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## Continuous Mixing.

- Start w/ a r.v.

$\Lambda$  ... plays the role of a mixing parameter

Let  $f_\Lambda$  be its probability density function.

- Suppose that, conditional on  $\Lambda = \lambda$ , the r.v.  $X$  has the pdf  $f_{X|\Lambda}(x|\lambda)$  and the cdf  $F_{X|\Lambda}(x|\lambda)$ .

Then, the unconditional pdf of  $X$  is

$$f_X(x) = \int f_{X|\Lambda}(x|\lambda) f_\Lambda(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

and the unconditional cdf of  $X$  is

$$F_X(x) = \int F_{X|\Lambda}(x|\lambda) f_\Lambda(\lambda) d\lambda$$

Note:

- $\mathbb{E}[X^k] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X^k | \Lambda]]$
- $\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}[X | \Lambda]] + \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}[X | \Lambda]]$

Problem. Assume that

$$\begin{cases} X | \underline{\Lambda = \lambda} \sim \text{Exponential}(\text{mean} = \lambda) \\ \text{w/ } \underline{\Lambda \sim \text{Uniform}(50, 100)}. \end{cases}$$

Find the unconditional coefficient of variation of  $X$ .

$$\longrightarrow : \text{coeff. of variation} = \frac{\sigma_X}{\mu_X}$$

Focus on  $\mu_x$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X|\Delta]}_{\text{Always a function of } \Delta}]$$

Always a function of  $\Delta$ .

In this problem:  $\mathbb{E}[X|\Delta] = \Delta$

$X|\Delta \sim \text{Exp}(\text{mean}=\Delta)$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\Delta] = 75$$

Focus on  $\sigma_x^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[X] &= \mathbb{E}[\underbrace{\text{Var}[X|\Delta]}_{\Delta^2}] + \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}[X|\Delta]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\Delta^2] + \text{Var}[\Delta] \\ &= \text{Var}[\Delta] + (\mathbb{E}[\Delta])^2 + \text{Var}[\Delta] \\ &= 2 \cdot \text{Var}[\Delta] + (\mathbb{E}[\Delta])^2 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{50^2}{12} + 75^2 = 6041.67\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{6041.67} = 77.73$$

$$\text{coeff. of var} = \frac{77.73}{75} = 1.0364$$

Problem. Let  $X$  have a mixture dist'n w/ the mixing variable  $\Delta$ .

$$X|\Delta = \lambda \sim \text{Exponential}(\text{mean} = \frac{1}{\lambda})$$

w/  $\Delta \sim \text{Exponential}(\text{mean} = \Theta = 5)$ .

Find the unconditional probability  $\mathbb{P}[X \leq 3]$ .

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{P}[X \leq 3] = F_X(3).$$

By def'n: for  $x > 0$ :

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} F_{X|\Delta}(x|\lambda) \cdot f_\Delta(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$w/ \cdot f_{\Delta}(x) = \frac{1}{\Theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\Theta}}$$

$$\cdot F_{X|\Delta}(x|\lambda) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}} = 1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot x}$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} (1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot x}) \cdot \frac{1}{\Theta} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\Theta}} d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Theta} \int_0^{+\infty} (1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot x}) e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\Theta}} d\lambda$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\Theta} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\Theta}} d\lambda}$$

$$- \frac{1}{\Theta} \boxed{\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(x + \frac{1}{\Theta})} d\lambda}$$

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$$- \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{\Theta}} e^{-\lambda(x + \frac{1}{\Theta})} \Big|_{\lambda=0}^{+\infty}$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{\Theta}} (0+1)$$

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x + \frac{1}{\Theta}}$$

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x \cdot \Theta + 1}$$

In this problem:  $F_X(3) = 1 - \frac{1}{3(\frac{5}{4}) + 1} = \frac{15}{16}$

$X \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha^* = 1, \Theta^* = \frac{1}{\Theta})$