

Statistical Inference Project Part 1

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Overview

The purpose of this document is to analyse the exponential distribution and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. For this purpose, we set $\lambda = 0.2$ for all the simulations. This analysis will compare the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials over 1000 simulations.

First we set the variables for simulation λ , exponentials, and seed (for replicating results).

```
ECHO=TRUE
set.seed(1337)
lambda = 0.2
exponentials = 40
```

Running simulations with defined variables

```
sim_means = NULL
for (i in 1 : 1000) sim_means = c(sim_means, mean(rexp(exponentials,
lambda)))
```

Sample Mean VS Theoretical Mean

Sample Mean

Mean from the simulations will give the sample mean.

```
mean(sim_means)
## [1] 5.055995
```

Theoretical Mean

The theoretical mean of an exponential distribution is defined to be as λ^{-1} .

```
lambda^-1
## [1] 5
```

Comparison

There is only a marginal difference between the simulations sample mean and the exponential distribution theoretical mean.

```
abs(mean(sim_means)-lambda^-1)
## [1] 0.05599526
```

Sample Variance VS Theoretical Variance

Sample Variance

The variance from the simulation means will give the sample variance.

```
var(sim_means)
## [1] 0.6543703
```

Theoretical Variance

The theoretical variance of an exponential distribution is $(\lambda * \sqrt{n})^{-2}$.

```
(lambda * sqrt(exponentials))^-2
## [1] 0.625
```

Comparison

There is only a marginal difference between the simulations sample variance and the exponential distribution theoretical variance.

```
abs(var(sim_means)-(lambda * sqrt(exponentials))^-2)
## [1] 0.0293703
```

Distribution

This following is a density histogram of 1000 simulations. There is an overlay with a normal distribution that has a mean of λ^{-1} and standard deviation of $(\lambda * \sqrt{n})^{-1}$, the theoretical normal distribution for the simulations.

```
library(ggplot2)
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.2.4
ggplot(data.frame(y=sim_means), aes(x=y)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y=..density..), binwidth=0.2, fill="#624889",
                 color="black") +
  stat_function(fun=dnorm, args=list(mean=lambda^-1,
                                     sd=(lambda*sqrt(exponentials))^-1),
               size=2) +
  labs(title="Simulations", x="Simulation Mean", y="Density")
```

