

Z-Test

As you can see, the z-test statistic closely resembles the t-statistic:

$$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma_{\bar{x}}}$$

The only minor difference is that we do not write $S_{\bar{x}}$ but $\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ in the denominator. It's the same principle, but the Greek symbol indicates that the measure refers to a (known) population value and not to the sample. If, for example, we assumed that standard deviation in the population is 2.5, we would obtain the following test statistic:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{2.5}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.791 \text{ and, finally, } z = \frac{2.30}{0.791} = 2.909$$

