

Conditions

What is the confidence interval for the population mean assuming the population has a normal distribution and $n=12$, $\bar{x}=29.5$, $s=4.1$, and 99% confidence

Solution

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bar{X} - z_{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + z_{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \alpha$$

$$z_{0.99} = 2.326$$

$$29.5 - 2.326 \cdot \frac{4.1}{\sqrt{12}} \leq \mu \leq 29.5 + 2.326 \cdot \frac{4.1}{\sqrt{12}}$$

$$24.747 \leq \mu \leq 32.253$$

Answer: $24.747 \leq \mu \leq 32.253$