

Problem 4.4 and 6.16 of Devore discuss the Rayleigh Distribution, whose pdf is

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\theta}\right), & x > 0; \\ 0. & x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

The expectation of X^2 is found by substituting $p = x^2/(2\theta)$ so $dp = x/\theta dx$ and $\frac{d}{dp}(-(1+p)e^{-p}) = pe^{-p}$ so

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_{x=0}^{\infty} x^2 f(x; \theta) dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{\theta} e^{-x^2/2\theta} dx \\ &= 2\theta \int_{p=0}^{\infty} p e^{-p} dp \\ &= 2\theta \left[-(1+p)e^{-p} \right]_{p=0}^{p=\infty} \\ &= 2\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for a random sample X_1, \dots, X_n from this distribution,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right) = \theta.$$

Thus an unbiased estimator for θ is

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2.$$

We apply the estimate to the data from the article “Blade Fatigue Life...” *J. Solar Energy*, 1982, to get an estimate of θ and superimpose the pdf onto the density histogram.

We also find a way to generate Rayleigh random variables. Suppose that the cdf is $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$, which is strictly increasing on $x > 0$. Then if $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ is a standard uniform RV then $Y = F^{-1}(U)$ is a Rayleigh RV. To see this,

$$P(Y \leq y) = P(F^{-1}(U) \leq y) = P(U \leq F(y)) = F(y)$$

because, for numbers $0 \leq m \leq 1$, for uniform variables, $P(U \leq m) = m$. Thus the simulation can be carried out because we can find $F(x)$ for Rayleigh RV's.

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_0^x f(x; \theta) dx \\ &= \int_0^x \frac{x}{\theta} e^{-x^2/2\theta} dx \\ &= \int_{p=0}^{x^2/(2\theta)} e^{-p} dp \\ &= \left[-e^{-p} \right]_{p=0}^{p=x^2/(2\theta)} \\ &= 1 - e^{-x^2/(2\theta)}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we observe that a Rayleigh RV is a special case of the Weibull distribution. $W \sim \text{Weibull}(\alpha, \beta)$ has a pdf

$$d\text{weibull}(x; \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha}{\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^\alpha\right), & x > 0; \\ 0. & x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus by setting $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = \sqrt{2\theta}$, we see that

