

# APPENDIX C

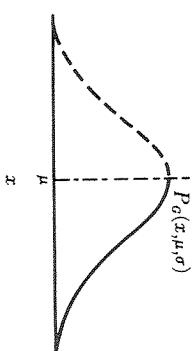


TABLE C.1  
Gaussian probability distribution. The Gaussian or normal error distribution

$$P_G(x; \mu, \sigma) \text{ vs. } z = |x - \mu| / \sigma$$

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TABLES

## C.1 GAUSSIAN PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION

The probability function  $P_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  for the Gaussian or normal error distribution is given by

$$P_G(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

If measurements of a quantity  $x$  are distributed in this manner around a mean  $\mu$  with a standard deviation  $\sigma$ , the probability  $dQ_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  for observing a value of  $x$ , within an infinitesimally small interval  $dx$ , in a random sample measurement is given by

$$dQ_G(x; \mu, \sigma) = P_G(x; \mu, \sigma) dx$$

Values of the probability function  $P_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  are tabulated in Table C.1 as a function of the dimensionless deviation

$$z = |x - \mu|/\sigma$$

for  $z$  ranging from 0.0 to 3.0 in increments of 0.01 and up to 5.9 in increments

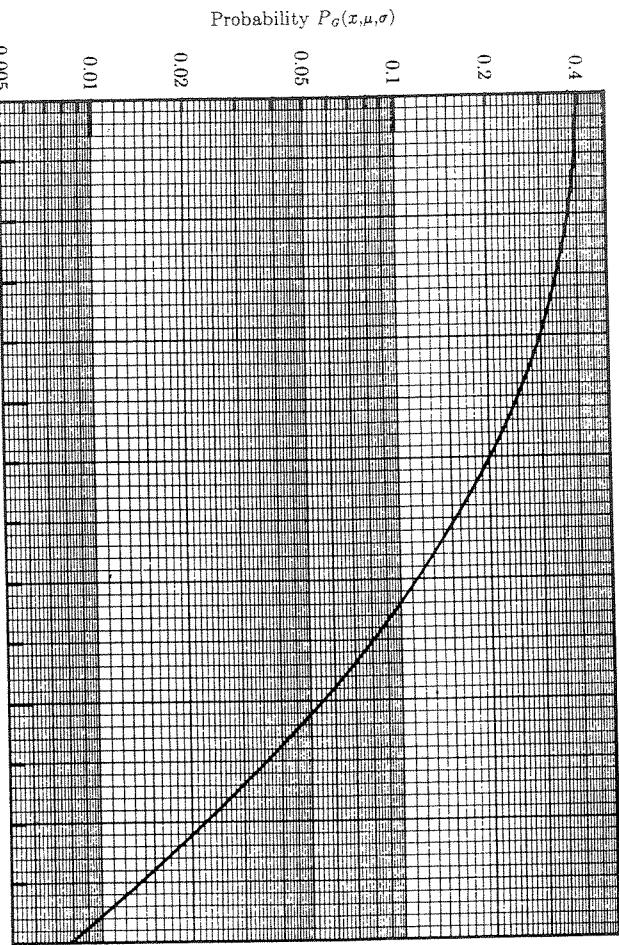


FIGURE C.1

The Gaussian probability function  $P_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  vs.  $z = |x - \mu|/\sigma$ .

of 0.1. This function is graphed on a semilogarithmic scale as a function of  $z$  in Figure C.1.

The function that is tabulated and graphed is  $P_G(z; 0, 1)$ , which gives the probability that  $x = \mu \pm z\sigma$ . It is the curve of Figure 2.5 tabulated only for positive values of  $z$  as indicated.

