

Continuous Probability Functions (Cont.)

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Continuous Distributions

Student-t:

A random variable x has a continuous Student-t distribution, $x \sim t(\nu)$ if

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where $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$.

Continuous Distributions

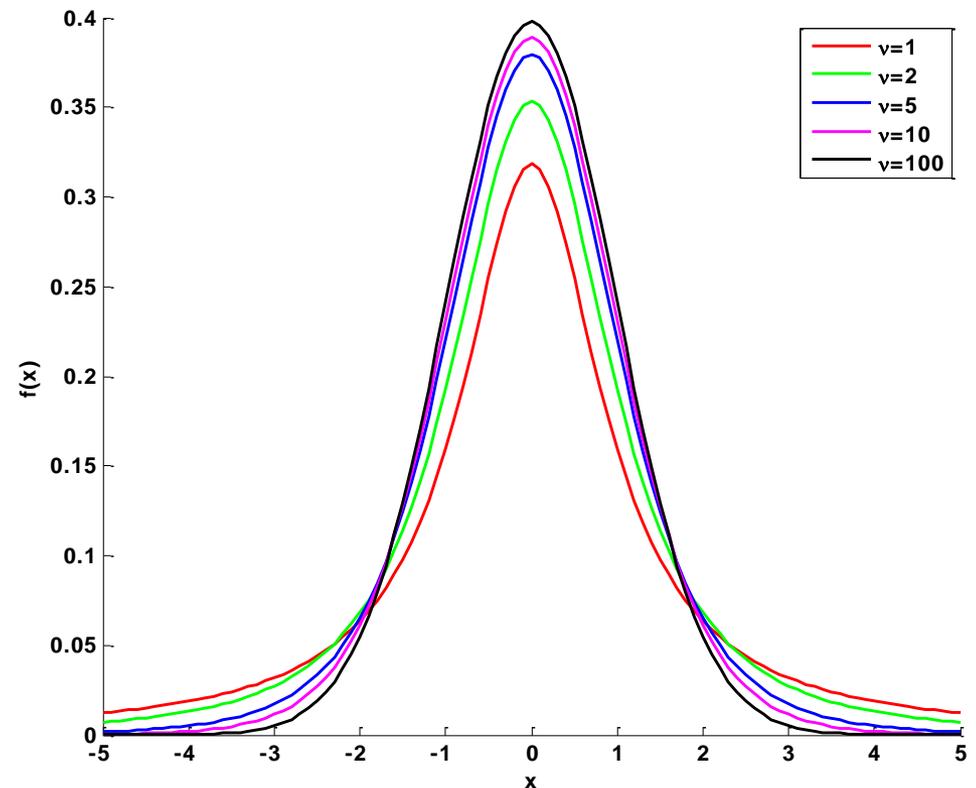
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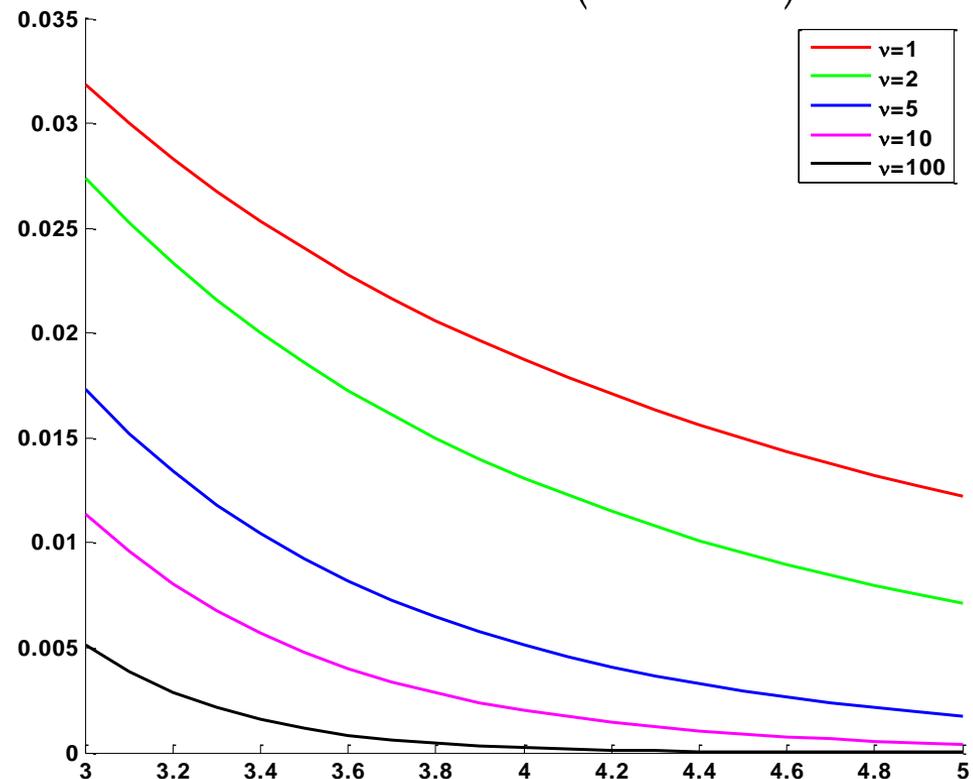
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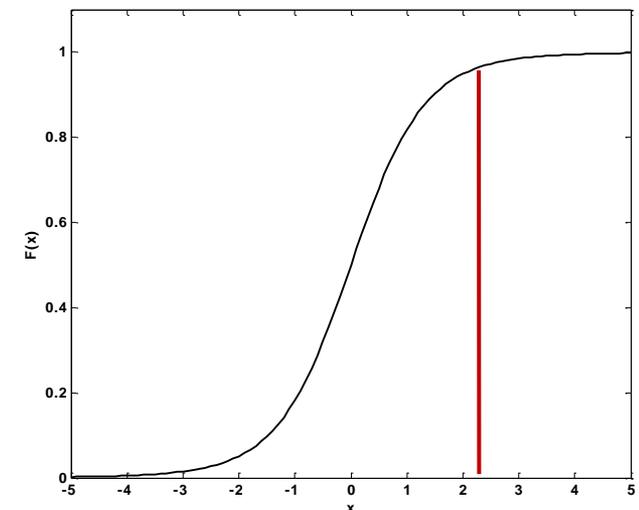
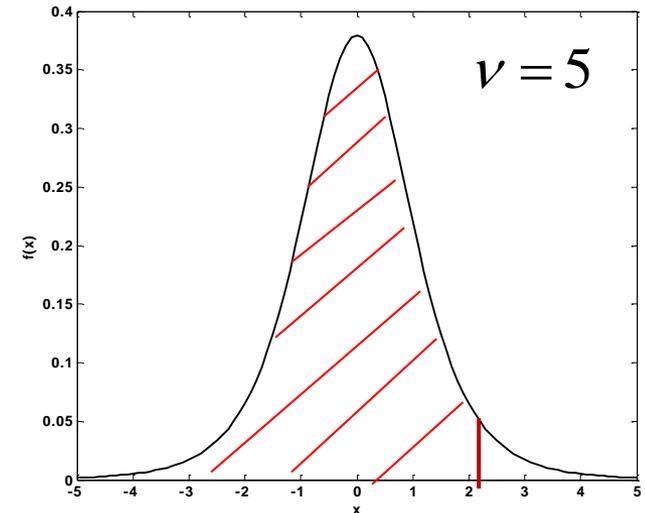
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$$= \frac{1}{2} + x\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right) \frac{{}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\nu+1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; -\frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)\sqrt{\nu\pi}}$$

