

Suppose X is any Normal random variable with parameters μ_x and σ_x^2 . Claim that X and $\sigma_x Z + \mu_x$ have the same distribution. Why?

$$P(\sigma_x Z + \mu_x \leq a) = P(\sigma_x Z \leq a - \mu_x)$$

$$F_{\sigma_x Z + \mu_x}(a)$$

$$= P\left(Z \leq \frac{a - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right) =$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\frac{a - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

sub $u = \sigma_x z + \mu_x$

$$\frac{u - \mu_x}{\sigma_x} = z$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^a \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\left(\frac{u - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2/2} \frac{du}{\sigma_x}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^a \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x^2} e^{-\frac{(u - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}} \right] du$$

↑ same as density of X

$2\sigma^2$

So indeed $\sigma_x Z + \mu_x$ and X have the same distribution.

So $\sigma_x Z + \mu_x$ is normal too.

$$E(X) = E(\sigma_x Z + \mu_x) = \sigma_x E(Z) + \mu_x = \mu_x$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(\sigma_x Z + \mu_x) = \sigma_x^2 \text{Var}(Z) = \sigma_x^2$$