

# Statistical Inference Assignment Part 1

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## Setting up global options and loading knitr package for the assignment

```
library(knitr)
opts_chunk$set(fig.width=7, fig.height=4, warning=FALSE, message=FALSE)
```

## Statistical Inference Course Part 1

### Overview

The assignment is to investigate the exponential distribution in R and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. The exponential distribution can be simulated in R with `rexp(n, lambda)` where `lambda` is the rate parameter.

The mean of exponential distribution is  $1/\lambda$  and the standard deviation is also  $1/\lambda$ . We will set `lambda = 0.2` for all of the simulations and investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials. We will need to do a thousand simulations.

### Develop Simulations

```
# Load necessary libraries
library(ggplot2)
```

### Set constants

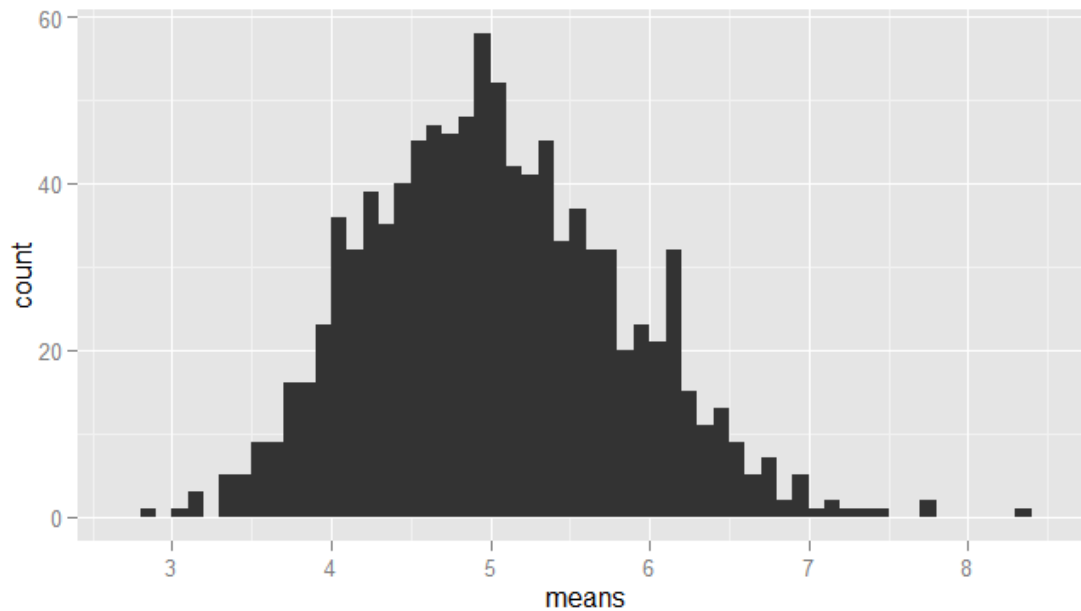
```
lambda <- 0.2 # Lambda for rexp
n <- 40 # number of exponentials
numberOfSimulations <- 1000 # number of tests
```

### Set the seed to create reproducibility

```
set.seed(11081979)
```

### Run the test resulting in n x numberOfSimulations matrix

```
exponentialDistributions <- matrix(data=rexp(n * numberOfSimulations,
lambda), nrow=numberOfSimulations)
exponentialDistributionMeans <-
data.frame(means=apply(exponentialDistributions, 1, mean))
```



## Sample Mean versus Theoretical Mean

The expected mean  $\mu$  of a exponential distribution of rate  $\lambda$  is

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

```
mu <- 1/lambda
mu
## [1] 5
```

Let  $\bar{X}$  be the average sample mean of 1000 simulations of 40 randomly sampled exponential distributions.

```
meanOfMeans <- mean(exponentialDistributionMeans$means)
meanOfMeans
## [1] 5.027126
```

The expected mean and the average sample mean are very close

## Sample Variance versus Theoretical Variance

The expected standard deviation  $\sigma$  of a exponential distribution of rate  $\lambda$  is

$$\sigma = \frac{1/\lambda}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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```
sd <- 1/lambda/sqrt(n)
sd
## [1] 0.7905694
```

The variance Var of standard deviation  $\sigma$  is

$$\text{Var} = \sigma^2$$

```
Var <- sd^2
Var
## [1] 0.625
```

Let  $\text{Var}_x$  be the variance of the average sample mean of 1000 simulations of 40 randomly sampled exponential distribution, and  $\sigma_x$  the corresponding standard deviation.

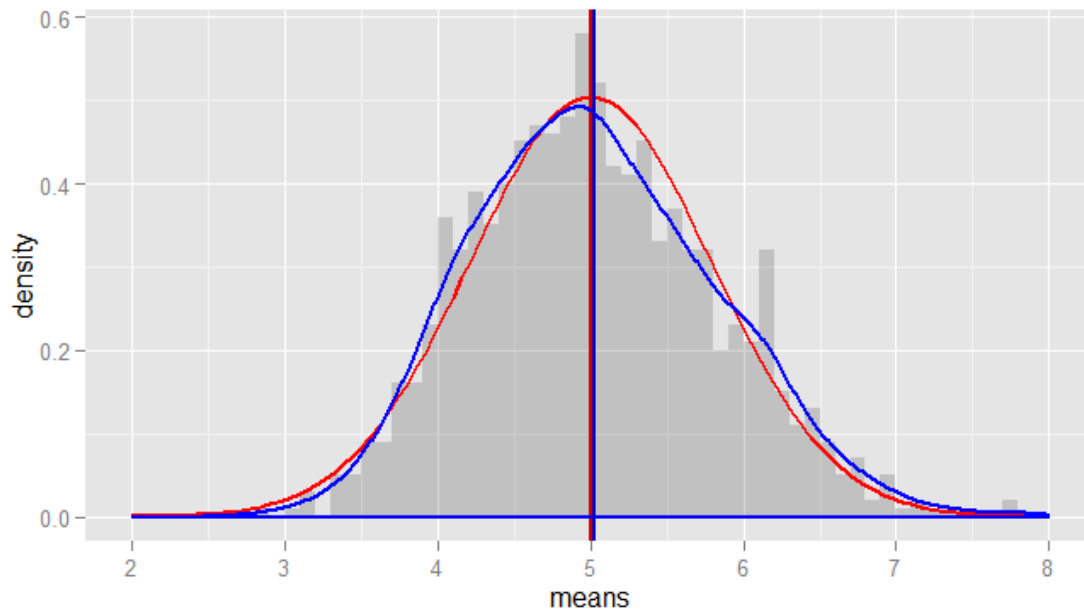
```
sd_x <- sd(exponentialDistributionMeans$means)
sd_x
## [1] 0.8020334

Var_x <- var(exponentialDistributionMeans$means)
Var_x
## [1] 0.6432577
```

As you can see the standard deviations are very close. Since variance is the square of the standard deviations, minor differences will be enhanced, but are still pretty close.

## Distribution

Comparing the population means & standard deviation with a normal distribution of the expected values. Added lines for the calculated and expected means



The graph, the calculated distribution of means of random sampled exponential distributions, overlaps with the normal distribution with the expected values based on the given lambda