Where ${}_2F_1$ is the hypergeometric function



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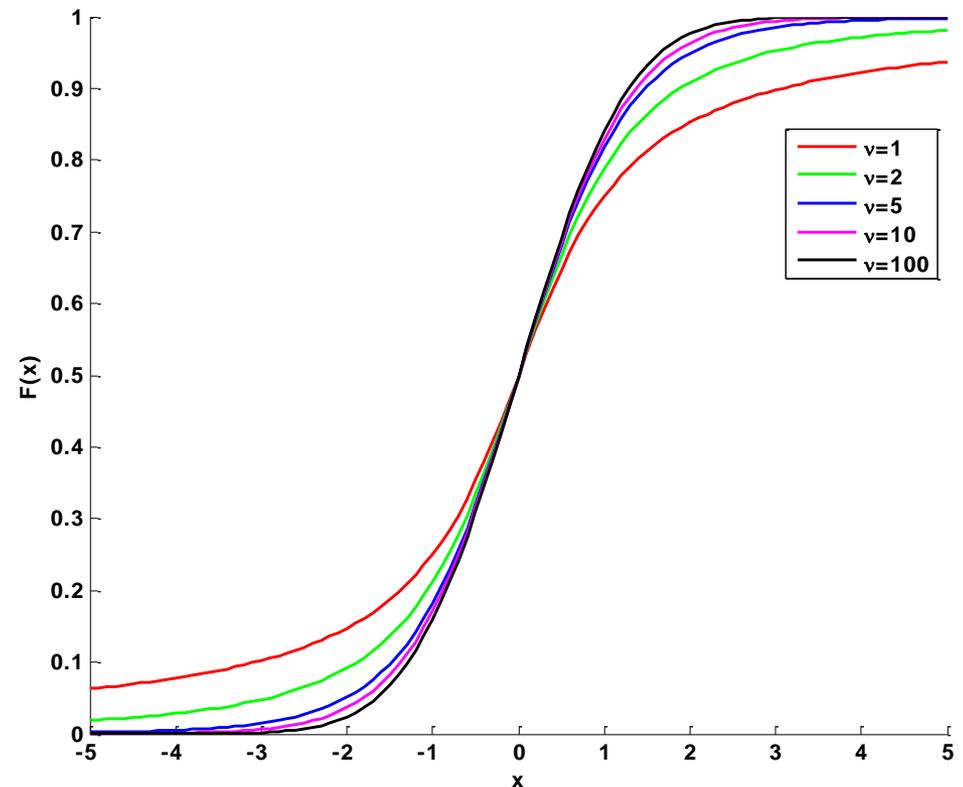
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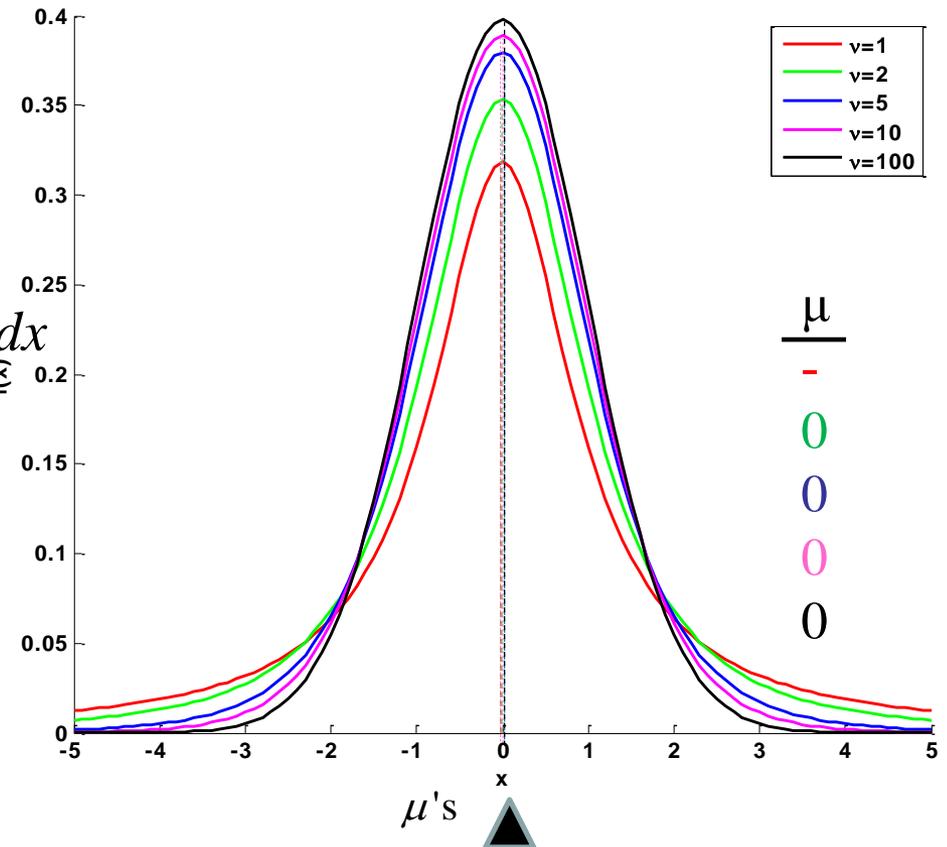


Continuous Distributions

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It can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x|\theta)dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{\nu}x^2\right)^{(\nu+1)/2}} dx \\ &= 0 \quad \nu > 1\end{aligned}$$



Continuous Distributions

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It can be shown that

median

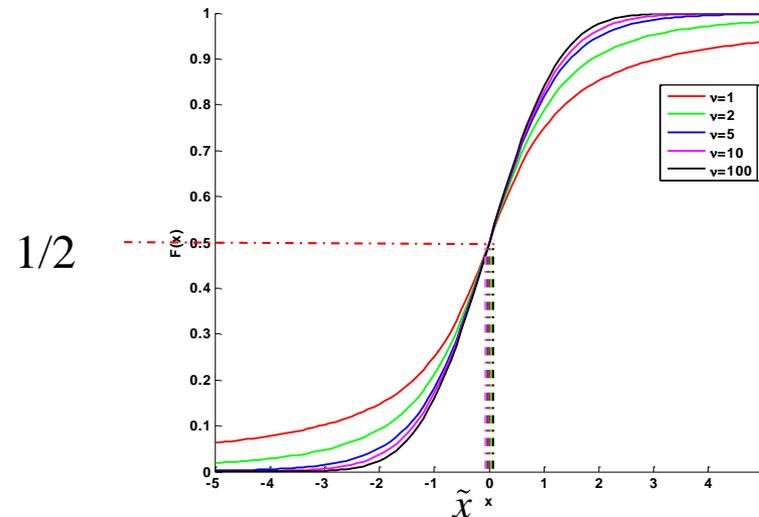
$$\int_{x=-\infty}^{\tilde{x}} f(x | \theta) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tilde{x} = 0$$

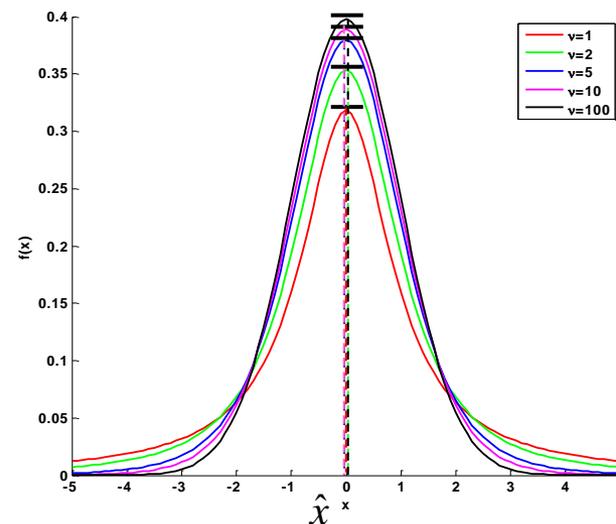
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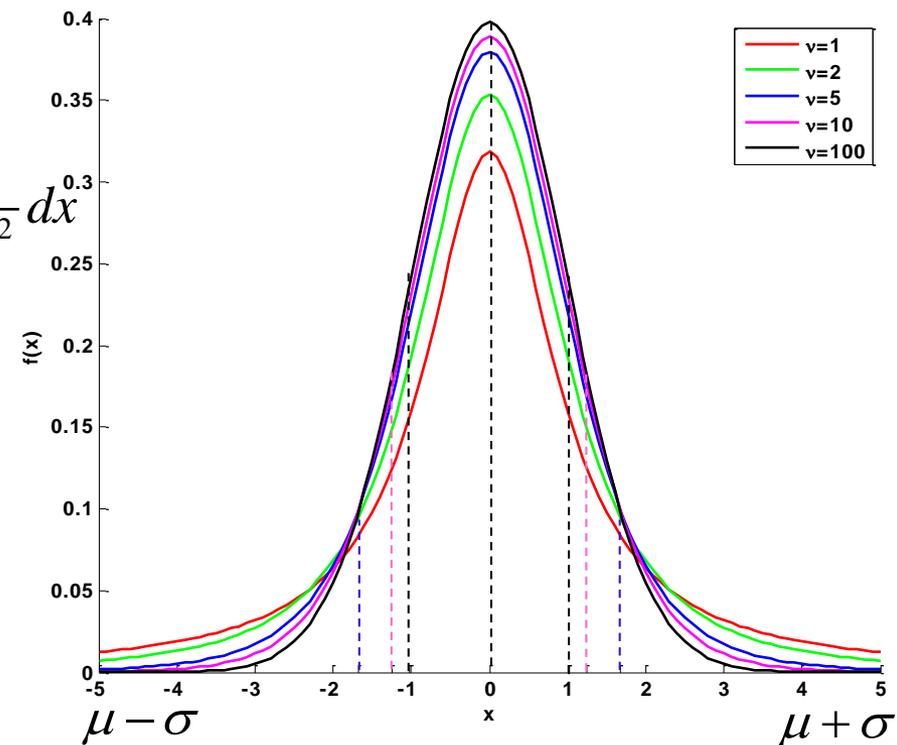
Student-t:

that

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x | \theta) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu}x^2\right)^{(\nu+1)/2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{\nu}{\nu - 2}$$



