

**Code**  
critical value  $Z$  for a 99% confidence interval using the `qnorm()` function. For a two-sided confidence interval, a 99% confidence level means that  $\alpha = 1 - 0.99 = 0.01$ , and we are interested in the value  $Z$  such that the area to the left is  $1 - \alpha/2 = 1 - 0.01/2 = 0.995$ .

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#critical value Z
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qnorm(0.995) #give 2.58
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Based on the critical value calculated in the previous step,  $z_{.99} = 2.58$ , the formula for the 99% confidence interval is:

$$\text{Confidence Interval} = \text{Point Estimate} \pm \underbrace{2.58 \times \text{SE}}_{\text{MoE}}$$

The critical  $Z$ -value,  $\mathbf{Z_{1-\alpha/2}}$ , is replaced by **2.58**, which corresponds to the **99%** confidence level ( $\alpha = 0.01$ ). This value is the multiplier for the Standard Error (SE) to calculate the Margin of Error (MoE).