## C.2 INTEGRAL OF GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION

The integral  $A_G(x, \mu, \sigma)$  of the probability function  $P_G(x, \mu, \sigma)$  for the Gaussian or normal error distribution is given by

$$A_G(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mu-z\sigma}^{\mu+z\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dx$$

$$z = \frac{|x - \mu|}{\sigma}$$

TABLE C.2  
Integral of Gaussian distribution. The integral of the Gaussian probability distribution  $A_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  vs.  $z = |x - \mu|/\sigma$

$z$	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.0	0.00798	0.01596	0.02393	0.03191	0.03983	0.04784	0.05581	0.06376	0.07171
0.1	0.07966	0.08759	0.09552	0.10343	0.11134	0.11924	0.12712	0.13499	0.14285	0.15069
0.2	0.15852	0.16633	0.17413	0.18191	0.18967	0.19741	0.20514	0.21284	0.22052	0.22818
0.3	0.23582	0.24344	0.25103	0.25860	0.26614	0.27366	0.28115	0.28862	0.29605	0.30346
0.4	0.31084	0.31819	0.32551	0.33280	0.34006	0.34729	0.35448	0.36164	0.36877	0.37587
0.5	0.39292	0.39995	0.39694	0.40389	0.41080	0.41768	0.42452	0.43132	0.43809	0.44481
0.6	0.45149	0.45814	0.46474	0.47131	0.47783	0.48431	0.49075	0.49714	0.50350	0.50981
0.7	0.51607	0.52230	0.52847	0.53461	0.54070	0.54674	0.55274	0.55870	0.56461	0.57047
0.8	0.57629	0.58206	0.58778	0.59346	0.59909	0.60467	0.61021	0.61570	0.62114	0.62653
0.9	0.63188	0.63718	0.64243	0.64763	0.65278	0.65789	0.66294	0.66775	0.67291	0.67783
1.0	0.68269	0.68750	0.69227	0.69699	0.70166	0.70628	0.71085	0.71538	0.71985	0.72428
1.1	0.72866	0.73300	0.73728	0.74152	0.74571	0.74985	0.75395	0.75799	0.76199	0.76595
1.2	0.76985	0.77371	0.77753	0.78130	0.78502	0.78869	0.79232	0.79591	0.79945	0.80294
1.3	0.80639	0.80980	0.81316	0.81647	0.81975	0.82298	0.82616	0.82930	0.83240	0.83546
1.4	0.83848	0.84145	0.84438	0.84727	0.85012	0.85293	0.85570	0.85843	0.86112	0.86377
1.5	0.86638	0.86895	0.87148	0.87397	0.87643	0.87885	0.88123	0.88358	0.88588	0.88816
1.6	0.89039	0.89259	0.89476	0.89689	0.89898	0.90105	0.90308	0.90507	0.90703	0.90896
1.7	0.91086	0.91272	0.91456	0.91636	0.91813	0.91987	0.92158	0.92326	0.92491	0.92654
1.8	0.92813	0.92969	0.93123	0.93274	0.93422	0.93568	0.93711	0.93851	0.93988	0.94123
1.9	0.94256	0.94386	0.94513	0.94638	0.94761	0.94882	0.95000	0.95115	0.95229	0.95340
2.0	0.95449	0.95556	0.95661	0.95764	0.95864	0.95963	0.96059	0.96154	0.96247	0.96338
2.1	0.96426	0.96513	0.96599	0.96682	0.96764	0.96844	0.96922	0.96999	0.97074	0.97147
2.2	0.97219	0.97289	0.97358	0.97425	0.97490	0.97555	0.97617	0.97739	0.97797	0.97855
2.3	0.97855	0.97911	0.97965	0.98019	0.98071	0.98122	0.98172	0.98221	0.98268	0.98315
2.4	0.98360	0.98404	0.98448	0.98490	0.98531	0.98571	0.98610	0.98648	0.98686	0.98722
2.5	0.98758	0.98792	0.98826	0.98859	0.98891	0.98922	0.98953	0.98983	0.99012	0.99040
2.6	0.99067	0.99094	0.99120	0.99146	0.99171	0.99195	0.99218	0.99241	0.99264	0.99285
2.7	0.99306	0.99327	0.99347	0.99366	0.99385	0.99404	0.99422	0.99439	0.99456	0.99473
2.8	0.99489	0.99504	0.99520	0.99534	0.99549	0.99563	0.99576	0.99589	0.99602	0.99615
2.9	0.99627	0.99638	0.99650	0.99661	0.99672	0.99682	0.99692	0.99702	0.99712	0.99721
	0.00	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40					

