

# A novel multivariate generalized skew-normal distribution with two parameters

## $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

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### Abstract

In this paper we first introduce a new class of multivariate generalized asymmetric skew-normal distributions with two parameters  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  that we present it by  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ , and we finally obtain some special properties of  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The skew-normal distribution introduced by Azzalini [2]. As for extensions of the distribution, many classes of distributions have been proposed. For example, Arellano-Valle [1], Sharafi and Behbodian [5] and Hasanlipour [3].

Jamalzadeh [4] considered a generalization of  $SN(\lambda)$  so called two-parameters generalized skew-normal distribution defined in the following form

$$f(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = c_n(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \phi(x) \Phi(\lambda_1 x) \Phi(\lambda_2 x), \quad x \in R, \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda_1 \in R, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ , and  $n, m \geq 1$ . This distribution denoted by  $X \sim GSN(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

In this paper, we want to introduce a new class of multivariate skew-normal distribution which generalizes (1) while preserving most of its properties.

in section 2, we present the definition and some interesting properties of the  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

## 2. A NEW GENERALIZED MULTIVARIATE SKEW-NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

In this section we introduce the  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  class and we present some of its properties.

## 2.1. Definition and simple properties

DEFINITION 1. We say that vector  $(X, Y)$  has the multivariate skew-normal distribution with two parameters if and only if it has the following probability density function,

$$f(x, y; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \phi(x) \phi(y) \Phi^n(\lambda_1 x) \Phi^m(\lambda_2 y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$ . For future reference we denote it by  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ . The coefficient  $c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  which is a function of  $n, m$  and the parameters  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \phi(y) \Phi^n(\lambda_1 x) \Phi^m(\lambda_2 y) dx dy} \\ &= \frac{1}{E\{\Phi^n(\lambda_1 U)\} E\{\Phi^m(\lambda_2 V)\}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $U, V \sim N(0, 1)$ .

We now present some simple properties of  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

1.  $BGSN_{n,m}(0, 0) = \phi(x) \phi(y)$ .
2.  $BGSN_{1,1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = 4\phi(x) \phi(y) \Phi(\lambda_1 x) \Phi(\lambda_2 y)$ .
3.  $X | \{Y = y\} = c_n(\lambda_1) \phi(x) \Phi^n(\lambda_1 x) \sim SNB_n(\lambda_1)$ .
4.  $Y | \{X = x\} = c_m(\lambda_2) \phi(y) \Phi^m(\lambda_2 y) \sim SNB_m(\lambda_2)$ .
5.  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\lambda_2 \rightarrow \infty} f(x, y; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = 4\phi(x) \phi(y) I_{\{x>0, y>0\}}$ .
6.  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow -\infty} \lim_{\lambda_2 \rightarrow -\infty} f(x, y; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = 4\phi(x) \phi(y) I_{\{x<0, y<0\}}$ .

## 2.2. Some important properties of $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

In this step we introduce some special theorems of  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  distribution.

THEOREM 1. If  $X, Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  and  $W_1, \dots, W_m$  are *i.i.d* with  $N(0, 1)$  distribution, then we have:

$$(X, Y) | \{Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y\} \sim BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \quad (3)$$

where  $Z_{(n)} = \max\{Z_1, \dots, Z_n\}$  and  $W_{(m)} = \max\{W_1, \dots, W_m\}$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $A = (Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y)$ . Then, we write

$$f_{(X,Y)|A}(x, y|A) = \frac{P(A | X = x, Y = y) f(x, y)}{P(A)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P(Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y \mid X = x, Y = y) \phi(x) \phi(y)}{P(Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y)} \\
&= \frac{P(Z_1 \leq \lambda_1 x, \dots, Z_n \leq \lambda_1 x, W_1 \leq \lambda_2 y, \dots, W_m \leq \lambda_2 y) \phi(x) \phi(y)}{P(Z_1 \leq \lambda_1 X, \dots, Z_n \leq \lambda_1 X, W_1 \leq \lambda_2 Y, \dots, W_m \leq \lambda_2 Y)} \\
&= c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \phi(x) \phi(y) \Phi^n(\lambda_1 x) \Phi^m(\lambda_2 y)
\end{aligned}$$

For random number generation, it is more efficient to use single variant of this result, namely to put

$$Z = (Z_1, Z_2) = \begin{cases} (X, Y) & Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y \\ (-X, -Y) & Z_{(n)} > \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} > \lambda_2 Y \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

This make an important point for  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  distribution, comparing with acceptance-rejection method simulation of independent normal distribution.

