

28. **Legal Music.** A random sample of 168 students were asked how many songs were in their digital music library and what fraction of them were legally purchased. Overall, they reported having a total of 117,079 songs, of which 23.1% were legal. The music industry would like a good estimate of the fraction of songs in students' digital music libraries that are legal.

- a) Think carefully. What is the parameter being estimated? What is the population? What is the sample size?
- b) Check the conditions for making a confidence interval.
- c) Construct a 95% confidence interval for the fraction of legal digital music.
- d) Explain what this interval means. Do you believe that you can be this confident about your result? Why or why not?

a) $p = \frac{\text{proportion of songs in all students' music libraries which are legal}}{\text{total songs}}$

Sample size = 117079

$\hat{p} = .231$

b) $np = (117079)(.231) \approx 27015210$

$nq = (117079)(.769) = 90034210$

- ✓ - SRS (really a cluster sample, assume representative)??
- ✓ - $117079 < 10\%$ of all songs in libraries
- ✓ - indep (assumed)??

c) $CI = \hat{p} \pm z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n}} = .231 \pm (1.96) \sqrt{\frac{(.231)(.769)}{117079}}$

$= .231 \pm .0024$

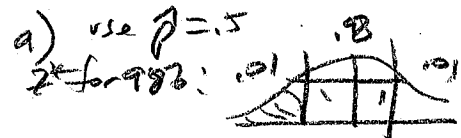
$= (.2286, .2334)$

d) We are 95% confident that the true fraction of songs which are legal in all students' libraries is between 22.86% and 23.34%.

This is ridiculously narrow due to the extremely large sample size. Accuracy is highly dependent upon how representative this sample is to the population. (which is suspect).

32. **Hiring.** In preparing a report on the economy, we need to estimate the percentage of businesses that plan to hire additional employees in the next 60 days.

- a) How many randomly selected employers must we contact in order to create an estimate in which we are 98% confident with a margin of error of 5%?
- b) Suppose we want to reduce the margin of error to 3%. What sample size will suffice?
- c) Why might it not be worth the effort to try to get an interval with a margin of error of only 1%?



$z^* = \text{invNorm}(.01, 0, 1)$

$= 2.326$

$z^* \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}\hat{q}}{n}} = .05$

$(2.326) \sqrt{\frac{(.5)(.5)}{n}} = .05$

$n = \frac{(.5)(.5)}{(\frac{.05}{2.326})^2} = 51,029$

b) $n = \frac{(.5)(.5)}{(\frac{.03}{2.326})^2} = 1502.05$

$\boxed{1503}$

c) $n = \frac{(.5)(.5)}{(\frac{.01}{2.326})^2} = 13526$

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Surveying over 13 thousand businesses would be much more costly and time-consuming.

5. Conclusions. A catalog sales company promises to deliver orders placed on the Internet within 3 days. Follow-up calls to a few randomly selected customers show that a 95% confidence interval for the proportion of all orders that arrive on time is $88\% \pm 6\%$. What does this mean? Are these conclusions correct? Explain.

- a) Between 82% and 94% of all orders arrive on time.
- b) 95% of all random samples of customers will show that 88% of orders arrive on time.
- c) 95% of all random samples of customers will show that 82% to 94% of orders arrive on time.
- d) We are 95% sure that between 82% and 94% of the orders placed by the customers in this sample arrived on time.
- e) On 95% of the days, between 82% and 94% of the orders will arrive on time.

No, not certain
No, not a specific probability
No, the proportion is .82 to .94, 95% is the level of confidence, not a proportion
No, we know for certain that 88% of orders for this sample are on time. uncertainty is for the inference to all orders.
No, 95% not the proportion.

7. Confidence intervals. Several factors are involved in the creation of a confidence interval. Among them are the sample size, the level of confidence, and the margin of error. Which statements are true?

- a) For a given sample size, higher confidence means a smaller margin of error.
- b) For a specified confidence level, larger samples provide smaller margins of error.
- c) For a fixed margin of error, larger samples provide greater confidence.
- d) For a given confidence level, halving the margin of error requires a sample twice as large.

*ME = z*SE*
False. n fixed. higher confidence, z ↑ so SE fixed so ME ↑*
True. confid. level fixed, z fixed ME = z*SE if n ↑ SE ↓ so ME ↓*
*True. ME fixed ME = z*SE if n ↑ SE ↓, then z* ↑ = greater confidence.*
False. confid. level fixed, z fixed ME → 1/2 ME ME = z*SE 1/2 SE → 1/2 SE SE = √(pq/n) 1/2 = √(1/n) 1/4 = 1/n n = 4*
Sample would need to be 4x as large.

23. **Only child.** In a random survey of 226 college students, 20 reported being "only" children (with no siblings). Estimate the proportion of students nationwide who are only children.

- a) SRS? ✓
 indep.? ✓
 $n < 10\%$ ✓
 success/failure ✓

- a) Check the conditions (to the extent you can) for constructing a confidence interval.
 b) Construct a 95% confidence interval.
 c) Interpret your interval.
 d) Explain what "95% confidence" means in this context.

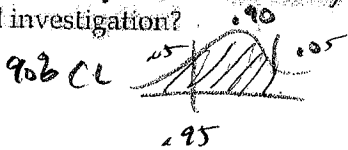
b) $z^* = 1.96$ $\hat{p} = \frac{20}{226} = .0885$
 $SE_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{(.0885)(.9115)}{226}} = .0189$
 $ME = 1.96(.0189) = .0370$
 $CI = .0885 \pm .0370$
 $(.0515, .1255)$

c) We believe with 95% confidence that between 5.1% and 12.6% of all college students are 'only' children.

d) If we selected random groups of 226 students, 95% of the confidence intervals would contain the true proportion of 'only' children.

35. **Pilot study.** A state's environmental agency worries that many cars may be violating clean air emissions standards. The agency hopes to check a sample of vehicles in order to estimate that percentage with a margin of error of 3% and 90% confidence. To gauge the size of the problem, the agency first picks 60 cars and finds 9 with faulty emissions systems. How many should be sampled for a full investigation?

$\hat{p} = \frac{9}{60} = .15$



$z^* = \text{invNorm}(.95, 0, 1) = 1.645$

$SE_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{(.15)(.85)}{n}}$

$ME = z^* SE_{\hat{p}}$

$.03 = 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{(.15)(.85)}{n}}$

$\left(\frac{.03}{1.645}\right)^2 = \frac{(.15)(.85)}{n}$

$n = \frac{(1.645)^2 (.15)(.85)}{(.03)^2}$

$n = 383.35$

$n = 384 \text{ cars}$