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The usual values of the confidence level are $90\%, 95\%, 99\%$, so the usual values of α are $0.1, 0.05$ and 0.01.

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$$(L, U) = \Big(L(X_1, ..., X_n, \alpha) \ , \quad U(X_1, ..., X_n, \alpha) \Big)$$

is called a **confidence interval (or confidence interval estimator) for θ of confidence level** $1 - \alpha$, if for any $\theta \in \Theta$,

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Going back to our CI, CI of the confidence level $1 - \alpha$ is a Random Interval that contains θ in more than $(1 - \alpha) \cdot 100\%$ of cases.

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So, if we will have/generate different observations, we will have different Intervals[1] (L, U), and we want to have that most of the time that interval contains our unknown Parameter value.

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$$\left(\frac{1}{\overline{\overline{X}}} - 0.1, \frac{1}{\overline{\overline{X}}} + 0.1\right)$$

and do some simulations:

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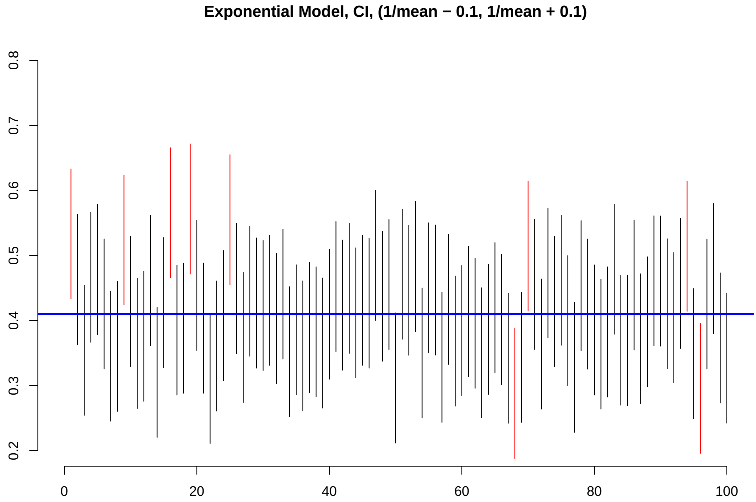