Continuous Distributions

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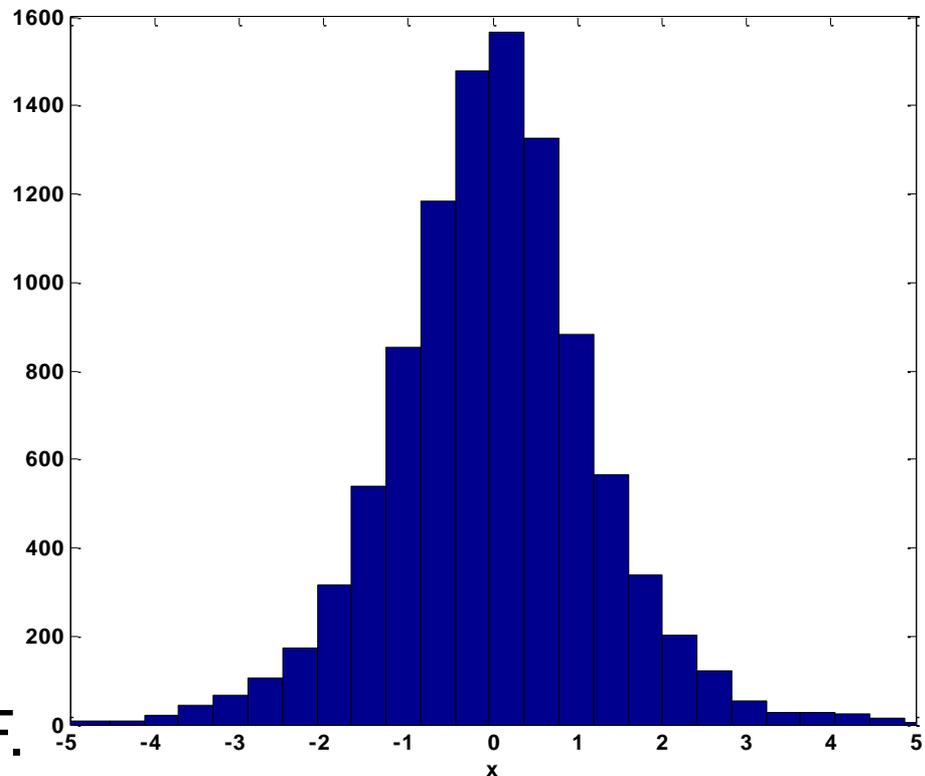
nu=5;,num=10^4;
x=trnd(nu,num,1);
mean(x)
var(x)
hist(x,50), xlim([-5 5])

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	True	Simulated
μ	0	-0.0062
σ^2	1.6667	1.6318

Can also find and plot ECDF.

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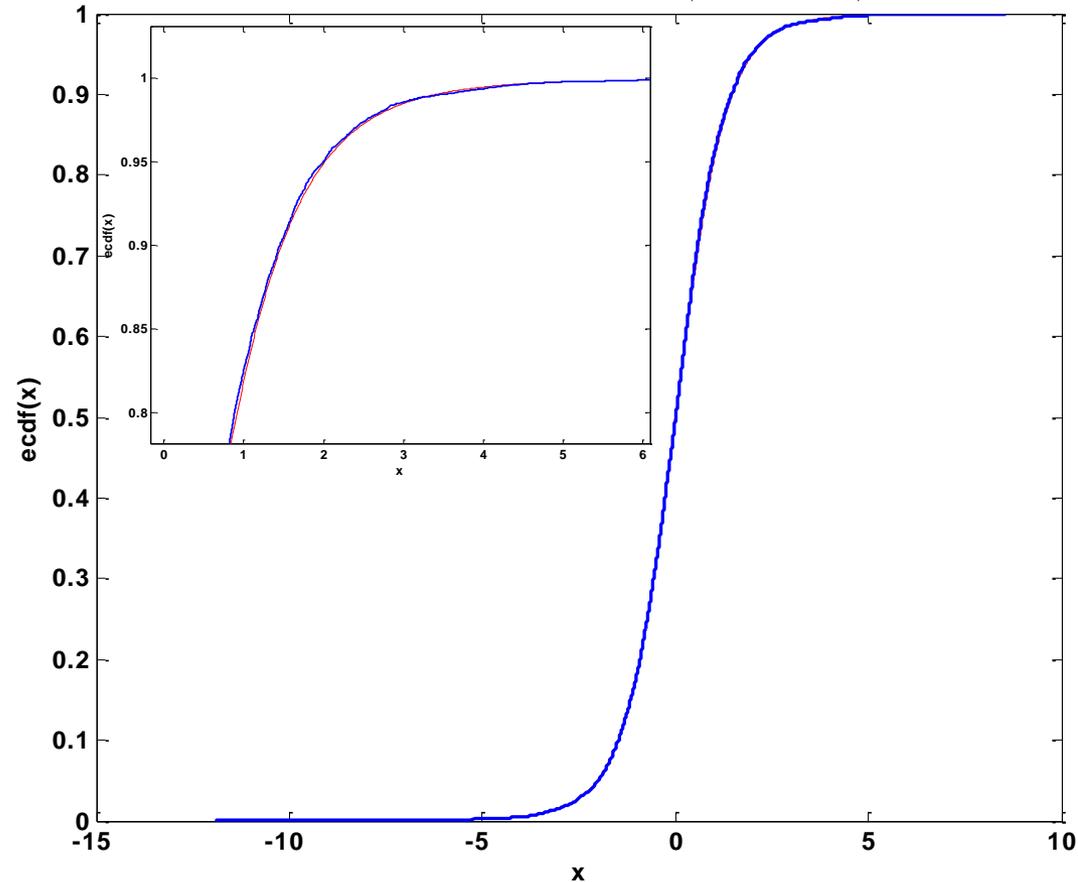
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nu=5;
y=tcdf((-5:.01:5),nu);
plot((-5:.01:5),y, 'r')
hold on
[F,xx]=ecdf(x);
stairs(xx,F,'LineWidth',2)

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Continuous Distributions

Student-t:

The Student-t Distribution, can be generalized to have location and scale parameters, so that

$x \sim t(\nu, \delta, \tau)$ if

$$f(x | \nu, \delta, \tau) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right) (\tau^2)^{-1/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right) \sqrt{\nu\pi}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu} \left(\frac{x - \delta}{\tau}\right)^2\right)^{(\nu+1)/2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$.

Continuous Distributions

Cauchy (Lorentzian):

A random variable x has a continuous (standard) Cauchy distribution, $x \sim \text{Cauchy}$ if

$$f(x | \nu) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + x^2}, \quad \text{where, } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Cauchy distribution is a special case of the Student-t distribution with $\nu=1$.

$$f(x | \nu) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu}x^2\right)^{(\nu+1)/2}}$$

