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Answer 1

Let's start with calculating N:

$$N \ge 0.25 \left(\frac{z_{0.01}}{\triangle}\right)^2$$

$$z_{0.01} = q_{0.99} = \phi^{-1}(0.99) = 2.325 \qquad \triangle = 0.03$$

$$N \ge 0.25 \left(\frac{2.325}{0.03}\right)^2 = 1501.56$$

That means we can use N as 1502.

Afer this calculation, we can write the code with random number generators. We have a loop that iterates N times. Every lime we are generating numbers and keeping them in an array to compute std and mean later. Also every time we are checking that total weight is bigger than 300,000 tons or not and keeping it in count to compute probability later. Here are the 4 different results for code:

Estimated probability: 0.174434 Expected weight: 268400.441817 Standard deviation: 33749.996871

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Estimated probability: 0.165779 Expected weight: 268669.550237 Standard deviation: 33009.721452

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Estimated probability: 0.175100 Expected weight: 269187.222508 Standard deviation: 33259.454455

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Estimated probability : 0.175766 Expected weight: 268268.745106 Standard deviation : 33940.142596

When N goes to infinity the standart deviation goes to 0, so if we iterate with bigger N, the std will be lower, and the results will be more accurate. Our N is the smallest number that guarantees the 0.03 margin.