

# Exploring Variances of the Exponential Distribution

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## Synopsis

This analysis shows how the mean and standard deviation of a finite random sample of a uniform distribution converge to population mean with increasing sample size.

Here is a sample of the data.

```
##create data for analysis

##Set seed to make results reproducible
set.seed(8675309)

##makes sample sizes variable
rowsofsamples <- 40
columnsofdistributions <- 1001

##set lambda
lambda <- .2

##create data frame using slightly different method than in class
##c rows is the sample index and column indexes the distribution.
rdata <- replicate(columnsofdistributions, rexp(rowsofsamples, lambda))
```

This analysis looks at a set of 1001 distributions of 40 samples.

Here is a sample of some data points

```
rdata[1:10,1]
```

```
## [1] 8.3108 6.1163 3.8367 1.7305 1.5428 3.3823 0.8332 0.1095 3.6691 2.4949
```

**Question1:** Show where the distribution is centered and compare it to the theoretical center of the distribution.

```
##Take means of columns and plot histogram with mean and theoretical mean

##Compute Column means
expmeans <- colMeans(rdata)

##Calculate "Mean of Means"
meanofdistmeans<-mean(expmeans)
```

The mean of the distribution 5.0123 differs by 0.2453% from the theoretical population mean of 5.0

**Variance:** Show how variable it is and compare it to the theoretical variance of the distribution.

```
## Calculate the Variance
varofdistmeans = var(expmeans)

expectedvariance = 1/lambda/(lambda*rowsofsamples)
```

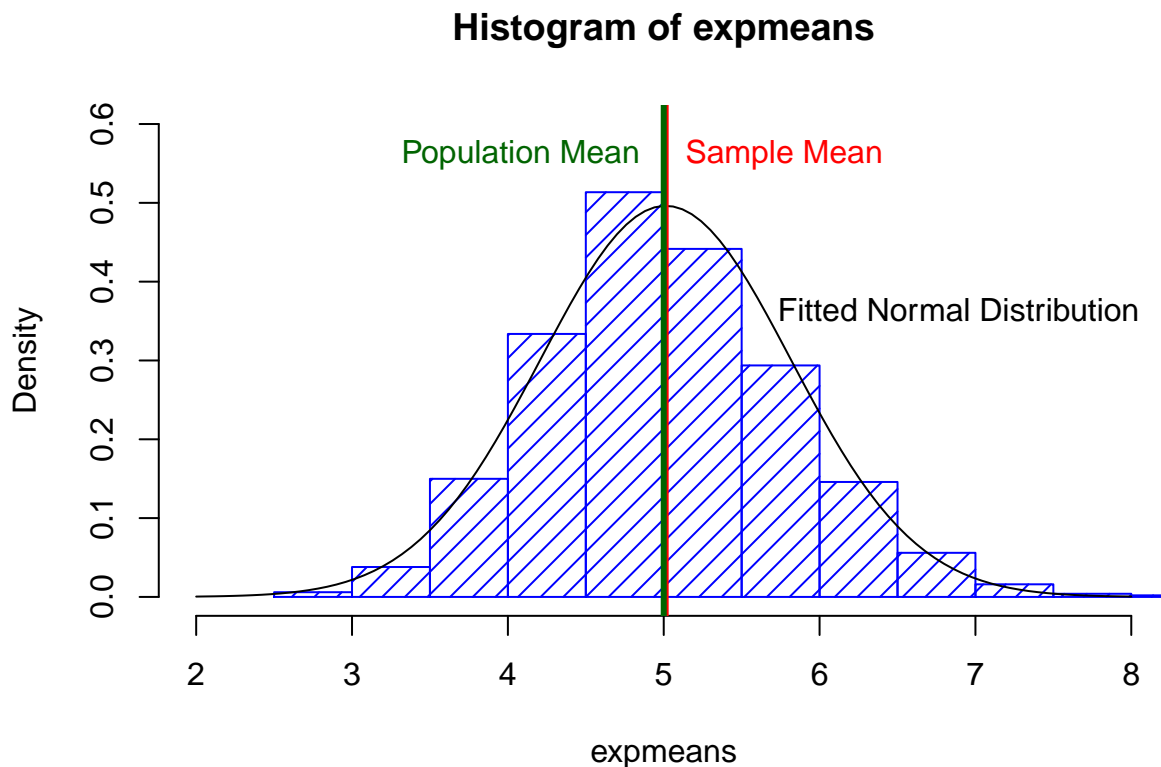
The theoretical variance of the distribution is  $\lambda = 0.625$  versus the standard deviation the data 0.6463, which differs by 3.41% .