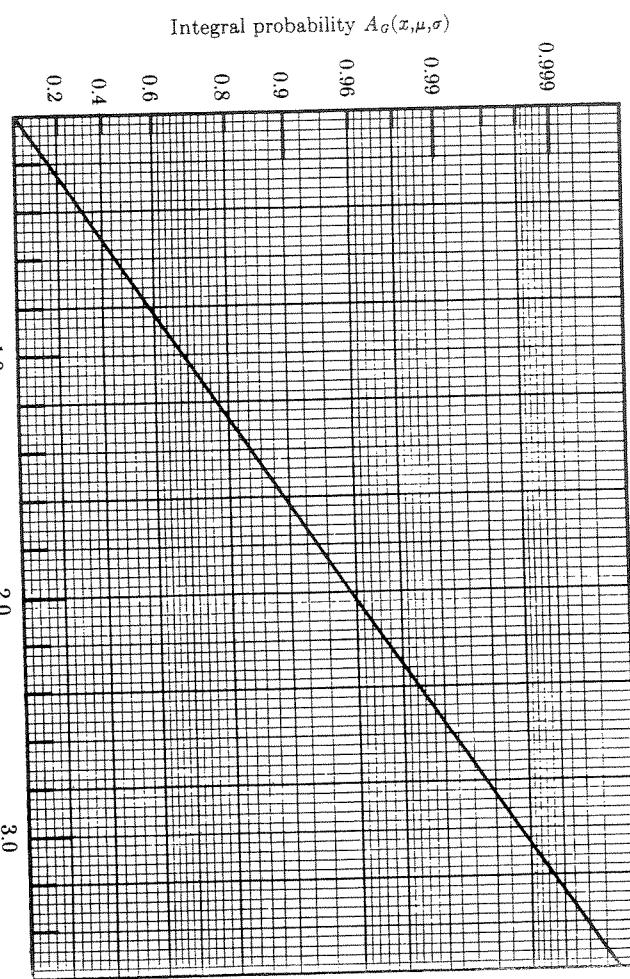
If measurements of a quantity  $x$  are distributed according to the Gaussian distribution around a mean  $\mu$  with a standard deviation  $\sigma$ ,  $A_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  is equal to the probability for observing a value of  $x$  in a random sample measurement that is between  $\mu - z\sigma$  and  $\mu + z\sigma$ ; that is, it is the probability that  $|x - \mu| < z\sigma$ .

Values of the integral  $A_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  are tabulated in Table C.2 as a function of  $z$  for  $z$  ranging from 0.0 to 3.0 in increments of 0.01 and up to 5.9 in increments of 0.1. This function is graphed on a probability scale as a function of  $z$  in Figure C.2.

A related function is the error function  $\text{erf } Z$ :

$$\text{erf } Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-Z}^Z e^{-z^2} dz = A_G(z\sqrt{2}, 0, 1)$$

The function that is tabulated and graphed is the shaded area between the limits  $\mu \pm z\sigma$  as indicated.



If two variables of a parent population are uncorrelated, the probability that a random sample of  $N$  observations will yield a correlation coefficient for those two variables greater in magnitude than  $|r|$  is given by  $P_c(r; N)$ .

Values of the coefficient  $|r|$  corresponding to various values of the probability  $P_c(r; N)$  are tabulated in Table C.3 for  $N$  ranging from 3 to 100, and values of  $P_c(r; N)$  ranging from 0.001 to 0.5. The functional dependence of  $r$  corresponding to representative values of  $P_c(r, N)$  is graphed on a semilogarithmic scale as a smooth variation with the number of observations  $N$  in Figure C.3.

The function that is tabulated and graphed is the shaded area under the tails of the probability curve for values larger than  $|r|$  as indicated.

#### C.4 $\chi^2$ DISTRIBUTION

The probability distribution  $P_x(x^2; \nu)$  for  $\chi^2$  is given by

$$P_x(x^2; \nu) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)} (x^2)^{(\nu-2)/2} e^{-x^2/2}$$

**FIGURE C.2**  
The integral of the Gaussian probability distributions  $A_G(x; \mu, \sigma)$  vs.  $z = |x - \mu|/\sigma$ .

