

# YSU ASDS, Statistics, Fall 2019

## Lecture 22

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**R** gives:

```
qnorm(0.975)
```

```
## [1] 1.959964
```

so our 95% CI will be

$$\left( \bar{X} - 1.96 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + 1.96 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

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```

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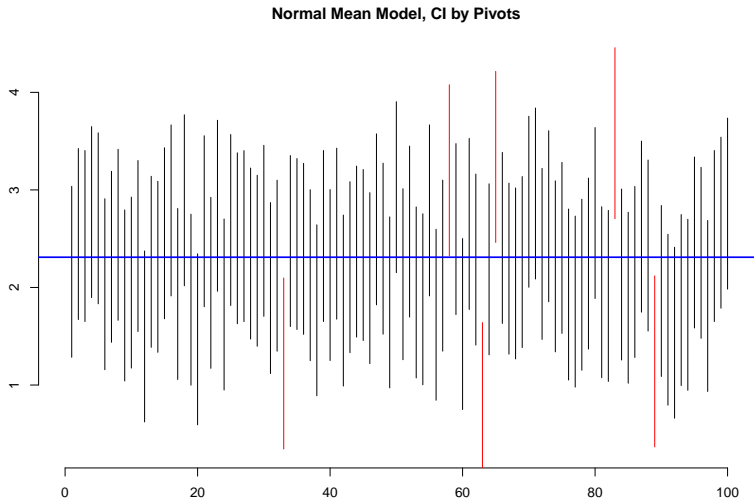
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Now we construct the 95% CI by the above formula:

```
me <- 1.96* sigma/sqrt(n) #the Margin of Error
c(mean(smp1) - me, mean(smp1) + me)
```

```
## [1] 0.680515 2.433592
```

# Example, Simulation



## Example, Simulation, Code

```
mu <- 2.31; sigma <- 2
conf.level <- 0.95; a = 1 - conf.level
sample.size <- 20; no.of.intervals <- 100
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ME <- z*sigma/sqrt(sample.size) #Margin of Error

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axis(1); axis(2)
title("Normal Mean Model, CI by Pivots")
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  lo <- mean(x) - ME; up <- mean(x) + ME
  if(lo > mu || up < mu){
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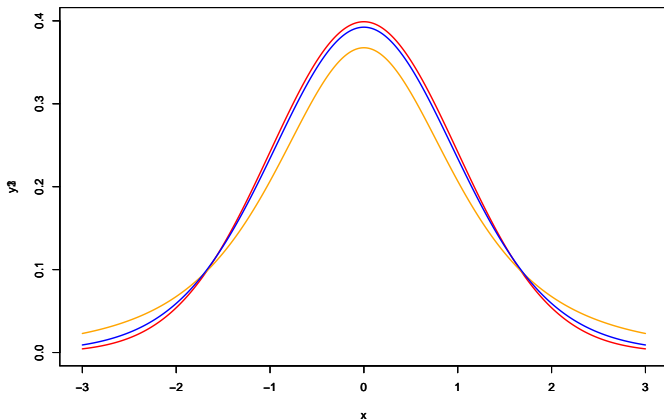
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# t-Distribution

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```
c(qnorm(0.975), qt(0.975, df = 3), qt(0.975, df = 20))
```

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```
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##  One Sample t-test
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## data:  smpl
## t = 9.2435, df = 9, p-value = 6.86e-06
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
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## sample estimates:
## mean of x
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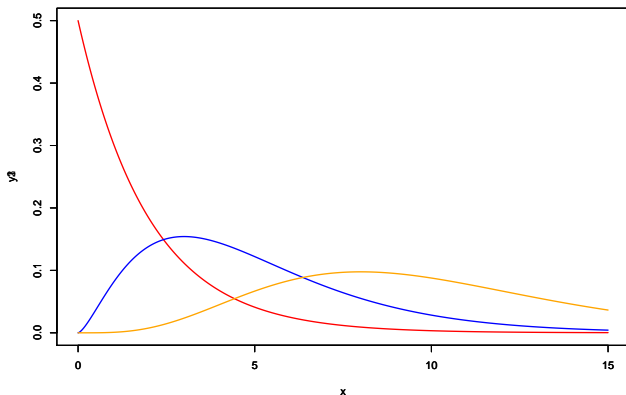
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**Exercise:** What is  $\mathbb{E}(Y)$  ?

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## Example

**Example:** Assume we have scale of very high precision, and we want to measure the precision of our scale. Say, we weight a 50AMD coin, using that scale, 10 times, and we obtain the following measurements (in gramms):

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[1] 3.449243 3.450802 3.453054 3.448778 3.452541 3.448835 3.448  
[8] 3.454406 3.450314 3.449047
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Our aim is to Estimate the Precision of the Scale.