CI, **R** Simulation, Code

```r
#CI Idea, Exponential Model
lambda <- 0.41
conf.level <- 0.95; a = 1 - conf.level
sample.size <- 50; no.of.intervals <- 100
epsilon <- 0.1

plot.new()
plot.window(xlim = c(0,no.of.intervals), ylim = c(0.2,0.8))
axis(1); axis(2)
title("Exponential Model, CI, (1/mean - 0.1, 1/mean + 0.1)")
for(i in 1:no.of.intervals){
  x <- rexp(sample.size, rate = lambda)
  lo <- 1/mean(x) - epsilon; up <- 1/mean(x) + epsilon
  if(lo > lambda || up < lambda){
    segments(c(i), c(lo), c(i), c(up), col = "red")
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abline(h = lambda, lwd = 2, col = "blue")
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Methods to obtain Confidence Intervals

We will consider several methods to construct CIs:

- Chebyshev Inequality Based;
- Pivotal Quantity Based

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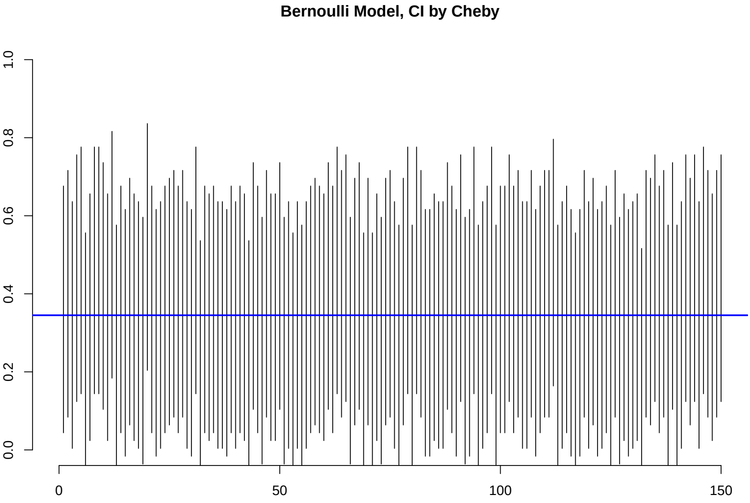

Sample Size $= 50,\ CL = 95\%$

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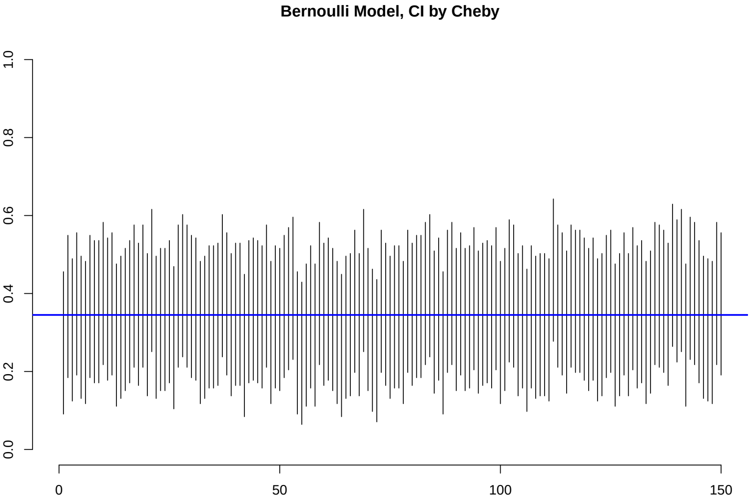

Sample Size $= 150$, $CL = 95\%$

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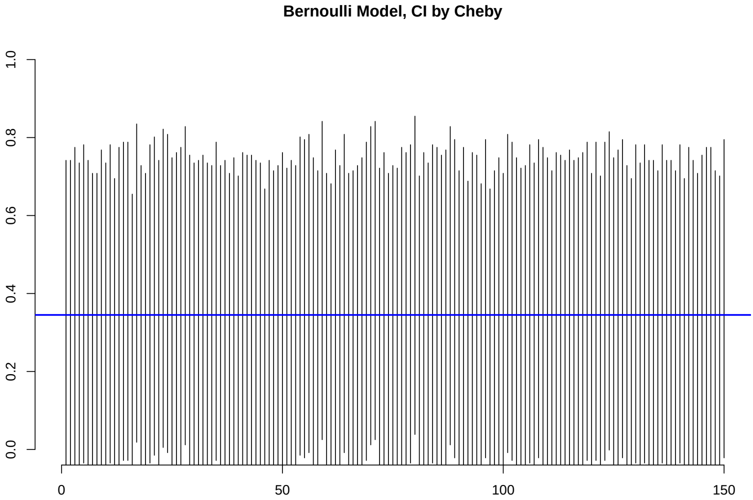

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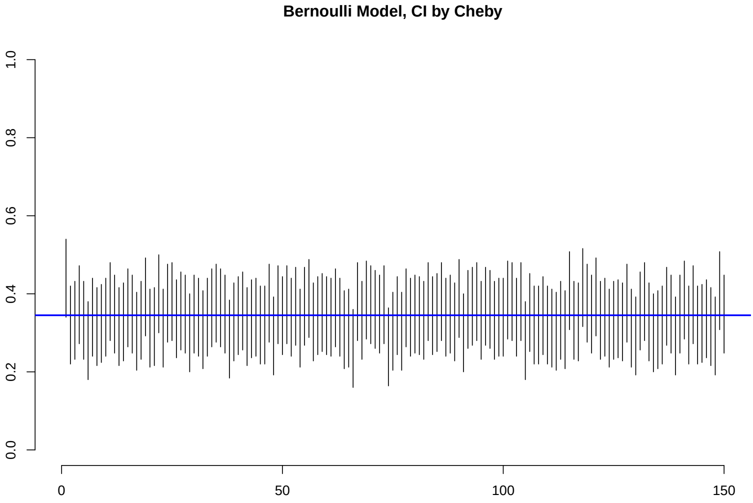

Sample Size $= 250$, $CL = 90\%$

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#CI Idea, Bernoulli Model
p <- 0.345
conf.level <- 0.9; a = 1 - conf.level
sample.size <- 250; no.of.intervals <- 150
ME <- 1/(2*sqrt(sample.size*a)) #Margin of Error
plot.new()
plot.window(xlim = c(0,no.of.intervals), ylim = c(0,1))
axis(1); axis(2)
title("Bernoulli Model, CI by Cheby")
for(i in 1:no.of.intervals){
  x <- rbinom(sample.size, size = 1, prob = p)
  lo <- mean(x) - ME
  up <- mean(x) + ME
  if(lo > p || up < p){
    segments(c(i), c(lo), c(i), c(up), col = "red")
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