

* SOLUTIONS *

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Question One (6-Points)

Suppose that a sample of 100 tires made by a certain manufacturer lasted an average of 21,800 miles with a sample standard deviation of 1,290 miles. Do the data provide a sufficient evidence to indicate that the average wear is different from 22,000 miles? Test using $\alpha=0.05$ by both the critical value and the p-value approaches.

$$n = 100, \quad \bar{x} = 21,800, \quad s' = 1,290$$

1. The hypothesis are:

$$H_0: \mu = 22,000$$

$$H_A: \mu \neq 22,000 \quad (1)$$

2. The test statistic value:

$$Z_c = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{21,800 - 22,000}{1290/\sqrt{100}} = -1.55 \quad (1)$$

3. Decision Rule:

a. Using the critical value approach

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = Z_{.025} = 1.96$$

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } |Z_c| > Z_{\alpha/2} \Rightarrow |-1.55| \not> 1.96$$

\therefore Do not reject H_0 (1)

b. Using the p-value approach.

Reject H_0 if p-value $< \alpha$

$$P\text{-value} = 2 P(Z > |Z_c|) = 2 P(Z > 1.55)$$

$$= 2(0.5 - 0.4394)$$

$$= 2(0.0606) = 0.1212 \not< 0.05$$

\therefore Do not reject H_0 (2)

4. conclusion:

The average wear is not different from 22,000 miles.

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