

# Bounded Normal Mean

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library("NPRHonest")
```

Let  $cv_{1-\alpha}(B)$  denote the half-length of a fixed-length  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval (CI) around a normally distributed estimator with variance one and maximum bias  $B$ . This critical value can be computed as `CVb(B, alpha)`. The function `CVb` returns a dataframe of the critical values:

```
RDHonest::CVb(B = 1, alpha = 0.5)
```

```
bias alpha cv TeXDescription 1 1 0.5 1.05054
alpha = 0.5
```

```
d <- RDHonest::CVb(B = sort(c(seq(0, 1, by = 0.1), sqrt(1/(2/3)) - 1), sqrt(1/(6/7)) - 1), 1.5, 2)), alpha = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1))
t1 <- reshape2::dcast(d[, -2], bias ~ TeXDescription, value.var = "cv")
pander::pandoc.table(t1, justify = "left", split.cells = 5)
```

| bias   | $\alpha = 0.01$ | $\alpha = 0.05$ | $\alpha = 0.1$ |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 0      | 2.576           | 1.96            | 1.645          |
| 0.1    | 2.589           | 1.97            | 1.653          |
| 0.2    | 2.626           | 1.999           | 1.677          |
| 0.3    | 2.683           | 2.045           | 1.717          |
| 0.4    | 2.757           | 2.107           | 1.772          |
| 0.4082 | 2.764           | 2.113           | 1.777          |
| 0.5    | 2.842           | 2.181           | 1.839          |
| 0.6    | 2.934           | 2.265           | 1.916          |
| 0.7    | 3.03            | 2.356           | 2.001          |
| 0.7071 | 3.037           | 2.362           | 2.008          |
| 0.8    | 3.128           | 2.45            | 2.093          |
| 0.9    | 3.227           | 2.548           | 2.187          |
| 1      | 3.327           | 2.646           | 2.284          |
| 1.5    | 3.826           | 3.145           | 2.782          |
| 2      | 4.326           | 3.645           | 3.282          |

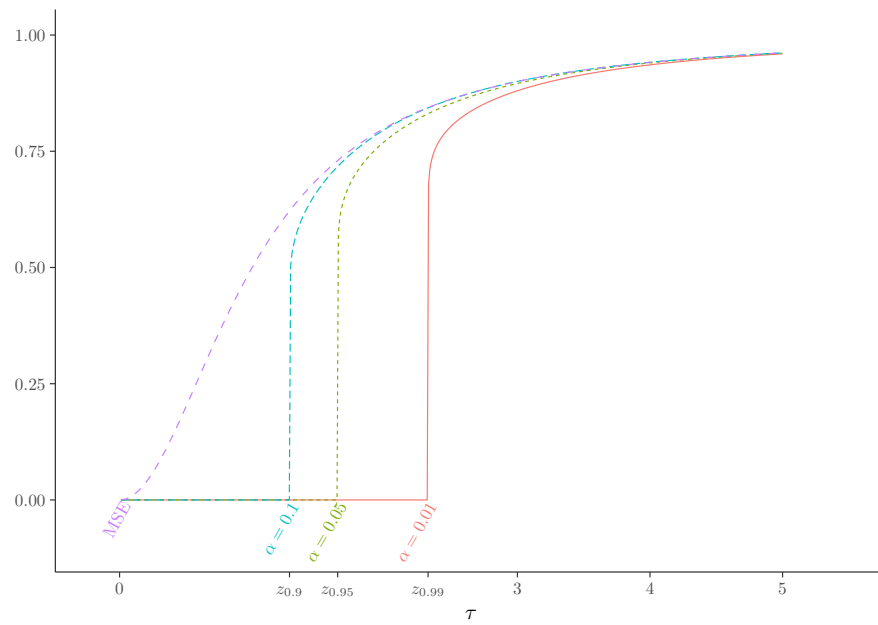
Given an observation  $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$  with  $\theta \in [-\tau, \tau]$ , the optimal affine fixed-length confidence interval can be computed with `bnmflci`. This gives the optimal shrinkage `c` and optimal half-length `chi`, so that the resulting Ci is given by  $cX \pm \chi$ :

```
bnmflci(tau = 2, alpha = 0.05)
#> $c
#> [1] 0.771448
#>
#> $chi
#> [1] 1.74259
```

Plots of critical values:

```
library("ggplot2") # otherwise directlabels freaks out
p <- plot_bnm()
```

p\$p1



p\$p2

