# On the t distribution and some formula of Bessel functions

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that a Cauchy distribution is infinitely divisible. This is clear from the following equality:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = e^{-|t|} = (e^{-|t|/n})^n = (\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ity} \frac{n}{\pi(1+n^2y^2)} dy)^n$$

for every positive integer n. That is, a Cauchy distribution can be expressed as the n-fold convolution of a Cauchy distribution with itself. In this paper we consider a probability distribution whose density is the normed product of Cauchy densities such as a following form,

$$f(a_1, ..., a_n; x) = \frac{c}{\prod_{j=1}^n (x^2 + a_j^2)}, -\infty < x < \infty$$

where  $0 < a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_n$  and c is a normalized constant. As an interesting example we can raise a formula of Gamma function,  $x^2|\Gamma(ix)|^2 = 1/\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1+x^2/n^2)$ . The density function  $f(a_1,...,a_n;x)$  is an approximation of the above right hand side in the sense of weak limit, and we can look on the Student t distribution with degree of freedom 2n-1 as the degenerate case of the above desity function since it holds that  $f(a_1,...,a_n;x) \to c/(1+x^2)^n$  as  $(a_1,...,a_n) \to (1,1,...,1)$ . In Section 2 we show that a distribution with density  $f(a_1,a_2;x)$  is infinite divisible. If we let  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  go to 1, we get the Student t

distribution of degree of freedom 3 and from the Lévy measure of the probability distribution with the density  $f(a_1, a_2; x)$ , we can obtain the Lévy measure of the Student t distribution of degree of freedom 3 with no use of the Bessel functions. In Section 3 we will show the infinite divisibility of a probability distribution whose density is the normed product of three Cauchy densities  $f(a_1, a_2, a_3; x)$ . In this case we can obtain the Lévy measure of the Student t distribution of degree of freedom 5 with no use of the Bessel functions but general case is unsolved. The Lévy measure of the Student t distribution with any degree of freedom is obtained by E. Grosswald [4] using the Bessel functions. Works related to this paper are [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [8]. The author was motivated by Bondesson's paper [2], which obtained original analytic results of the infinite divisibility which are connected to Steutel's integral equation and also inspired by Prof. H. M. Srivastava's lecture.

# 2 A PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION WHOSE DENSITY IS THE NORMED PRODUCT OF TWO CAUCHY DENSITIES

Let us set  $a_1 = b, a_2 = a$  in  $f(a_1, a_2; x)$ . From a > b > 0, we see that f(a, b; x) has a nice property to make calculation simple. That is, f(a, b; x) can be written as

$$f(a,b;x) = \frac{c}{a^2 - b^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{x^2 + b^2} - \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{c}{a^2 - b^2} \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-(x^2 + b^2)t} dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-(x^2 + a^2)t} dt \right)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-tx^2} \frac{c}{a^2 - b^2} \left( e^{-b^2t} - e^{-a^2t} \right) dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi v}} e^{-x^2/v} \frac{c\sqrt{\pi}}{a^2 - b^2} \left( e^{-b^2/v} - e^{-a^2/v} \right) v^{-3/2} dv. \tag{1}$$

From the fact that the last integral is a mixture of the normal distribution, it is sufficient to show the infinite divisibility of the mixture distribution whose density is

$$g(a,b;v) = \frac{c\sqrt{\pi}}{a^2 - b^2} (e^{-b^2/v} - e^{-a^2/v})v^{-3/2}, \ v > 0.$$
 (2)

The Laplace transform of g(a, b; v) is as follows:

$$\zeta(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sv} g(a, b; v) dv = \frac{c\pi}{a^2 - b^2} \left\{ \frac{e^{-2b\sqrt{s}}}{b} - \frac{e^{-2a\sqrt{s}}}{a} \right\}.$$
 (3)

By analytic continuation we can extend  $\zeta(s)$  to the whole complex plane with cut along the nonpositive real line.

**Theorem 1**. The distribution with density g(a, b; v) is infinitely divisible. Furthermore it is a generalized Gamma convolution and the distribution with density f(a, b; x) is infinitely divisible and self-decomposable.

