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# Long Question 3 - Scrabble Pizza Party

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You and your friend decide throw a scrabble pizza party. You don't know how many pizzas to order, so you want to obtain an estimate of slices each person would eat. You perform a poll of ten randomly selected patrons to see how many slices they each ate. Their responses are denoted  $X_i$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,10$ , and

$$ar{X} = rac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i = 4.3$$

$$s^2 = rac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = 2.7$$

## **Question 11**

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Assuming that the  $X_i$ s are *i.i.d.* normal, construct a 95 confidence interval for the mean of the  $X_i$ s. Enter the lower and upper bounds on the interval [a,b].

Please round your answer to 2 decimal points

Lower bound a:

3.28

**X** Answer: 3.12

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3.28
Upper bound **b**:

5.32

\*\* Answer: 5.48

5.32

**Explanation** 

$$ar{X}\pm t_{0.025,n-1}rac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Plugging in the relevant numbers from the table:

$$4.3 \pm 2.26 rac{\sqrt{2.7}}{\sqrt{10}} \ [3.12, 5.48]$$

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### **Question 12**

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How many patrons would you have had to poll to limit the width of the confidence interval to one slice?

Please round your answer to the nearest whole number.

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**X** Answer: 692

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#### **Explanation**

$$2rac{2\sqrt{2.7}}{\sqrt{n}} < 0.25 \implies n > (rac{4\sqrt{2.7}}{0.25})^2 \implies n > 692$$

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### **Question 13**

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True or False? Suppose your friend gives you the additional information that the  $X_i$ s have a uniform distribution on  $[0,\theta]$  instead. Unfortunately, he has already thrown away the original data and kept the sample mean and the sample variance he computed. You can still construct a 95% confidence interval for the mean of the  $X_i$ s.

● True			
○ False			

# **Explanation**

You can still construct a 95% confidence interval for the mean of the  $X_i$ , you can just use  $2\bar{X}$  as an estimate for heta.

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