STAT212 Assignment 1

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1 Question 1

1.1 Part 1

The formula for a $(1 - \alpha_0)\%$ CI for μ is given by:

$$\bar{X} - z_{\alpha_0/2} \times (\sigma_0/\sqrt{n}), \bar{X} + z_{\alpha_0/2} \times (\sigma_0/\sqrt{n})$$

Using excel for calculations:

$$\bar{X} = 102.0765957$$

$$s.d = 13.86773053$$

$$n = 470$$

level of confidence = 0.9

$$\alpha = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.05$$

$$t - cutoff = 1.648109068$$

$$upper = 101.0223486$$

$$lower = 103.1308428$$

1.2 Part 2

The half-width of a $(1 - \alpha_0)\%$ CI is referred to as the CIs precision.

$$z_{\alpha_0/2}\times (\frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$$1.648109068 \times (\frac{13.86773053}{\sqrt{470}})$$

precision = 1.054247097

1.3 Part 3

$$variance = 200$$
 $s.d = \sqrt{200} = 14.14213562$ $precision = 0.5$ $level of confidence = 0.9$

To find number of students we use the following formula

$$\begin{split} n &= [(\frac{z_{\alpha_0/2} \times \sigma_0}{I_0})^2] \\ &= [(\frac{1.648109068 \times 14.14213562}{0.5})^2] \\ &= 2173.0108 \end{split}$$

2174 students needed to be sampled to achieve a precision of 0.5 at a level of confidence of 90%.