*Proof.* To show the infinite divisibility of the distribution with density g(a, b; v), it suffices to show that

 $-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} k(x) dx$ 

holds where k(x) is a nonnegative function. By analytic continuation of the above  $\zeta(s)$  to the whole complex plane with cut along the nonpositive real line and by the inverse Laplace transform of

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \frac{1}{e^{-2b\sqrt{s}}/b - e^{-2a\sqrt{s}}/a} \left\{ -\frac{e^{-2b\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}} + \frac{e^{-2a\sqrt{s}}}{\sqrt{s}} \right\}$$
$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} k(x) dx \tag{4}$$

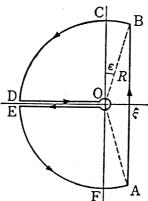
we can get the function of k(x). For simplicity let

$$F(s) = -\zeta'(s)/\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}}.$$

Suppose that (4) holds. We will calculate the inverse Laplace transform,

$$k(t) = \lim_{R \to \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\xi - iR}^{\xi + iR} e^{ts} F(s) ds, \quad \xi > 0, \quad t > 0.$$
 (5)

We calculate a contour integration along a curve C like the following figure:



(A) Contour integral along a small circle at O. From

$$e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}} = e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{\rho}e^{i\theta/2}}$$
, for  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,

we see that

$$\oint e^{st} F(s) ds = \int_{\pi}^{-\pi} e^{st} \frac{\left(1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}\right) i \rho e^{i\theta}}{\sqrt{\rho} e^{i\theta/2} \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}\right)} d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\pi}^{-\pi} e^{st} \frac{\left(1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}\right)} i \sqrt{\rho} e^{i\theta/2} d\theta. \tag{6}$$

By a > b > 0 we have

$$\left|\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}\right| > \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}, \ (-\pi \le \theta \le \pi),$$

and

$$\oint e^{st} F(s) ds \to 0 \text{ as } \rho \to +0.$$

(B) Integral along BD.

From  $s = Re^{i\theta}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{R}(\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + i\sin\frac{\theta}{2})$ , we see that

$$\int_{BD} e^{st} F(s) ds = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon}^{\pi} \frac{e^{st} (1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}) i R e^{i\theta}}{\sqrt{R} e^{i\theta/2} (\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}})} d\theta 
= i \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sqrt{R} e^{i\theta/2} \frac{e^{Re^{i\theta}t} (1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{R}e^{i\theta/2}})}{(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{R}e^{i\theta/2}})} d\theta 
+ i \int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{R} e^{i\theta/2} \frac{e^{Re^{i\theta}t} (1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{R}e^{i\theta/2}})}{(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{R}e^{i\theta/2}})} d\theta.$$
(7)

We see that

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sqrt{R} |e^{Re^{i\theta}t}| d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sqrt{R} e^{tR\cos\theta} d\theta = \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{R} e^{-tR\sin\phi} d\phi 
\leq \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{R} e^{-2tR\phi/\pi} d\phi = \sqrt{R} [-\frac{\pi}{2tR} e^{-2tR\phi/\pi}]_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 
= \sqrt{R} \{ \frac{\pi}{2tR} (-e^{-tR} + 1) \} \to 0$$
(8)

as  $R \to +\infty$ . Next, we show that

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} |\sqrt{R}e^{i\theta/2}e^{Re^{i\theta}t}|d\theta \to 0$$
 (9)

as  $R \to \infty$ . From the fact that

$$\cos \theta = \cos(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(-\phi), -\epsilon \le \phi \le 0,$$
  
$$\sin \epsilon = \frac{\xi}{R} \ge \sin(-\phi) \ge 0,$$

we see that

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{R} |e^{Re^{i\theta}t}| d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{R} e^{tR\cos\theta} d\theta$$

$$\leq \int_{-\epsilon}^{0} \sqrt{R} e^{tR\xi/R} d\theta = \sqrt{R} e^{t\xi} \epsilon$$

$$= e^{t\xi} (\sqrt{R}\sin\epsilon) \frac{\epsilon}{\sin\epsilon} = e^{t\xi} \sqrt{R} \cdot \frac{\xi}{R} \frac{\epsilon}{\sin\epsilon} \to 0$$
(10)

as  $R \to \infty$ .

(C) Integrals along DO and OE.

From  $s = \rho e^{i\pi}$ ,  $\rho > 0$  on DO and  $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{\rho} e^{i\pi/2} = i\sqrt{\rho} = iy$ ,  $\sqrt{\rho} = y$  we see that

$$\int_{DO} e^{st} F(s) ds = \int_{DO} \frac{e^{st}}{\sqrt{s}} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}} \right) ds$$

$$= \int_{\sqrt{R}}^{0} \frac{e^{-ty^{2}}}{iy} \frac{1 - e^{-2(a-b)iy}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)iy}} (-2y) dy = \frac{2}{i} \int_{0}^{\sqrt{R}} e^{-ty^{2}} \frac{1 - e^{-2(a-b)iy}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)iy}} dy.$$
(11)

