

# Statistical Inference Project Part 1 (Simulation)

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We will be simulating the exponential distribution in R with `rexp(n, rate)` (from the documentation `rexp(n, rate = 1)`). The rate will be signified by  $\lambda$ .

- $1/\lambda$  is the mean of the exponential distribution.
- The standard deviation is  $1/\lambda$ .

## Simulation:

we set  $\lambda$  (the rate) to 0.2. In this simulation, will take the averages of 40 numbers sampled from the distribution. We will do 1000 simulated averages of the 40 exponentials.

```
set.seed(1234)
lambda <- 0.2
number_of_simulation <- 1000
size_of_sample <- 40

# Create the simulation
sim <- matrix(rexp(number_of_simulation*size_of_sample, rate=lambda), number_of_simulation, size_of_sample)

#now take an average of the simulations
row_avgs <- rowMeans(sim)
```

Now we will plot the sample means

```
# plot the histogram of averages
hist(row_avgs, breaks=50, prob=TRUE,
     main="Distribution of averages, drawn from exp_r with lambda (rate) 0.2", xlab="")

# Now we will add the density
lines(density(row_avgs))

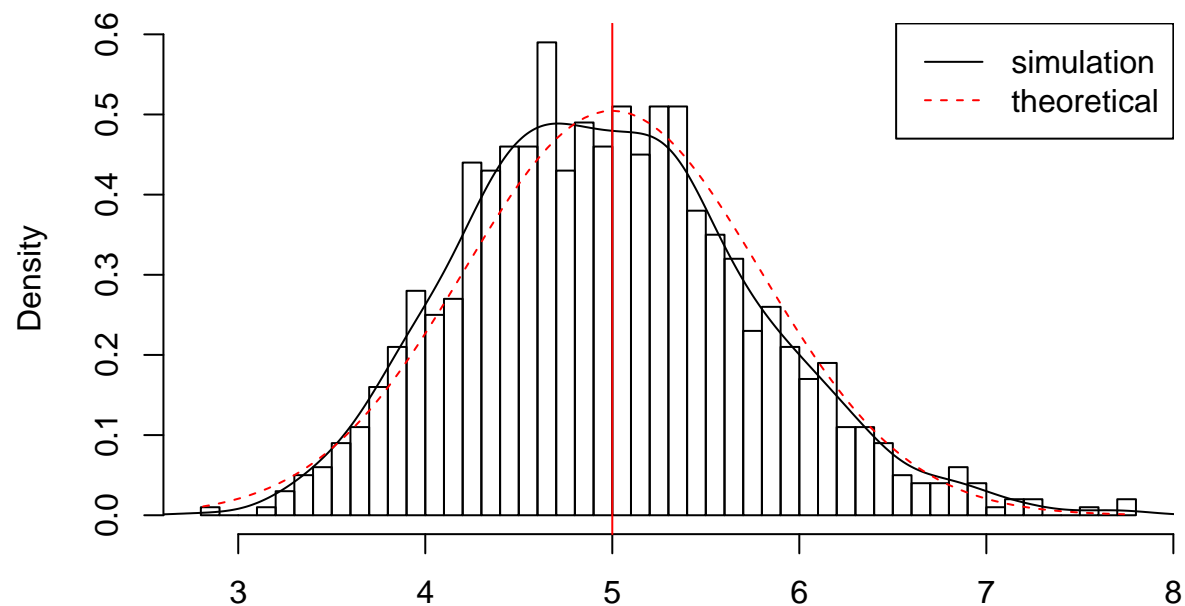
# plot the theoretical center of distribution
abline(v=1/lambda, col="red")

# plot theoretical density of the averages of samples
xfit <- seq(min(row_avgs), max(row_avgs), length=100)

yfit <- dnorm(xfit, mean=1/lambda, sd=(1/lambda/sqrt(size_of_sample)))

lines(xfit, yfit, pch=22, col="red", lty=2)
# Place legend on the screen
legend('topright', c("simulation", "theoretical"), lty=c(1,2), col=c("black", "red"))
```

