

QUESTION ONE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CDF}(Y=y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(aX+b \leq y) \\ &= P\left(X \leq \frac{y-b}{a}\right) \quad \text{This assumes } a > 0 \\ &= \text{CDF}\left(X = \frac{y-b}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, PDF}(Y=y) &= \frac{1}{a} \text{PDF}\left(X = \frac{y-b}{a}\right) \\ \Rightarrow f_Y(y) &= \frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right) \quad \text{for } a > 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, for } \underline{a < 0}, f_Y(y) = -\frac{1}{a} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{Overall, } \boxed{f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)} \quad \text{for non-zero } a$$

$$(b) \quad f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} \lambda e^{-\lambda(y-b)/a} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } f_Y(y) \text{ is exponential,} \\ \Rightarrow f_Y(y) &= \begin{cases} \mu e^{-\mu x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (2)} \\ &\text{for some } \mu. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing ① and ②,

$$\underline{\underline{b=0}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\underline{a>0}} \quad \left(\text{So, } \mu = \frac{\lambda}{a} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad f_Y(y) &= \frac{1}{|a|} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{y-b}{a} - \mu\right)^2 / 2\sigma^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(\sigma|a|)} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-b-a\mu)^2}{2(\sigma|a|)^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

This is a Normal R.V. with

$$\text{mean} = b + a\mu$$

$$\text{variance} = \sigma^2 a^2$$

hence no special condition necessary.

NOTE:

Some of you have integrated the $f_Y(Y)$ and set the integral value to 1. It is a necessary condition, but it is NOT sufficient enough to guarantee that Y is an exponential or normal R.V.

Some students have written $Y \geq b$ as condition for exponential, however, we cannot impose any condition on the R.V Y , by definition, it will be from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$.