Problem 1.1

Show that if $X \in C(0,1)$, then so is 1/X.

Solution

Since $X \in C(0,1)$, we have

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
, for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

Define $Y = \frac{1}{X}$. Then, $X = \frac{1}{Y}$, and we have

$$|\det(J)| = \left|\frac{dx}{dy}\right| = \frac{1}{y^2}.$$

Thus,

$$f_Y(y) = |\det(J)| f_X(1/y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + (1/y)^2}$$

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and we have shown that $Y \in C(0,1)$.

Problem 1.8

Show that if X, Y are independent N(0, 1)-distributed random variables, then $X/Y \in C(0, 1)$.

Solution

We have

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-x^2/2} e^{-y^2/2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}.$$

Define U = X/Y. We introduce the auxiliary variable V = X. Then we have the inverse relations

$$X = V$$
$$Y = V/U.$$

With this, we can find our Jacobian determinant:

$$\det(J) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-v}{u^2} & \frac{1}{u} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{v}{u^2}.$$

Thus,

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = |\det(J)| f_{X,Y}(v,v/u)$$

$$= \frac{|v|}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{v^2 + (v/u)^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{|v|}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-v^2 \frac{1 + (1/u)^2}{2}}.$$

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We want the distribution of U, so

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{U,V}(u,v) dv$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|v|}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-v^2 \frac{1 + (1/u)^2}{2}} dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{u^2 \pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} v \cdot e^{-v^2 \frac{1 + (1/u)^2}{2}} dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + u^2}.$$

Thus, we have shown that $U \in C(0,1)$.

Problem 1.11

Show that if X and Y are independent Exp(a)-distributed random variables, then $X/Y \in F(2,2)$.

Solution

We have

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{a^2} e^{-x/a} e^{-y/a}$$

= $\frac{1}{a^2} e^{-\frac{x+y}{a}}$,

for $0 \le x, y < \infty$. Define U and V as we did in the previous problem. Then,

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = |\det(J)| f_{X,Y}(v,v/u)$$

$$= \frac{v}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} e^{-\frac{v+v/u}{a}}$$

$$= \frac{v}{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} e^{-v\frac{1+1/u}{a}}.$$

Then, we can integrate to find the distribution of U:

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{U,V}(u, v) dv$$

= $\frac{1}{a^2 u^2} \int_{0}^{\infty} v e^{-v \frac{1+1/u}{a}} dv$
= $\frac{1}{(u+1)^2}$.

After looking up Fisher's distribution, we can conclude that $X/Y \in F(2,2)$.

Problem 1.12

Let X, Y be independent random variables such that $X \in U(0,1)$ and $Y \in U(0,\alpha)$. Find the density function of Z = X + Y.

Solution

This is a test

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