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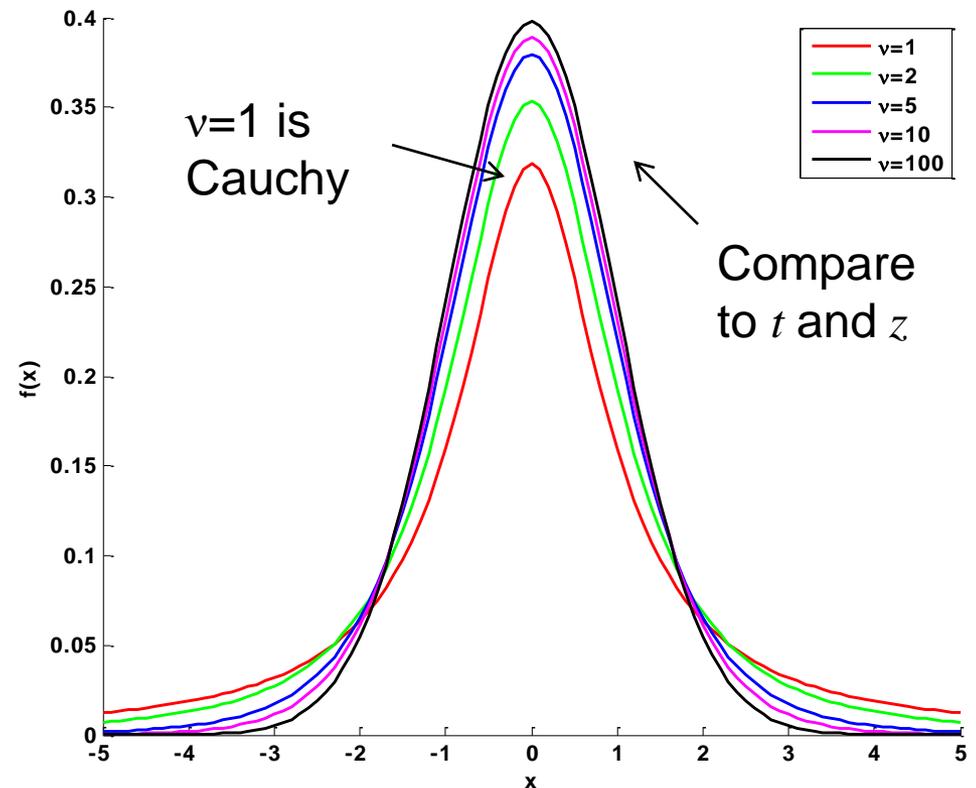
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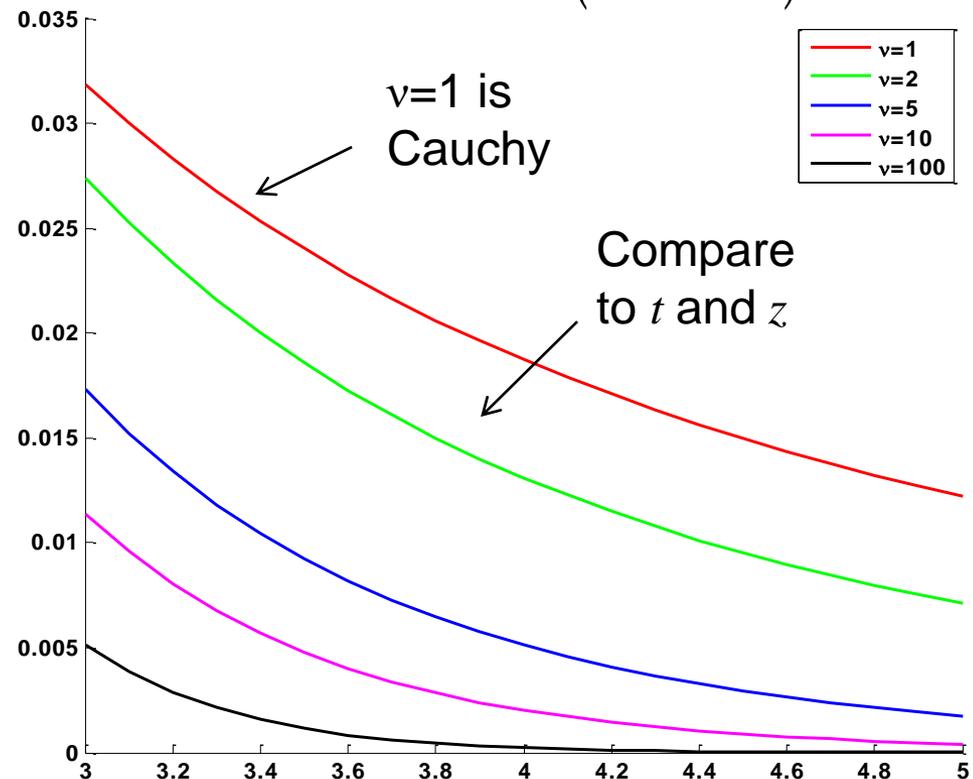
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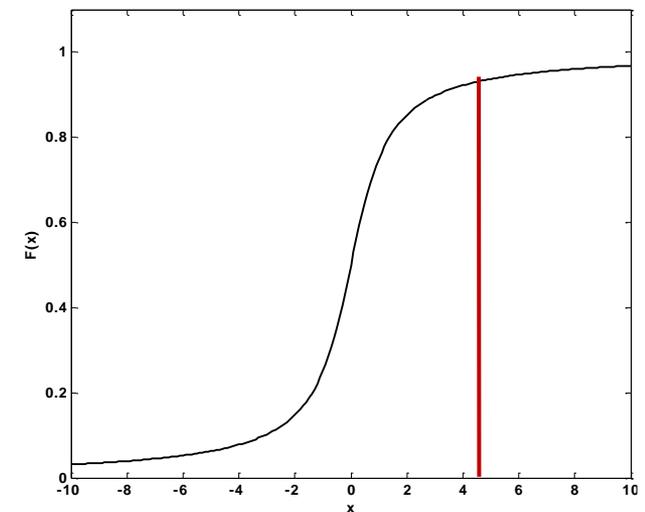
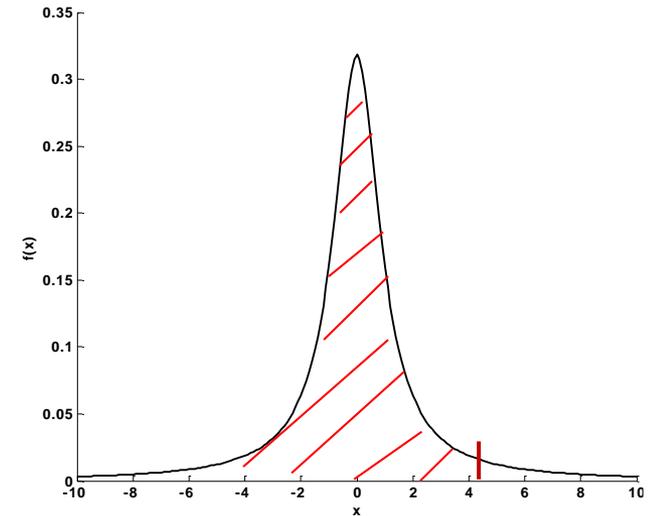
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Cauchy:

The CDF of the continuous Cauchy distribution is

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$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{t=-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(x) \end{aligned}$$

