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Lecture 23

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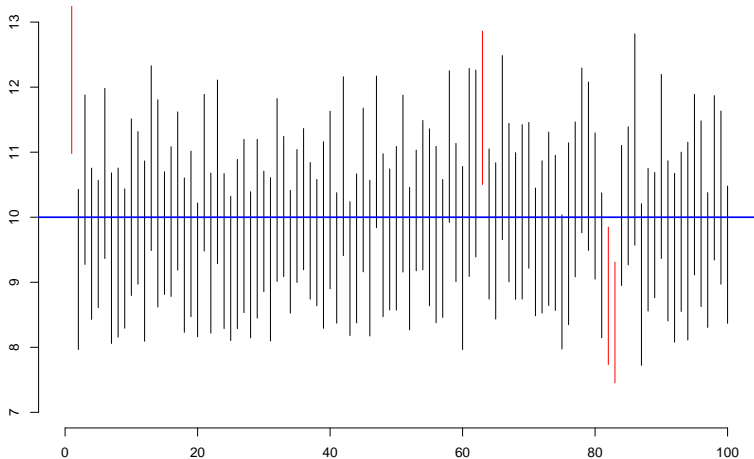
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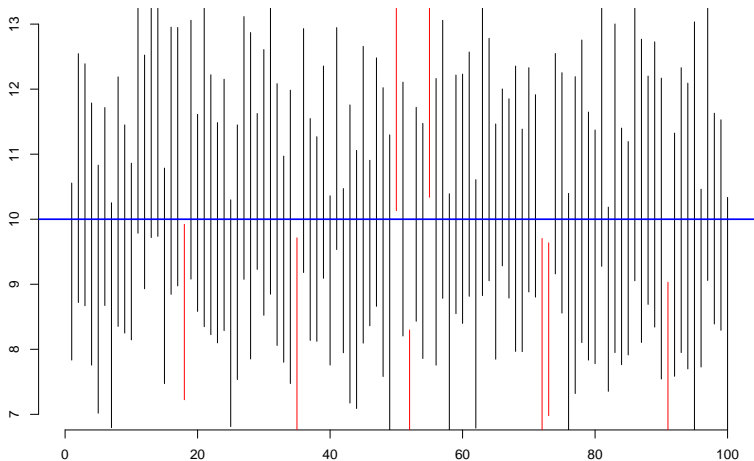
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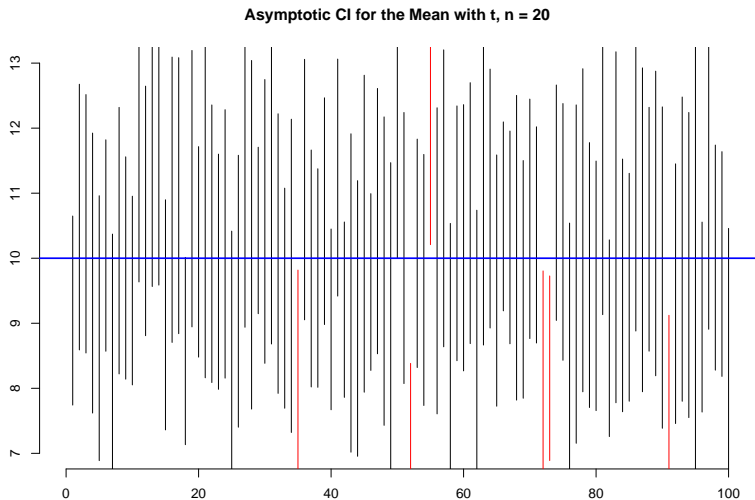


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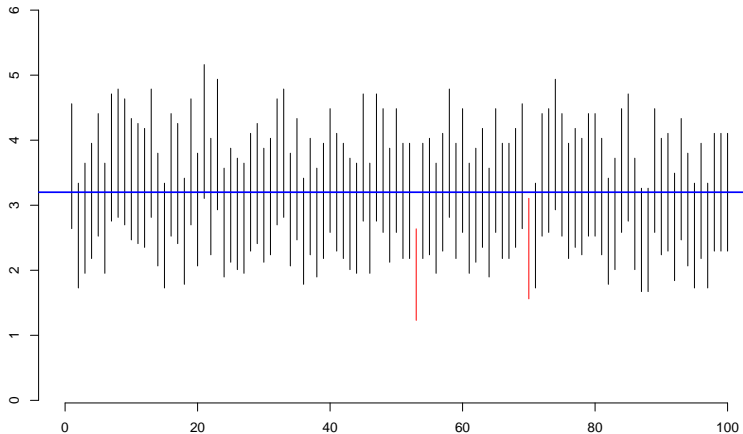
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plot.window(xlim=c(0,no.of.intervals),ylim=c(lambda-3,lambda+3))
axis(1); axis(2)
title("Asymptotic CI for the Pois lambda, n = 50")
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  x <- rpois(sample.size, lambda = lambda)
  ME <- z*sqrt(mean(x)/sample.size) #Margin of Error
  lo <- mean(x) - ME; up <- mean(x) + ME
  if(lo > lambda || up < lambda){
    segments(c(i), c(lo), c(i), c(up), col = "red")
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Then, using this Pivot, we will obtain the following $(1 - \alpha)$ -level CI for $\mu_X - \mu_Y$:

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