

statistical inference : assignment 1

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Overview

The exponential distribution in R is investigated, and compared with the Central Limit Theorem. The exponential distribution can be simulated in R with `rexp(n, lambda)` where `lambda` is the rate parameter. The mean of exponential distribution is $1/\lambda$ and the standard deviation is also $1/\lambda$. Set `lambda = 0.2` for all of the simulations. In this study, the distribution of averages of 40 exponentials is used. A thousand simulations have been made.

1) Initialisation of simulation

```
lambda <- 0.2
n<- 40
nRandomUnif<-1000
```

set seed for reproducible calculation

```
set.seed(123)
```

run simulations

```
sim <- NULL
for (i in 1 : 1000) sim <- c(sim, mean(rexp(n,lambda)))
```

2) Sample Mean versus Theoretical mean

```
theoreticalMean = 1/lambda
sampleMean = mean(sim)
diff = abs(theoreticalMean - sampleMean)

tab <- matrix(c(theoreticalMean, sampleMean, diff),
              ncol = 3, byrow=TRUE)
colnames(tab) <- c("theoretical mean", "sample mean", "diff")
rownames(tab) <- c("mean")
tab <- as.table(tab)
tab
```

```
##      theoretical mean sample mean      diff
## mean      5.00000000  5.01191128 0.01191128
```

The two means are very close.

3) Sample variance versus Theoretical variance

```
theoreticalVar = (lambda*sqrt(n))^-2
sampleVar = var(sim)
diff = abs(theoreticalVar - sampleVar)

tab <- matrix(c(theoreticalVar, sampleVar, diff),
              ncol = 3, byrow=TRUE)
colnames(tab) <- c("theoretical var", "sample mean var", "diff")
rownames(tab) <- c("variance")
tab <- as.table(tab)
tab
```

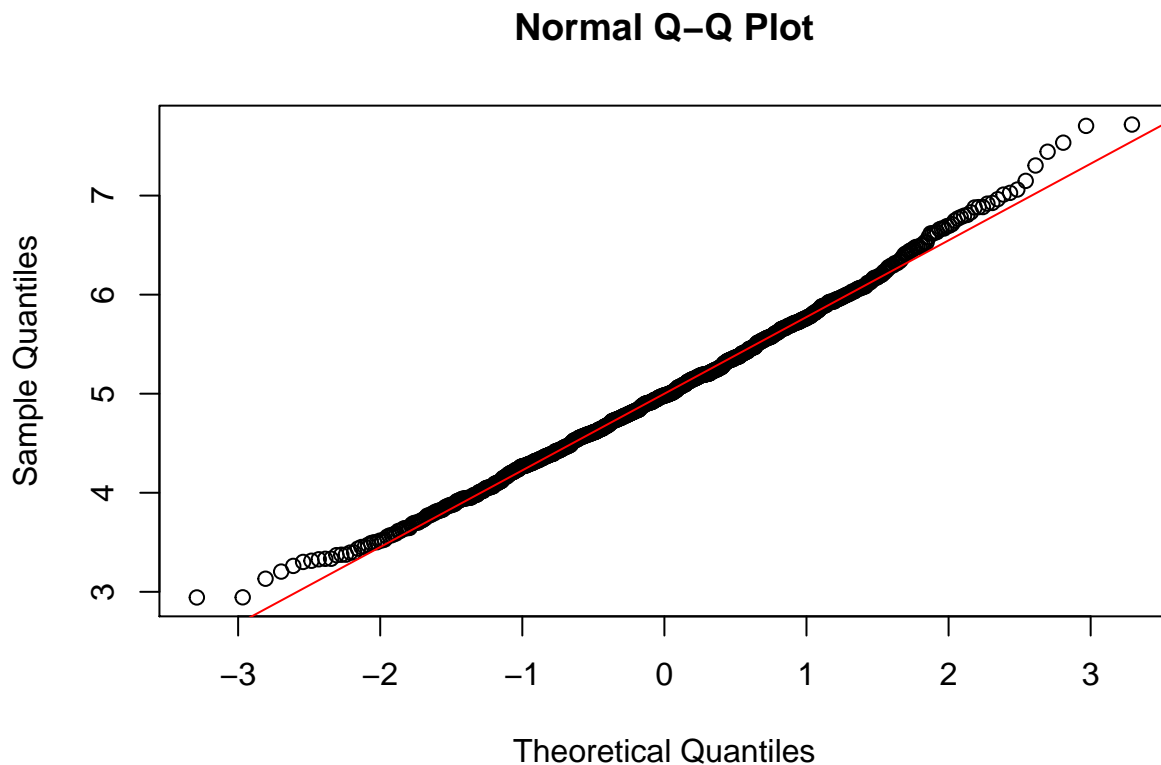
```
##          theoretical var sample mean var      diff
## variance          0.62500000         0.60049284 0.02450716
```

The two variances are very close.

4) Is the distribution approximately normal?

Q-Q Normal plot can be used to indicate the normal distribution of data.

```
qqnorm(sim)
qqline(sim, col = "red")
```



If the data is normally distributed, the points in the QQ-normal plot lie on a straight diagonal line (red line,

illustrated with R code qqline). The deviations from the straight line are minimal. This indicates the sample mean is normal distribution, although the initial sample are not normal distributed.

The normal distribution can also be found from calculating the confidence intervals:

```
round((sampleMean + c(-1,1)*qnorm(.95)*sd(sim)/sqrt(nRandomUnif)),3)
```

```
## [1] 4.972 5.052
```

The 95% confidence interval of the sample mean is 4.972 to 5.052, which is very close to the theoretical mean of 5.000. It means there is 95% probability that the population mean lies between these two bounds of 4.972 and 5.052.