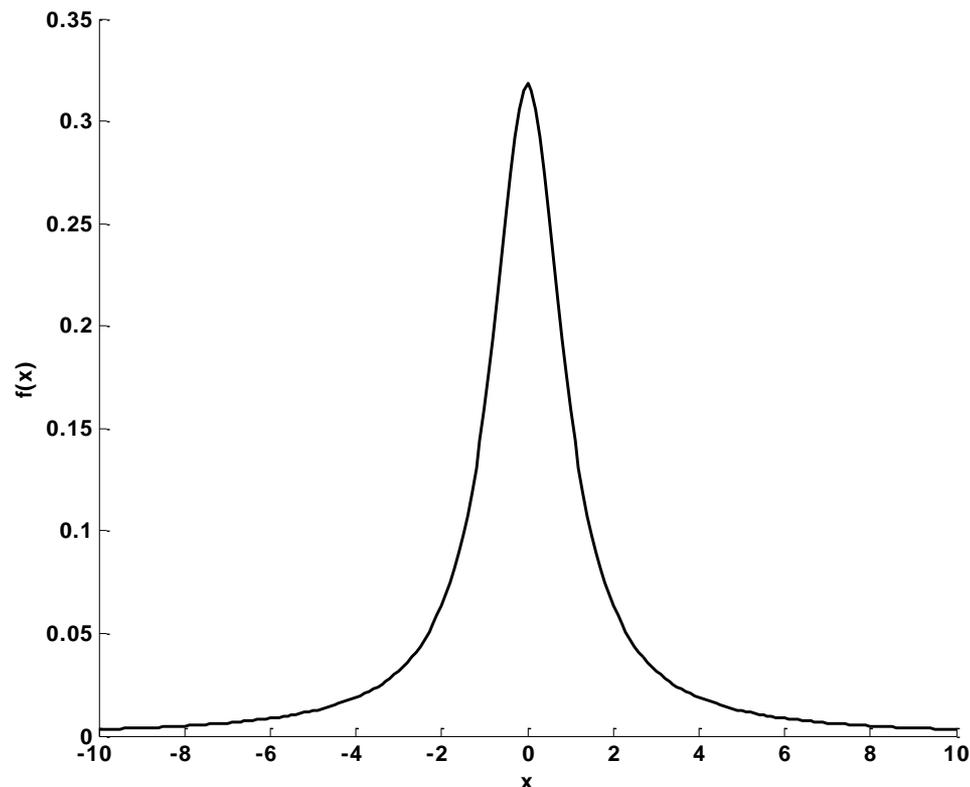


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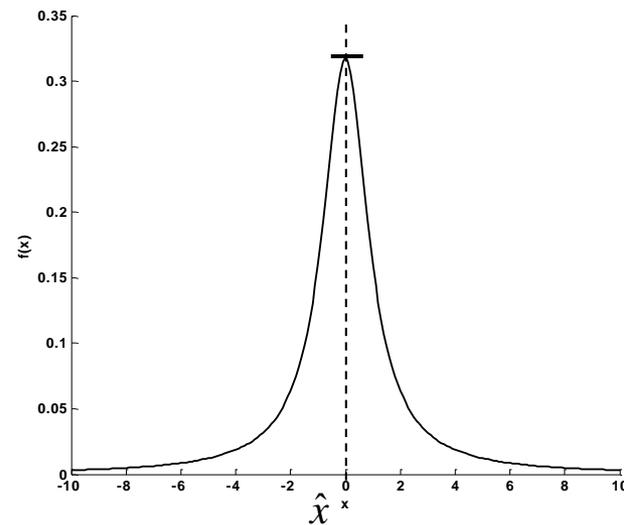
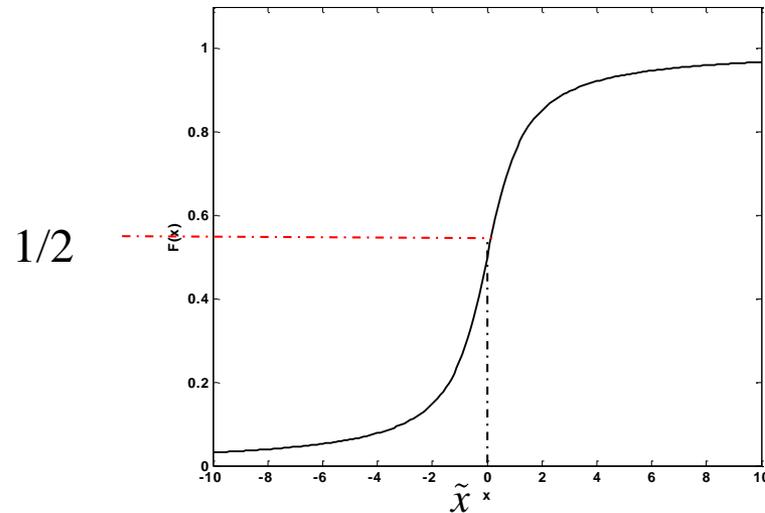
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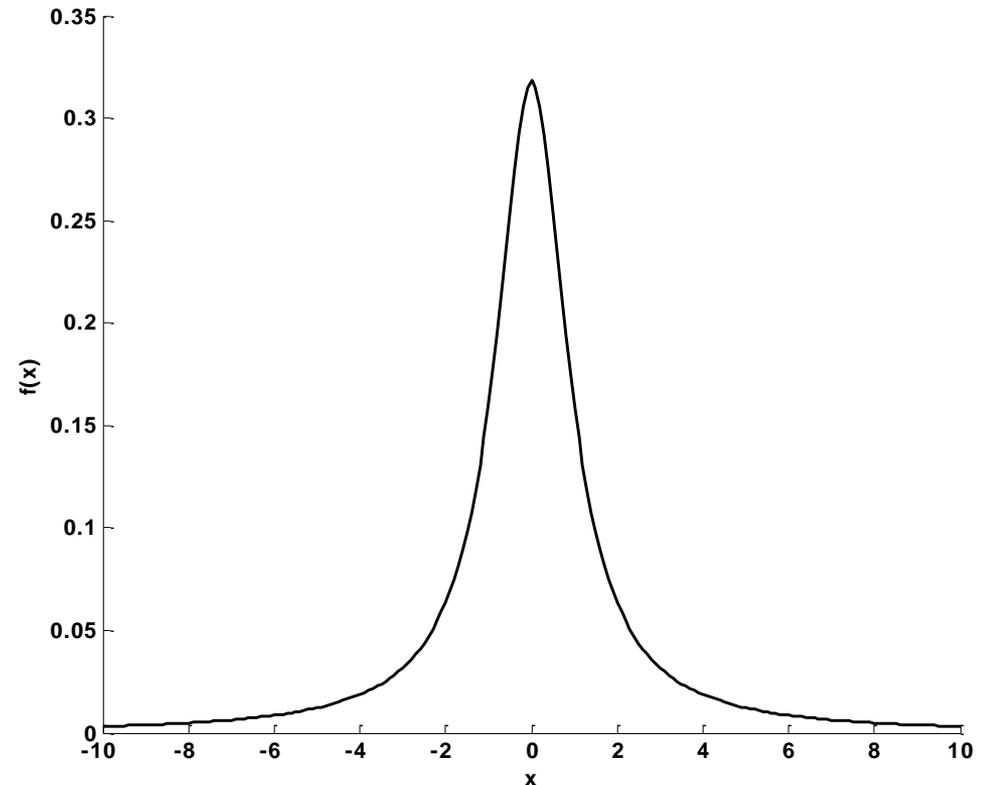


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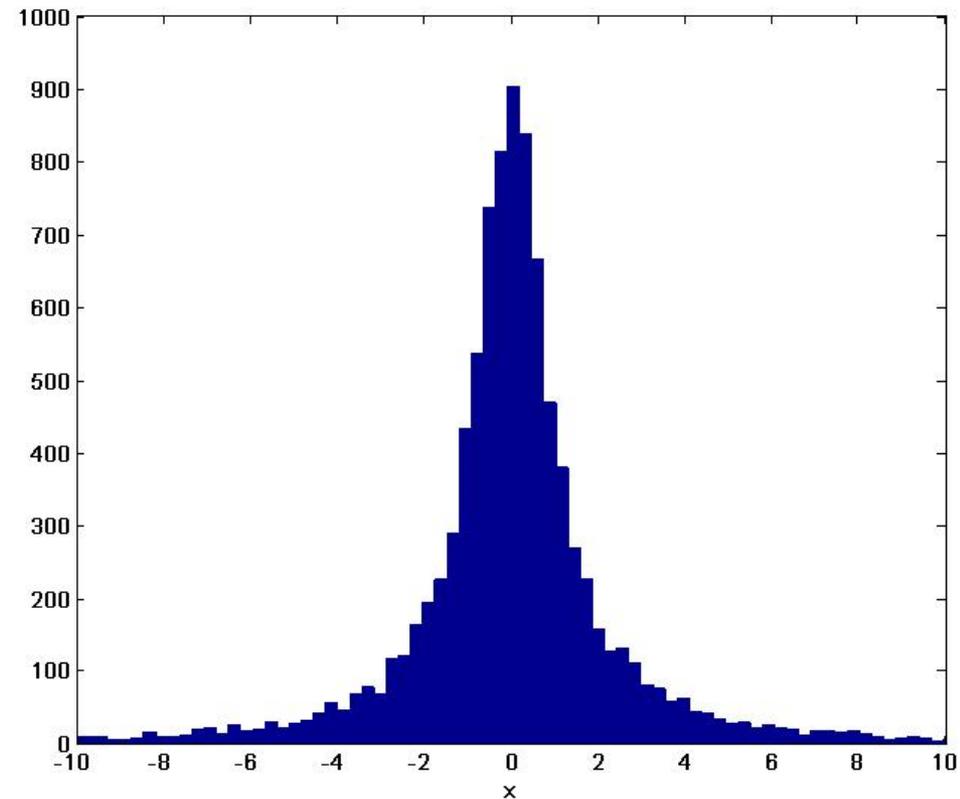
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mean(x)
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var(x)
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hist(x,10^5), xlim([-10 10])
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	True	Simulated
μ	-	4.2813
σ^2	-	9.3156×10^4

Can also find and plot ECD



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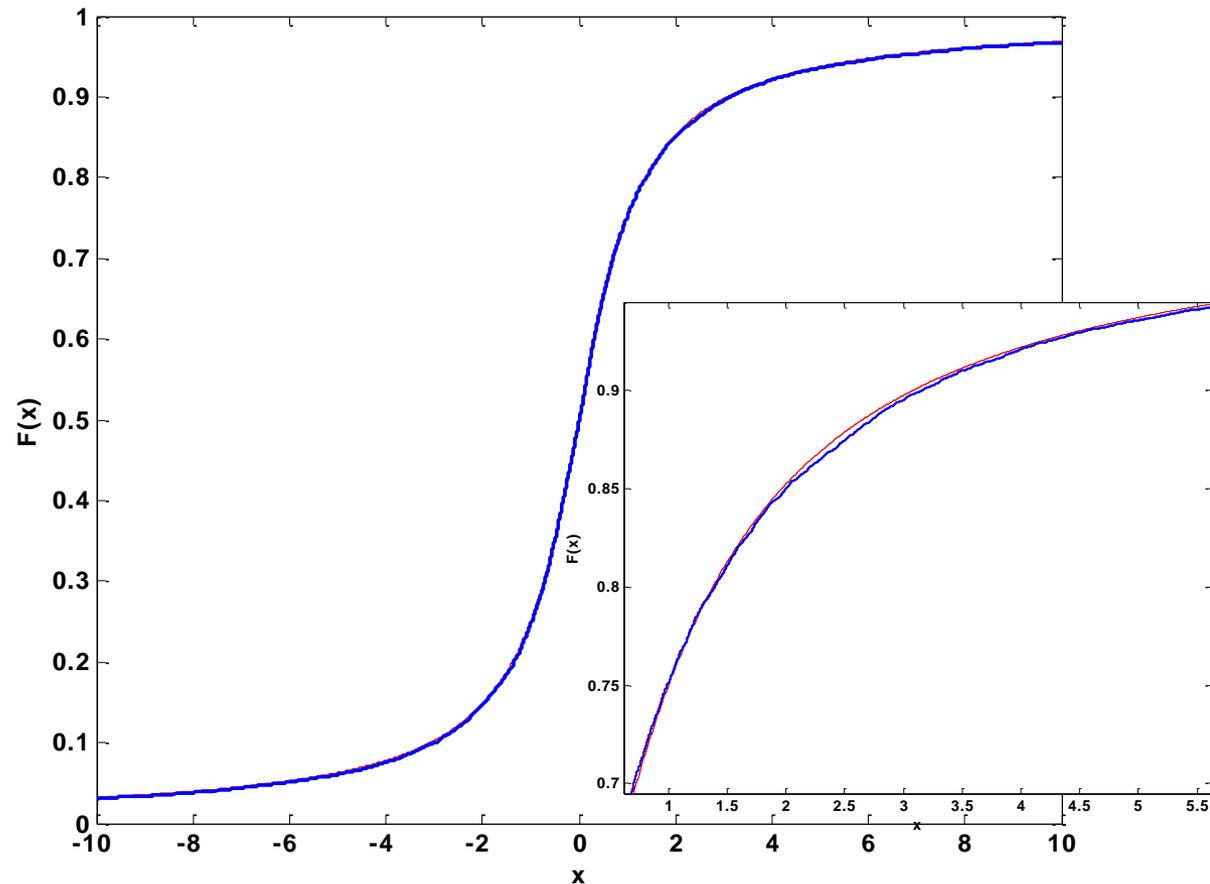
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hold on
[F,xx]=ecdf(x);
stairs(xx,F,'LineWidth',2)
axis([-10 10 0 1])

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Continuous Distributions

F:

A random variable x has a continuous F distribution, $x \sim F(\nu_1, \nu_2)$ if

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where $\nu_1, \nu_2 = 1, 2, \dots$.

