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Lecture 29

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Easy to see that $\hat{\lambda}$ is an Biased Estimator for λ (OTB!).

Example, cont'd

Now, the code:

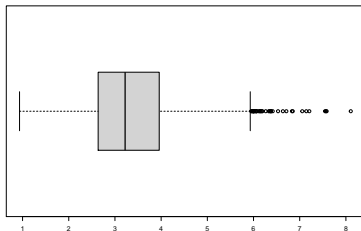
- ▶ observing once: generating a Sample just once and calculating one Estimate:

```
lambda <- 0.3  
x <- rexp(10, rate = lambda)  
lambda.hat <- mean(x)  
lambda.hat
```

```
## [1] 4.088202
```

- ▶ observing many times: generating Samples many times, calculating Estimates, and then averaging:

```
lambda <- 0.3; n <- 10; m <- 2000  
x <- rexp(n*m, rate = lambda)  
x <- as.data.frame(matrix(x, ncol = m))  
lambda.hats <- sapply(x, mean)  
boxplot(lambda.hats, horizontal = T);  
abline(v = lambda, col="red", lwd = 2, lty = 2)
```

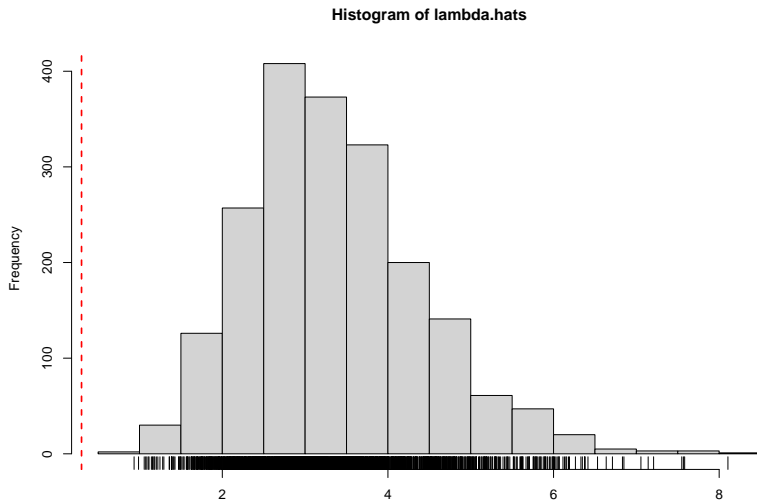


```
mean(lambda.hats)
```

```
## [1] 3.354296
```

With a Histogram:

```
hist(lambda.hats)
rug(lambda.hats)
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```



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Let us see (OTB) which ones are Biased and which ones are not.