

4.8.7

To predict the probability that a company will issue a dividend this year that its percentage was $x=4$ and you use Baye's theorem.

Let's assume the dividend to be D and no-dividend to be ND

We need to calculate the probability. From the previous question we get the severity function as follows:

$$P(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu_k)^2\right]}{\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu_k)^2\right]}$$

Now, we have to substitute the following values from the above given equation into the above equation; we get.

$$P(4) = \frac{0.80 \times \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2.36} (4-10)^2\right]}{0.80 \times \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2.36} (4-10)^2\right] + 0.20 \times \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2.36} (4-0)^2\right]}$$

\therefore on solving the above equation, we get

$$P(4) = 0.7519 \text{ [around 75\% probability]}$$