



Question: How to simplify $y = \Phi^{-1}(-1)$ ($\Phi(x)$) into $y=x$?

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Let Φ the CDF of a $\text{Normal}(0, 1)$ random variable and F the CDF of some random variable X .

Let Φ^{-1} the reciprocal function of Φ .

At some point of my code I get this expression $y := \Phi^{-1}(F(x))$.

Note that in the special case where X is $\text{Normal}(0, 1)$ distributed, I simply have $y = \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(x)) = x$.

I didn't wanted to give a specific treatment to this situation (*hoping that Maple would understand on its own that $\Phi^{-1} @ \Phi$ was the identity function*) and so I got this representation of y .

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y = RootOf(erf(_Z) - erf((1/2)*p*sqrt(2)))
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This is of course correct but rather complex.

How can I simplify this expression to get $y = x$?

Here is an excerpt of my code

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restart:
with(Statistics):
GRV := RandomVariable(Normal(0, 1)):
X := RandomVariable(Normal(0, 1)):
Quantile(GRV, CDF(X, x));

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y := Quantile(GRV, eval(CDF(X, x), x=0.975), numeric);
HFfloat(0.9749999999206588)
```

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