TABLE C.3  
Linear-correlation coefficient. The linear-correlation coefficient  $r$  vs. the number of observations  $N$  and the corresponding probability  $P_c(r; N)$  of exceeding  $r$  in a random sample of observations taken from an uncorrelated parent population ( $\rho = 0$ )

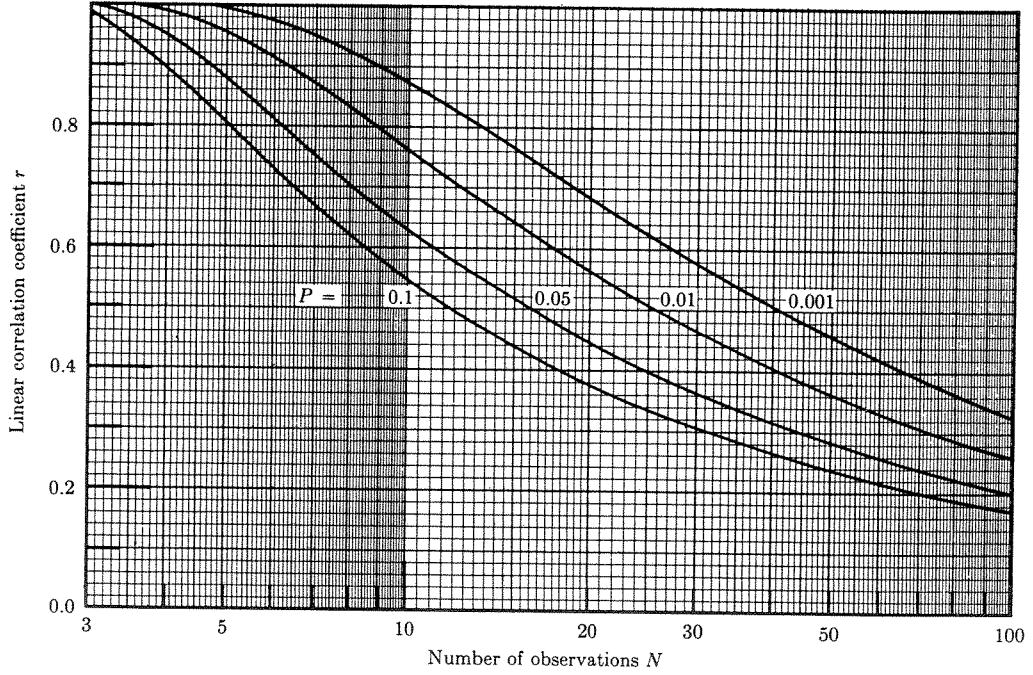
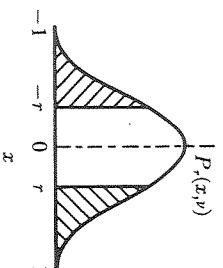


FIGURE C.3

The linear-correlation coefficient  $r$  vs. the number of observations  $N$  and the corresponding probability  $P_c(r; N)$  that the variables are not correlated.

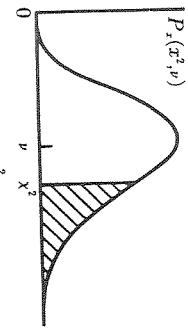


TABLE C.4  
 $\chi^2$  distribution. Values of the reduced chi-square  $\chi^2_v = \chi^2 / v$  corresponding to the probability  $P_r(\chi^2; v)$  of exceeding  $\chi^2$  vs. the number of degrees of freedom  $v$

