

# Statistical Inference Course Project - Part 1

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This project consists of two parts:

1. a simulation exercise.
2. a basic inferential data analysis. **## Part 1 - The simulation ###**  
Overview This part investigates the exponential distribution and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. A exponential distribution will be simulated with `rexp(n, lambda)` where `lambda`, the rate parameter, will be set to `lambda = 0.2`. One thousand simulations will take the mean of 40 exponentials. **### The simulations**

```
library(ggplot2)
lambda <- 0.2
n <- 40
dexp <- NULL
nosim <- 1000
set.seed(1)
for( i in 1:nosim) dexp <- c(dexp, mean(rexp(n,lambda)))
rm(i)
```

## 1. The sample mean and the theoretical mean of the distribution

```
#sample mean
mean_s <- mean(dexp)
# theoretical mean
mean_t <- 1/lambda
sprintf( "The theoretical mean is %f", mean_t)

## [1] "The theoretical mean is 5.000000"

sprintf( "The sample mean is %f", mean_s)

## [1] "The sample mean is 4.990025"
```

The sample mean aproximates the theoretical mean. **#### 2. The sample variance and the theoretical variance of the distribution**

```
# sample sd
sd_s <- sd(dexp)
# theoretical sd
sd_t <- (1/lambda)/sqrt(n)
#sample variance
```

```

var_s <- var(dexp)
# theoretical variance
var_t <- ((1/lambda)/sqrt(n))^2
sprintf("The sample variance is %f", var_s)

## [1] "The sample variance is 0.611116"

sprintf("The theoretical variance is %f", var_t)

## [1] "The theoretical variance is 0.625000"

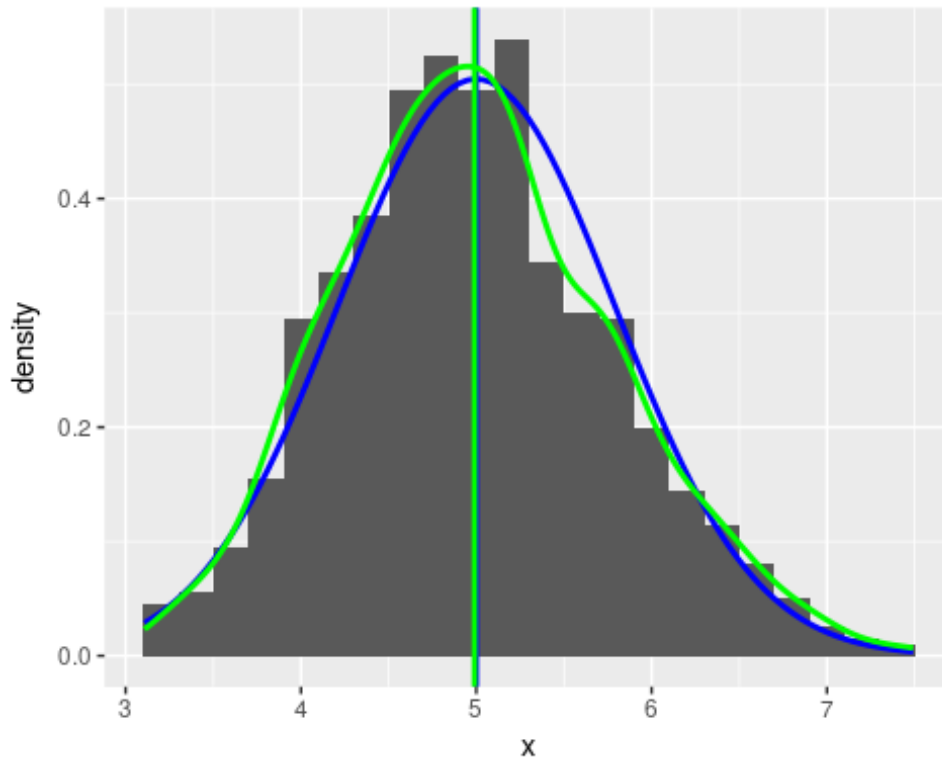
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The sample variance approximates the theoretical variance. To summarize the following plot shows the sample mean and variance versus the theoretical mean and variance. The theoretical values are plotted in blue while the sample values are plotted in green.

```

g <- ggplot(data = data.frame(x = dexp), aes(x = x)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), binwidth = lambda )
g <- g + stat_function(fun=dnorm, args=list(mean=mean_t,
  sd=sd_t), color="blue", size=1)
g <- g + geom_vline(xintercept=mean_t, color="blue", size=1)
g <- g + stat_density(geom = "line", color = "green", size=1)
g <- g + geom_vline(xintercept=mean_s, color="green", size=1)
g <- g + scale_colour_manual(name="Line Color",
  values=c(myline1="blue", myline2="green"))
g

```



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3. The distribution is approximately normal. The following plot shows that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
tmpy <- quantile(dexp[!is.na(dexp)], c(0.25, 0.75))
tmpx <- qnorm(c(0.25, 0.75))
tmpslope <- diff(tmpy)/diff(tmpx)
tmpint <- tmpy[1L] - tmpslope * tmpx[1L]
tmpdst <- data.frame(resids = dexp)
g <- ggplot(tmpdst, aes(sample = resids)) + stat_qq() +
  geom_abline(slope = tmpslope, intercept = tmpint, col="green")
g
```

