

Theorem 1 Let $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $X \sim e^Y$. Then X has the density

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp -\frac{(\log x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) = \mathbb{P}(e^Y \leq t) \tag{1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(Y \leq \log(t)) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Obviously, the density $f_X(x) = 0$ for $x \leq 0$. Now continue with $t > 0$:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq t) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq \log(t)) \tag{3}$$

$$= \Phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(\log(t)) \tag{4}$$

$$= \Phi_{0,1}\left(\frac{\log(t) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{5}$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Phi_{0,1}\left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{6}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right)\right) \cdot \varphi_{0,1}\left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{7}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sigma \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \varphi_{0,1}\left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x\sigma} \cdot \varphi_{0,1}\left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \tag{9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x\sigma} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\log(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) \tag{10}$$

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