$v$	0.99	0.98	0.95	0.90	0.80	0.70	0.60	0.50	$P$
1	0.00016	0.00063	0.00393	0.0158	0.0642	0.148	0.275	0.455	1
2	0.0100	0.0202	0.0515	0.105	0.223	0.357	0.511	0.693	2
3	0.0383	0.0617	0.117	0.195	0.335	0.475	0.623	0.789	3
4	0.0742	0.107	0.178	0.266	0.412	0.549	0.688	0.839	4
5	0.111	0.150	0.229	0.322	0.469	0.600	0.731	0.870	5
6	0.145	0.189	0.273	0.367	0.512	0.638	0.762	0.891	6
7	0.177	0.223	0.310	0.405	0.546	0.667	0.785	0.907	7
8	0.206	0.254	0.342	0.436	0.574	0.691	0.803	0.918	8
9	0.232	0.281	0.369	0.463	0.598	0.710	0.817	0.927	9
10	0.256	0.306	0.394	0.487	0.618	0.727	0.830	0.934	10
11	0.278	0.328	0.416	0.507	0.635	0.741	0.840	0.940	11
12	0.298	0.348	0.436	0.525	0.651	0.753	0.848	0.945	12
13	0.316	0.367	0.453	0.542	0.664	0.764	0.856	0.949	13
14	0.333	0.383	0.469	0.556	0.676	0.773	0.863	0.953	14
15	0.349	0.399	0.484	0.570	0.687	0.781	0.869	0.956	15
16	0.363	0.413	0.498	0.582	0.697	0.789	0.874	0.959	16
17	0.377	0.427	0.510	0.593	0.706	0.796	0.879	0.961	17
18	0.390	0.439	0.522	0.604	0.714	0.802	0.883	0.963	18
19	0.402	0.451	0.532	0.613	0.722	0.808	0.887	0.965	19
20	0.413	0.462	0.543	0.622	0.729	0.813	0.890	0.967	20
22	0.434	0.482	0.561	0.638	0.742	0.823	0.897	0.970	22
24	0.452	0.500	0.577	0.652	0.753	0.831	0.902	0.972	24
26	0.469	0.516	0.592	0.665	0.762	0.838	0.907	0.974	26
28	0.484	0.530	0.605	0.676	0.771	0.845	0.911	0.976	28
30	0.498	0.544	0.616	0.687	0.779	0.850	0.915	0.978	30
32	0.511	0.556	0.627	0.696	0.786	0.855	0.918	0.979	32
34	0.523	0.567	0.637	0.704	0.792	0.860	0.921	0.980	34
36	0.534	0.577	0.646	0.712	0.798	0.864	0.924	0.982	36
38	0.547	0.587	0.655	0.720	0.804	0.868	0.926	0.983	38
40	0.554	0.596	0.663	0.726	0.809	0.872	0.928	0.983	40
42	0.563	0.604	0.670	0.733	0.813	0.875	0.930	0.984	42
44	0.572	0.612	0.677	0.738	0.818	0.878	0.932	0.985	44
46	0.580	0.620	0.683	0.744	0.822	0.881	0.934	0.986	46
48	0.587	0.627	0.690	0.749	0.825	0.884	0.936	0.986	48
50	0.594	0.633	0.695	0.754	0.829	0.886	0.937	0.987	50
52	0.604	0.642	0.670	0.753	0.833	0.897	0.944	0.989	52
54	0.625	0.662	0.720	0.774	0.844	0.907	0.944	0.989	54
56	0.649	0.684	0.739	0.790	0.856	0.905	0.949	0.990	56
58	0.669	0.703	0.755	0.803	0.865	0.911	0.952	0.992	58
60	0.686	0.718	0.768	0.814	0.873	0.917	0.955	0.993	60
62	0.701	0.731	0.779	0.824	0.879	0.921	0.958	0.993	62
64	0.724	0.753	0.798	0.839	0.890	0.928	0.962	0.994	64
66	0.743	0.770	0.812	0.850	0.898	0.934	0.965	0.995	66
68	0.758	0.823	0.860	0.905	0.938	0.968	0.996	0.996	68

TABLE C.4  
 $\chi^2$  distribution (continued)