$$f(x; \theta) = d\text{weibull}(x, 2, \sqrt{2\theta}).$$

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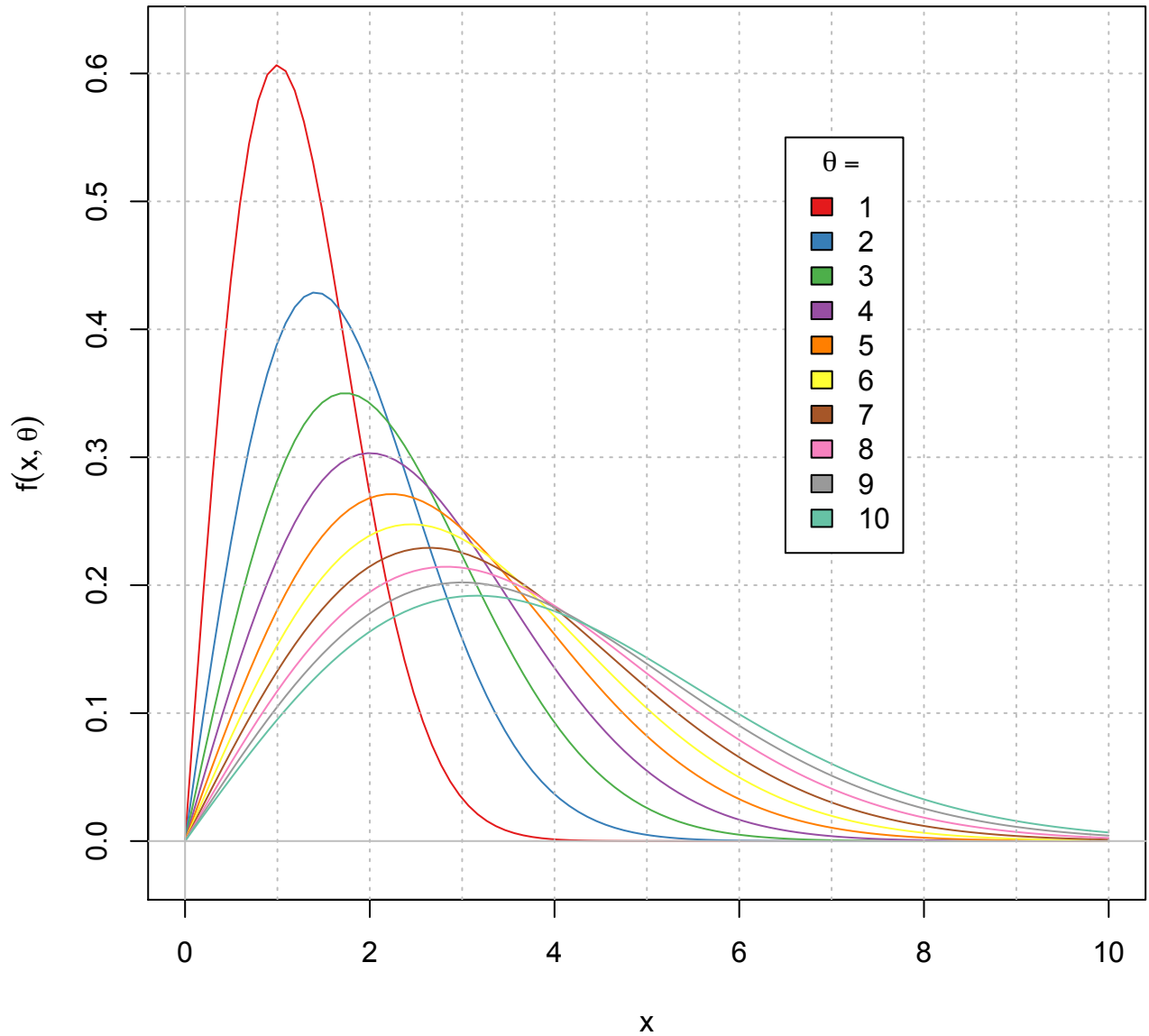
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> ##### DOWNLOAD A BUNCH OF COLORS #####  
> library(RColorBrewer)  
> colr <- c(brewer.pal(9,"Set1"),brewer.pal(8,"Set2"))  
>  
> ##### ENTER THE RAYLEIGH PDF #####  
> f <- function(x,theta){ x*exp(-x^2/(2*theta))/theta}  
>  
> xs <- seq(0,10,.099)  
> # Maximum of f(x,1) at fmax. for j > 1 maximum of f(x,j) is less than fmax.  
> fmax <- exp(-.5)
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> plot(xs,f(xs,1), type="n", ylab=expression(f(x,theta)), xlab="x",
