

# Assignment 7

## Probability and Random Variables

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# Outline

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Suppose  $z$  has an  $F$  distribution with  $(m, n)$  degrees of freedom.

- (a) Show that  $\frac{1}{z}$  also has an  $F$  distribution with  $(n, m)$  degrees of freedom.
- (b) Show that  $\frac{mz}{mz + n}$  has a beta distribution

# solution part a

$Z \sim F(m, n)$  Let,

$$Y = \frac{1}{Z}$$

Then ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \frac{1}{dy/dz} f_z(1/y) \\ &= \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{(m/n)^{m/2}}{\beta(n/2, m/2)} \frac{1}{y^{m/2-1}} \frac{1}{(1 + m/ny)^{m+n/2}} \\ &= \frac{(n/m)^{n/2}}{\beta(n/2, m/2)} y^{n/2-1} \left(1 + \frac{n}{my}\right)^{-(m+n)/2} \\ &\sim F(n, m) \end{aligned}$$

## solution part b

$$W = \frac{Zm}{Zm + n}$$

$$F_W(w) = P(W \leq w) = P\left(\frac{Zm}{Zm + n} \leq w\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z \leq \frac{nw}{m(1-w)}\right) = F_Z\left(\frac{nw}{m(1-w)}\right)$$

which gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_W(w) &= \frac{n}{m(1-w)^2} f_Z\left(\frac{nw}{m(1-w)}\right) \\
 &= \frac{n}{m(1-w)^2} \frac{(m/n)^{m/2}}{\beta(m/2, n/2)} \left(\frac{nw}{m(1-w)}\right)^{m/2-1} \left(1 + \frac{w}{(1-w)}\right)^{-(m+n)/2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\beta(m/2, n/2)} w^{m/2-1}, 0 < w < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $W$  has beta distribution.