

2012.3 Question 13

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Z \mid a < Z < b) &= \frac{\int_a^b z\Phi'(z) dz}{\int_a^b \Phi'(z) dz} \\ &= \frac{\int_a^b z e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))} \\ &= \frac{\left[-e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \right]_a^b}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a^2}{2}} - e^{-\frac{b^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))} \end{aligned}$$

2. Since $X = \mu + \sigma Z$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X \mid X > 0) &= \mathbb{E}(\mu + \sigma Z \mid (\mu + \sigma Z) > 0) \\ &= \mu + \sigma \mathbb{E}(Z \mid (\mu + \sigma Z) > 0) \\ &= \mu + \sigma \mathbb{E}\left(Z \mid Z > -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right), \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \mathbb{E}(|X|) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(|X| \mid X > 0) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X > 0) + \mathbb{E}(|X| \mid X < 0) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X < 0) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(X \mid X > 0) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X > 0) - \mathbb{E}(X \mid X < 0) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X < 0) \\ &= \left[\mu + \sigma \mathbb{E}\left(Z \mid Z > -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] \cdot \mathbb{P}(\mu + \sigma Z > 0) \\ &\quad - \left[\mu + \sigma \mathbb{E}\left(Z \mid Z < -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] \cdot \mathbb{P}(\mu + \sigma Z < 0) \\ &= \left[\mu + \sigma \cdot \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi} (1 - \Phi(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}))} \right] \cdot \left[1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] - \left[\mu + \sigma \cdot \frac{-\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi} \Phi(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma})} \right] \cdot \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= \mu \left[1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] + \frac{\sigma \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot (1 + 1) \\ &= \mu \left[1 - 2\Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] + \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

To find the variance of $|X|$, we would like to find $\mathbb{E}(|X|^2)$. But this is precisely $\mathbb{E}(|X|^2) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(|X|) &= \mathbb{E}(|X|^2) - \mathbb{E}(|X|)^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - m^2. \end{aligned}$$