+ main=expression(paste("pdf for Rayleigh Distribution ",
+ f(x,theta)=(x/theta)*exp(-x^2/(2*theta)))), ylim=c(-.02,fmax+.02))
> for(j in 1:10)
+     {
+         lines(xs, f(xs,j), col = colr[j])
+     }
> abline(h=0,col=8);abline(v=0,col=8)
> abline(h=(1:6)/10,col=8,lty=3);abline(v=1:10,col=8,lty=3)
> legend(6.5,.55, legend = 1:10, fill = colr[1:10], bg="white",
+ title=expression(theta==""))
> # M3074Rayleigh1.pdf
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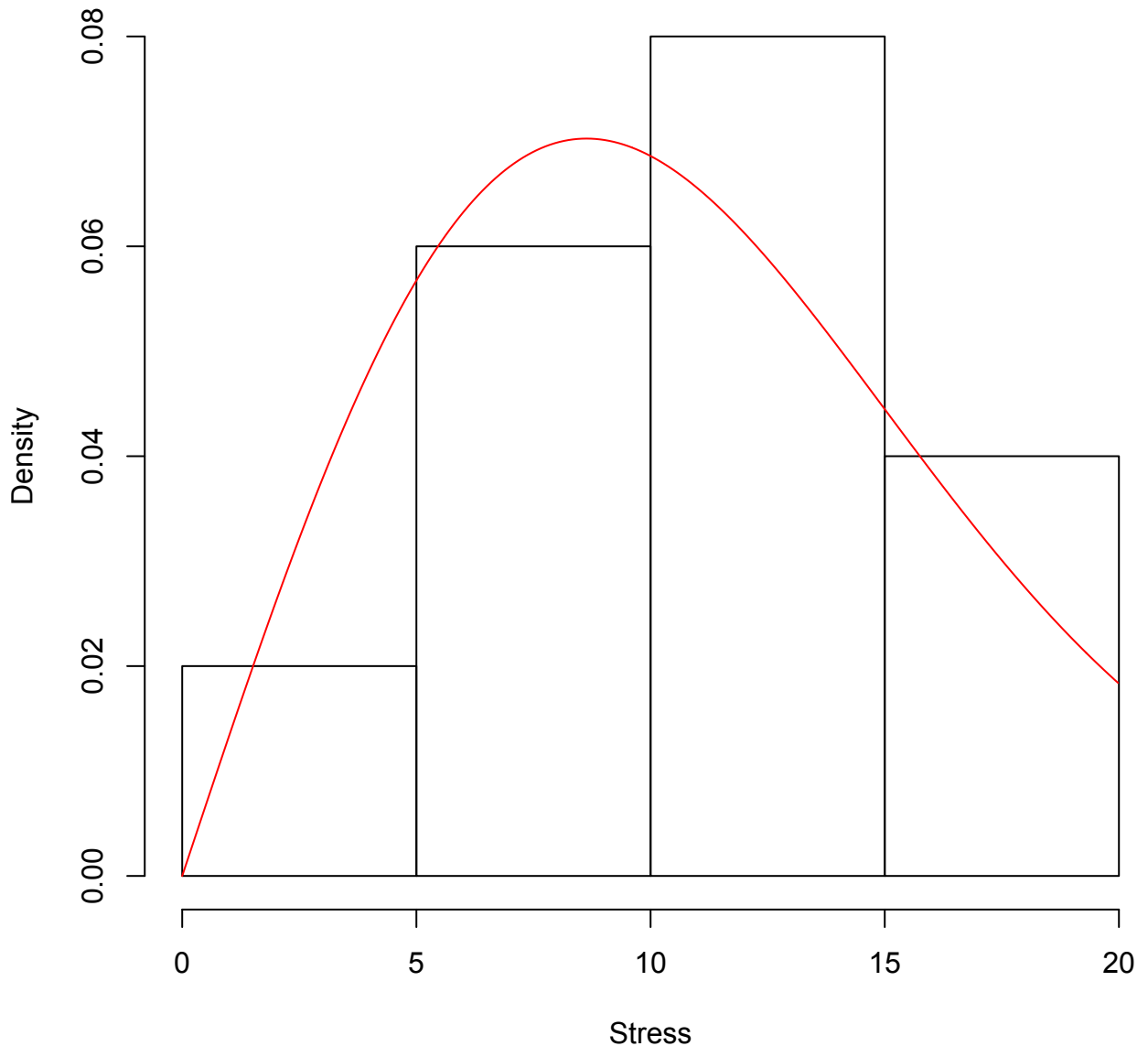
pdf for Rayleigh Distribution $f(x, \theta) = (x/\theta)\exp(-x^2/(2\theta))$



