

1. A study was made of adult men from region A of a country. It was found that their heights were normally distributed with a mean of 175.4 cm and standard deviation 6.8 cm.

(a) Find the proportion of these men that are taller than 180 cm.

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A student claimed that the mean height of adult men from region B of this country was different from the mean height of adult men from region A .

A random sample of 52 adult men from region B had a mean height of 177.2 cm

The student assumed that the standard deviation of heights of adult men was 6.8 cm both for region A and region B .

- (b) Use a suitable test to assess the student's claim.

You should

- state your hypotheses clearly
- use a 5% level of significance

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- (c) Find the p -value for the test in part (b)

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a) Let r.v. X = height from region A

$$X \sim N(175.4, 6.8^2)$$

$$P(X > 180) = 0.2493\dots = 0.249 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

b) Let r.v. Y = height from region B

$$\bar{Y} \sim N\left(175.4, \frac{6.8^2}{52}\right)$$

$$H_0: \mu = 175.4, H_1: \mu \neq 175.4$$

$$\therefore P(\bar{Y} > 177.2) = 0.0281\dots > 0.025 \text{ (two-tailed, so } \alpha = 0.025)$$

\therefore do not reject H_0 as there is insufficient evidence to support student's claim.

$$c) p = 2 \times 0.0281 \dots$$

$$= 0.05628 \dots \textcircled{1}$$