

The Mean of a Sampled Exponential Distribution

We have collected 1000 means from 40 samplings of exponential distribution. We then calculated the average, $\bar{\mu}$, and standard deviation, $\bar{\sigma}$, of those 1000 means. Finally, we compared $\bar{\mu}$ and $\bar{\sigma}$ to the theoretical mean, μ , and standard error, SE. The standard error is the standard deviation of the exponential distribution divided by the square root of the number of samples, σ/\sqrt{n} .

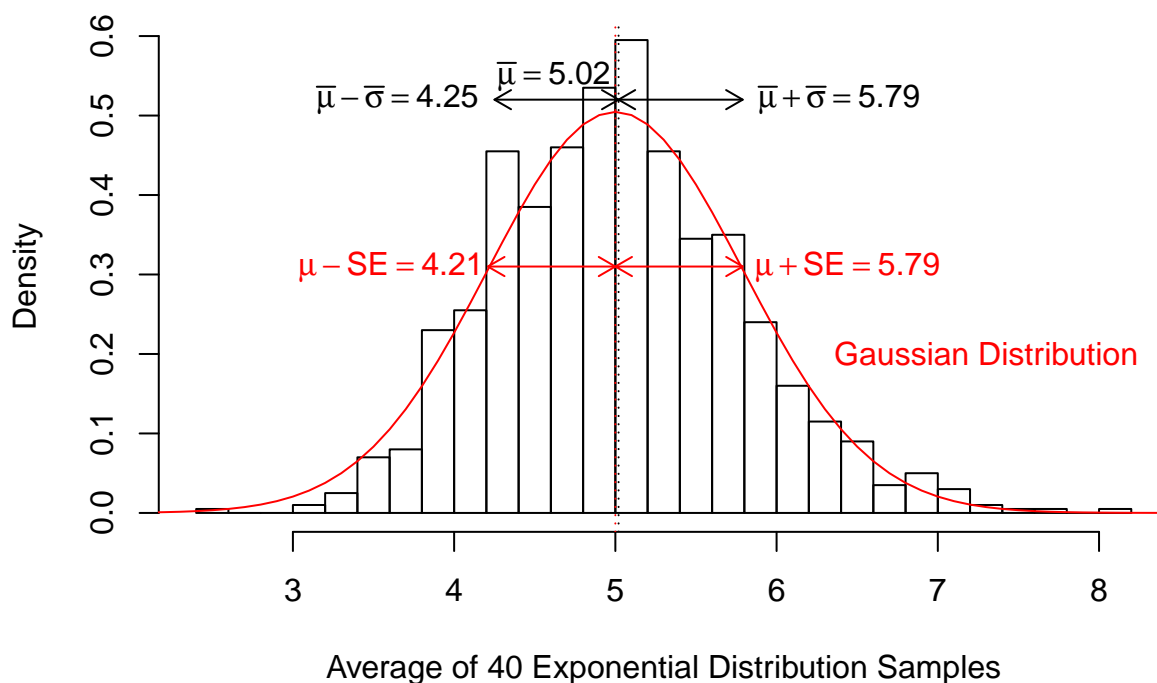
The below analysis shows that the sample mean and the theoretical mean are statistically identical.

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lambda <- .2
MeanExpData <- replicate(1000, mean(rexp(40,lambda)))
print(paste0(sprintf('Sample mean: %.2f',mean(MeanExpData)),
  sprintf(', Sample error: %.2f', sqrt(var(MeanExpData))),
  sprintf(', Mean: %.2f', 1/lambda),
  sprintf(', Standard Error: %.2f', (1/lambda)/sqrt(40))))
```

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## [1] "Sample mean: 5.02, Sample error: 0.77, Mean: 5.00, Standard Error: 0.79"
```

You can also embed plots, for example:

Histogram of Averaged Exponential Samples



Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.