$v$	0.40	0.30	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.001	$P$
1	0.708	1.074	1.642	2.706	3.841	5.412	6.635	10.827	1
2	0.916	1.204	1.609	2.303	2.996	3.912	4.605	6.908	2
3	0.982	1.222	1.547	2.084	2.605	3.279	3.780	5.423	3
4	1.011	1.220	1.497	1.945	2.372	2.917	3.319	4.617	4
5	1.026	1.213	1.458	1.847	2.214	2.678	3.017	4.102	5
6	1.035	1.205	1.426	1.774	2.099	2.506	2.802	3.743	6
7	1.040	1.198	1.400	1.717	2.010	2.375	2.639	3.475	7
8	1.044	1.191	1.379	1.670	1.938	2.271	2.511	3.266	8
9	1.046	1.184	1.360	1.632	1.880	2.187	2.407	3.097	9
10	1.047	1.178	1.344	1.599	1.831	2.116	2.321	2.959	10
11	1.048	1.173	1.330	1.570	1.789	2.056	2.248	2.842	11
12	1.049	1.168	1.318	1.546	1.752	2.004	2.185	2.742	12
13	1.049	1.163	1.307	1.524	1.720	1.959	2.130	2.656	13
14	1.049	1.159	1.296	1.505	1.692	1.919	2.082	2.580	14
15	1.049	1.155	1.287	1.487	1.666	1.884	2.039	2.513	15
16	1.049	1.151	1.279	1.471	1.644	1.852	2.000	2.453	16
17	1.048	1.148	1.271	1.457	1.623	1.823	1.965	2.399	17
18	1.048	1.145	1.264	1.444	1.604	1.797	1.934	2.351	18
19	1.048	1.142	1.258	1.432	1.586	1.773	1.905	2.307	19
20	1.048	1.139	1.252	1.421	1.571	1.751	1.878	2.266	20
22	1.047	1.134	1.241	1.401	1.542	1.712	1.831	2.194	22
24	1.046	1.129	1.231	1.383	1.517	1.678	1.791	2.132	24
26	1.045	1.125	1.223	1.368	1.496	1.648	1.755	2.079	26
28	1.045	1.121	1.215	1.354	1.476	1.622	1.724	2.032	28
30	1.044	1.118	1.208	1.342	1.459	1.599	1.696	1.990	30
32	1.043	1.115	1.202	1.331	1.444	1.578	1.671	1.953	32
34	1.042	1.112	1.196	1.321	1.429	1.559	1.649	1.919	34
36	1.042	1.109	1.191	1.311	1.417	1.541	1.628	1.888	36
38	1.041	1.106	1.186	1.303	1.405	1.525	1.610	1.861	38
40	1.041	1.104	1.182	1.295	1.394	1.511	1.592	1.835	40
42	1.040	1.102	1.178	1.288	1.384	1.497	1.576	1.812	42
44	1.039	1.100	1.174	1.281	1.375	1.485	1.562	1.790	44
46	1.039	1.098	1.170	1.275	1.366	1.473	1.548	1.770	46
48	1.038	1.096	1.167	1.269	1.358	1.462	1.535	1.751	48
50	1.038	1.094	1.163	1.263	1.350	1.452	1.523	1.733	50
52	1.038	1.092	1.160	1.258	1.348	1.447	1.516	1.712	52
54	1.036	1.087	1.150	1.240	1.338	1.440	1.513	1.690	54
56	1.036	1.084	1.149	1.232	1.329	1.435	1.505	1.665	56
58	1.034	1.081	1.139	1.222	1.319	1.423	1.493	1.645	58
60	1.034	1.078	1.137	1.219	1.318	1.417	1.483	1.623	60
62	1.034	1.075	1.135	1.217	1.316	1.415	1.481	1.605	62
64	1.032	1.076	1.130	1.207	1.315	1.404	1.480	1.580	64
66	1.031	1.072	1.123	1.195	1.257	1.329	1.379	1.525	66
68	1.029	1.069	1.117	1.185	1.243	1.311	1.358	1.494	68
70	1.027	1.063	1.107	1.169	1.221	1.283	1.325	1.446	70
72	1.026	1.059	1.099	1.156	1.204	1.261	1.299	1.410	72
74	1.024	1.055	1.093	1.146	1.191	1.243	1.278	1.381	74
76	1.023	1.052	1.087	1.137	1.179	1.228	1.261	1.358	76
78	1.022	1.050	1.083	1.130	1.170	1.216	1.247	1.338	78

probability  $P_x(\chi^2; \nu)$ :

$$P_x(\chi^2; \nu) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)} \int_{\chi^2}^{\infty} (x^2)^{(\nu-2)/2} e^{-x^2/2} d(x^2)$$

Values of the reduced chi-square  $\chi^2_\nu = \chi^2/\nu$  corresponding to various values of the integral probability  $P_x(\chi^2; \nu)$  of exceeding  $\chi^2$  in a measurement with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom are tabulated in Table C.4 for  $\nu$  ranging from 1 to 200. The functional dependence of  $P_x(\chi^2; \nu)$  corresponding to representative values of  $\nu$  is graphed in Figure C.4 as a smooth variation with the reduced chi-square  $\chi^2_\nu$ .

The function that is tabulated and graphed is the shaded area under the tail of the probability curve for values larger than  $\chi^2$  as indicated.

