

STAT211 BUSINESS STATISTICS I

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Section

Q1. (3+1= 4 Points) A College of Business wants to install a copy machine to be used by staff. From experience at other colleges, the dean believes the number of documents is normally distributed with a daily standard deviation of 44 copies. The machine is tested for 5 days and the resulting daily mean is 345 copies.

- Give a 92% confidence interval for the mean number of pages copied.
- Suppose the dean will install the copier if he is confident that the daily average number of copies exceeds 290. Does the results of a) justify purchasing a copier? Explain.

$$n=5, \bar{x}=345, \sigma=44, \alpha=1-0.92=0.08, \frac{\alpha}{2}=0.04$$

$$|Z_{0.04}|=1.75$$

Assume the population is normal

(a) A 92% Confidence interval is

$$\bar{x} \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}; 345 \pm 1.75 \frac{44}{\sqrt{5}}; 345 \pm 34.435$$

$$310.565 \leq \mu \leq 379.435$$

(b) Yes, since 290 is less than the lower bound = 310.565.

Q2. (4+2=6 Marks) Ali is interested in estimating the average purchase amount for convenience stores in the city of Dammam. He selected a random sample of 12 purchases from several convenience stores and get the following data set

13	4	9	17	27	11	9	16	30	24	14	19
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You are given the standard error of the sample mean to be 2.5.

- Construct and interpret a 90% confidence interval for the population mean amount of purchases. State your assumptions.
- If Ali wishes to estimate the population mean to be within  $\pm 3$  with 95% confidence, what is the sample size he needs to insure these conditions?

$$\bar{x} = 16.083, S_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 2.25 \Rightarrow s = 2.25 \sqrt{12} = 7.794$$

$$\alpha = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1, \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.05, df = 12 - 1 = 11, t_{0.05, 11} = 1.7959$$

Assume Normal Population

(a) A 90% Confidence interval for  $\mu$  is

$$\bar{x} \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}; 16.083 \pm 1.7959(2.25)$$

$$12.0392 \leq \mu \leq 20.13074$$

(b)  $n = \frac{Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}^2 \sigma^2}{e^2} = \frac{(1.96)^2 (7.794)^2}{(3)^2} = 25.93 = 26$

**Q3.** (3+3=6 Marks) There are 2320 students in a small university. Currently, classrooms are segregated. To cut on cost the University Management is considering offering non segregated classes at senior level. A survey of 340 students yields 124 students who favor no segregation in classrooms.

- Develop a 95% confidence interval for the proportion of students who favor no segregation.
- If the management wish to estimate the population proportion to be within  $\pm 0.04$  with 98% confidence level, determine the sample size that they need.

$$nP = 124 \quad n(1-p) = (340-124) = 216 > 5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$p = \frac{124}{340} = 0.365$$

(a) A 95% confidence interval for the proportion  $p$  is

$$p \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} ; 0.365 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.365(1-0.365)}{340}}$$

$$0.365 \pm 0.051 \Rightarrow 0.341 \leq p \leq 0.416$$

(b)

$$\alpha = 1 - 0.98 = 0.02, \quad \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.01 \quad |z_{0.01}| = 2.33$$

$$n = \frac{z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{(2.33)^2 (0.365)(1-0.365)}{(0.04)^2}$$

$$n = 787$$

**Q4.** (3+1=4 Marks) The new manager of sport club would like to know how long current members have been members of the club. He selects a sample of 45 current members. The mean length of membership of the sample is 6.38 years and the sample standard deviation is 1.85 years.

- Construct a 90% confidence interval for the population mean.
- The former manager reported a mean of about 7.5 years. Does the sample information support this claim? Explain

$$n = 45, \quad \bar{x} = 6.38, \quad s = 1.85$$

Since  $n = 45 > 30$  we can use the z-table to find  $z_{0.05}$

$$\alpha = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1, \quad \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.05 \quad |z_{0.05}| = 1.645$$

(a) A 90% confidence interval for the population mean is

$$\bar{x} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} ; 6.38 \pm 1.645 \frac{1.85}{\sqrt{45}}$$

$$6.38 \pm 0.454 \Rightarrow 5.926 \leq \mu \leq 6.834$$

(b) No, since 7.5 is not inside the confidence interval (5.92, 6.834)