

# Simulation of Exponential Distribution

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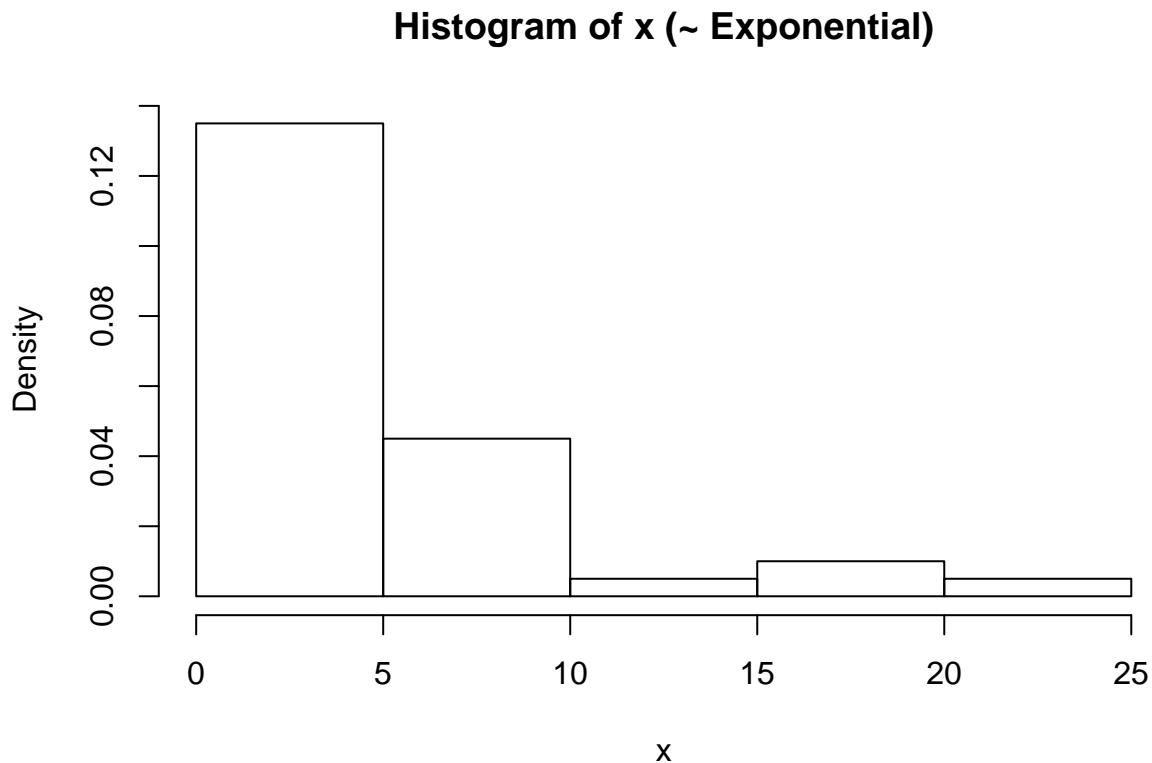
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The exponential distribution can be simulated in R with `rexp(nosim, lambda)` where `lambda` is the rate parameter. The mean of exponential distribution is  $1/\lambda$  and the standard deviation is also  $1/\lambda$ . Set `lambda = 0.2` for all of the simulations. In this simulation, you will investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponential(0.2)s.

Illustrate via simulation and associated explanatory text the properties of the distribution of the mean of 40 exponential(0.2)s. You should

1. Show where the distribution is centered at and compare it to the theoretical center of the distribution.

```
set.seed(1234)
lambda <- 0.2
x <- rexp(40, lambda)
hist(x, probability=T, main="Histogram of x (~ Exponential)")
```



```
theory.mean <- 1.0/lambda
exp.mean <- mean(x)
print ( cat('Experimental Mean =', exp.mean, ' compared to the theoretical mean, 1/lambda= ', theory.me
```

```
## Experimental Mean = 4.969 compared to the theoretical mean, 1/lambda= 5
## NULL
```

Experimental values is quite close to the theoretical values. A very good approximation.

2. Show how variable it is and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution.

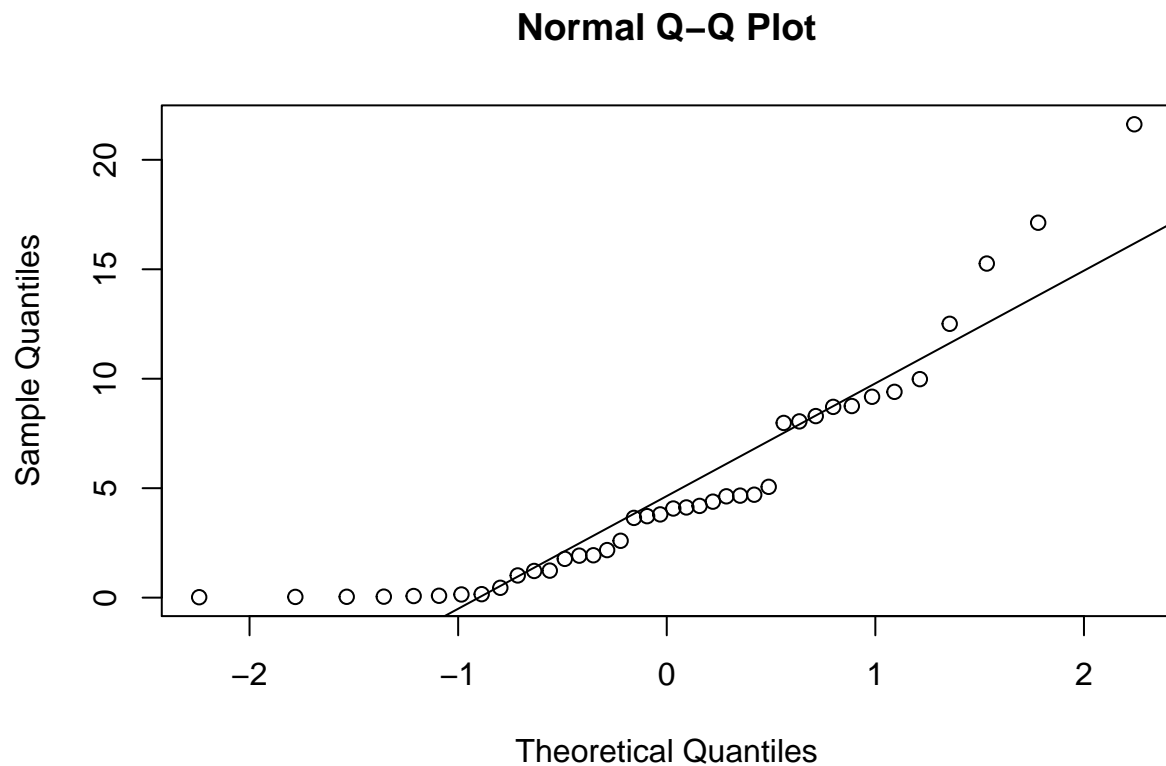
```
theory.var <- 1.0/lambda^2
exp.var <- var(x)
print ( cat('Experimental Variance =', exp.var, ' compared to the theoretical Variance, 1/lambda = ', t

## Experimental Variance = 25.99 compared to the theoretical Variance, 1/lambda = 25
## NULL
```

Experimental values is quite close to the theoretical values. A very good approximation.

3. Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
qqnorm(x)
qqline(x)
```



As we can see the data (dots) approximately follows the line. If the data is normally distributed they would lie entirely along the line.

4. Evaluate the coverage of the confidence interval for  $1/\lambda : \bar{X} \pm 1.96 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$ .