

## Distribution of the Non-Central F

The non-central F distribution with dfs  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_2$  and non-centrality parameter  $\lambda$  has pdf

$$g_{\lambda}(x) = \frac{C(x)}{B(\nu_1/2, \nu_2/2)} e^{-\lambda/2} \nu_1^{\nu_1/2} \nu_2^{\nu_2/2} (\nu_2 + \nu_1 x)^{-(\nu_1 + \nu_2)/2} x^{(\nu_1 - 2)/2}$$

where  $B(\nu_1/2, \nu_2/2)$  is the beta function and

$$C(x) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(\nu_1 \lambda x)/2}{\nu_2 + \nu_1 x} \right)^j \frac{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)(\nu_1 + \nu_2 + 2)(\nu_1 + \nu_2 + 2j - 2)}{j! \nu_1 (\nu_1 + 2) \cdots (\nu_1 + \nu_2 + 2j - 2)}$$

The cdf is then given by

$$G_{\lambda}(x) = \int_0^x g_{\lambda}(y) dy$$

Just by examining the function it is somewhat difficult to determine the relationship between  $G_{\lambda}(x)$  and  $\lambda$ . However, after considering numerous combinations values of  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_2$ ,  $\lambda$ , it was always true that for a fixed values of  $x$  as  $\lambda$  increases  $G_{\lambda}(x)$  decreases. See plot below as an illustration for  $\nu_1 = 3$ ,  $\nu_2 = 56$ ,  $\lambda = .5, 2, 5$ .

