

## Statistical Inference Course Project -part 1

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In this simulation, you will investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponential(0.2)s. Note that you will need to do a thousand or so simulated averages of 40 exponentials.

```
## set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(3)

## set lambda to 0.2
lambda<-0.2

## 1000 simulations
nsims<-1000

## 40 exponential samples
n<-40

## see the number of simulation in a matrix form
sim<-matrix(rexp(nsims*n, rate=lambda), nsims, n)

## calculate means
row_means<-rowMeans(sim)
```

### Question 1

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

```
#distribution mean
theoretical_mean<-mean(row_means)
theoretical_mean
## [1] 4.987876

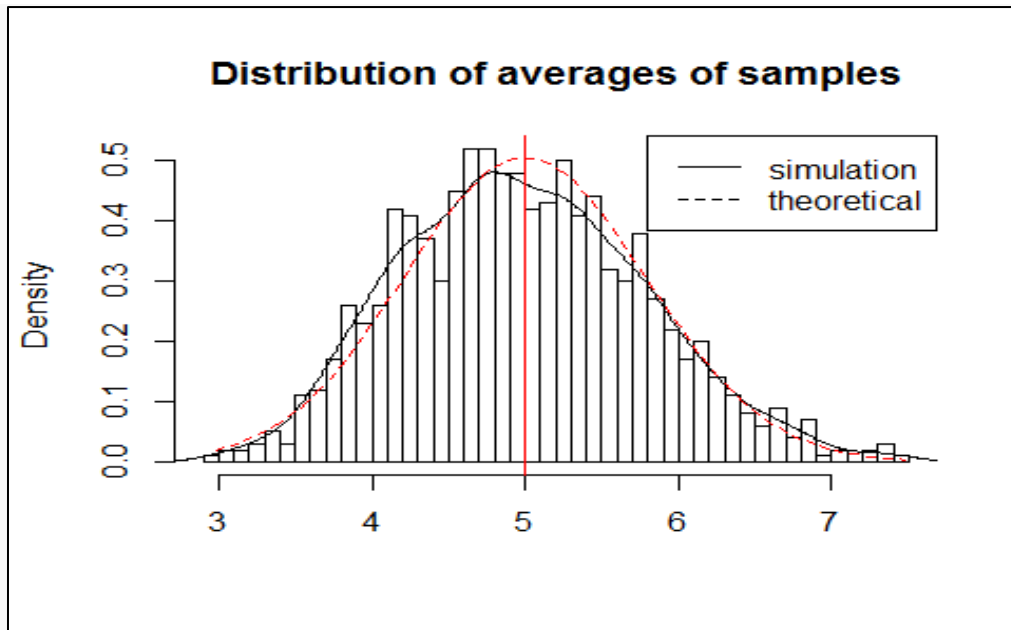
#sample mean
sample_mean<-1/lambda
sample_mean
## [1] 5

#visualization - draw a histogram
hist(row_means, breaks=50, prob=TRUE, main="Distribution of averages of samples, drawn
from exponential distribution with lambda=0.2", xlab="")

## density of the averages sample
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```
lines(density(row_means))

##theoretical center of distribution
abline(v=1/lambda, col='red')
```



### Answer 1

The analytics mean is 4.993867 the theoretical mean 5. The center of distribution of averages of 40 exponentials is very close to the theoretical center of the distribution.

### Question 2

Show how variable it is and compare it to theoretical variance of the distribution.

```
##standard deviation of distribution
s<-sd(row_means)
s
## [1] 0.7834318

##standard deviation from the sample
s1<- (1/lambda)/sqrt(n)
s1
##[1] 0.7905694

##variance of distribution

var_dist<-s^2
var_dist
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## [1] 0.6137653

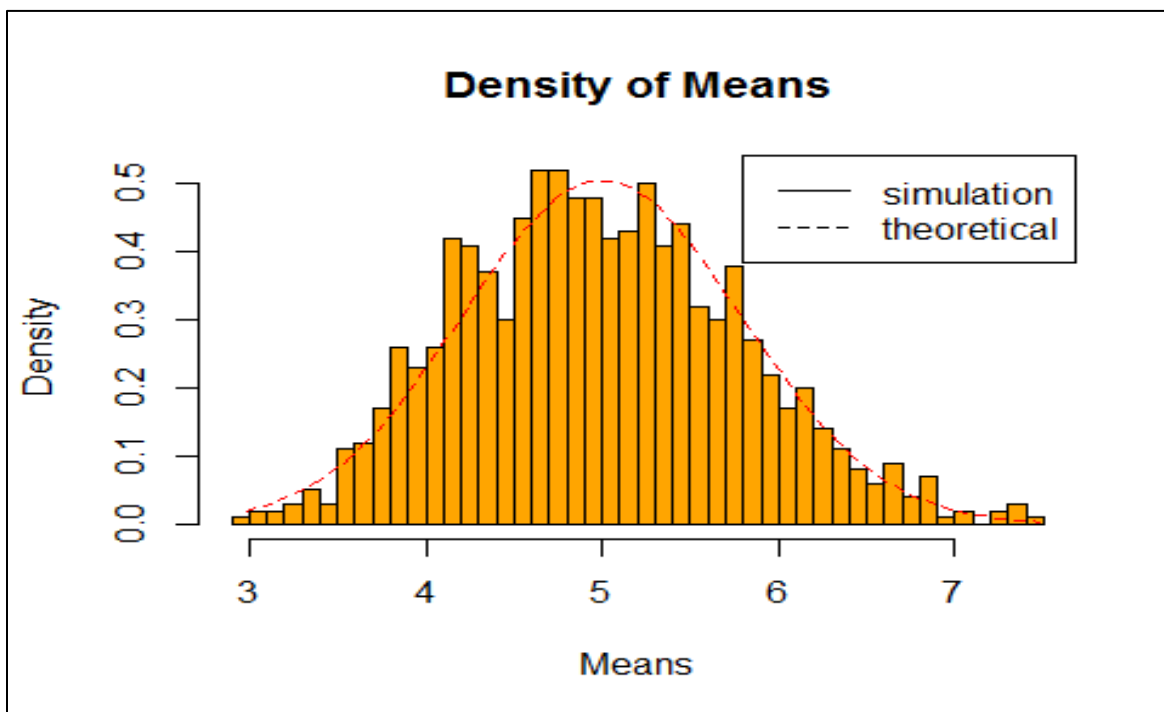
##variance of theoretical mean
var_theory<-((1/lambda)*(1/sqrt(n)))^2
var_theory
## [1] 0.625
```

