

Confidence Interval Worksheet

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Show relevant work for each question:

1. A company that produces white bread is concerned about the distribution of the amount of sodium in its bread. The company takes a simple random sample of 100 slices of bread and computes the sample mean to be 103 milligrams of sodium per slice.

Construct a 99% confidence interval for the unknown mean sodium level assuming that the population standard deviation is 10 milligrams.

2. Fill in the blanks with one of the following: *increases, decreases, or stays the same* where

$$E = \frac{z * \sigma}{\sqrt{n}} .$$

- a) As the sample size (n) increases, the margin of error (E) _____.
 - b) As the confidence level (C) increases, the margin of error (E) _____.
 - c) As the standard deviation (σ) increases, the margin of error (E) _____.
3. You work for a consumer advocate agency and want to find the mean repair cost of a washing machine. In the past, the standard deviation of the cost of repairs for washing machines has been \$17.50. As part of your study, you randomly select 40 repair costs and find the mean to be \$100.00.

Calculate a 90% confidence interval for the population mean.

4. The actual time it takes to cook a ten pound turkey is a normally distributed. Suppose that a random sample of 19 ten pound turkeys is taken.
Given that an average of 2.9 hours and a standard deviation of .24 hours was found for a sample of 19 turkeys, calculate a 90% confidence interval for the average cooking time of a ten pound turkey.

5. The football coach randomly selected eight players and timed how long it took to perform a certain drill. The times in minutes were:

10	6	8	7
6	5	7	8

Assuming that the times follow a normal distribution, find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean