

Homework 1

1. (a) For all $\epsilon > 0$ and for all $m \geq 1$,

$$P(|X_n - 0| \leq \epsilon \ \forall n \geq m) = 1 - \frac{1}{n} + f(n, \epsilon),$$

in which $f(n, \epsilon) \in [0, \frac{1}{n}]$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n, \epsilon) = 0$. (This $f(n, \epsilon)$ term is only stated to be extremely pedantic. In reality, if $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, $f(n, \epsilon) = 0$ and the term is essentially unnecessary.) Therefore, this sequence converges to 0 almost surely because $1 - 1/n + f(n, \epsilon)$ tends to 1 as n approaches infinity. In addition, this sequence converges to 0 in L^1 because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_n - 0|) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \sqrt{n}(\frac{1}{n})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.$$

However, this sequence does not converge to 0 in L^2 because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(|X_n - 0|^2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0^2(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \sqrt{n}^2(\frac{1}{n})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 \neq 0.$$

- (b) Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n = 0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n})) = \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n = 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

is exactly equal to the distribution of $1_{[1/2, 1]}(U)$, it must be that

$$X_n = 1_{[0, 1/2 + 1/n)}(U) \implies 1_{[1/2, 1]}(U).$$

However, for $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - 1_{[1/2, 1]}(U)| \leq \epsilon) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\frac{1}{2} \leq U < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0,$$

so $X_n = 1_{[0, 1/2 + 1/n)}(U)$ does not converge in probability to $1_{[1/2, 1]}(U)$.

- (c) We know that for any $x \in [0, 1]$,

$$P(X_n \leq x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor nx \rfloor} P(X = \frac{k}{n}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor nx \rfloor} \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{\lfloor nx \rfloor + 1}{n+1}.$$

Now, since $(\lfloor nx \rfloor + 1) \in [nx, nx + 1]$, it must be that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx}{n+1} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lfloor nx \rfloor + 1}{n+1} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx+1}{n+1}.$$

Thus, since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx+1}{n+1} = x,$$

it must be that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lfloor nx \rfloor + 1}{n+1} = x.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq x) = x = P(U \leq x)$, i.e. $X_n \implies U$. (Also note that for both distributions, the cdfs are trivially 0 when $x \leq 0$ and 1 when $x \geq 1$.)

2. The cdf of $n(1 - \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\})$ in which X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. random variables with the uniform distribution on $[0,1]$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
P(n(1 - \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}) \leq x) &= P(\max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \geq 1 - \frac{x}{n}) \\
&= 1 - P(\max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\} \leq 1 - \frac{x}{n}) \\
&= 1 - P(X_1 \leq 1 - \frac{x}{n}, X_2 \leq 1 - \frac{x}{n}, \dots, X_n \leq 1 - \frac{x}{n}) \\
&= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq 1 - \frac{x}{n}) \\
&= 1 - (1 - \frac{x}{n})^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(n(1 - \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}) \leq x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - (1 - \frac{x}{n})^n = 1 - e^{-x},$$

which is the cdf of an exponential distribution with $\lambda = 1$, i.e.

$$n(1 - \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}) \implies \text{expo}(\lambda = 1).$$

3. Figure 1 shows the histograms for the project completion time for 10^3 , 10^4 , and 10^5 independent trials. The simulation was implemented in R.

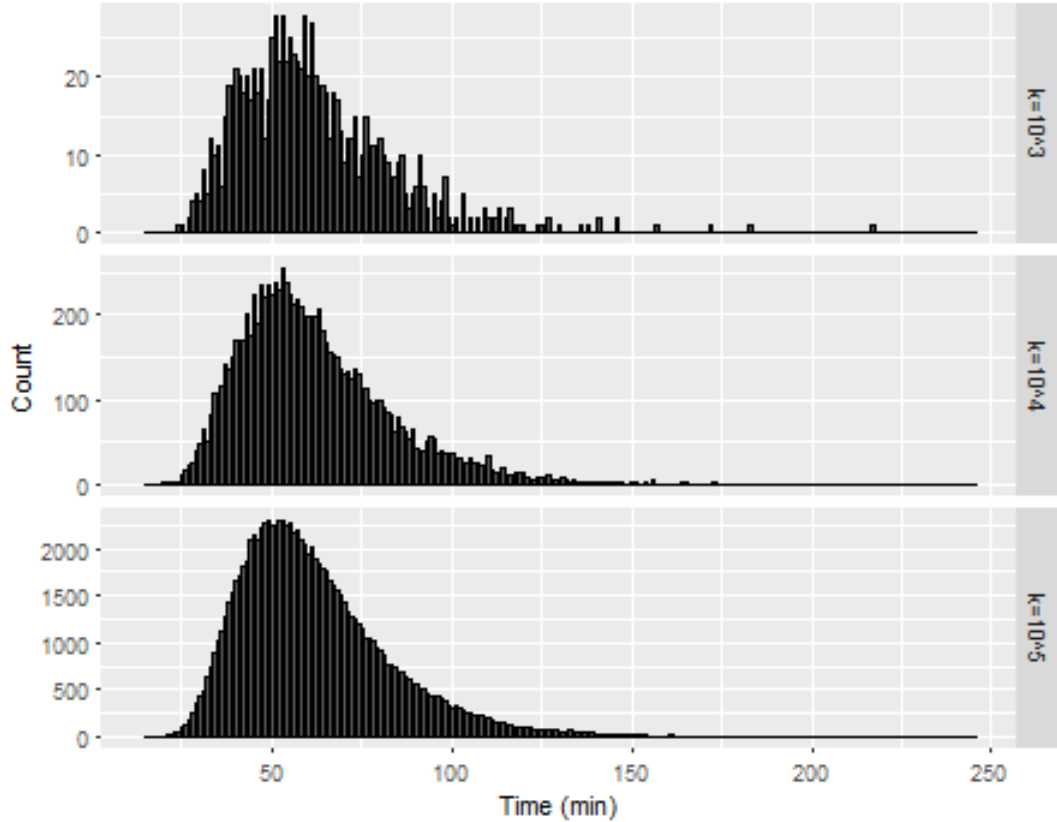


Figure 1: Project completion time histograms for k independent trials with bins for every 2 minutes.

Table 1 shows the mean project completion time and 95% CIs for 10^3 , 10^4 , and 10^5 independent trials. Tables 2-4 show the 5th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 95th percentiles of the project completion time and their corresponding 95% CIs for 10^3 , 10^4 , and 10^5 independent trials.

Table 1: Mean project completion time with 95% confidence intervals in minutes.

Trials	10^3	10^4	10^5
Mean Project Completion Time (min)	61.40 ± 1.33	61.89 ± 0.42	62.01 ± 0.13

Table 2: Project completion time percentiles with 95% confidence intervals in minutes for $k = 10^3$ trials.

Percentile	95% CI LB	Estimate	95% CI UB
5th	32.91	34.42	35.65
25th	45.20	46.55	48.16
50th	56.41	57.86	59.15
75th	69.42	72.21	74.11
90th	95.20	98.33	106.01

Table 3: Project completion time percentiles with 95% confidence intervals in minutes for $k = 10^4$ trials.

Percentile	95% CI LB	Estimate	95% CI UB
5th	34.30	34.64	35.03
25th	46.42	46.77	47.12
50th	57.24	57.72	58.18
75th	72.33	73.03	73.59
90th	101.71	103.33	104.85

Table 4: Project completion time percentiles with 95% confidence intervals in minutes for $k = 10^5$ trials.

Percentile	95% CI LB	Estimate	95% CI UB
5th	34.97	35.10	35.22
25th	46.73	46.85	46.97
50th	57.85	58.00	58.14
75th	72.54	72.76	72.97
90th	102.08	102.56	103.04

As the number of trials increases, the distribution of project completion time becomes “smoother” and looks closer to that of a right skewed normal distribution. Also, the CIs of the percentiles become much smaller with the number of trials as expected, but still overlap with the CIs corresponding to smaller amounts of trials.

