Standard Cauchy distribution (from http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR.html) The shorthand $X \sim \text{Cauchy}(1,0)$ is used to indicate that the random variable X has the standard Cauchy distribution. A standard Cauchy random variable X has probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi (1+x^2)} \qquad \qquad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The probability density function is illustrated below.



The cumulative distribution function on the support of *X* is

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \frac{\pi + 2 \arctan(x)}{2\pi} \qquad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The survivor function on the support of *X* is

$$S(x) = P(X \ge x) = \frac{\pi - 2 \arctan(x)}{2\pi} \qquad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = \frac{2}{(1+x^2)(\pi - 2\arctan(x))} \qquad -\infty < x < \infty$$

The cumulative hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$H(x) = -\ln S(x) = \ln (2) + \ln (\pi) - \ln (\pi - 2 \arctan (x)) \qquad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The inverse distribution function of *X* is

$$F^{-1}(u) = -\cot(u \cdot \pi)$$
 $0 < u < 1.$

The median of X is 0.

The moments of X are undefined. It follows that the population mean, variance, skewness, and kurtosis of X are also undefined.

APPL verification: The APPL statements

```
X := StandardCauchyRV( );
CDF(X);
SF(X);
HF(X);
CHF(X);
IDF(X);
```

verify the cumulative distribution function, survivor function, hazard function, and cumulative hazard function.