

We need to apply the version of Bayes' rule for a discrete random variable conditioned on a continuous random variable:

$$p_{X|Z}(x | z) = \frac{p_X(x)f_{Z|X}(z | x)}{f_Z(z)} = \frac{p_X(x)f_{Z|X}(z | x)}{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(k)f_{Z|X}(z | k)}.$$

Specifically,

$\sum_{k \in \{-1,1\}}$ k only takes values -1 and 1 in the sum.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(X = 1 | Z = z) &= p_{X|Z}(1 | z) = \frac{p_X(1)f_{Z|X}(z | 1)}{\sum_{k=0}^1 p_X(k)f_{Z|X}(z | k)} \\ &= \frac{p \frac{1}{2} \lambda e^{-\lambda|z-1|}}{(1-p) \frac{1}{2} \lambda e^{-\lambda|z+1|} + p \frac{1}{2} \lambda e^{-\lambda|z-1|}} \\ &= \frac{p e^{-\lambda|z-1|}}{(1-p) e^{-\lambda|z+1|} + p e^{-\lambda|z-1|}} \\ &= \frac{p e^{-\lambda|z-1|}}{(1-p) e^{-\lambda|z+1|} + p e^{-\lambda|z-1|}} \cdot \frac{e^{\lambda|z-1|}}{e^{\lambda|z-1|}} \\ &= \frac{p}{(1-p) e^{-\lambda(|z+1|-|z-1|)} + p} \end{aligned}$$

The final manipulations are to ease interpretations for $p \rightarrow 0^+$, $p \rightarrow 1^-$, $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$, and $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. We observe that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \mathbf{P}(X = 1 | Z = z) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{p \rightarrow 1^-} \mathbf{P}(X = 1 | Z = z) = 1;$$

these make sense: if the prior information gives us certainty about the value of X , the observation can be ignored. Next,

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \mathbf{P}(X = 1 | Z = z) = p,$$

which makes sense because the distribution of Y becomes very flat as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$, making the observation uninformative. Finally,

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}(X = 1 | Z = z) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |z+1| > |z-1|, \\ 0, & \text{if } |z+1| < |z-1|, \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } z > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } z < 0; \end{cases}$$

this makes sense because if $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, then Y will be very close to zero and so the sign of Z will be the same as the sign of X with high probability.