

## Section 1: Using the normal distribution

## Solutions to Exercise level 1

1. (i)  $H_0: \mu = 240$

$H_1: \mu \neq 240$

where  $\mu$  is the population mean.

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(240, \frac{14^2}{20}\right)$$

$$\text{p-value} = P(\bar{X} > 247) = 0.0127$$

Two-tailed test with significance level 2%

$$2 \times 0.0127 > 0.02, \text{ so accept } H_0.$$

There is not sufficient evidence to suggest that the population mean is different from 240.

(ii)  $H_0: \mu = 165$

$H_1: \mu > 165$

where  $\mu$  is the population mean.

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(165, \frac{15^2}{10}\right)$$

$$\text{p-value} = P(\bar{X} > 172.9) = 0.0479$$

One-tailed test at the 5% significance level,

$$0.0479 < 0.05, \text{ so reject } H_0.$$

The evidence suggests that the population mean is greater than 165.

(iii)  $H_0: \mu = 240$

$H_1: \mu < 240$

where  $\mu$  is the population mean.

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(240, \frac{24^2}{15}\right)$$

$$\text{p-value} = P(\bar{X} < 226) = 0.0119$$

One-tailed test at the 1% significance level

$$0.0119 > 0.01, \text{ so accept } H_0.$$

There is not sufficient evidence to suggest that the population mean is less than 240.

2.  $H_0: \mu = 67.4$

$H_1: \mu < 67.4$

where  $\mu$  is the population mean weight of adult students.

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(67.4, \frac{3.8^2}{24}\right)$$

## Edexcel A level Maths Hypothesis testing 1 Exercise

Using a calculator, inverse normal of 0.01 is 65.6

Critical region is  $\bar{X} \leq 65.6$

The sample mean does not lie in the critical region, so accept  $H_0$ .

There is not sufficient evidence to suggest that the mean weight has decreased.

3.  $H_0: \mu = 15$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 15$$

where  $\mu$  is the population mean diameter of the ball bearings.

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(15, \frac{1.41^2}{80}\right)$$

Using a calculator, inverse normal of 0.01 is 14.63 and inverse normal of 0.99 is 15.37

Critical region is  $\bar{X} < 14.63$  and  $\bar{X} > 15.37$

The sample mean 14.64 does not lie in the critical region, so accept  $H_0$ .

There is not sufficient evidence to suggest that the mean diameter has changed.