

# Exponential Distribution vs Central Limit Theorem

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Objective: The aim of this project is to explore the exponential distribution in R and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. For this project Lambda is set to 0.2 for a thousand simulations. The project considers the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials.

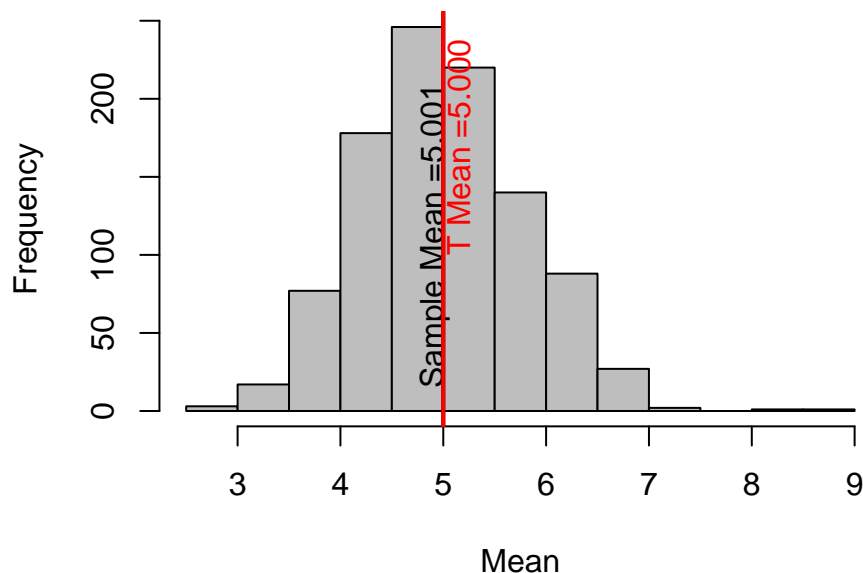
## 1 - Show the sample mean and compare it to the theoretical mean of the distribution

Simulations and Plot:

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# Data: Parameters for the Exponential Distribution
set.seed(900) # Set the seed for random number generation
lambda <- 0.2 # parameter of the distribution, rate parameter
N_sim <- 1:1000 # Number of simulations
N_exp <- 40 # 40 exponentials
# Computations of theoretical and sample mean
means <- data.frame(c = sapply(N_sim, function(c) {mean(rexp(N_exp, lambda))})) #1000 simulations
tMean <- round(1/lambda,4) # mean of the exponential distribution rounded to 4 digits
sample_mean <- round(mean(means$c),4) #sample mean rounded to 4 digits
```

Fig 1 depicts a histogram of the samples and plots both the theoretical and the sample mean.

**Fig.1 Means Distributions, 1,000 Samples**



Analysis: The Sample Mean versus the Theoretical Mean

A) Let  $\mu$  be the expected theoretical mean, given by:  $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

replacing values we can calculate  $\mu$  :

```
## [1] 5
```

Let  $\bar{X}$  be the average sample mean of 1000 simulations of 40 randomly sampled exponential distributions. Computing the mean of the samples we obtain (see code above)  $\bar{X}$  :

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## [1] 5.0001
```

Conclusion: Note that the plot and the calculation shown above verify that the values of the expected and the sample mean are very similar with a negligible difference, proving that the simulations are very accurate.

## 2 Show how variable the sample is (via variance) and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution.

Expected Values:

Let the std deviation of a exponential distribution of rate  $\lambda$  be  $\sigma$ . Therefore:  $\sigma = \frac{1/\lambda}{\sqrt{n}}$   
 $\sigma$  :

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## [1] 0.7906
```

And let the variance  $Var$  of standard deviation  $\sigma$  be  $Var = \sigma^2$

$Var$  :

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## [1] 0.6250484
```

Sample Calculations:

Let  $Var_x$  be the variance of the average sample mean of 1000 simulations of 40 randomly sampled exponential distribution, and  $sd_x$  the corresponding standard deviation. # Variance of the simulations:

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sd_x<-round(sd(means$c),4)# standard deviation
sd_x;
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## [1] 0.7921
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var_x<- round(var(means$c),4)
var_x;
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## [1] 0.6274
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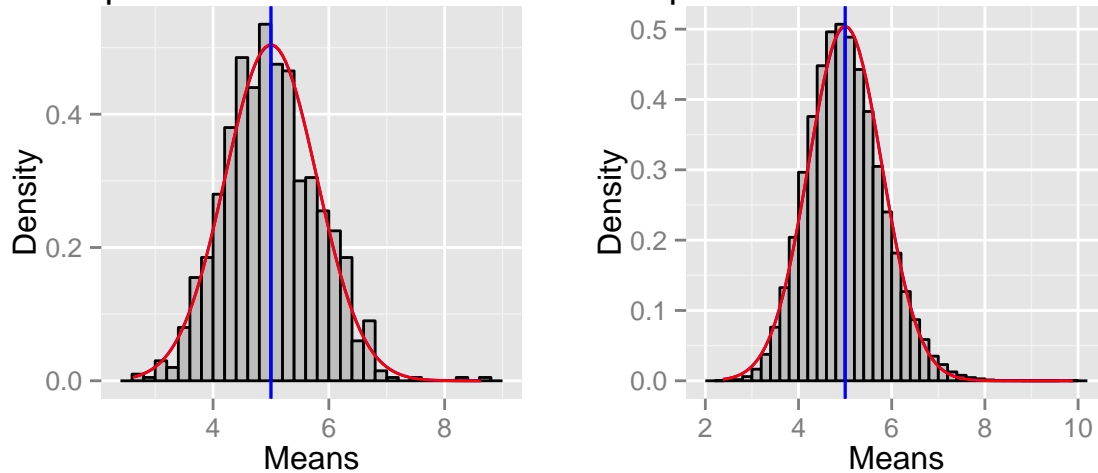
Analysis: The standard deviation values are very close, and since the variance is the square of the standard deviations, a negligible difference is expected, demonstrating again the accuracy of the simulations.

### 3- Show that the distribution is approximately normal

Focus on the difference between the distributions of a large collection of random exponentials and the distribution of a large collection of averages of 40 exponentials.

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## Loading required package: ggplot2
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Analysis: For  $\lambda=0.2$ , the sample distribution is approximately normal with Mean and Variance values matching the Theoretical mean and variance with a very accurate approximation. To further elaborate, Should we increase the sample size from 1000 to x, eg 200000, the distribution of means shape a bell curve of a normal distribution, therefore concluding that it is approximate normal distribution.

## CONCLUSION

Summary Results for Q1, Q2, and Q3

| ##          | Expected Value | Simulation |
|-------------|----------------|------------|
| ## Mean     | 5.0000000      | 5.0025     |
| ## Std Dev  | 0.7906000      | 0.7921     |
| ## Variance | 0.6250484      | 0.6274     |

- 1- We see above the distribution is centered, with the theoretical mean vs sample mean presenting a negligible difference. The simulation method is accurate and yields only a difference of .0001 for a 1000 simulations.
- 2- The theoretical variance is 0.637 and the sample variance 0.6250, also proving a high degree of accuracy using the sample std deviation and variance.
- 3- The graph above shows the distribution approximately normal for 1000 samples and continues the same shape for higher number of samples, demonstrating again a consistent tendency and approximation to normal distribution.