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Lecture 32

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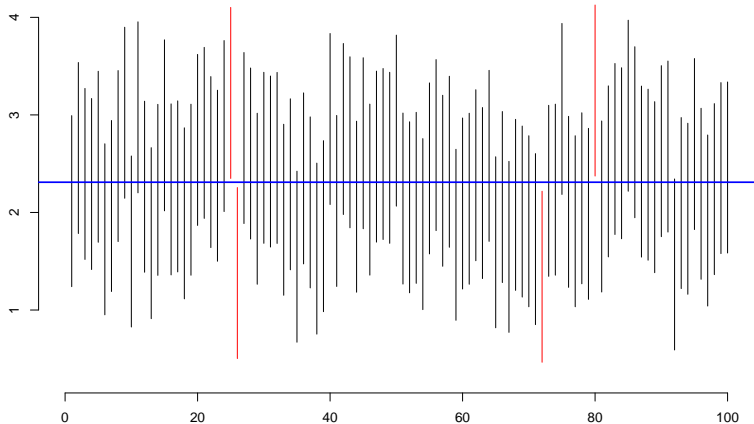
Now we construct the 95% CI by the above formula:

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

```
## [1] 1.764134 3.517211
```

Example, Simulation

Normal Mean Model, CI by Pivots



Example, Simulation, Code

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

plot.new()
plot.window(xlim = c(0,no.of.intervals), ylim = c(mu-2,mu+2))
axis(1); axis(2)
title("Normal Mean Model, CI by Pivots")
for(i in 1:no.of.intervals){
  x <- rnorm(sample.size, mean = mu, sd = sigma)
  lo <- mean(x) - ME; up <- mean(x) + ME
  if(lo > mu || up < mu){
    segments(c(i), c(lo), c(i), c(up), col = "red")
  }
  else{
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}
abline(h = mu, lwd = 2, col = "blue")
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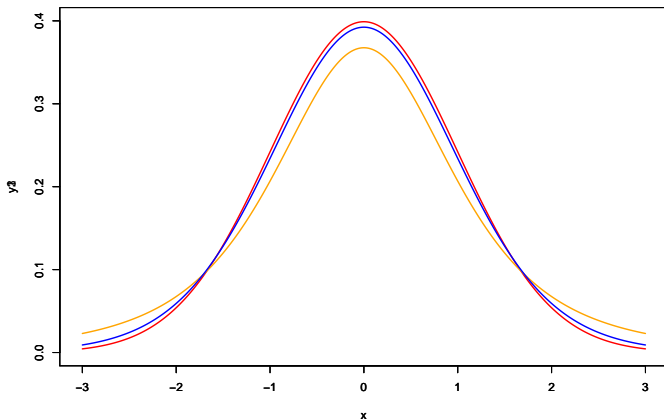
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