**THEOREM 2.**  $(U, K, U_1, \dots, U_n, V_1, \dots, V_m) \stackrel{D}{=} N_{n+m+2}(0, R)$  with this properties for correlation matrix (R).

$$\rho(K, U_i) = \rho(U, U_i) = \rho_1 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\rho(U_i, U_j) = \rho_1^2 \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\rho(K, V_i) = \rho(U, V_i) = \rho_2 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\rho(V_i, V_j) = \rho_2^2 \quad i \neq j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\rho(U_i, V_j) = \rho_{1,2} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

then

$$((U, K) | \{U_{(1)} > 0, V_{(1)} > 0\}) \sim BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2). \quad (5)$$

where  $U_{(1)} = \min\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$ ,  $V_{(1)} = \min\{V_1, \dots, V_m\}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \frac{\rho_1}{\sqrt{1-\rho_1^2}}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{\rho_2}{\sqrt{1-\rho_2^2}}$

**PROOF.** Let  $X, Y, Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  and  $W_1, \dots, W_m$  are *i.i.d*  $N(0, 1)$  distribution, and let

$$U_1^* = \rho_1 X - \sqrt{1 - \rho_1^2} Z_1 \quad V_1^* = \rho_2 Y - \sqrt{1 - \rho_2^2} W_1$$

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it is then easy to show that  $(U, K, U_1, \dots, U_n, V_1, \dots, V_m) \stackrel{D}{=} (X, Y, U_1^*, \dots, U_n^*, V_1^*, \dots, V_m^*)$  therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (U, K) \mid \min(U_{(1)} > 0, V_{(1)} > 0) &\stackrel{D}{=} (X, Y) \mid \{\min(U_i) > 0, \min(V_i) > 0\} \\
 &\stackrel{D}{=} (X, Y) \mid \{\min(U_i^*) > 0, \min(V_i^*) > 0\} \\
 &\stackrel{D}{=} (X, Y) \mid Z_1 \leq \frac{\rho_1}{\sqrt{1-\rho_1^2}}X, \dots, Z_n \leq \frac{\rho_1}{\sqrt{1-\rho_1^2}}X, \\
 &\quad W_1 \leq \frac{\rho_2}{\sqrt{1-\rho_2^2}}Y, \dots, W_m \leq \frac{\rho_2}{\sqrt{1-\rho_2^2}}Y \\
 &\stackrel{D}{=} (X, Y) \mid \{Z_{(n)} \leq \lambda_1 X, W_{(m)} \leq \lambda_2 Y\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The result in (5) follows, using theorem (1).

**THEOREM 3.** If  $(X, Y) \sim BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ , let  $W_1 = X/Y$  and  $W_2 = Y/X$  then  $W_1^2, W_2^2 \xrightarrow{L} \chi_{(1)}^2$ , as  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\chi_{(1)}^2$  shows chi-square random variable with one degree of freedom.

**PROOF.** Let  $Z = W_1^2$ . The density of  $Z$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Z(z; \lambda_1) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}} \left( f_{W_1}(\sqrt{z}) + f_{W_1}(-\sqrt{z}) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z}{2}} c_n(\lambda_1) \left[ \frac{\Phi^n(\lambda_1\sqrt{z}) + \Phi^n(-\lambda_1\sqrt{z})}{2} \right] \\
 &= f_{\chi_{(1)}^2}(z) [a_n(z, \lambda_1)]; \quad z > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } a_n(z, \lambda_1) = c_n(\lambda_1) \left[ \frac{\Phi^n(\lambda_1\sqrt{z}) + \Phi^n(-\lambda_1\sqrt{z})}{2} \right].$$

Since  $c_n(\lambda_1) \rightarrow 2$  as  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$  we conclude that  $a_n(z, \lambda_1) \rightarrow 1$  as  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore, the density  $f_Z(z; \lambda_1)$  converges to the distribution of  $\chi_{(1)}^2$ , i.e.  $Z \xrightarrow{L} \chi_{(1)}^2$ .

**PROPOSITION.** If  $(X, Y) \sim BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  and  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} |X/Y|$  or  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} |Y/X|$  and  $|Z|$  are identically distributed, i.e.  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} |X/Y| \stackrel{D}{=} |Z| \sim HN(0,1)$  where  $HN(0,1)$  denotes the standard half-normal distribution.

**PROOF.** We know that  $|Z|$  has density  $2\phi(z) I_{\{z>0\}}$ . On the other hand, by property (3) of  $BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  the density  $W = |X/Y|$  is

$$f_W(w) = f_{X/Y}(w) + f_{X/Y}(-w)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= c_n(\lambda_1)\phi(w)\Phi^n(\lambda_1 w) + c_n(\lambda_1)\phi(-w)\Phi^n(-\lambda_1 w) \\
&= c_n(\lambda_1)\phi(w)\Phi^n(\lambda_1 w) + \Phi^n(-\lambda_1 w) \\
&= c_n(\lambda_1)\phi(w)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can show that  $c_n(\lambda_1) \rightarrow 2$  as  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} |W| = 2\phi(w)$  for  $w > 0$  and we have  $\lim_{\lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty} |W| \stackrel{D}{=} |Z|$ .

**THEOREM 4.** The moment generating function of  $(X, Y) \sim BGSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  is

$$M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) e^{\frac{t_1^2 + t_2^2}{2}} E\{\Phi^n\{\lambda_1(U + t_1)\}\} E\{\Phi^m\{\lambda_2(W + t_2)\}\}$$

$U, W \sim N(0, 1)$  distribution.

**PROOF.**

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) &= E(e^{t_1 X + t_2 Y}) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) e^{t_1 x + t_2 y} \phi(x) \phi(y) \Phi^n(\lambda_1 x) \Phi^m(\lambda_2 y) dx dy \\
&= c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) e^{\frac{t_1^2 + t_2^2}{2}} E\{\Phi^n\{\lambda_1(U + t_1)\}\} E\{\Phi^m\{\lambda_2(W + t_2)\}\}
\end{aligned}$$

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