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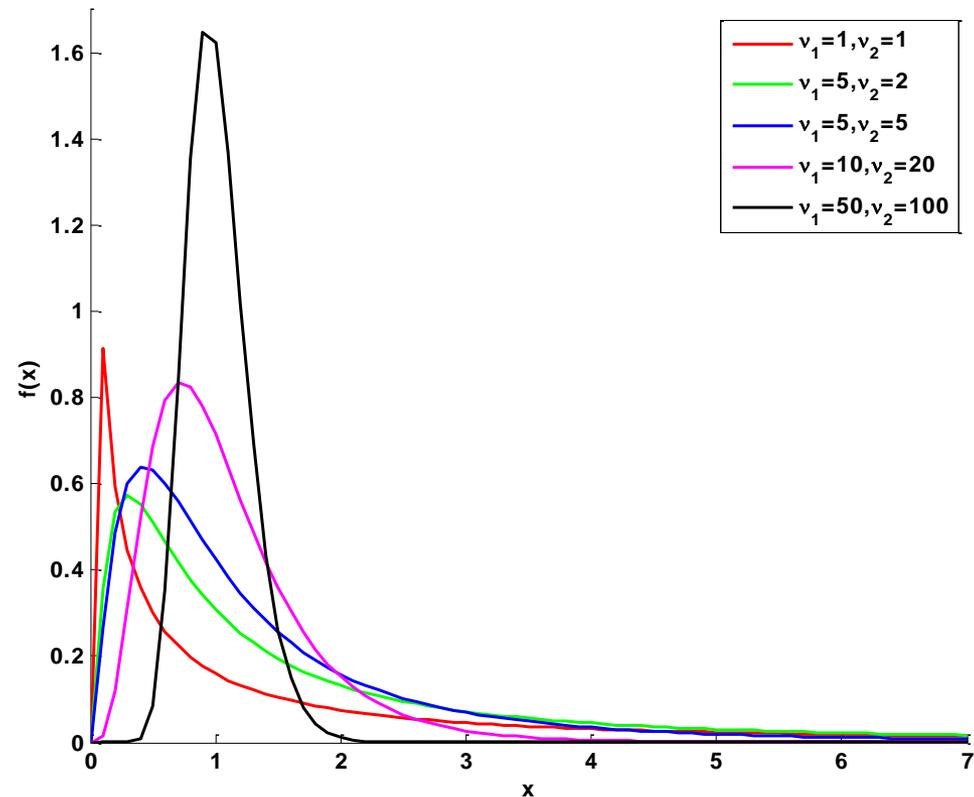
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figure(1)
hold on
for count=1:length(nu1)
    y = fpdf(x,nu1(count),nu2(count));
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end
xlim([0 7]), ylim([0 1.7])

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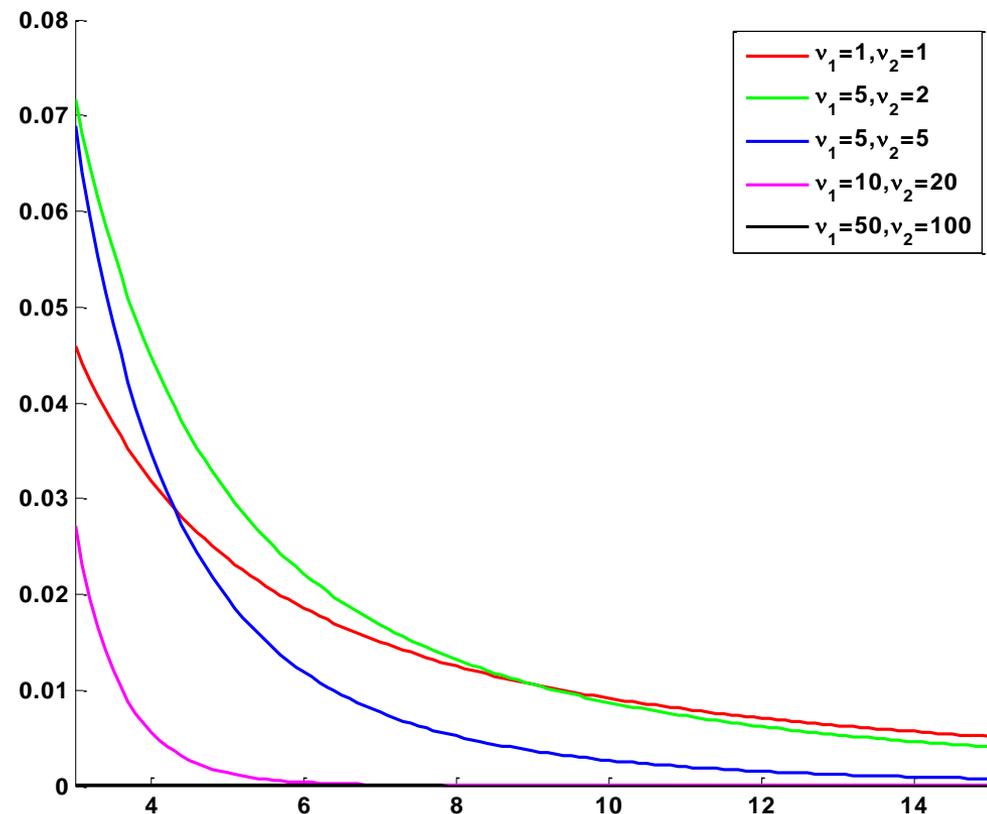
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xlim([3 15]),ylim([0 .08])

