

Statistical Inference Project

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Part 1: Simulation Exercise Instructions

In this project you will 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 $1/\lambda$. Set `lambda = 0.2` for all of the simulations.

You will investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials. Note that you will need to do a thousand simulations.

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##      dplyr      tidyr  ggplot2      knitr markdown  moments  nortest      e1071
##      TRUE       TRUE    TRUE      TRUE      TRUE      TRUE      TRUE      TRUE
```

Part 1 - Simulations

simulation inputs

```
lambda <- 0.2
size <- 40
simulations <- 1000
```

settings a seed will allow us to reproduce the results

```
set.seed(881) # prime
```

create a dataframe with column title 'individual_mean' for recording each sample distributions mean

```
samples <- data.frame(individual_mean = numeric(size))
replicate(simulations, mean(rexp(size, lambda)))
```

```
##      [1] 4.477747 5.822793 4.054247 4.873564 4.609780 4.585438 4.651006
##      [8] 4.595969 3.712426 4.149294 5.157933 6.458950 3.078232 4.094112
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## [995] 4.574150 5.863842 5.029003 4.885902 6.010222 4.312497
```

```
# create a new sample for each simulation and get its mean and added to samples data frame
# iteration over vectorisation
for (i in 1:simulations) {
  individual_sample <- rexp(size, lambda) # specific set simulation with 40 exponentials of lambda
  samples[i, 1] <- mean(individual_sample)
}
```

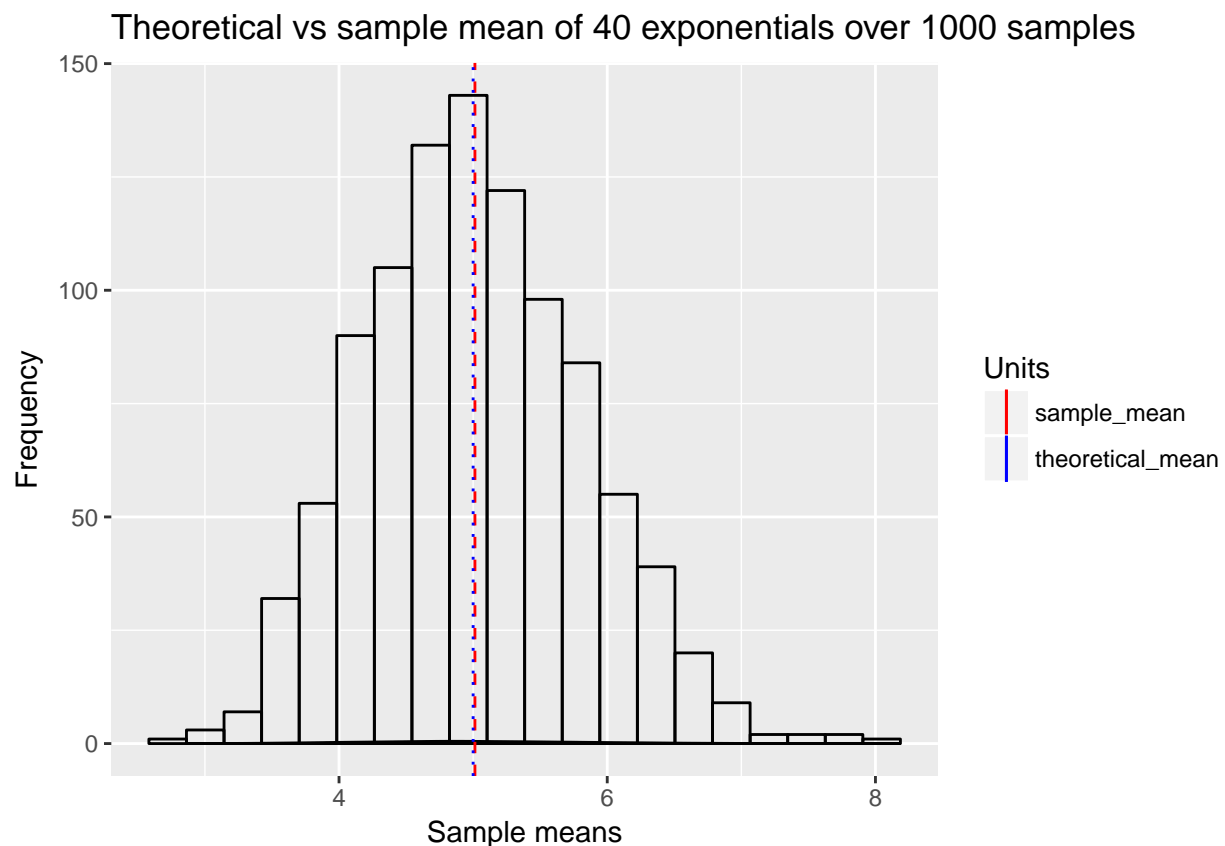
show the sample mean and compare it to the theoretical mean of the distribution.

```
theoretical_mean <- 1 / lambda
data <- samples[, 1]
sample_mean <- mean(data)
```

plot samples with theoretical mean vs sample mean

```
ggplot(samples, aes(x = individual_mean)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 20, boundary = -0.5, fill = NA, color = "black") +
  geom_density(alpha = .2, fill = "#FF6666", show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = sample_mean, color = "sample_mean", linetype = "sample_mean", show.legend = TRUE)) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = theoretical_mean, color = "theoretical_mean", linetype = "theoretical_mean", show.legend = TRUE)) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Units", values = c(sample_mean = "red", theoretical_mean = "blue")) +
```

```
scale_linetype_manual(name = "Units", values = c(sample_mean = "dashed", theoretical_mean = "dotted")) +
labs(title = "Theoretical vs sample mean of 40 exponentials over 1000 samples") +
labs(x = "Sample means", y = "Frequency")
```



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

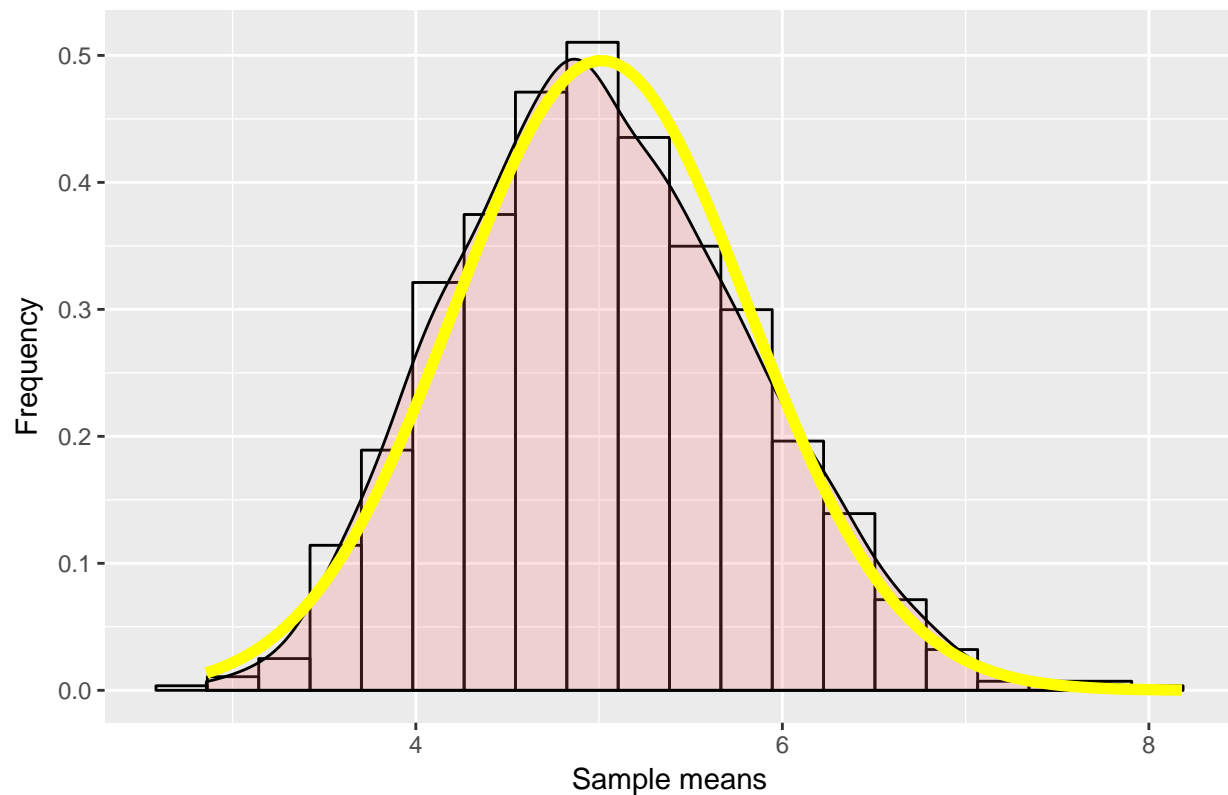
```
theoretical_sd <- (1 / lambda) / sqrt(size)
theoretical_variance <- theoretical_sd ^ 2
sample_variance <- var(data)
```

show that the distribution is approximately normal.

visually inspect bell curve

```
ggplot(samples, aes(x = individual_mean)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), bins = 20, boundary = -0.5, fill = NA, color = "black") +
  geom_density(alpha = .2, fill = "#FF6666", show.legend = FALSE) +
  stat_function(fun = dnorm, args = list(mean = mean(data), sd = sqrt(sample_variance)), colour = "yellow") +
  labs(title = "Approximation to Normality - visual inspection of bell curve") +
  labs(x = "Sample means", y = "Frequency")
```

Approximation to Normality – visual inspection of bell curve



Testing for normality

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_probability_plot

nortest package to the rescue

<http://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/52293/r-qqplot-how-to-see-whether-data-are-normally-distributed/52295>

Test 1 - skewness and kurtosis, they should be around (0,3)

```
skewness(data)
```

```
## [1] 0.2887447
```

```
kurtosis(data)
```

```
## [1] -0.0225037
```

Test 2 - Shapiro-Wilks test

```
shapiro.test(data)
```

```
##  
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test  
##  
## data: data  
## W = 0.99399, p-value = 0.0004827
```

Test 3 - Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

```
ks.test(data, "pnorm", mean(data), sqrt(var(data)))
```

```
##  
## One-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test  
##  
## data: data  
## D = 0.033966, p-value = 0.1988  
## alternative hypothesis: two-sided
```

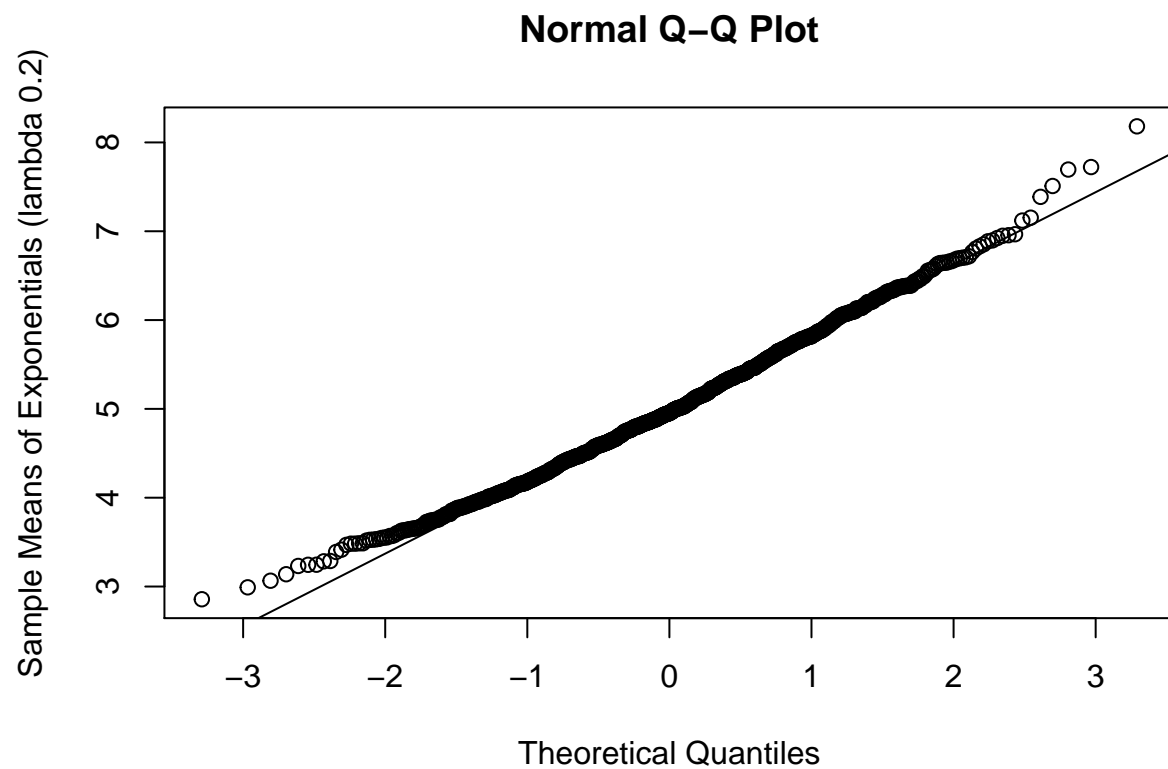
Test 4 - Anderson-Darling test

