

# Simulation exercises

## Requirements

1. Simulate the mean of 40 exponential(0.2)s.
2. Investigate the distribution of averages of 40 exponential(0.2)s.
3. Need to do a thousand or so simulated averages of 40 exponentials.

```
#go through the 1000 trials with 40 samples pooled in each trial.  
#The mean of each 40 samples is saved in a data frame sample_mean.  
#Here we got 1000 means.  
n <- 40  
nosim <- 1000  
lambda <- .2  
set.seed(1234)  
sample_mean <- replicate(nosim, mean(rexp(n, rate = lambda)))
```

## Questions

1. Show where the distribution is centered at and compare it to the theoretical center of the distribution.

```
#got a mean of the sample mean.  
sample_mean_mu <- mean(sample_mean)  
#theoretical mean of the distribution  
theo_mean = 1/lambda
```

the distribution is centered at 4.9742, the theoretical center of the distribution is 5

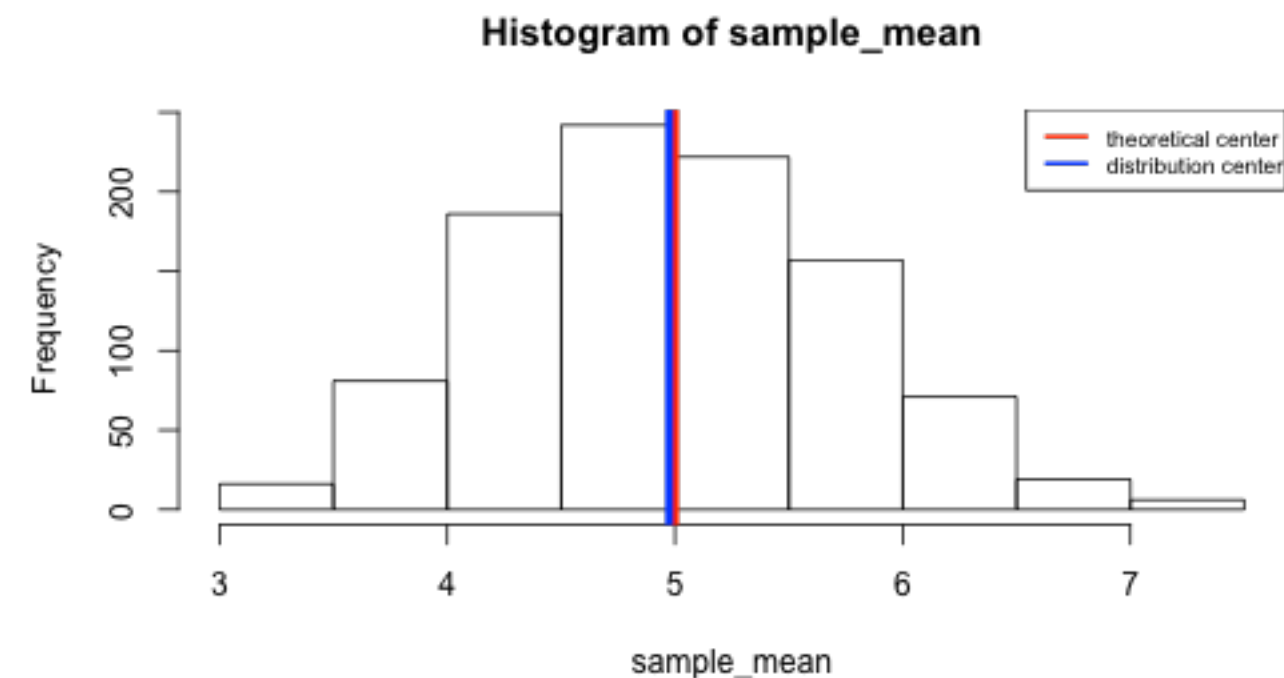
2. Show how variable it is and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution.

```
#got the standard deviation of the sample mean.  
sample_sd <- sd(sample_mean)  
sample_var <- (sample_sd)^2  
#theoretical variance of the distribution  
theo_mean = 1/lambda  
theo_var <- (1/lambda)^2/n
```

the variance of the distribution is 0.5707, the theoretical variance of the distribution is 0.625

### 3. Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
#make a histogram of the frequency of sample_mean, which can show  
the shape of the distribution  
hist(sample_mean)  
#add line to the histogram to show where the distribution is  
centered at  
#and compare it to the theoretical center of the distribution  
abline(v=theo_mean, col = "red", lwd = 4)  
abline(v=sample_mean_mu, col = "blue", lwd = 4)  
legend("topright", lty = 1, lwd = 2, col = c("red", "blue"), legend  
= c("theoretical center", "distribution center"), cex = .7)
```



we can see that the distribution is approximately normal from the histogram.

### 4. Evaluate the coverage of the confidence interval for $1/\lambda$

```
CI <- sample_mean_mu + c(-1,1) + 1.96*sample_var/sqrt(n)
```

the confidence interval for  $1/\lambda$  is 4.1511 to 6.1511