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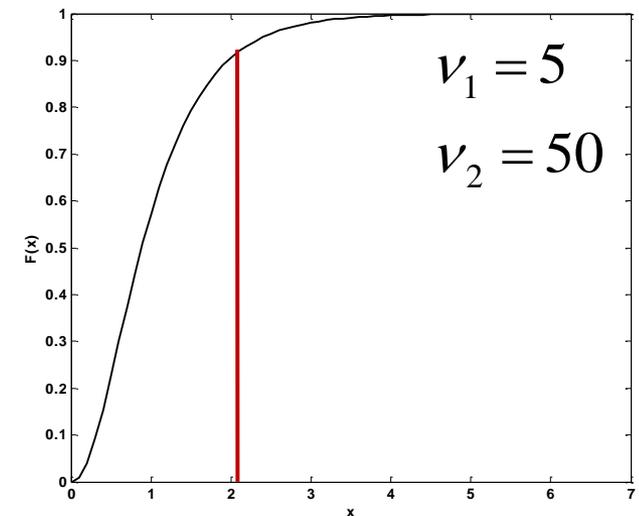
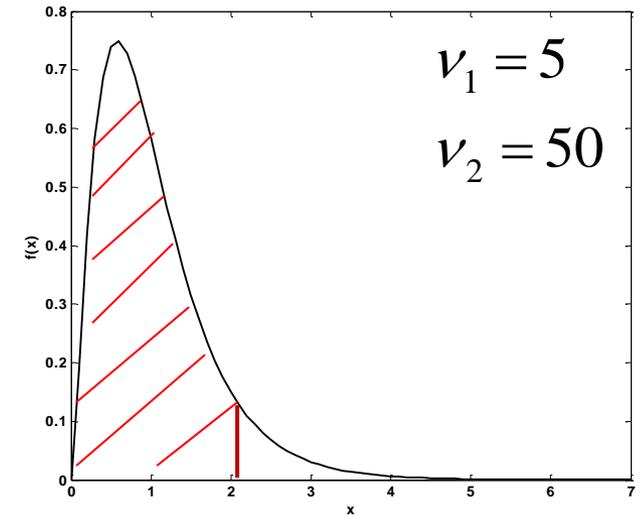
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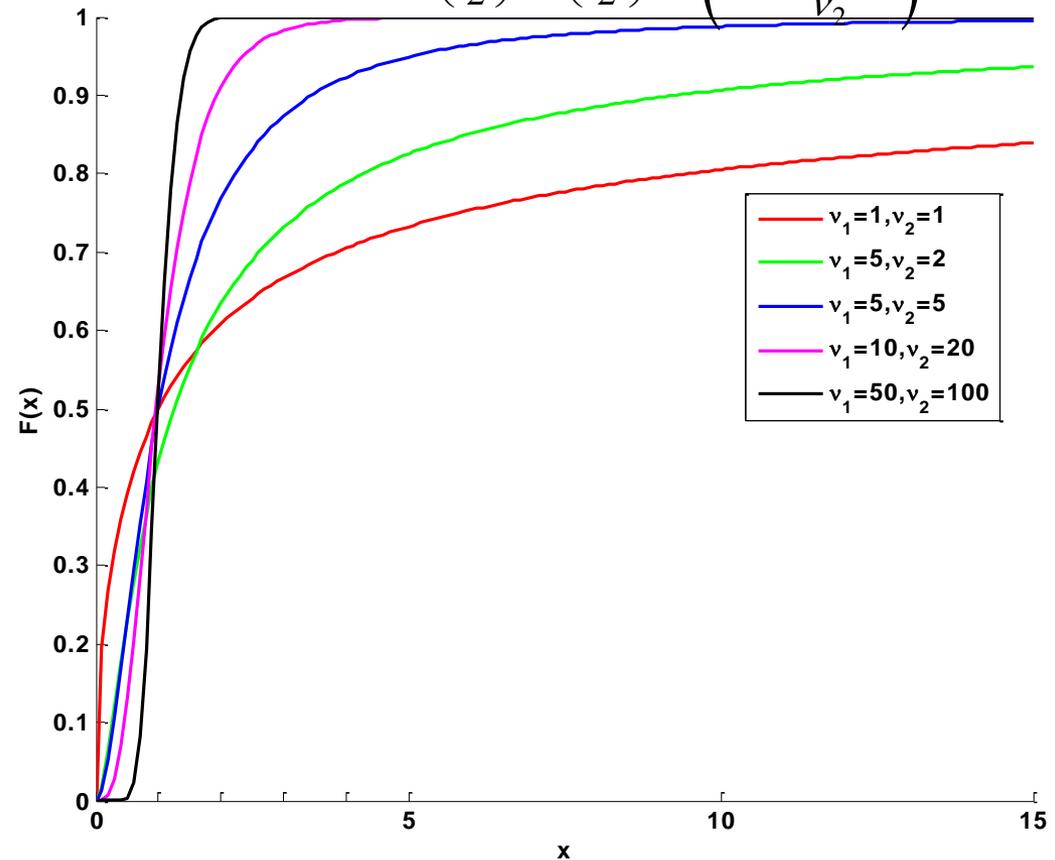
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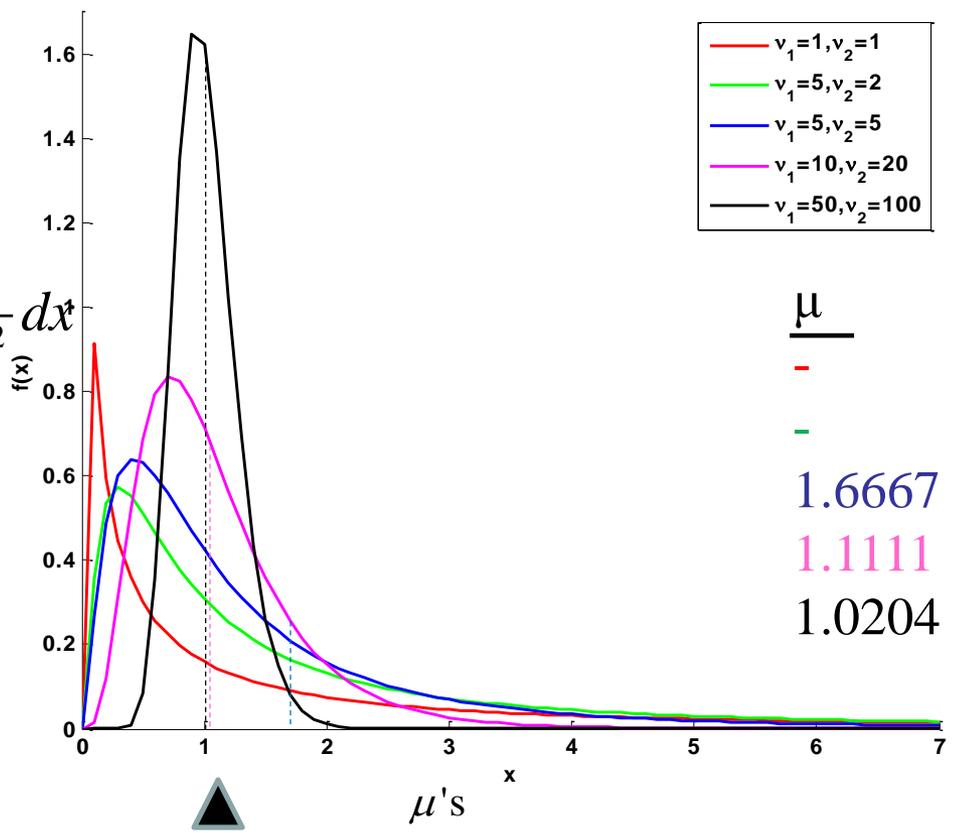
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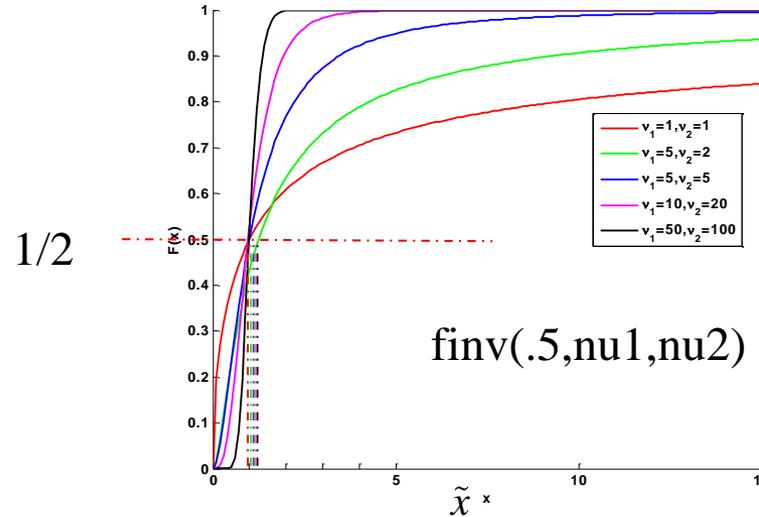
$$\int_{x=-\infty}^{\tilde{x}} f(x | \theta) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

\tilde{x} = no closed form

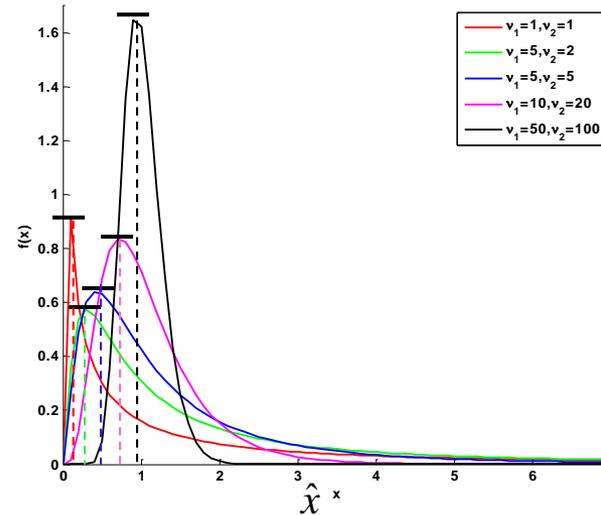
mode

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x | \theta) \right|_{\hat{x}} = 0$$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{v_1 - 2}{v_1} \frac{v_2}{v_2 + 2} \quad v_1 > 2$$



\tilde{x}
1.0000
1.2519
1.0000
0.9663
0.9933



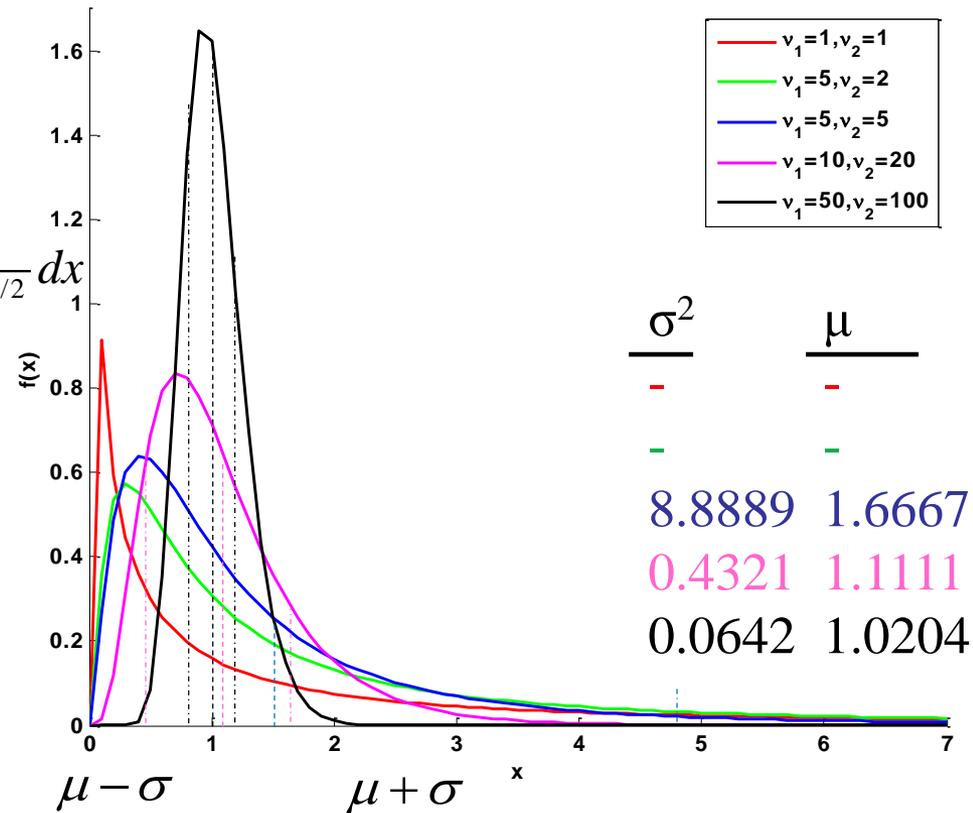
\hat{x}
-
.3000
.4286
.7273
.9412

Continuous Distributions

F:

that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x | \theta) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\right)^{\nu_1/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_2}{2}\right)} \frac{x^{\nu_1/2 - 1}}{\left(1 + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} x\right)^{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)/2}} dx \\ &= \frac{2\nu_2^2(\nu_1 + \nu_2 - 2)}{\nu_1(\nu_2 - 2)^2(\nu_2 - 4)} \quad \nu_2 > 4 \end{aligned}$$