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> ##### ENTER VIBRATION DATA #####  
> # Devore 6.15 Vibratory Stress of turbine Blade from  
> # 'Blade Fatigue Life\ldots' {\it J.~Solar Energy}, 1982  
> Stress <- scan()  
1: 16.88 10.23 4.59 6.66 13.68  
6: 14.23 19.87 9.40 6.51 10.95  
11:  
Read 10 items
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> Stress
[1] 16.88 10.23 4.59 6.66 13.68 14.23 19.87 9.40 6.51 10.95
>
> ##### ESTIMATOR THETA HAT #####
> thetahat <- .5*mean(Stress^2)
> # Plot histogram of "Stress" and density using estimated "thetahat"
> hist(Stress, breaks = "FD", freq = FALSE,
+ main = paste("Stress Histogram, Density f(x,theta^), theta^ =", thetahat))
> lines(xxs, f(xxs,thetahat), col=2)
> # M3074Rayleigh2.pdf
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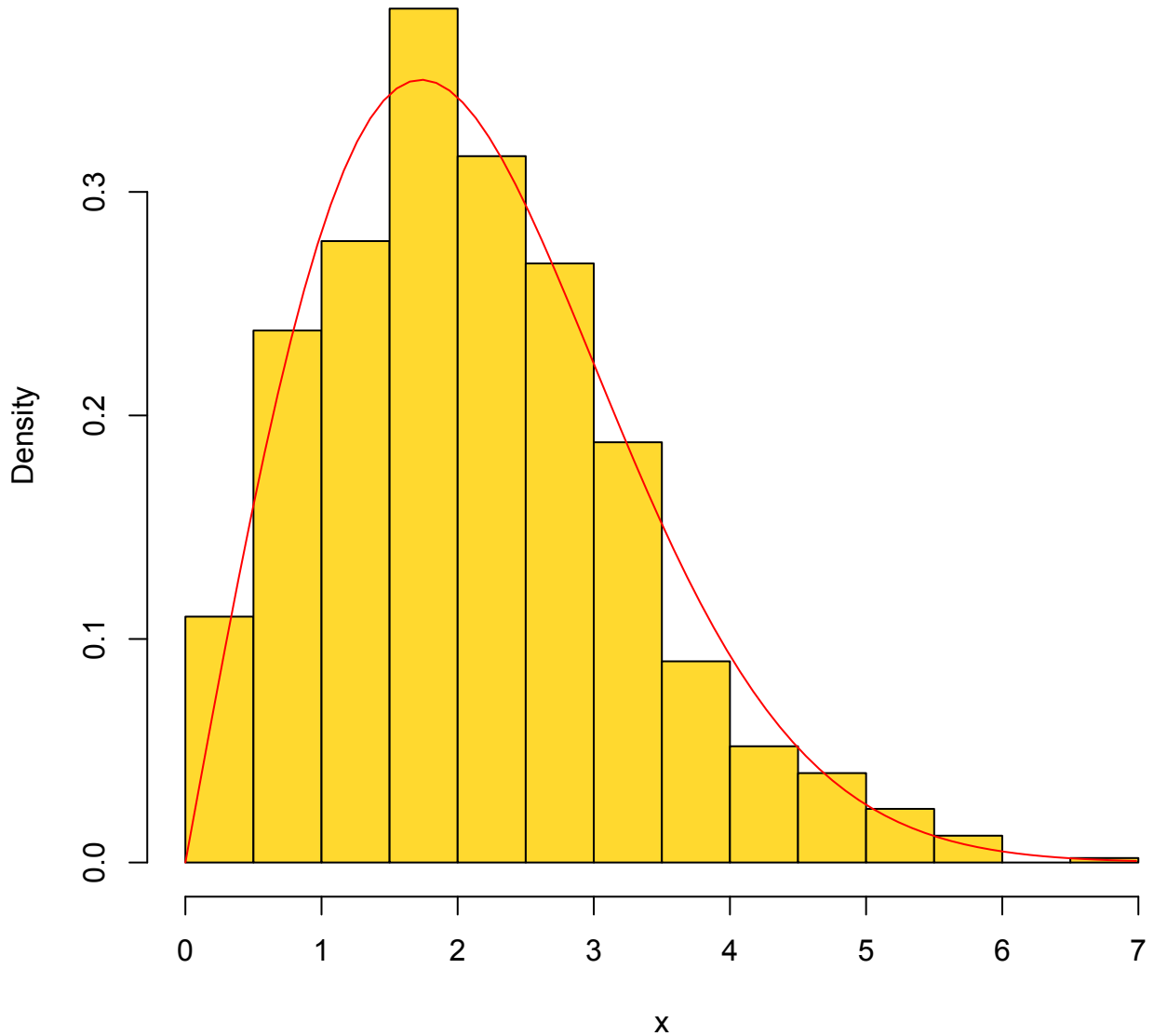
Stress Histogram, Density $f(x, \theta^{\wedge})$, $\theta^{\wedge} = 74.50529$