```
ad.test(data)
```

```
##  
## Anderson-Darling normality test  
##  
## data: data  
## A = 1.2078, p-value = 0.003775
```

Test 5 - qq-plot: you should observe a good fit of the straight line

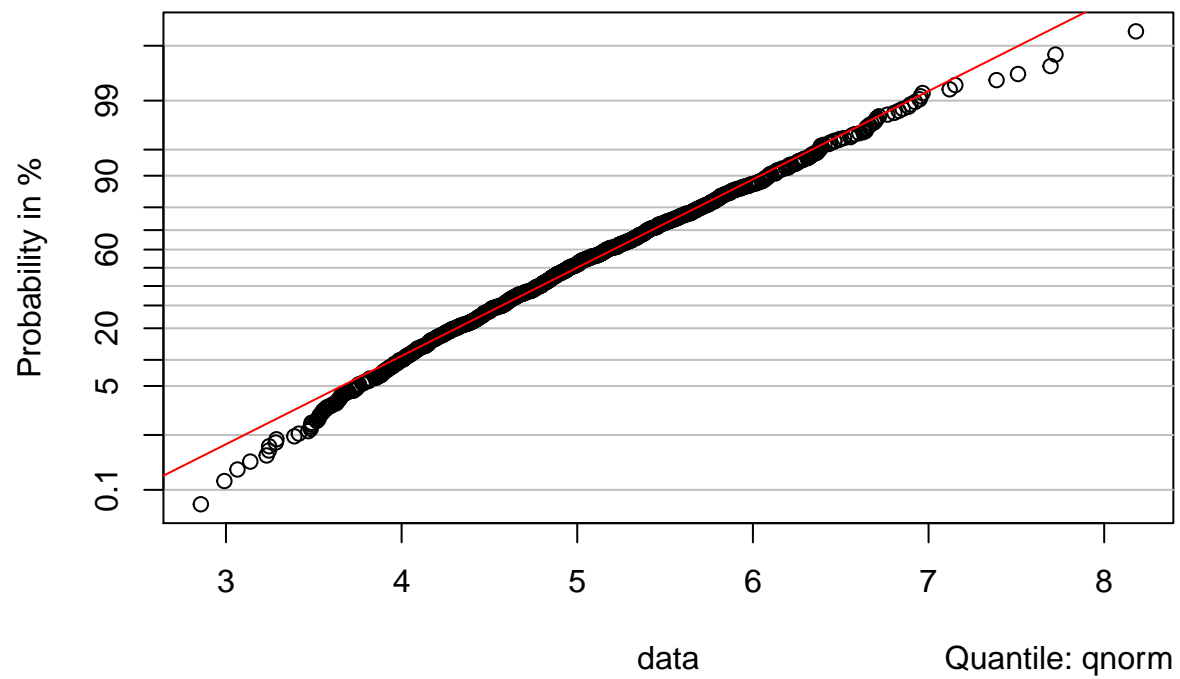
```
qqnorm(data, ylab = "Sample Means of Exponentials (lambda 0.2)")  
qqline(data)
```



Observation: if the data follows the line the distribution is normal (as it does)