4. (a) Let T_i be the time of the i th arrival and D_i be the time of the i th departure. Then, we have that

$$T_i = \sum_{j=1}^i A_j,$$

$$D_i = T_i + X_i + S_i.$$

It is straightforward to see that we can now write the delay time of the i th entity explicitly as

$$X_i = \max\{D_{i-1}, T_i\} - T_i$$

for all $i = 2, 3, \dots$. Therefore, for $i = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i+1} &= \max\{D_i, T_{i+1}\} - T_{i+1} \\ &= \max\{D_i - T_{i+1}, 0\} \\ &= \max\{T_i + X_i + S_i - T_{i+1}, 0\} \\ &= \max\{X_i + S_i - A_{i+1}, 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have that $\mathbb{E}[A] = \text{Var}(A) = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}[S] = \text{Var}(S) = 0.8$. Therefore,

$$\rho = \frac{\mathbb{E}[S]}{\mathbb{E}[A]} = \frac{0.8}{1} = 0.8, \quad c_A^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(A)}{(\mathbb{E}[A])^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} = 1, \quad c_S^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(S)}{(\mathbb{E}[S])^2} = \frac{0.8}{0.8^2} = 1.25.$$

Therefore,

$$\mu = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} \times \frac{c_A^2 + c_S^2}{2} \times \mathbb{E}[S] = \frac{0.8}{1 - 0.8} \times \frac{1 + 1.25}{2} \times 0.8 = 3.6 \text{ min.}$$

(c) Table 5 shows the mean entity delay time and 95% CIs for 10^3 , 10^4 , and 10^5 consecutive entity delays for 100 independent trials each. Figure 2 shows that the 95% CI of the mean entity delay gets smaller as the number of consecutive entity delays increases and that each CI overlaps the steady-state mean $\mu = 3.6$ min. This figure also indicates that the transient phase of $\{X_i\}$ does not seem to matter since the 95% CIs are about where we expect to see them, especially for the experiment with the lowest number of consecutive entity delays. The simulation was implemented in R.

Table 5: Mean entity delay time with 95% confidence intervals in minutes.

Entity Delays	10^3	10^4	10^5
Mean Entity Delay Time (min)	3.54 ± 0.24	3.61 ± 0.07	3.60 ± 0.03

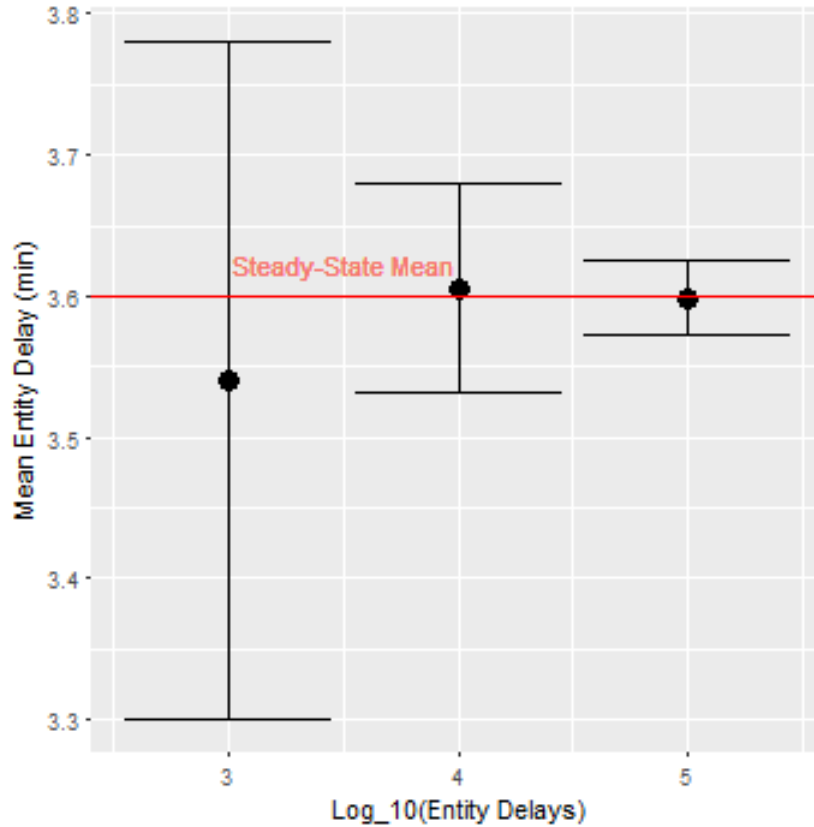


Figure 2: Mean entity delay times and their corresponding 95% confidence intervals for 10^3 , 10^4 , and 10^5 consecutive entity delays and 100 replications each.

