

## 5. Mixed Bayes rule - discrete unknown and continuous measurements

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Let  $S$  be a discrete random variable that takes the value 1 with probability  $p \in (0, 1)$ , and the value  $-1$  with probability  $1 - p$ . Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable whose conditional distribution given  $S$  is as follows:

- If  $S = 1$ , then  $X$  is exponential with parameter  $\alpha > 0$ , i.e.,  $f_{X|S}(x | 1) = \alpha e^{-\alpha x}$ , for  $x \geq 0$ .
- If  $S = -1$ , then  $-X$  is exponential with parameter  $\beta > 0$ , i.e.,  $f_{X|S}(x | -1) = \beta e^{\beta x}$ , for  $x \leq 0$ .

Note that  $S$  can be viewed as the "sign" of  $X$ . Let  $Z = |X|$ .

1. Give an expression for  $f_X(x)$ . (Enter your answer using standard notation; type **alpha** for  $\alpha$ , **beta** for  $\beta$ .)

For  $x > 0$ :

$f_X(x) =$

$p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-(\alpha \cdot x)}$



Answer:  $p \cdot \alpha \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot x)$

$p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-\alpha \cdot x}$

For  $x < 0$ :

$f_X(x) =$

$(1-p) \cdot \beta \cdot e^{(\beta \cdot x)}$



Answer:  $(1-p) \cdot \beta \cdot \exp(\beta \cdot x)$

$(1 - p) \cdot \beta \cdot e^{\beta \cdot x}$

2. Give an expression for  $\mathbf{P}(S = 1 | Z = z)$ , as a function of  $z$ . (Enter your answer using standard notation; type **alpha** for  $\alpha$ , **beta** for  $\beta$ .)

$\mathbf{P}(S = 1 | Z = z) =$

$p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-(\alpha \cdot z)} / (p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-(\alpha \cdot z)} + (1-p) \cdot \beta \cdot e^{-(\beta \cdot z)})$



Answer:  $p \cdot \alpha \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot z) / (p \cdot \alpha \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot z) + (1-p) \cdot \beta \cdot \exp(-\beta \cdot z))$

$\frac{p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-\alpha \cdot z}}{p \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-\alpha \cdot z} + (1-p) \cdot \beta \cdot e^{-\beta \cdot z}}$

STANDARD NOTATION

**Solution:**

1. The answer is

$$f_X(x) = f_{X|S}(x | 1)p_S(1) + f_{X|S}(x | -1)p_S(-1),$$

and the reasoning is as follows. We are dealing with a mixture of two distributions. Hence, when  $x > 0$  only the first is nonzero and we obtain  $p\alpha e^{-\alpha x}$ . When  $x < 0$ , only the second term is nonzero and we obtain  $(1 - p)\beta e^{\beta x}$ .

2.  $Z = |X|$  is always non-negative, and  $Z = X$ , when  $X \geq 0$ , and  $Z = -X$ , when  $X \leq 0$ . Thus,

$$f_{Z|S}(z \mid s) = \begin{cases} f_{X|S}(z|1) = \alpha e^{-\alpha z}, & \text{if } s = 1 \\ f_{X|S}(-z|s) = \beta e^{-\beta z}, & \text{if } s = -1 \end{cases}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(S = 1 \mid Z = z) &= \frac{f_{Z|S}(z|1)\mathbf{P}(S = 1)}{f_{Z|S}(z|1)\mathbf{P}(S = 1) + f_{Z|S}(z \mid -1)\mathbf{P}(S = -1)} \\ &= \frac{p\alpha e^{-\alpha z}}{p\alpha e^{-\alpha z} + (1 - p)\beta e^{-\beta z}}. \end{aligned}$$

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You have used 2 of 3 attempts

**i** Answers are displayed within the problem

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