

# Inefficiency of Modified VaR and ES

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- $mVaR_\gamma, mES_\gamma$  are not MLE so their variance will be larger than the variance of MLE estimator

$$ARE(\hat{\theta}, g(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2)) = \frac{V_{g(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2)}}{V_{\hat{\theta}}} \leq 1$$

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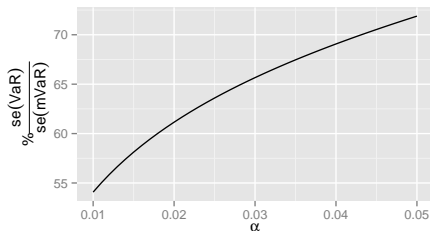
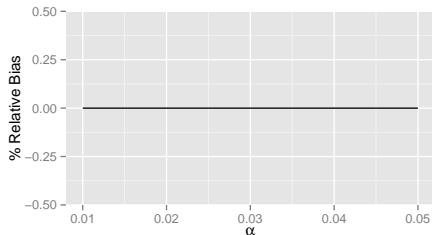
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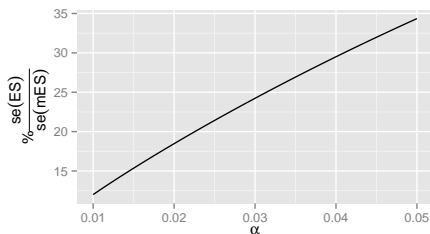
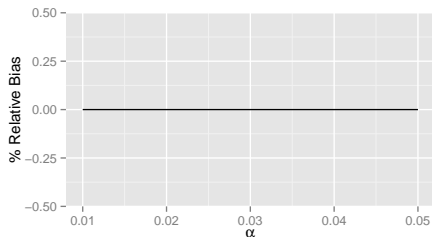
# Results for Normal distribution

<https://github.com/arorar/VarInModRisk>

## mVaR bias and efficiency for Normal distribution

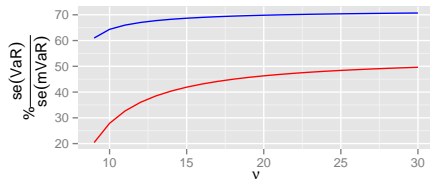
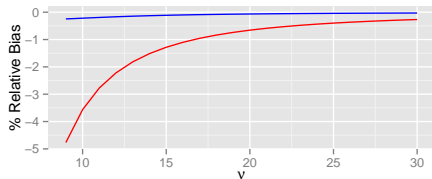


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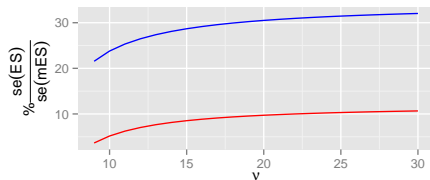
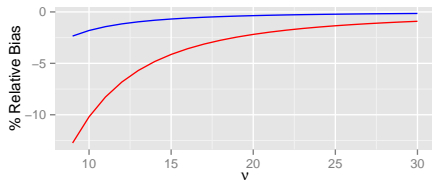
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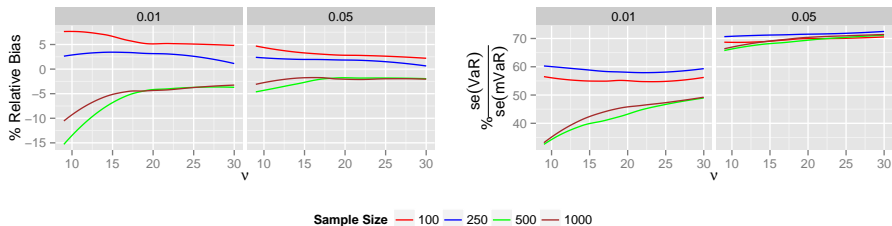


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Figure: Asymptotics

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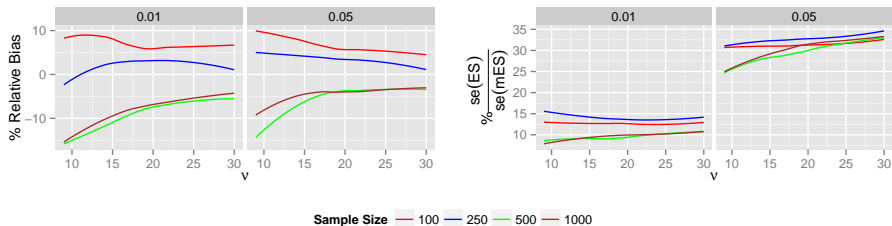





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