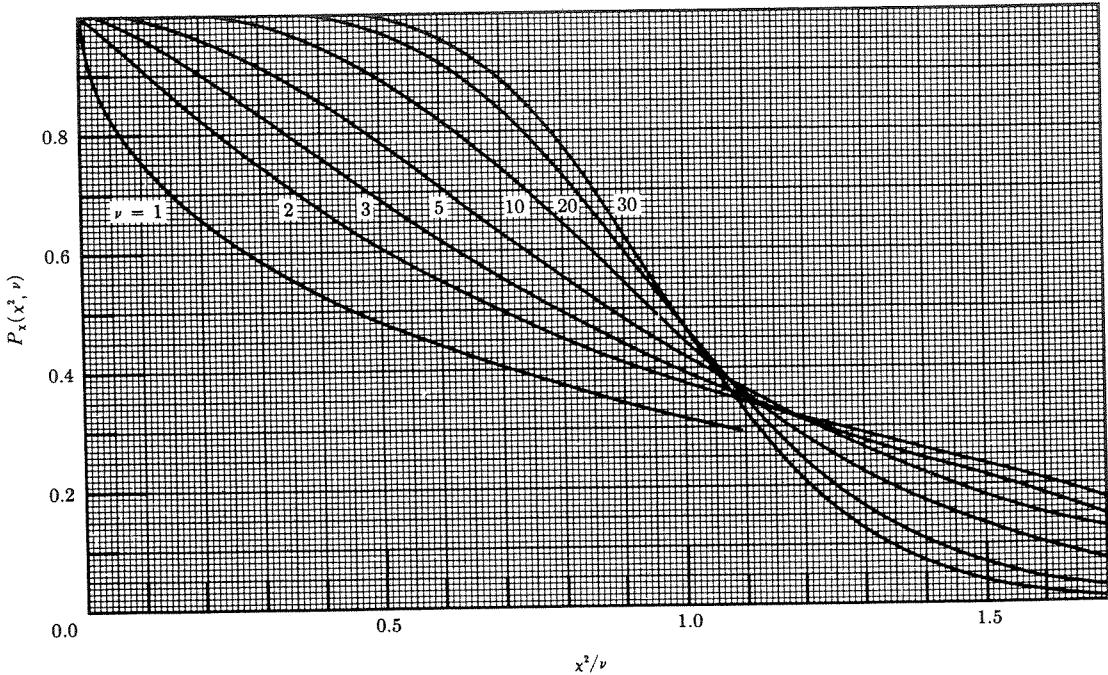
## C.5 F DISTRIBUTION

The probability distribution for  $F$  is given by

$$P_F(f; \nu_1, \nu_2) = \frac{\Gamma[(\nu_1 + \nu_2)/2]}{\Gamma(\nu_1/2)\Gamma(\nu_2/2)} \left( \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} \right)^{\nu_1/2} \frac{f^{(\nu_1-2)/2}}{(1 + f\nu_1/\nu_2)^{1/2(\nu_1+\nu_2)}}$$

The probability of observing a value of  $F$  test larger than  $F$  for a random sample with  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  degrees of freedom is the integral of this probability:

$$P_F(F; \nu_1, \nu_2) = \int_F^{\infty} P_F(f; \nu_1, \nu_2) df$$



**FIGURE C.4**  
The probability  $P_x(\chi^2; \nu)$  of exceeding  $\chi^2$  vs. the reduced chi-square  $\chi^2_\nu = \chi^2/\nu$  and the number of degrees of freedom  $\nu$ .

Values of  $F$  corresponding to various values of the integral probability  $P_F(F; \nu_1, \nu_2)$  of exceeding  $F$  in a measurement are tabulated in Table C.5 for  $\nu_1 = 1$  and graphed in Figure C.5 as a smooth variation with the probability. Values of  $F$  corresponding to various values of  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  ranging from 1 to  $\infty$  are listed in Table C.6 and graphed in Figure C.6 for  $P_F(F; \nu_1, \nu_2) = 0.05$  and in Table C.7 and Figure C.7 for  $P_F(F; \nu_1, \nu_2) = 0.01$ . These values were adapted by permission from Dixon and Massey.

The function that is tabulated and graphed is the shaded area under the tail of the probability curve for values larger than  $F$  as indicated.