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Answer 1

a) The mean of the data can be easily calculated to be 16.96

$$\bar{X} = 16.96$$

$$1 - \alpha = 0.90 \implies \alpha = 0.1$$

$$z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.05} = 1.645$$

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b) $1 - \alpha = 0.98 \implies \alpha = 0.02$

$$z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.01} = 2.326$$

$$n \ge (\frac{z_{0.01} \cdot \sigma}{\delta})^2$$

$$n \ge (\frac{2.326 \cdot 3}{1.55})^2$$

$$n \ge 20.267...$$

The least n satisfying this inequality is n = 21

Answer 2

- a) These are not enough in order to make meaningful comments about the distribution of the data. We also need the standard deviation of the data.
- b) We test the null hypothesis $H_0: \mu = 7.5$ against a one-sided left-tail alternative $H_A: \mu < 7.5$, because we are only interested to know if the mean of rating μ is less than 7.5.

Step 1: Test statistic. We are given $\sigma = 0.8$, n = 256, $\alpha = 0.05$, $\mu_0 = 7.5$, and from the sample $\bar{X} = 7.4$. The test statistic is

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{7.4 - 7.5}{0.8 / \sqrt{256}} = -2.$$

Step 2: Acceptance and rejection regions. The critical value is

$$z_{\alpha} = z_{0.05} = 1.645.$$

With the left-tail alternative, we

reject
$$H_0$$
 if $Z < -1.645$. accept H_0 if $Z \ge -1.645$.

Our test statistic Z=-2 belongs to the rejection region; therefore, we reject the null hypothesis.

Restaurant A would not be in my list of candidate restaurants to order food from.

c)
$$\sigma = 1.0, n = 256, \alpha = 0.05, \mu_0 = 7.5, \bar{X} = 7.4$$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{7.4 - 7.5}{1.0/\sqrt{256}} = -1.6$$

Our test statistic Z=-1.6 belongs to the acceptance region; therefore, we accept the null hypothesis.

In this case, restaurant A would be in my list of candidate restaurants.

d) I will consider placing an order from a restaurant if and only if the rating of that restaurant is not significantly lower than 7.5. There is no need for resorting to a statistical test for values restaurants with a rating greater than or equal to 7.5, a greater rating will never be rejected. We should resort statistical tests when the rating is lower than 7.5.

Answer 3

a) We test the null hypothesis $H_0: \mu_A = \mu_B + 90$ against one sided left-tail alternative $H_A: \mu_A < \mu_B + 90$.

Since the variances are equal, we can use the pooled sample variance formula.

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n-1)s_X^2 + (m-1)s_Y^2}{n+m-2} = \frac{19 \cdot 27.04 + 31 \cdot 519.84}{50} = 332.576$$

$$s_p \simeq 18.237$$

Test statistic t

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - D}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}} = \frac{211 - 133 - 90}{18.237 \sqrt{\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{32}}} \simeq -2.31$$

 $t_{\alpha} = t_{0.01} = 2.403 \ (n + m - 2 = 50 \ \text{degrees of freedom})$

Since the alternative hypothesis is left-tailed

reject
$$H_0$$
 if $t < -2.403$. accept H_0 if $t \ge -2.403$.

Our test statistic t=-2.31 is greater than the critical value $-t_{\alpha}=-2.403$; therefore, we accept the null hypothesis.

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b) Use the same hypotheses from part a.

Test statistic t

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - D}{\sqrt{\frac{s_X^2}{n} + \frac{s_Y^2}{m}}} = \frac{211 - 133 - 90}{\sqrt{\frac{27.04}{20} + \frac{519.84}{32}}} \simeq -2.86$$

Degrees of freedom v (Satterthwaite's approximation)

$$v = \frac{\left(\frac{s_X^2}{n} + \frac{s_Y^2}{m}\right)^2}{\frac{s_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{s_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}} = \frac{\left(\frac{27.04}{20} + \frac{519.84}{32}\right)^2}{\frac{731.1616}{400 \cdot 19} + \frac{270233.6256}{1024 \cdot 31}} \approx 36$$

 $t_{0.01} = 2.434 \text{ (36 degrees of freedom)}$

Since the hypothesis is left-tailed

reject
$$H_0$$
 if $t < -2.434$. accept H_0 if $t > -2.434$.

Our test statistic t = -2.86 is less than the critical value $-t_{0.01} = -2.434$; therefore, we reject the null hypothesis.

In this case, the researcher cannot claim that the computer B provides a 90-minute or better improvement.