(d) As depicted in Figure 3, only 15% of the 100 CIs contain the true mean $\mu = 3.6$ mins. This percentage may be surprising to some, but it should not be since these 95% CIs are for each replication and not for the mean delay time over all replications. We could expect that a 95% CI for the mean delay time over all replications would have a 95% chance of overlapping with

the steady-state mean μ since the mean delay times for each replication are independent, but this same expectation should not be held for individual replications in which the delays are not independent from one another.

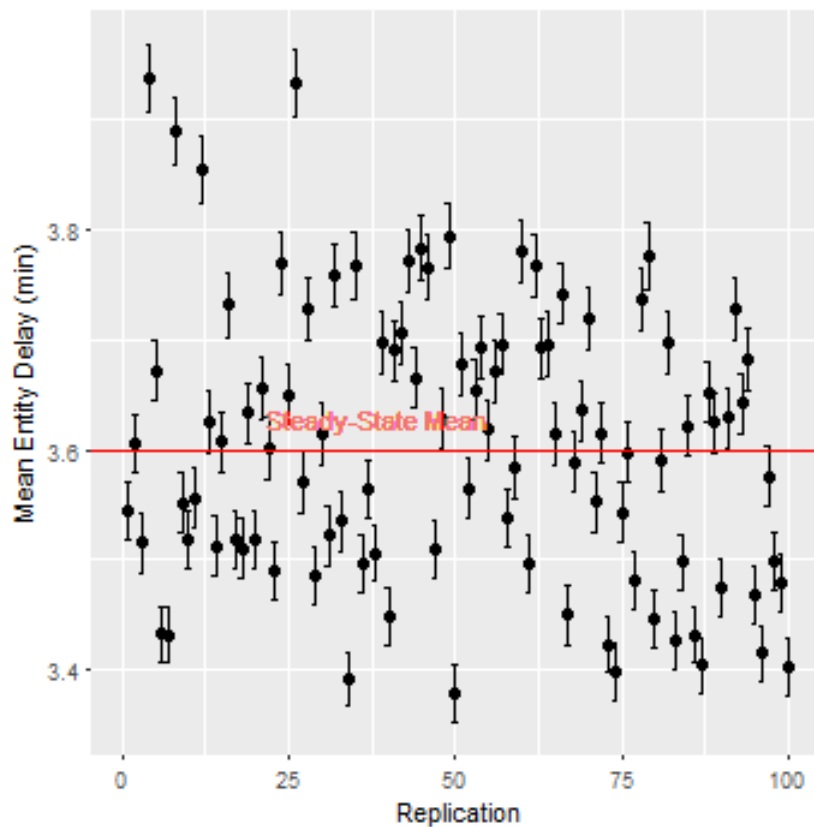


Figure 3: “Truncated” mean entity delay times and their corresponding 95% confidence intervals for each replication.

