

Statistical Inference Part 1

Overview

In this project we are doing a simulation exercise.

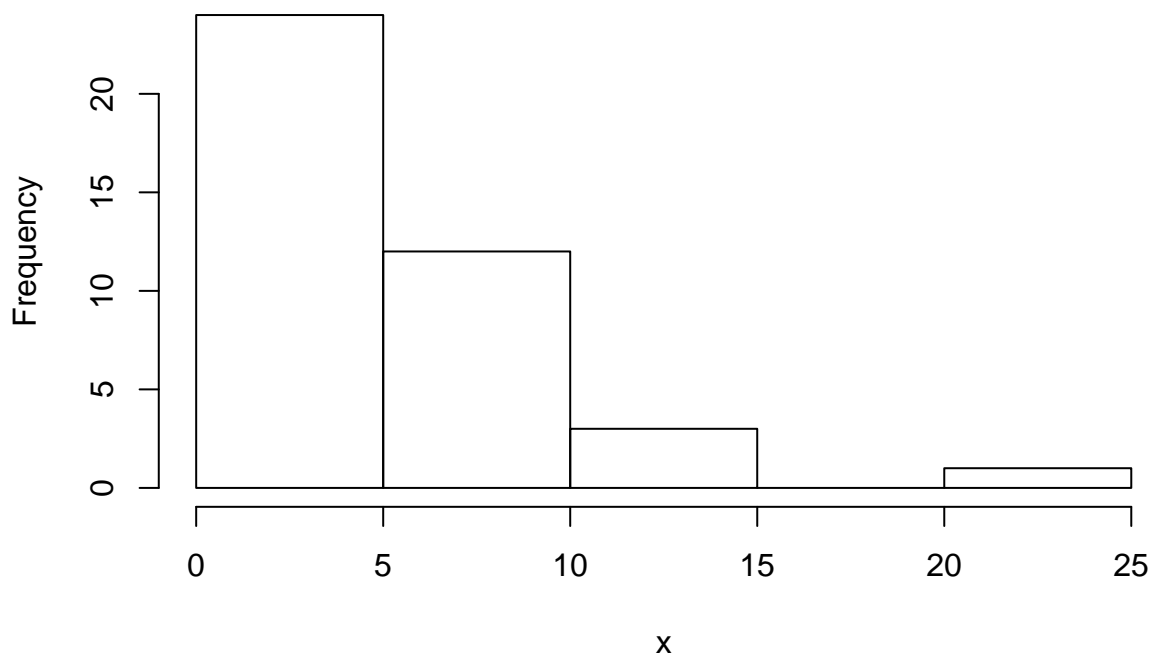
We will be investigating the exponential distribution in R and comparing it with the Central Limit Theorem by analysing the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials, and doing 1,000 simulations.

Simulations

The code below simulates 40 exponentials x happening at rate $\lambda = 0.2$:

```
set.seed(123)
x <- rexp(40, 0.2)
hist(x)
```

Histogram of x



To carry out the bootstrap principle, we will sample 40 (n) observations with replacement from the observed data 1,000 times (B), and take the mean of each data set.

