

MA 381 Probability with Statistical Applications, Exam III

There are 6 problems on this exam worth a total of 42 points; point values are provided. Partial credit will be given for some problems; show your work.

1: A random sample of 36 measurements of the concentration of a ground contaminant are acquired. The sample mean is 100 and the sample standard deviation is 6. Do the following:

i. (6 pts.) Construct a 95% confidence interval for the mean concentration.

$$\bar{X} = 100 \quad \sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \approx \frac{6}{\sqrt{36}} = \frac{6}{6} = 1 \quad \left. \vphantom{\sigma_{\bar{X}}} \right\} 2$$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96 \quad \left. \vphantom{Z_{\alpha/2}} \right\} 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 95\% \text{ CI} &: (\bar{X} - 1.96 \sigma_{\bar{X}}, \bar{X} + 1.96 \sigma_{\bar{X}}) \\ &= (100 - 1.96, 100 + 1.96) \\ &= (98.04, 101.96) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\text{CI}} \right\} 2$$

ii. (1 pts.) (TRUE/FALSE). The probability the interval you calculated in part i contains the true value of the mean concentration is .95.

1 100

False

90 - 100: 8

80 - 89: 5

70 - 79: 5

60 - 69: 1

< 60: 4