

Theorem If X is a standard Cauchy random variable then $Y = \ln |X|/\pi$ has the hyperbolic-secant distribution.

Proof Let X be a standard Cauchy random variable. The cumulative distribution function of X is

$$F_X(x) = \frac{\pi + 2 \arctan(x)}{2\pi} \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The cumulative distribution function of $Y = \ln |X|/\pi$ is

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(\ln |X|/\pi \leq y) \\ &= P(|X| \leq e^{\pi y}) \\ &= P(-e^{\pi y} \leq X \leq e^{\pi y}) \\ &= F_X(e^{\pi y}) - F_X(-e^{\pi y}) \\ &= \frac{\pi + 2 \arctan(e^{\pi y})}{2\pi} - \frac{\pi + 2 \arctan(-e^{\pi y})}{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan(e^{\pi y}) \quad -\infty < y < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which is the cumulative distribution function of a hyperbolic secant random variable.

APPL failure: The APPL statements

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X := StandardCauchyRV();
g := [[x -> ln(-x) / Pi, x -> ln(x) / Pi], [-infinity, 0, infinity]];
Y := Transform(X, g);
CDF(Y);
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yield the probability density function and cumulative distribution function of a hyperbolic secant random variable.