**Answer 2** Standard Deviation of the distribution is 0.7834318 with the theoretical SD calculated as 0.7905694. The Theoretical variance is calculated as  $(\frac{1}{\lambda} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})^2 = 0.625$ . The actual variance of the distribution is 0.6137653.

### Question 3

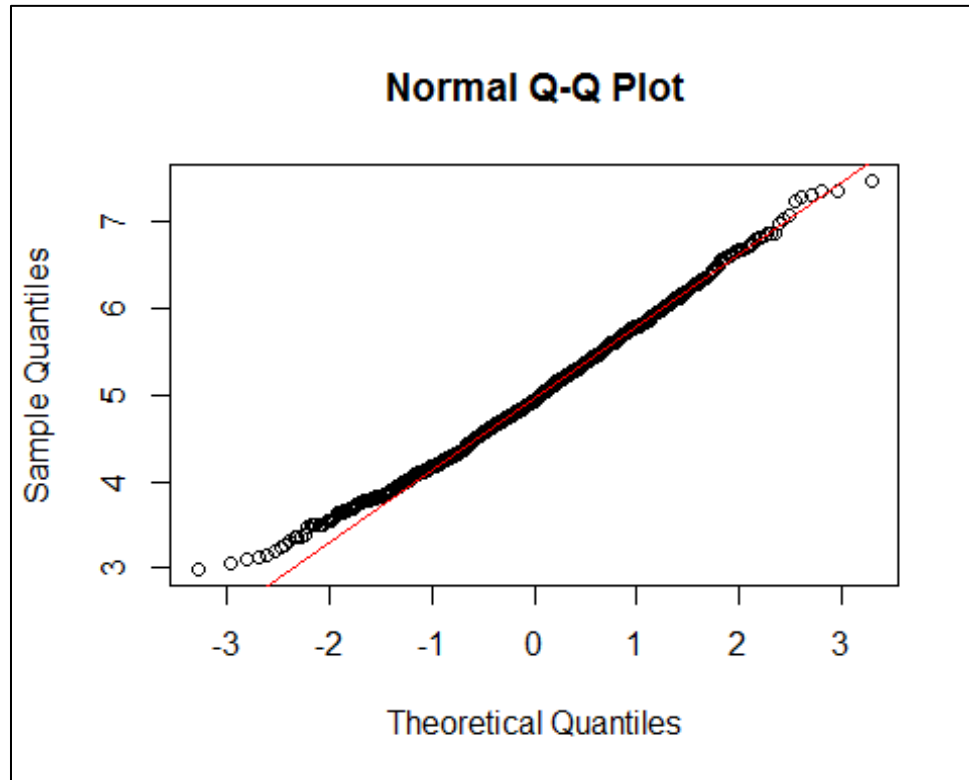
Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
xfit<-seq(min(row_means), max(row_means), length=100)
yfit<-dnorm(xfit, mean=1/lambda, sd=((1/lambda)/sqrt(n)))
hist(row_means, breaks=n, prob=TRUE, col="orange", xlab="Means", main="Density of
Means", ylab="Density")
lines(xfit, yfit, pch=22, col="red", lty=2)
## add legend
legend('topright', legend=c("simulation", "theoretical"), lty=1:2, col("black", "red"))
```



```
##compare the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials to a normal distribution
```

```
qqnorm(row_means)  
qqline(row_means, col = 2)
```



### Answer 3:

Due to the central limit theorem (CLT), the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials is very close to a normal distribution.