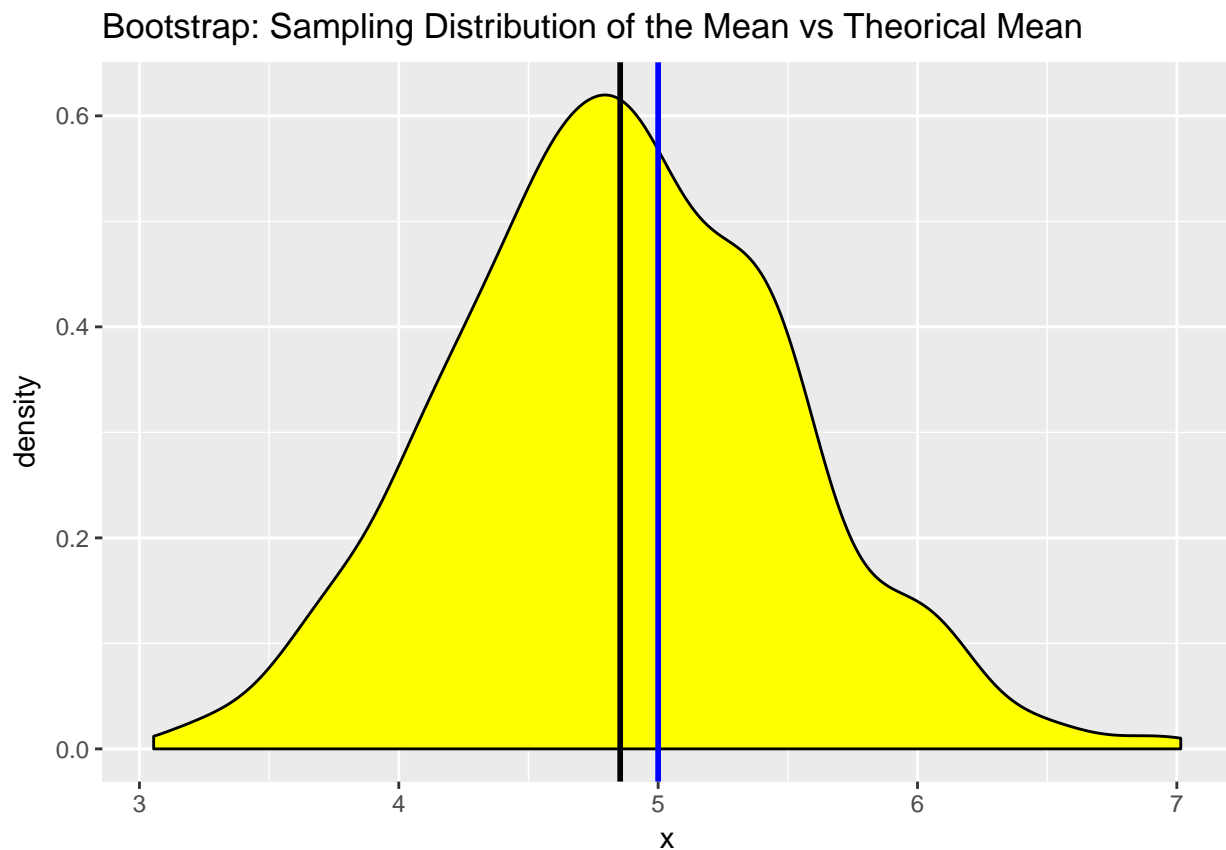
```
B <- 1000
n <- length(x)
resamples <- matrix(sample(x, n*B, replace=TRUE), B, n)
means <- apply(resamples, 1, mean)
```

This is approximately like drawing from the sampling distribution of that statistic.

Sample Mean versus Theoretical Mean

This is the sampling distribution of the mean using the bootstrap (black line), compared to the theoretical mean of an exponential distribution $1/\lambda$ (blue line).

```
library(ggplot2)
g <- ggplot(data.frame(x = means), aes(x = x))
g <- g + geom_density(fill = "yellow")
g <- g + geom_vline(xintercept = 1/0.2, size = 1, colour = "blue")
g <- g + geom_vline(xintercept = mean(means), size = 1, colour = "black")
g <- g + ggtitle("Bootstrap: Sampling Distribution of the Mean vs Theoretical Mean")
g
```



Sample mean:

```
sample_mean <- mean(means)
sample_mean
```

```
## [1] 4.853696
```

Theoretical mean:

```
theoretical_mean <- 1/0.2
theoretical_mean
```

```
## [1] 5
```

Sample Variance versus Theoretical Variance

Our sample mean has variance 0.42, compared to our theoretical mean $(1 / \lambda)^2 / (n) = 0.62$.

```
sample_var<- var(means)
sample_var
```

```
## [1] 0.4234653
```

```
theoretical_var <- (1 / 0.2)^2 / 40
theoretical_var
```

```
## [1] 0.625
```

Our sample mean has a standard deviation of 0.65, compared to our theoretical standard deviation of 0.79:

```
sample_sd <- sd(means)
sample_sd
```

```
## [1] 0.6507421
```

```
theoretical_sd <- 1 / (0.2 * sqrt(40))
theoretical_sd
```

```
## [1] 0.7905694
```

Distribution

The distribution of sample means (black) is close to the distribution of the theoretical mean (blue) given the value of $\lambda = 0.2$.

```
m <- g + stat_function(fun = dnorm, args = list(mean = mean(means), sd = sd(means)), color = "black", size = 100)
m <- m + stat_function(fun = dnorm, args = list(mean = 1/0.2, sd = 1 / (0.2 * sqrt(40))), colour = "blue", size = 100)
m
```

Bootstrap: Sampling Distribution of the Mean vs Theoretical Mean