Appendix

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1
2 ##### Problem 3 #####
3
4 rm(list = ls())
5 library(ggplot2)
6
7 nodes <- 9
8 trials <- c(10^3,10^4,10^5)
9 arcs_norm <- c(13,5.5,5.2,3.2,3.2)
10 arcs_expo <- c(7,16.5,14.7,6,10.3,4,20,16.5)
11
12 quantiles <- c(0.05,0.25,0.5,0.75,0.95)
13 mean_completion_times <- rep(0,length(trials))
14 mean_completion_times_sd <- rep(0,length(trials))
15 mean_completion_times_95CI_HL <- rep(0,length(trials))
16 percentile_estimates <- array(0,c(length(trials),length(quantiles)))
17 percentile_estimates_95CI_LB <- array(0,c(length(trials),length(quantiles)))
18 percentile_estimates_95CI_UB <- array(0,c(length(trials),length(quantiles)))
19 durations_per_trial <- list()
20
21 set.seed(42)
22 for (k in 1:length(trials)){
23   arc_lengths <- array(0,c(trials[k],length(arcs_norm)+length(arcs_expo)))
24   durations <- array(0,c(trials[k],nodes))
25   for (i in 1:trials[k]){
26     arcs_norm_sim <- rnorm(length(arcs_norm),arcs_norm,arcs_norm/4),0)
27     arcs_expo_sim <- rexp(length(arcs_expo),1./arcs_expo)
28     arc_lengths[i,] <- c(arcs_norm_sim,arcs_expo_sim)
29     durations[i,2] <- arc_lengths[i,1]
30     durations[i,3] <- max(arc_lengths[i,2],durations[i,2]+arc_lengths[i,6])
31     durations[i,4] <- durations[i,2]+arc_lengths[i,3]
32     durations[i,5] <- durations[i,2]+arc_lengths[i,9]
33     durations[i,6] <- max(durations[i,2]+arc_lengths[i,7],durations[i,3]+arc_lengths[i,8],durations[i,5]+
34       arc_lengths[i,12])
35     durations[i,7] <- durations[i,4]+arc_lengths[i,10]
36     durations[i,8] <- max(durations[i,5]+arc_lengths[i,11],durations[i,7]+arc_lengths[i,5])
37     durations[i,9] <- max(durations[i,6]+arc_lengths[i,4],durations[i,8]+arc_lengths[i,13])
38   }
39   mean_completion_times[k] <- mean(durations[,9])
40   mean_completion_times_sd[k] <- sd(durations[,9])
41   mean_completion_times_95CI_HL[k] <- qt(0.975,trials[k]-1)*mean_completion_times_sd[k]/sqrt(trials[k])
42   percentile_estimates[k,] <- unname(quantile(durations[,9],quantiles))
43   percentile_estimates_95CI_LB[k,] <- unname(quantile(durations[,9],quantiles-qnorm(0.975)*sqrt(quantiles
44     *(1-quantiles)/trials[k])))
45   percentile_estimates_95CI_UB[k,] <- unname(quantile(durations[,9],quantiles+qnorm(0.975)*sqrt(quantiles
46     *(1-quantiles)/trials[k])))
47   durations_df <- data.frame(trial = k, durations = durations[,9])
48   durations_per_trial[[k]] <- durations_df
49 }
50 mean_completion_times
51 mean_completion_times_95CI_HL
52 percentile_estimates
53 percentile_estimates_95CI_UB
54 percentile_estimates_95CI_LB
55
56 durations_to_plot <- do.call(rbind,durations_per_trial)
57 trial_names <- list("1"="k=10^3","2"="k=10^4","3"="k=10^5")
58 trial_labeller <- function(variable,value){
59   return(trial_names[value])
60 }
61 png("ISyE_6832_Homework_1_Problem_3.png", width = 450, height = 350)
62 suppressWarnings(ggplot(durations_to_plot, aes(x=durations)) +
63   geom_histogram(binwidth=1,color="black") +
64   facet_grid(trial~.,scales="free",labeller=trial_labeller) +
65   labs(x="Project Completion Time (min)",y = "Count"))
66 dev.off()
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69
70 ##### Problem 4c #####
71
72 rm(list = ls())
73
74 replications <- 100
75 entities <- c(10^3,10^4,10^5)

