**E**stimation **A**nd **C**onfidence **I**ntervals

**Background**

In quality control processes, especially when dealing with high-value items, destructive sampling is a necessary but costly method to ensure product quality. The test to determine whether an item meets the quality standards destroys the item, leading to the requirement of small sample sizes due to cost constraints.

**Scenario**

A manufacturer of print-heads for personal computers is interested in estimating the mean durability of their print-heads in terms of the number of characters printed before failure. To assess this, the manufacturer conducts a study on a small sample of print-heads due to the destructive nature of the testing process.

**Data**

A total of 15 print-heads were randomly selected and tested until failure. The durability of each print-head (in millions of characters) was recorded as follows:

1.13, 1.55, 1.43, 0.92, 1.25, 1.36, 1.32, 0.85, 1.07, 1.48, 1.20, 1.33, 1.18, 1.22, 1.29

**Assignment Tasks**

**a. Build 99% Confidence Interval Using Sample Standard Deviation**

Assuming the sample is representative of the population, construct a 99% confidence interval for the mean number of characters printed before the print-head fails using the sample standard deviation. Explain the steps you take and the rationale behind using the t-distribution for this task.  
  
ANS :   
Given,   
 Data set = 1.13, 1.55, 1.43, 0.92, 1.25, 1.36, 1.32, 0.85, 1.07, 1.48, 1.20, 1.33, 1.18, 1.22, 1.29  
 To build Build 99% Confidence Interval Using Sample Standard Deviation  
Soln,   
 Sample mean = 1.23  
 Sample Standard Deviation = 0.19  
 Degree of freedom = n-1 = 14   
 Critical value calculated using t table for 99% Cf.I with dof 14 = 2.9  
 Margine of error = 0.13   
   
 Using python code for pulling out values of confidence interval and sample standard deviation.(refer below)  


99% confidence interval using sample standard deviation observed between (1.09, 1.38) **------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**b. Build 99% Confidence Interval Using Known Population Standard Deviation**

If it were known that the population standard deviation is 0.2 million characters, construct a 99% confidence interval for the mean number of characters printed before failure.  
  
ANS

Given :  
 Population standard deviation : 0.2 million characters.  
  
 soln: A screenshot of a computer program

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99% confidence interval can be observed using population standard deviation at (1.105, 1.3716).