

Statistical Inference Project - Part 1

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Overview

This part of the project aims to compare the exponential distribution and the central limit theorem. The comparisons are between mean, variance and distribution (is this distribution near to normal?).

Simulations

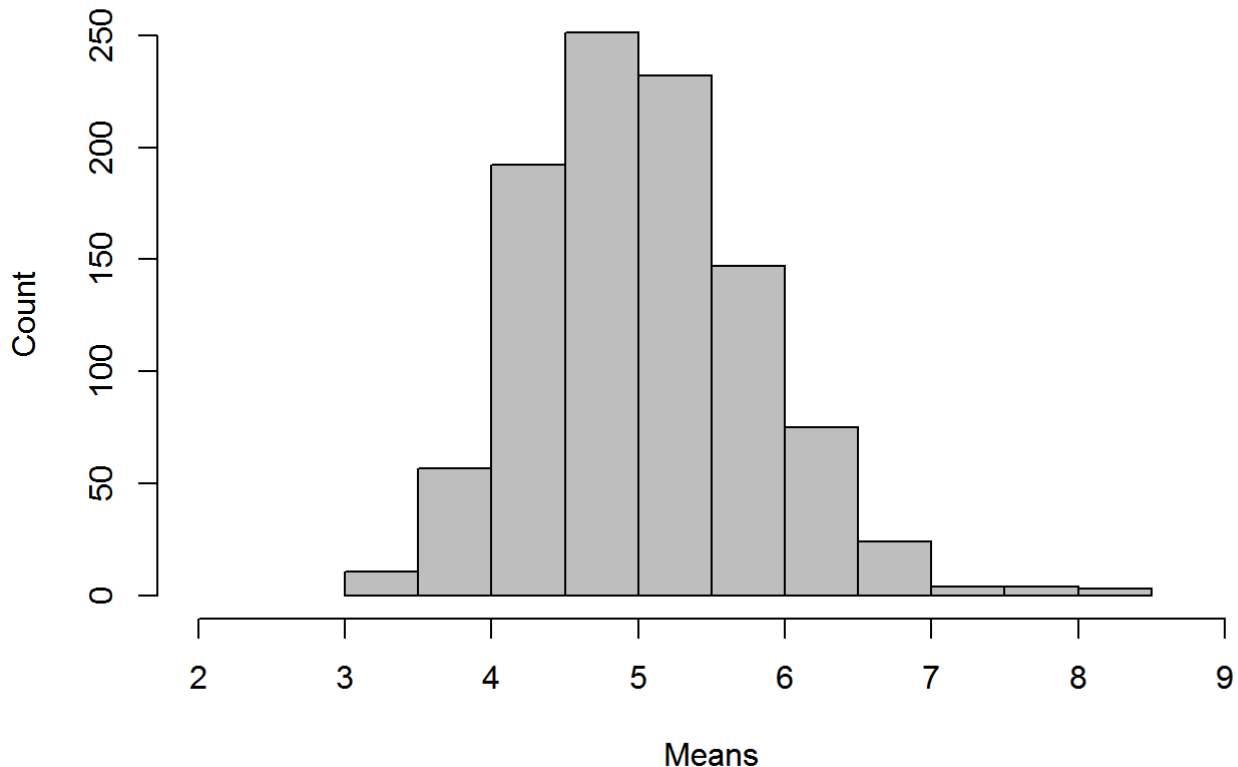
First we will load the needed libraries to make the comparisons:

```
# load all needed libraries  
library(ggplot2, quietly = TRUE)  
library(knitr, quietly = TRUE)
```

Creating 40 random exponential distribution values for 1000 simulations. The instructions give the lambda = 0.2:

```
# set the seed to make the work reproducible  
set.seed(1010)  
# set the variables as the instructions tell  
simulations <- 1000  
n <- 40  
lambda <- 0.2  
# create the exponential distribution simulation  
simu <- data.frame(matrix(rexp(simulations * n, rate = lambda), simulations, n))  
means <- apply(simu, 1, mean)  
# create a histogram to show the results of the simulation  
hist(means, main = "Exponential Distribution Histogram",  
      xlab = "Means", ylab = "Count", col = "gray",  
      xlim = c(2,9))
```