Continuous Distributions

F:

$$f(x | \nu_1, \nu_2) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\right)^{\nu_1/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_2}{2}\right)} \frac{x^{\nu_1/2 - 1}}{\left(1 + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} x\right)^{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)/2}}$$

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nu1=5;,nu2=50;,num=10^4;
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x=frnd(nu1,nu2,num,1);
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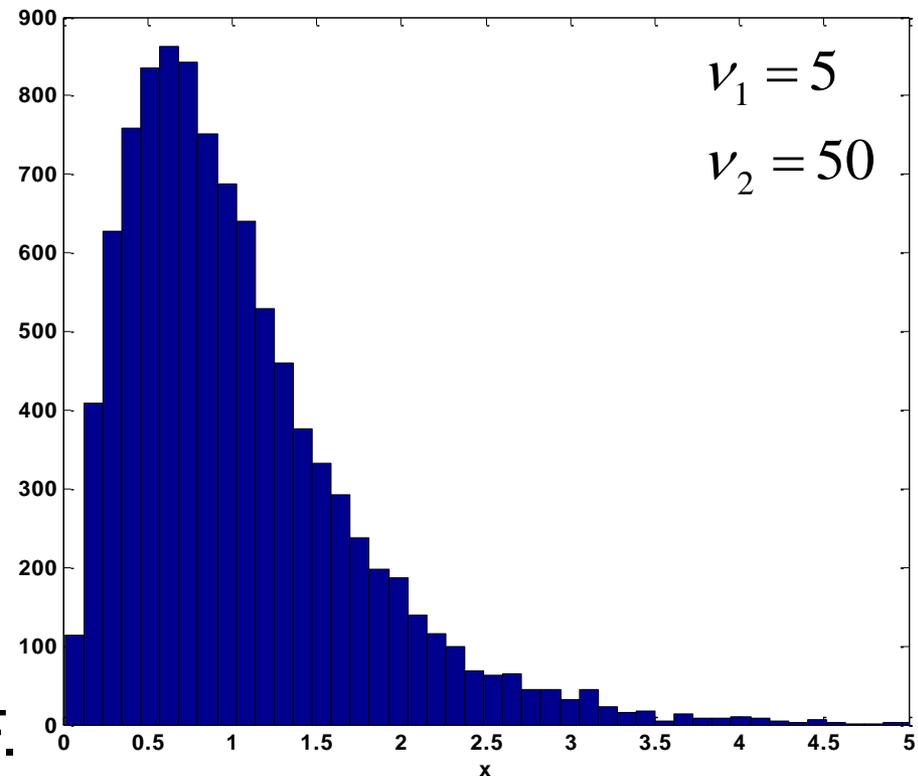
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mean(x)
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var(x)
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hist(x,50), xlim([0 5])
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[mu,sigma2] = fstat(nu1,nu2)
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	True	Simulated
μ	1.0417	1.0373
σ^2	0.5001	0.4859



Can also find and plot ECDF.

Continuous Distributions

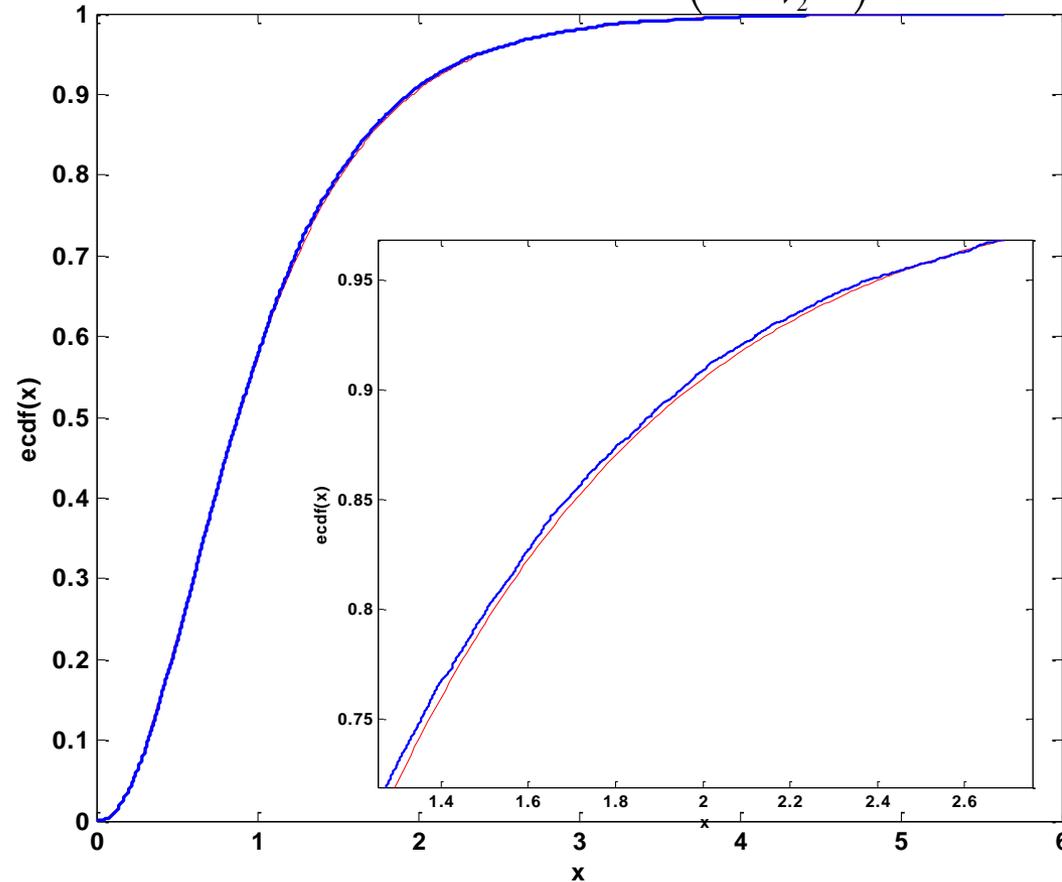
F:

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nu1=5; nu2=50; num=10^4;
y=fcdf((0:.01:5),nu1,nu2);
plot((0:.01:5),y, 'r')
hold on
[F,xx]=ecdf(x);
stairs(xx,F,'LineWidth',2)

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$$f(x | \nu_1, \nu_2) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1 + \nu_2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\right)^{\nu_1/2} x^{\nu_1/2 - 1}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_2}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} x\right)^{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)/2}}$$



Homework 5:

- 1) Let $x \sim t(5)$, using pencil and paper, find $P(\mu - \sigma \leq x \leq \mu + \sigma)$.
- 2) Show by pencil and paper that the variance of the Student- t distribution is $\sigma^2 = \frac{\nu}{\nu - 2}$.
- 3) Numerically integrate Student- t pdf with rectangles to find the 99th percentile. i.e. find x_0 such that $P(x \leq x_0) = .99$ for $\nu = 5$.

Homework 5:

- 4) Generate 10^6 Student- t $\nu = 5$ random variables.
Empirically determine the 99th percentile.
i.e. Find the $.99 \cdot 10^6$ largest value x_0 .
such that $P(x \leq x_0) \approx .99$.
Compare values to 3) and to value from t -table.

Homework 5:

- 5) Make a histogram of the random variables in 4) with at least 50 bins.

- 6) Make a empirical CDF from the values in 4).

Homework 5:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

7) Let $x \sim$ Cauchy distributed. Derive the distribution of $y = \sigma x + \mu$.

8) Numerically integrate the Cauchy PDF with rectangles

to find the 99th percentile. i.e. find x_0 such that

$P(x \leq x_0) \approx .99$. Compare to the exact percentile.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(x)$$

9) Generate 10^6 Cauchy random variates.

a) Make a histogram, 50 bins.

b) Compute sample mean and variance.

c) Multiply each random variate by 2 and add 5.

d) Make a histogram.

e) Compute sample mean and variance.

Homework 5:

10) Generate 10^6 Cauchy random variables.

Empirically determine the 50th and 99th percentiles.

i.e. Find the $.50 \cdot 10^6$ and $.99 \cdot 10^6$ largest values

x_0 such that $P(x \leq x_0) \approx .5$ and $P(x \leq x_0) \approx .99$.

Compare values to value 8.

Homework 5:

- 11) Write a Matlab program to numerically differentiate the F distribution and estimate the mode. $v_1 = 5, v_2 = 50$
 $\Delta x = 1/100$
- 12) Generate 10^6 F distributed random variables. $v_1 = 5$
 $v_2 = 50$
 Empirically determine the 50th and 99th percentiles.
 i.e. Find the $.50 \cdot 10^6$ and $.99 \cdot 10^6$ largest values
 x_0 such that $P(x \leq x_0) \approx .5$ and $P(x \leq x_0) \approx .99$.
 Compare first value to 11 and second value to table.