## Distribution of averages, drawn from exp\_r with lambda (rate) 0.2



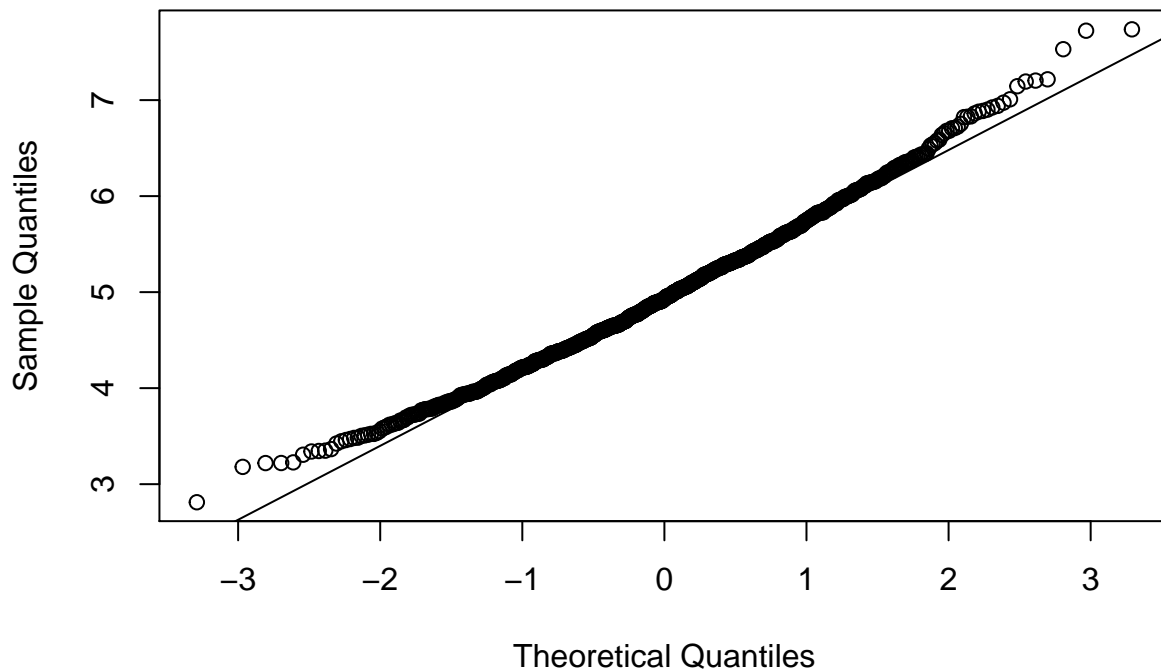
- The sample means is centered at 4.9742388
- The theoretical center of the distribution is  $\lambda^{-1} = 5$ .
- The variance of sample means is 0.5949702
- The theoretical variance is  $\sigma^2/n = 1/(\lambda^2 n) = 1/(0.04 \times 40) = 0.625$ .

\*\* We can use the central limit theorem to find the averages.

**We will not look at normality.**

```
qqnorm(row_avgs)
qqline(row_avgs)
```

## Normal Q-Q Plot



We will then look at the coverage of the confidence interval for

$$1/\lambda = \bar{X} \pm 1.96 \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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lambda_values <- seq(4, 6, by=0.01)