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> ##### SIMULATING Rayleigh rv's #####  
> # method works using cdf  
> # F(x) = P(X <= x).  
> # F-1(p) = inverse of F  
> th3 <- 3  
> Finv <- function(p){sqrt(-2*th3*log(1-p))}  
> # sapply( numbers, function ) evaluates the "function" on each of the "numbers."  
> hist(sapply(runif(1000),"Finv"), xlab="x", freq = FALSE,  
+ main = paste("Histogram of Simulated Rayleigh RVs theta =", th3), col=colr[15])
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> xxxs<-seq(0,7,.097)
> lines(xxxs,f(xxxs,th3),col=2)
> # M3074Rayleigh3.pdf
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Histogram of Simulated Rayleigh RVs $\theta = 3$



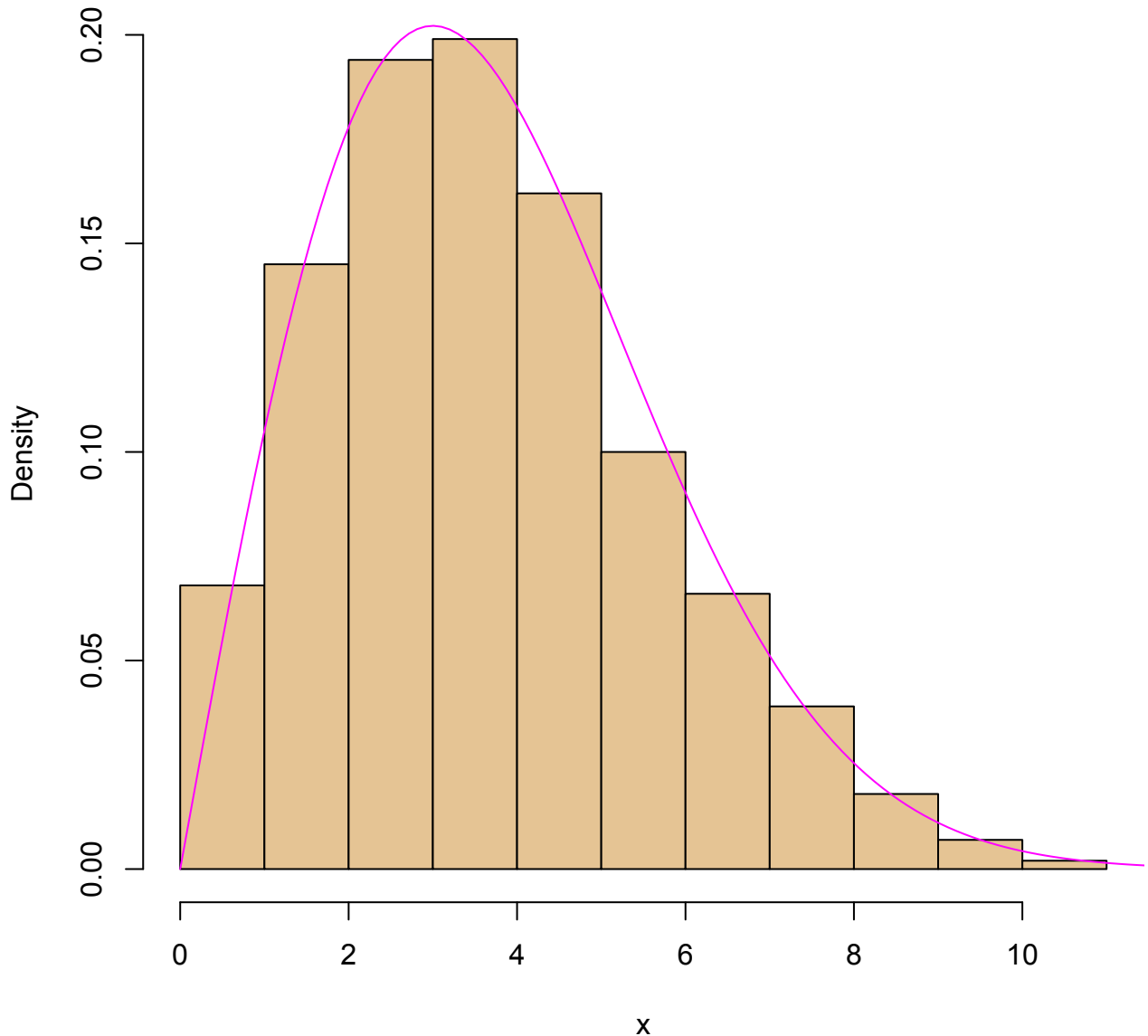
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> th3 <- 9
> Finv <- function(p){sqrt(-2*th3*log(1-p))}
> xxxs<-seq(0,12,.097)
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> hist(sapply(runif(1000),"Finv"), xlab="x", freq=FALSE,
+ main = paste("Histogram of Simulated Rayleigh RVs  theta =", th3), col=colr[16])
> lines(xxxs, f(xxxs,th3), col = 6)
> # M3074Rayleigh4.pdf

