



Equitable Equations: *Introduction to hypothesis testing*

Instructions

For each of the following problems,

- (a) Write null and alternative hypotheses appropriate to this study.
- (b) Compute the z -score of the sample mean.
- (c) Compute the p -value of the sample mean.
- (d) Are the results statistically significant at level $\alpha = .05$?
- (e) What conclusions, if any, can be drawn from this study? Answer in ordinary human language.

Problem 1

A medical school advertises that the mean starting salary of its graduates is \$89,000. Concerned that it may actually be less, a group of first-years surveys 38 recent graduates, finding a sample mean of \$85,500. Assume $\sigma = \$8000$.