

Problem Set 2
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1. Consider the probability distribution:

$$p(x) = \exp(-|x|)$$

What is the normalization constant for this distribution? Calculate the average, standard deviation, Skewness and Kurtosis for this distribution. If you have a random number generator for uniformly distributed random numbers in the range $0 \leq y \leq 1$ then how can you use these to generate random numbers for the PDF given above?

2. Consider the study of star spot coverage and age of stars by [Araújo et al.](#) Using the data given in Table 1 and Table 2 of the paper, reproduce figures 3 and 4 including the values for the Spearman correlation coefficient.
3. A data file containing education level and employment status for 2023 for Canada is given to you. Using the number of years of education in each case as a quantitative parameter to represent the education level, find the correlation coefficients and corresponding p values.