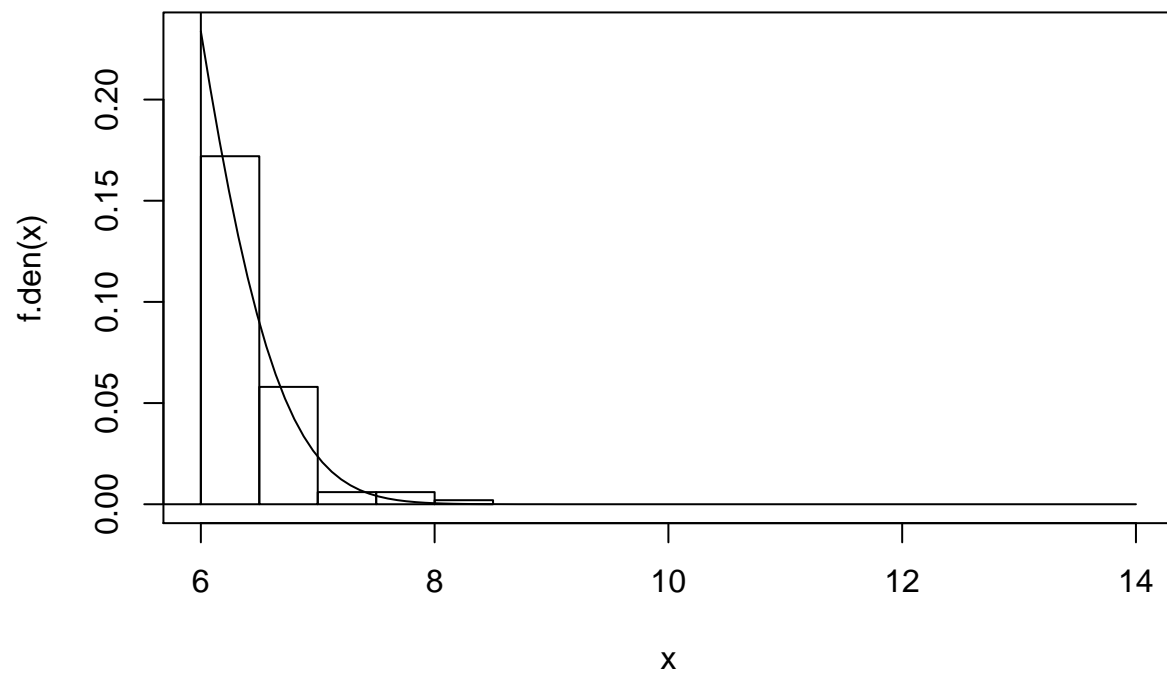
Test 6 - p-plot: you should observe a good fit of the straight line

```
probplot(data, qdist = qnorm)
```

```
## Test 7 - fitted normal density
```

```
f.den <- function(t) dnorm(t, mean(data), sqrt(var(data)))
curve(f.den, xlim = c(6, 14))
hist(data, prob = T, add = T)
```



Conclusion: the data is normally distributed having passed 7 normality tests