From  $s = \rho e^{-i\pi} = -\rho, \, \rho > 0, \, \sqrt{s} = -i\sqrt{\rho} = -iy, \, \sqrt{\rho} = y$  on OE we see that

$$\int_{OE} e^{st} F(s) ds = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{R}} \frac{e^{-ty^{2}}}{-iy} \left(\frac{1 - e^{2(a-b)iy}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{2(a-b)iy}}\right) (-2y) dy$$

$$= \frac{2}{i} \int_{0}^{\sqrt{R}} e^{-ty^{2}} \frac{1 - e^{i2(a-b)y}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{i2(a-b)y}} dy, \tag{12}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{DO+OE} \frac{e^{st}}{\sqrt{s}} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-2(a-b)\sqrt{s}}} ds \right) 
\rightarrow -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-ty^2} \frac{1 - e^{-i2(a-b)y}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-i2(a-b)y}} dy - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-ty^2} \frac{1 - e^{i2(a-b)y}}{\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{i2(a-b)y}} dy \quad (13)$$

as  $R \to \infty$ . From the Cauchy theorem we see that

where  $R_1 = R \cos \epsilon$ . Write the expression in the above  $\{ \}$  to a fraction. Then

$$numerator = (1 - e^{i2(a-b)y})(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-i2(a-b)y}) + (1 - e^{-i2(a-b)})(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{i2a-b)y})$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{b}e^{i2(a-b)y} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-i2(a-b)y} + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{b}e^{-i2(a-b)y} - \frac{1}{a}e^{i2(a-b)y} + \frac{1}{a}$$

$$= 2(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b})(1 - \cos 2(a-b)y), \tag{15}$$

and

$$denominator = \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{i2(a-b)y}\right)\left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}e^{-i2(a-b)y}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{1}{ab}e^{i2(a-b)y} - \frac{1}{ab}e^{-i2(a-b)y} + \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{2}{ab}\cos 2(a-b)y \ge \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}\right)^2. \tag{16}$$

Finally we obtain

$$k(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-ty^2} \frac{2(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b})(1 - \cos 2(a - b)y)}{(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b})^2 + \frac{2}{ab}(1 - \cos 2(a - b)y)} dy, \ t > 0.$$
 (17)

Since the distribution with density g(a, b; v) is a generalized Gamma convolution, the mixture distribution with density f(a, b; x) is infinitely divisible and self-decomposable.

Let

$$\pi u(y) = \frac{2(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b})(1 - \cos 2(a - b)y)}{(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b})^2 + \frac{2}{ab}(1 - \cos 2(a - b)y)}, \ y > 0.$$
 (18)

By the l'Hospital theorem we obtain

$$\lim_{b \to a} \pi u(y) = \lim_{b \to a} \frac{2ab(a+b)(1-\cos 2(a-b)y)}{(a^2+b^2) - 2ab\cos 2(a-b)y} = \frac{2^3a^3y^2}{1+2^2a^2y^2},\tag{19}$$

If  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$u(y) = \frac{y^2}{\pi(1+y^2)}, y > 0 \tag{20}$$

and u(y) corresponds to

$$\frac{\pi^2 v}{2} M_{1+1/2}^2(v) = \frac{\pi^2 v}{2} (J_{3/2}^2(v) + Y_{3/2}^2(v)) = \frac{\pi (1 + v^2)}{v^2},$$

where  $J_{3/2}(v)$ ,  $Y_{3/2}(v)$  are the Bessel functions of the first kind and of second kind, respectively, with order 3/2 (cf. [1. 9.2.17]).

### 3 A PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION WHOSE DENSITY IS THE NORMED PRODUCT OF THREE CAUCHY DENSITIES

Let us set  $a_1 = c$ ,  $a_2 = b$ ,  $a_3 = a$ , c = d in  $f(a_1, a_2, a_3; x)$ . We will show the infinite divisibility of the distribution with density f(a, b, c; x) under the condition, c = b - h, a = b + h, h > 0. In the same way as the proof of the infinite divisibility of the distribution with density f(a, b; x) we have

$$f(a,b,c;x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi v}} e^{-x^2/v} g(a,b,c;v) dv,$$

where

$$g(a,b,c;v) = d\sqrt{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - c^2)} e^{-c^2/v} - \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)} e^{-b^2/v} + \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)} e^{-a^2/v} \right\} v^{-3/2},$$

$$v > 0.$$

The function f(a, b, c; x) can be expressed as the 3-fold integral,

$$f(a,b,c;x) = d \int_0^\infty e^{-tx^2} dt$$

$$\int \int_{u_1 \ge 0, u_2 \ge 0, u_1 + u_2 \le t} e^{-c^2t - (a^2 - c^2)u_1 - (b^2 - c^2)u_2} du_1 du_2.$$

Hence g(a, b, c; v) is positive on the positive line. The Laplace transform of the mixture density g(a, b, c; v) is as follows:

$$\zeta(s) = d\pi \left[ \frac{1}{(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - c^2)c} e^{-2c\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)b} e^{-2b\sqrt{s}} + \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)a} e^{-2a\sqrt{s}} \right]$$

