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It costs you \$10 to draw a sample of size $n = 1$ and measure the attribute of interest. You have a budget of \$1,500. $\Rightarrow n = 150$

a. Do you have sufficient funds to estimate the population mean for the attribute of interest with a 95% confidence interval 4 units in width? Assume that $\sigma = 12$.

b. If you used a 90% confidence level, would your answer to part a change? Explain.

$$a. CI_{95\%}(\mu) = \left(\bar{x} \pm z_{0.025} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Sampling error of the $CI_{95\%}(\mu) = 2$

$n = 150$

$$z_{0.025} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.96 \cdot \frac{12}{\sqrt{150}} = 1.92 \Rightarrow \text{The answer is yes}$$

b. Yes, because the width of $CI_{90\%}(\mu)$ is less than that of $CI_{95\%}(\mu)$.