 7) At a certain university, the average cost of books was \$370 per student last semester and the population standard deviation was \$90. This semester a sample of 40 students revealed an average cost of books of \$400 per student. The Dean of Students believes that the costs are greater this semester. Use a level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$:
a) State the hypotheses b) Find the critical value. c) Compute the test value. d) Make a decision. e) Summarize the results.

A) a. $H_0: \mu = 370, H_1: \mu > 370$

b. *Critical value: 1.645*

c. $Z = 2.11$

d. Reject the null hypothesis.

e. There is enough evidence to support the claim that the average cost of books is greater than 370.

B) a. $H_0: \mu = 400, H_1: \mu > 400$

b. *Critical value: 1.96*

c. $Z = 2.11$

d. *Fail to reject the null hypothesis.*

e. There is not enough evidence to support the claim that the average cost of books is greater than 400.

- 8) An extensive study conducted in 1980 concluded that the mean mercury level in oysters from the White Bear estuary was 0.025 parts per million (ppm) with a standard deviation $\sigma = 0.022$ ppm. In 2012, a sample of 50 oysters from the same estuary exhibited a mean mercury concentration of 0.018 ppm. Use the $\alpha = 0.01$ level of significance.

- a) State the hypotheses b) Find the critical value. c) Compute the test value. d) Make a decision. e) Can you conclude that the 2012 mercury concentration is lower than in 1980?

A) a. $H_0: \mu = 0.018, H_1: \mu < 0.018$

b. *Critical value: -2.326*

c. $Z = -2.25$

d. Reject the null hypothesis.

e. No. There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the mercury concentration has decreased from 1980 to 2012.

B) a. $H_0: \mu = 0.025, H_1: \mu < 0.025$

b. *Critical value: -2.326*

c. $Z = -2.25$

d. *Fail to reject the null hypothesis.*

e. No. There is insufficient evidence to conclude that the mercury concentration has decreased from 1980 to 2012.

9) Reginald Brown, an inspector from the Department of Weights and Measures, weighed 15 eighteen-ounce cereal boxes of corn flakes. He found their mean weight to be 17.8 ounces with a standard deviation of 0.4 ounces. At $\alpha = 0.01$, are the cereal boxes lighter than they should be?

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10) Science fiction novels average 290 pages in length. The average length of 14 randomly chosen novels written by I. M. Wordy was 305 pages in length with a standard deviation of 35. At $\alpha = 0.05$, are Wordy's novels significantly longer than the average science fiction novel?

10) _____

Answer Key

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1) B

2) A

3) B

4) C

5) A

6) B

7) A

8) B

9) $H_0 : \mu = 18.0$ (claim) and $H_1 : \mu < 18.0$

Critical value: -2.624

Test value: -1.94

Do not reject the claim since -1.94 does not fall within the critical region.

There is not enough evidence to reject the claim that the cereal boxes weigh 18 ounces.

10) $H_0 : \mu = 290$ and $H_1 : \mu > 290$ (claim)

Critical value: 1.771

Test value: 1.604

The conclusion is to not reject the null hypothesis.

There is not enough evidence to support the claim that Wordy's novels are longer than the average science fiction novel.