Exponential Distribution Histogram



```
# Calculate the theoretical mean and variance and the simulation mean and variance
theoretical_mean <- round(1 / lambda, 3)
theoretical_sd <- round((1/lambda)/sqrt(n), 3)
theoretical_variance <- round(theoretical_sd ^ 2, 3)
simu_mean <- round(mean(means), 3)
simu_sd <- round(sd(means), 3)
simu_variance <- round(var(means), 3)
```

After the simulation we can compare:

The theoretical mean is : **5** The simulation mean is: **5.025**

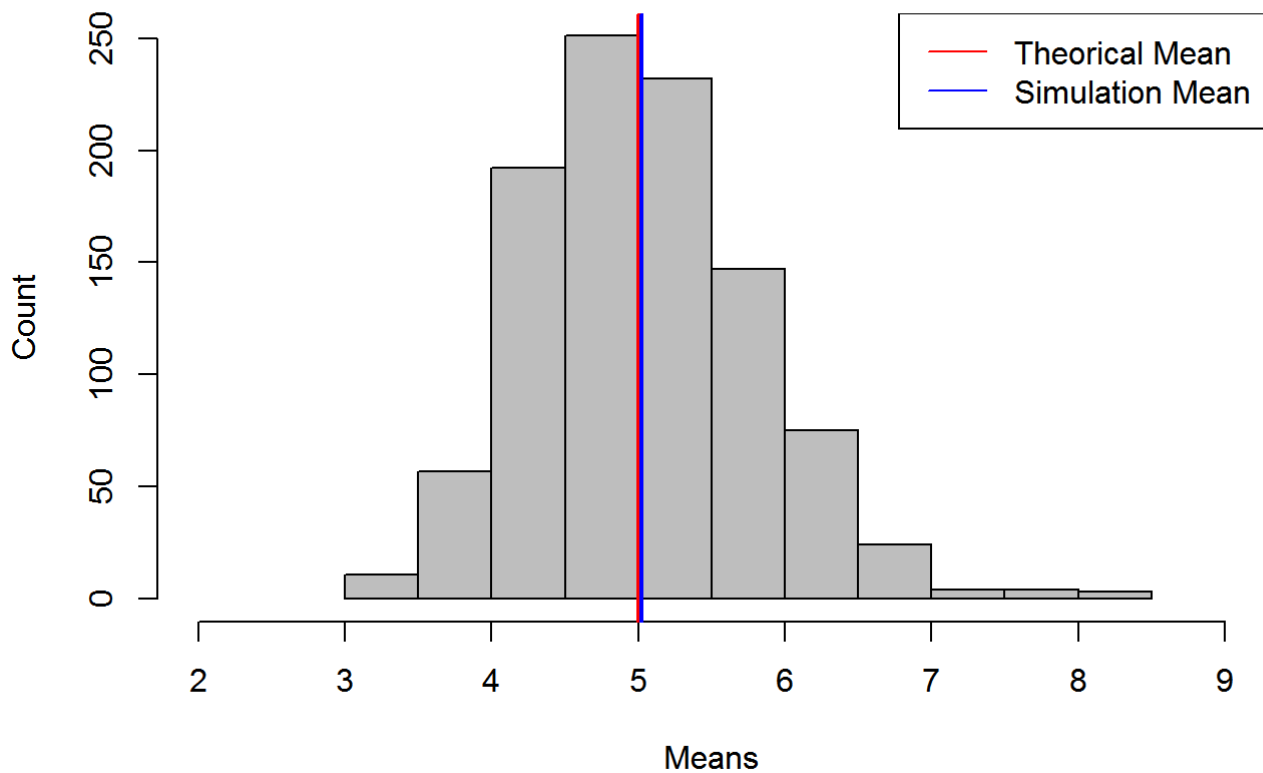
The theoretical standard deviation is : **0.791** The simulation standard deviation is: **0.773**

The theoretical variance is : **0.626** The simulation variance is: **0.597**

As we can see, all the values are pretty close to each other, concluding that the central limit theorem is valid.

```
# Make a plot to visually compare the differences:
hist(means, main = "Exponential Distribution Histogram (Theoretical x Simulation Means)", xlab =
"Means", ylab = "Count", col = "gray", xlim = c(2,9))
abline(v = theoretical_mean, lwd = 2, col = "red")
abline(v = simu_mean, lwd = 2, col = "blue")
legend("topright", legend = c("Theoretical Mean","Simulation Mean"),
col = c("red","blue"), lty = c(1,1))
```

