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Lecture 10

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Now, let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. We want to find a real number q_α dividing our (sorted) Dataset into the proportion $100\alpha\% - 100(1 - \alpha)\%$, i.e., q_α is a point such that the α -portion of the Datapoints are to the left to q_α , and others are to the right.

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Note: Sometimes Quantiles are called Percentiles.

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Example: Find the 20% and 60% quantiles of

$$x : -2, 3, 5, 7, 8, -3, 4, 5, 2$$

Solution: OTB

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Now, let us calculate Quantiles in **R**:

```
x <- 1:15  
quantile(x,0.21)
```

```
## 21%  
## 3.94
```

```
quantile(x, c(0.1,0.3,0.7))
```

```
## 10% 30% 70%  
## 2.4 5.2 10.8
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$$\int_{-\infty}^{q_\alpha} f(x) dx = \alpha.$$

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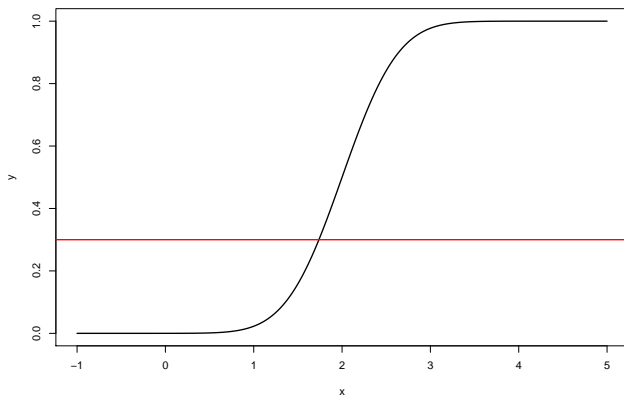
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Theoretical Quantiles, Geometrically, by CDF

```
alpha <- 0.3  
x <- seq(-1,5, by = 0.01)  
y <- pnorm(x, mean = 2, sd = 0.5)  
plot(x,y, type = "l", xlim = c(-1,5), lwd = 2)  
abline(h = alpha, lwd = 2, col = "red")
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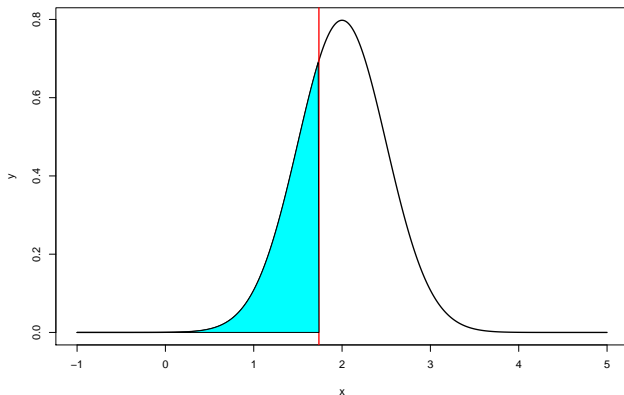
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Now, assume our Distribution is continuous. We plot the graph of the PDF $y = f(x)$. We take q_α to be the smallest point such that the area under the PDF curve **left to** q_α is exactly α .

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```
alpha <- 0.3; q.alpha <- qnorm(alpha, mean = 2, sd = 0.5)
x <- seq(-1,5, by = 0.01)
y <- dnorm(x, mean = 2, sd = 0.5)
plot(x,y, type = "l", xlim = c(-1,5), lwd = 2)
abline(v = q.alpha, lwd = 2, col = "red")
polygon(c(x[x<=q.alpha], q.alpha), c(y[x<=q.alpha], 0), col="cyan")
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