

Interpreting the Confidence Interval from Previous Example

* “With 90% confidence, the mean is in the interval
(22.3 , 23.5)

* This means: When a _____
of samples is collected and a _____
_____ is created for each sample,
_____ of these
_____ will contain _____.

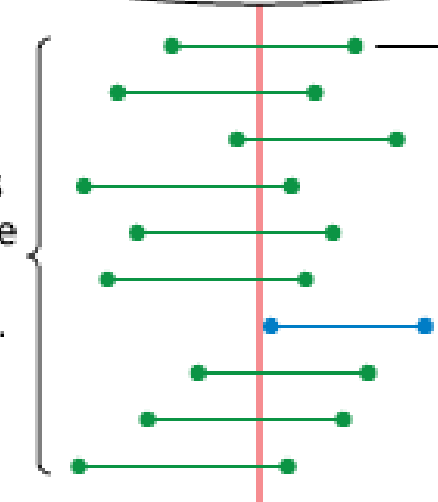
Population

The mean of the population lies in nine of the intervals.

The horizontal segments represent 90% confidence intervals for different samples of the same size.

The mean of the population does not lie in one of the intervals.

Mean of the population



Sample Size

* To determine the _____
_____ needed to estimate the
_____ with a
_____ and a
_____ :

EX:

- * An economics researcher wants to estimate the mean number of hours worked by all grocery store employees in a county. How many employees must be included in the sample to be 95% confident that the sample mean is within 1.5 hours of the population mean? Assume the standard deviation is 7.9 hours.