**Distribution:** Show that the distribution is approximately normal.

```
##Generate Histogram
hist(expmeans, prob=TRUE, density=12, angle=45, xlim=c(2,8), ylim=c(0,0.6), col="blue")
curve(dnorm(x, mean=mean(expmeans), sd=sd(expmeans)), add=TRUE)

##Draw lines at mean and theoretical mean = 5
abline(v=meanofdistmeans, lwd=3, col="red")
abline(v=5, lwd=3, col="darkgreen")

##Label means on graph
text(meanofdistmeans,0.55, "Sample Mean", col="red", adj=c(-0.1,0))
text(5,0.55, "Population Mean", col="darkgreen", adj=c(1.10,0))
text(5.5,0.35, "Fitted Normal Distribution", col="black", adj=c(-.10,0))
```



```
###Draw Std Deviation Lines
```

```
##Generate Histogram
```

```
hist((expmeans-1/lambda), prob=TRUE, density=12, angle=45, xlim=c(-3,3), ylim=c(0,0.6),col="blue",  
curve(dnorm(x, mean=mean(expmeans), sd=sd(expmeans)), add=TRUE)
```

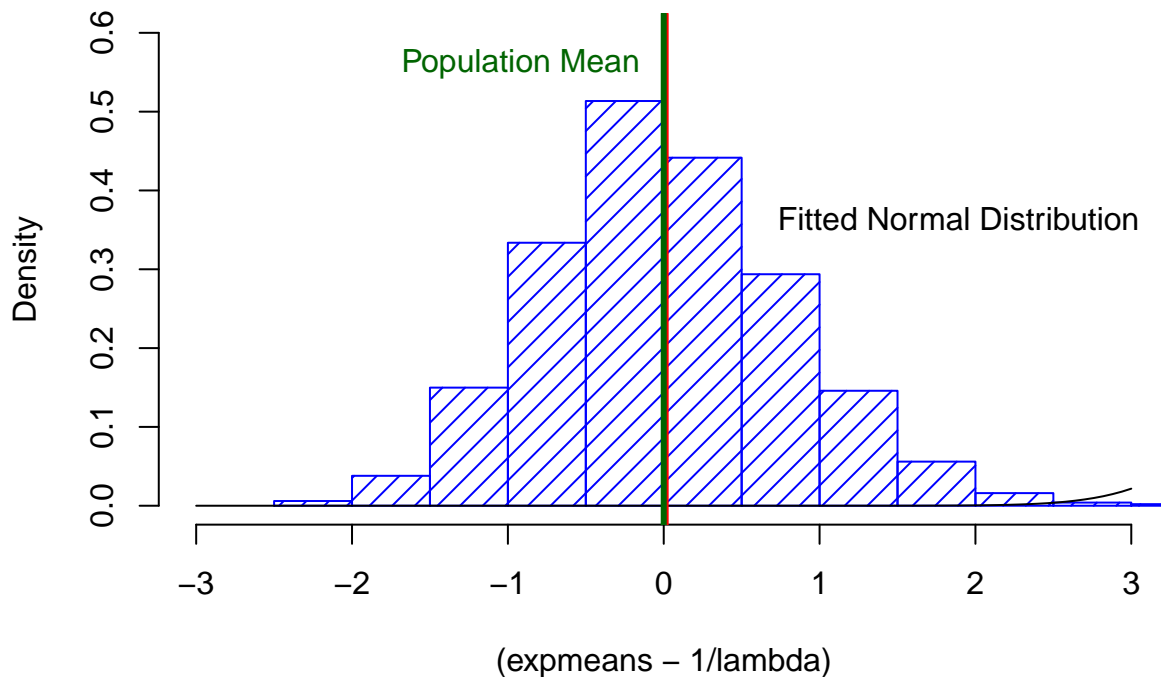
```
##Draw lines at mean and theoretical mean = 5
```

```
abline(v=meanofdistmeans-1/lambda, lwd=3, col="red")  
abline(v=0, lwd=3, col="darkgreen")
```

```
##Label means on graph
```

```
text(meanofdistmeans,0.55, "Sample Mean", col="red", adj=c(-0.1,0))  
text(0,0.55, "Population Mean", col="darkgreen", adj=c(1.10,0))  
text(0.5,0.35, "Fitted Normal Distribution", col="black", adj=c(-.10,0))
```

### Histogram of (expmeans – 1/lambda)



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Above is a plot of a histogram of the exponentials. The sample mean of the data, shown in the graph by the red vertical line at 5.0123 is barely distinguishable from the population mean at 5.000. The fit of the normal distribution, from the sample mean and standard deviation 0.8039 follows the data well.

**Convergence: Evaluate the coverage of the confidence interval**

```
require(ggplot2)
```

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## Loading required package: ggplot2
```

```

lambda<-.2
noofreps<-5000
samples<-c(10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000)

pmean=1/lambda
psd=1/lambda
ssd=psd/sqrt(samples)

coverage <- sapply(samples, function(samples) {
  rdata <- replicate(noofreps, rexp(samples, lambda))
  expmeans <- (colMeans(rdata)-pmean)/ssd
  mean<-mean(expmeans)
  ll <- expmeans - qnorm(0.975) * ssd
  ul <- expmeans + qnorm(0.975) * ssd
  mean(ll < 0 & ul > 0)
})

ggplot(data.frame(samples, coverage), aes(x = samples, y = coverage)) + geom_line(size = 2) + geom_hline

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