Exponential Distribution

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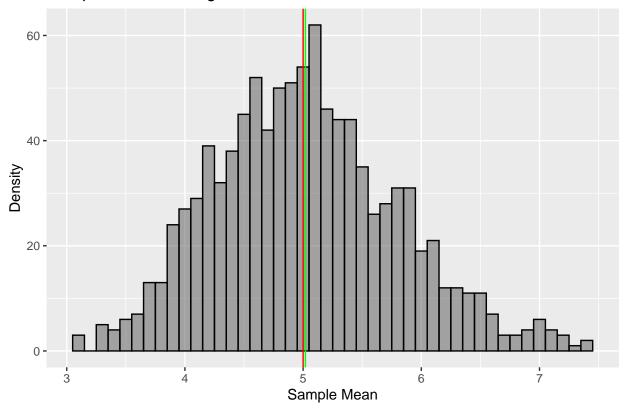
We have 40 observations with exponential distribution of rate 0.2. We simulate 40 observation 1000 times. The mean and standard deviation of exponential distribution is 1/lambda.

Let's calculate theoretical mean and sample mean and compare the difference between these means.

Mean ## Sample mean 5.019398 ## Theoretical mean 5.000000

We can see that these two means are very close. Let's plot the histogram for sample means.

Sample Means Histogram



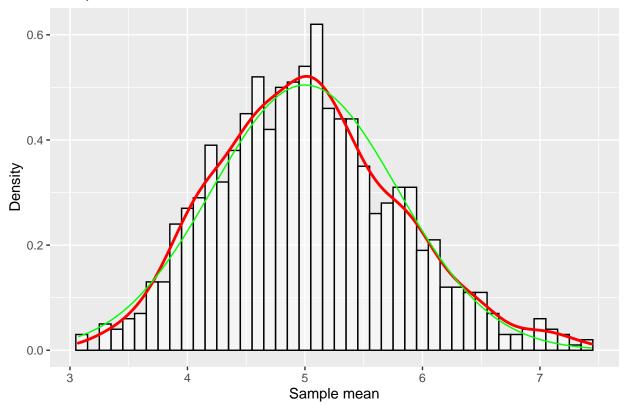
Sample variance vs sample mean

variance

Sample Variance 0.6057862
Theoretical variance 0.6250000

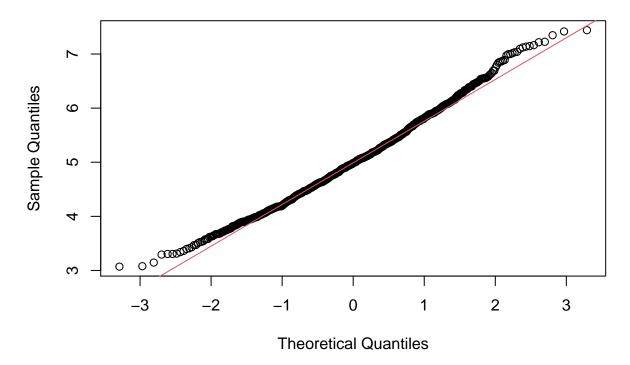
Central limit theorem states that if we have sufficiently large sample size from a population with finite level of variance, the mean of all the samples from the same population will be approximately equal to the mean of the population. (Investopedia) In simple words, the mean of samples follow normal distribution. Let's see the distribution of sample means and normal distribution.

Sample means & Normal Curve



We can see the distribution of sample mean shown in red approximately matches the normal distribution. Another way of looking at it is to draw the Normal probability plot.

Normal probability plot



We can see that sample mean closely matches the normal probability plot.