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77 Y_bar <- rep(0,length(entities))
78 Y_bar_95CI_UB <- rep(0,length(entities))
79 Y_bar_95CI_LB <- rep(0,length(entities))
80 Y_bar_95CI_HL <- rep(0,length(entities))
81
82 set.seed(42)
83 for(k in 1:length(entities)){
84   arrivals <- array(0,c(entities[k],replications))
85   services <- array(0,c(entities[k],replications))
86   delays <- array(0,c(entities[k],replications))
87   for(j in 1:replications){
88     arrivals[-1,j] <- rexp(entities[k]-1,1)
89     services[,j] <- rgamma(entities[k],0.8,1)
90     for(i in 2:entities[k]){
91       delays[i,j] <- max(delays[i-1,j]+services[i-1,j]-arrivals[i,j],0)
92     }
93   }
94   delay_means <- colMeans(delays)
95   Y_bar[k] <- mean(delay_means)
96   Y_bar_95CI_UB[k] <- Y_bar[k] + qt(0.975,replications-1)*sd(delay_means)/sqrt(replications)
97   Y_bar_95CI_LB[k] <- Y_bar[k] - qt(0.975,replications-1)*sd(delay_means)/sqrt(replications)
98   Y_bar_95CI_HL[k] <- qt(0.975,replications-1)*sd(delay_means)/sqrt(replications)
99 }
100
101 Y_bar
102 Y_bar_95CI_HL
103
104 Y_df <- data.frame(log10_entities = log10(entities),
105                   mean = Y_bar,
106                   LB = Y_bar_95CI_LB,
107                   UB = Y_bar_95CI_UB)
108 steady_state_mean <- 3.6
109
110 png("ISyE_6832_Homework_1_Problem_4c.png", width = 350, height = 350)
111 ggplot(Y_df, aes(x = log10_entities, y = mean)) +
112   geom_point(size = 4) +
113   geom_errorbar(aes(ymax = UB, ymin = LB)) +
114   geom_hline(yintercept= steady_state_mean, color="red") +
115   geom_text(aes(log10_entities[1]+0.5, steady_state_mean, label = "Steady-State Mean", color="red",
116                 vjust = -1)) +
117   theme(legend.position="none") +
118   labs(x = "Log_10(Entity Delays)", y = "Mean Entity Delay (min)")
119 dev.off()
120
121
122 ##### Problem 4d #####
123
124 rm(list = ls())
125 library(matrixStats)
126
127 replications <- 100
128 entities <- 10^5
129 extra <- 1000
130
131 set.seed(42)
132 for(k in 1:length(entities)){
133   arrivals <- array(0,c(entities[k]+extra,replications))
134   services <- array(0,c(entities[k]+extra,replications))
135   delays <- array(0,c(entities[k]+extra,replications))
136   for(j in 1:replications){
137     arrivals[-1,j] <- rexp(entities[k]+extra-1,1)
138     services[,j] <- rgamma(entities[k]+extra,0.8,1)
139     for(i in 2:entities[k]+extra){
140       delays[i,j] <- max(delays[i-1,j]+services[i-1,j]-arrivals[i,j],0)
141     }
142   }
143   X_bar <- colMeans(delays[(1+extra):(entities[k]+extra),])
144   X_bar_sd <- colSds(delays[(1+extra):(entities[k]+extra),])
145   X_bar_95CI_UB <- X_bar + qnorm(0.975,0,1)*X_bar_sd/sqrt(entities[k])
146   X_bar_95CI_LB <- X_bar - qnorm(0.975,0,1)*X_bar_sd/sqrt(entities[k])
147   X_bar_95CI_HL <- qnorm(0.975,0,1)*X_bar_sd/sqrt(entities[k])
148 }
149
150 X_bar
151 X_bar_95CI_HL
152 steady_state_mean <- 3.6
153 contain_true_mean <- sum(X_bar_95CI_LB <= steady_state_mean & X_bar_95CI_UB >= steady_state_mean)/
154   replications
155 contain_true_mean

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155 X_df <- data.frame(replication = c(1:replications),
156                   mean = X_bar,
157                   LB = X_bar_95CI_LB,
158                   UB = X_bar_95CI_UB)
159
160
161 png("ISyE_6832_Homework_1_Problem_4d.png", width = 350, height = 350)
162 ggplot(X_df, aes(x = replication, y = mean)) +
163   geom_point(size = 2) +
164   geom_errorbar(aes(ymax = UB, ymin = LB)) +
165   geom_hline(yintercept= steady_state_mean, color="red") +
166   geom_text(aes(38.5, steady_state_mean, label = "Steady-State Mean", color="red", vjust = -1)) +
167   theme(legend.position="none") +
168   labs(x = "Replication", y = "Mean Entity Delay (min)")
169 dev.off()

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