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Histogram of Simulated Rayleigh RVs theta = 9



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> ##### TEST IF RAYLEIGH EQUALS WEIBULL #####
> # Compute difference f(x,theta) - dweibull(x,2,sqrt(2*theta)) for several x,theta
> s <- matrix(numeric(50), ncol=5, dimnames = list((1:10)/2, 1:5))

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> for(i in 1:10)
+   {
+     for(j in 1:5)
+       {
+         s[i,j]<-f(i/2,j)-dweibull(i/2,2,sqrt(2*j))
+       }
+   }
> s
      1 2          3          4          5
0.5  5.551115e-17 0 -5.551115e-17  2.775558e-17  0.000000e+00
1    0.000000e+00 0  0.000000e+00  2.775558e-17  0.000000e+00
1.5  0.000000e+00 0  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00
2    -5.551115e-17 0  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00
2.5 -1.387779e-17 0 -5.551115e-17  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00
3    -2.775558e-17 0  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00 -2.775558e-17
3.5  0.000000e+00 0  2.775558e-17  2.775558e-17  2.775558e-17
4    -2.168404e-18 0  4.163336e-17 -2.775558e-17  0.000000e+00
4.5  0.000000e+00 0 -6.938894e-18  1.387779e-17 -2.775558e-17
5    -3.049319e-20 0 -6.938894e-18 -6.938894e-18 -1.387779e-17

> # HMMMMMM! Very small differences!
>
> ##### USE WEIBULL TO SIMULATE RAYLEIGH RV #####
> hist( rweibull(1000,2,sqrt(2*th3)), xlab = "x", freq = FALSE,
+ main=paste("Hist. Random Weibull, (alpha,beta) = (", 2, ", " , sqrt(2*th3),
+ ")"),col=colr[15])
> lines(xxxs, dweibull(xxxs, 2, sqrt(2*th3)), col = colr[4])
> # M3074Rayleigh5.pdf

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Hist. Random Weibull, (alpha,beta) = (2 , 4.24264068711928)

