

Stat 134: Section 17

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Conceptual Review

Recall the convolution formula for $Z = X + Y$ and $W = X/Y$.

Problem 1

Finish what we haven't covered from Section 16.

Problem 2

Let joint distribution of X, Y be a function of $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$ (i.e., $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = g(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$ for some g). Then prove that $W = X/Y$ follows the Cauchy distribution. i.e., prove that

$$f_W(w) = \frac{1}{\pi(w^2 + 1)}.$$

(Hint : You want to use the fact that $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty r f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) dr d\theta$.)

Problem 3

Prove that the density of $Z = X - Y$ for independent exponential (λ) variables X and Y is Laplace distribution (i.e., $f_Z(z) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \exp\{-\lambda|Z|\}$) by using

- a. Moment generating function.
- b. Convolution formula.