

Assignment 9

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Question : Ex. 8.11 , Papoulis

Q: In an exit poll of 900 voters questioned, 360 responded that they favor a particular proposition. On the basis, it was reported that 40% of the voters favor the proposition. (a) Find the margin of error if the confidence coefficient of the results is 0.95. (b) Find the confidence coefficient if the margin of error is $\pm 2\%$.

Solution

- (a) For this problem, We know that $\bar{x} = 0.40$, $n = 900$ and $z_u \approx 2$:
Hence, Margin of error:

$$\pm 100z_u \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}(1-\bar{x})}{n}} = \pm 3.27\% \quad (1)$$

- (b) We wish to find z_u .

$$\pm 100z_u \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}(1-\bar{x})}{n}} = 2z_u = 1.225 \quad (2)$$

Hence $u = 0.89$

This yields the confidence coefficient,

$$\gamma = 2 \times u \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \gamma = 0.78 \quad (4)$$

Python Output

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Number of voter: 900  
Enter value of mean: 0.4  
enter z_u: 2  
Margin error is 3.27%  
Enter margin error:2  
The cofidence coefficient is: 0.78
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Figure: python code output