

Statistical Inference project part 1

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Overview

In this part, we will explore the exponential distribution and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem (CLT) by simulation

Setup

Packages needed

```
library(ggplot2)
```

Part 1: Simulation

1.1 Show the sample mean and compare it to the theoretical mean of the distribution.

Per the instructions, the exponential distribution can be simulated in R with the function `rexp(n, lambda)` where `lambda` is the rate parameter. The simulation can be repeated multiple times using the `replicate` function.

The theoretical mean of exponential distribution is $1/\lambda$ and the standard deviation is also $1/\lambda$.

For the 1000 simulations, `lambda` is assumed to be 0.2 and the sample size `n` is 40.

The seed is set to ensure reproducibility.

```
set.seed(21)
lambda <- 0.2
expo_1000 <- as.data.frame(replicate(1000, mean(rexp(40, lambda))))
names(expo_1000) <- c("sample_mean")

mean(expo_1000$sample_mean)
```

```
## [1] 4.98144
```

As seen, the sample mean is close to the theoretical mean

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

```
var(expo_1000$sample_mean)
```

```
## [1] 0.5904182
```

Likewise for the variance

1.3 Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

We plot the sample means distribution

```
ggplot(data = expo_1000, aes(x=sample_mean)) +  
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), colour="black", fill="lightblue") +  
  stat_function(fun=dnorm, args=list( mean=mean(expo_1000$sample_mean), sd=sqrt(var(expo_1000$sample_m  
  ggtitle("Histogram of the Simulation Samples Means where n = 1000") +  
  scale_x_continuous("Sample means") +  
  ylab("Density")
```

```
## 'stat_bin()' using 'bins = 30'. Pick better value with 'binwidth'.
```

Histogram of the Simulation Samples Means where n = 1000