From the above expression we obtain

$$-\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = \frac{numerator}{denominator},$$

$$\begin{split} numerator & = \frac{1}{(b^2-c^2)(a^2-c^2)\sqrt{s}}e^{-2c\sqrt{s}} \\ & - \frac{1}{(a^2-b^2)(b^2-c^2)\sqrt{s}}e^{-2b\sqrt{s}} + \frac{1}{(a^2-b^2)(a^2-c^2)\sqrt{s}}e^{-2a\sqrt{s}}, \end{split}$$

$$denominator = \frac{1}{(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - c^2)c}e^{-2c\sqrt{s}} - \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)b}e^{-2b\sqrt{s}} + \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)a}e^{-2a\sqrt{s}}.$$

By the inverse Laplace transform of  $-\zeta'(s)/\zeta(s)$  we can obtain the function k(x) and the following

**Theorem 2**. The distribution with density g(a, b, c; v) is infinitely divisible. Furthermore it is a generalized Gamma convolution and the distribution with density f(a, b, c; x) is infinitely divisible and self-decomposable.

We can show that

$$k(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{-ty^2} u(y) dy,$$

with  $\pi u(y) = numerator/denominator$ , where

numerator = 
$$(1 - \cos 2hy) \{ \frac{4}{(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - b^2)b} + \frac{2}{(b^2 - c^2)^2} (\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}) + \frac{2}{(a^2 - b^2)^2} (\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}) \} + (\cos 4hy - \cos 2hy) (\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c}) \frac{2}{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)} \ge 0$$
 (21)

for  $y \geq 0$ ,

$$denominator = \frac{1}{(b^2 - c^2)^2} \left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{(a^2 - b^2)^2} \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - b^2)b^2} + \left(\frac{2}{bc(b^2 - c^2)^2} + \frac{2}{ab(a^2 - b^2)^2}\right) (1 - \cos 2hy) - \frac{2}{b(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - b^2)} \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a}\right) \cos 2hy + \frac{2\cos 4hy}{ac(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - b^2)} \right\} > 0, \quad (22)$$

for  $y \ge 0$ . As we let  $h \to +0$ , we have

$$\pi u(y) = \lim_{h \to +0} \frac{numerator}{denominator}$$

$$= \frac{2^5 b^5 y^4}{3^2 + 2^2 3 b^2 y^2 + 2^4 b^4 y^4}, y \ge 0$$

If  $b = \frac{1}{2}$  the above u(y) is

$$u(y) = \frac{y^4}{\pi(3^2 + 3y^2 + y^4)}, \ y \ge 0, \tag{23}$$

which corresponds to

$$\frac{\pi^2 v}{2} M_{2+1/2}^2(v) = \frac{\pi^2 v}{2} (J_{5/2}^2(v) + Y_{5/2}^2(v)) = \frac{\pi (3^2 + 3v^2 + v^4)}{v^4}.$$

# 4 AN ANALYTIC RESULT FROM THE t DISTRIBUTION

Lastly we will mention of an analytic result which comes from study of the infinite divisibility of the t distribution. Consider a d-dimensional probability distribution with density,

$$\frac{c_1}{(1+|x|^2)^{\alpha+d/2}}, \ x \in R^d,$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $c_1$  is a normalized constant. Then we can obtain a following result.

Theorem 3 . If  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ , there exists a probability density function  $h(\alpha;x)$  such that

 $\frac{c_2}{(1+|x|^2)^{(d+1)/2}} = \int_{R^d} \frac{c_1}{(1+|x-y|^2)^{\alpha+d/2}} h(\alpha;y) dy,$ 

holds where  $c_2$  is a normalized constant. If  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ , there exists a probability density function such that

$$\frac{c_1}{(1+|x|^2)^{\alpha+d/2}} = \int_{R^d} \frac{c_2}{(1+|x-y|^2)^{(d+1)/2}} h(\alpha;y) dy$$

holds.

Proof is omitted. The characteristic function of  $h(\alpha; x)$  is

$$\phi(t) = \exp\{\int_{R^d - \{0\}} (e^{tx} - 1 - \frac{itx}{1 + |x|^2}) + (\frac{2}{|x|^d} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\pi} (1 - \frac{2}{\pi v(J_\alpha^2(v) + Y_\alpha^2(v))}) L_{d/2}(v|x|) dv) dx$$

if  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$  and the integrand in the above integral corresponding to the Levy measure changes sign if  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $J_{\alpha}(v)$  and  $Y_{\alpha}(v)$  are Bessel functions of first and second kinds, respectively, with order  $\alpha$  and the function  $L_{d/2}(v)$  is  $L_{d/2}(v) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} v^{d/2} K_{d/2}(v)$ , where  $K_{d/2}(v)$  is the Bessel function of third kind with order d/2.

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