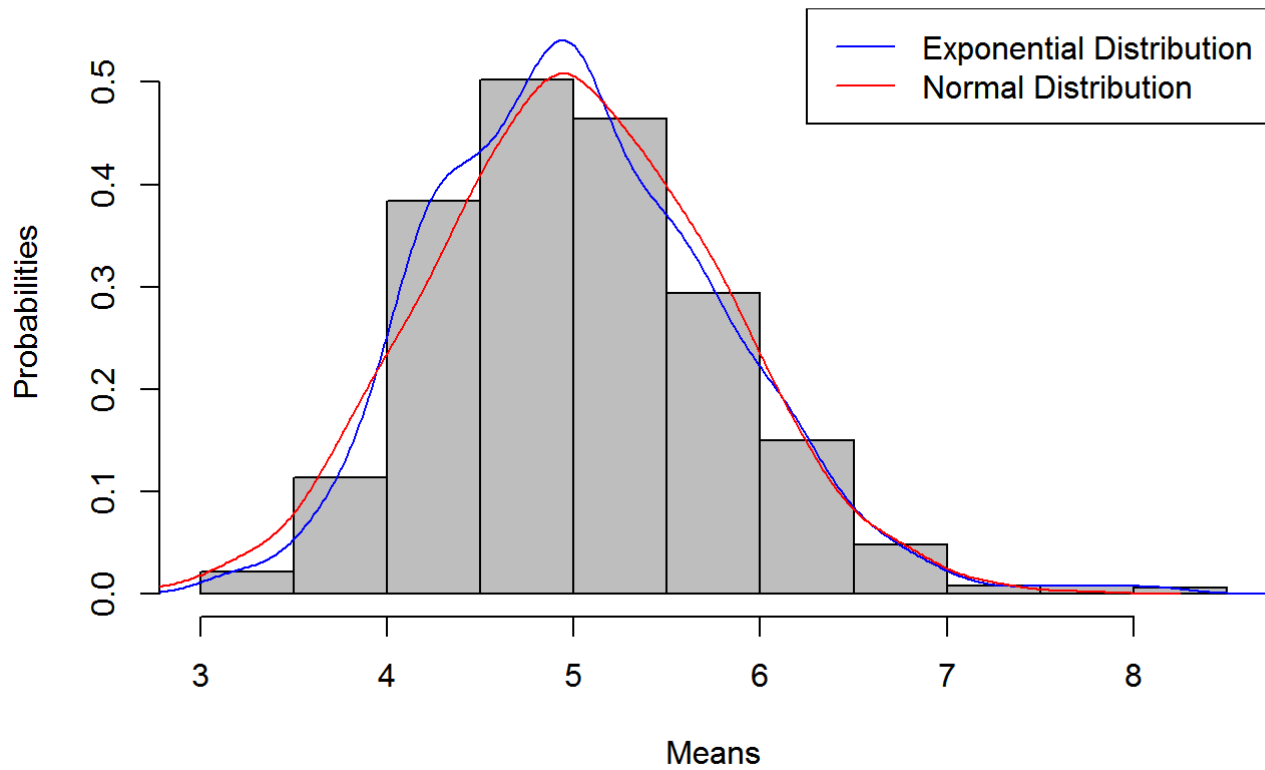
Exponential Distribution Histogram (Theoretical x Simulation Means)



Now we can compare the normal distribution to the exponential distribution:

```
set.seed(1010)
# Make the histogram with probabilities
hist(means, main = "Exponential Distribution Histogram Probabilities",
      xlab = "Means", ylab = "Probabilities", col = "gray", prob = TRUE,
      ylim = c(0.0, 0.55))
lines(density(means), col = "blue")
# Create 1000 normal random values and plot the line
normal_values <- rnorm(n = 1000, sd = simu_sd, mean = simu_mean)
lines(density(normal_values), col = "red")
legend("topright", legend = c("Exponential Distribution", "Normal Distribution"),
      col = c("blue", "red"), lty=c(1,1))
```

Exponential Distribution Histogram Probabilities



As we can see, the exponential distribution is pretty close to the normal distribution.