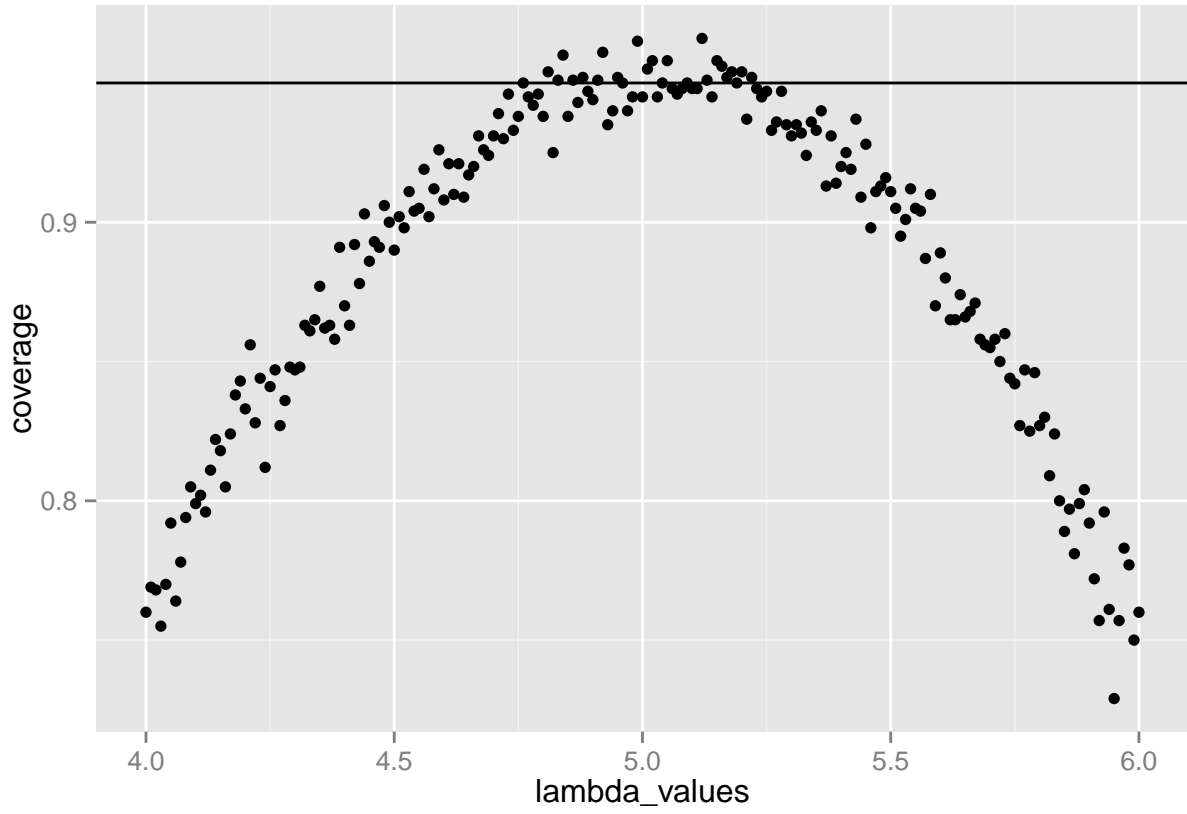
## Find coverage using sapply from the lamda_values
coverage <- sapply(lambda_values, function(lamb) {
  mu_h <- rowMeans(matrix(rexp(size_of_sample*number_of_simulation, rate=0.2),
    number_of_simulation, size_of_sample))

  ul <- mu_h + qnorm(0.975) * sqrt(1/lamb**2/size_of_sample)

  ll <- mu_h - qnorm(0.975) * sqrt(1/lamb**2/size_of_sample)

  mean(ll < lamb & ul > lamb)
})

library(ggplot2)
qplot(lambda_values, coverage) + geom_hline(yintercept=0.95)
```



## Summary

- The 95% confidence intervals for the rate parameter ( $\lambda$ ) to be estimated ( $\hat{\lambda}$ ) are  $\hat{\lambda}_{low} = \hat{\lambda}(1 - \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{n}})$  and  $\hat{\lambda}_{upp} = \hat{\lambda}(1 + \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{n}})$ .
- For selection of  $\hat{\lambda}$  around 5, the average of the sample mean falls within the confidence interval at least 95% of the time.
- The true rate,  $\lambda$  is 5.