

A Two-parameter Balakrishnan Skew-normal Distribution

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Abstract. In this paper, we discuss a generalization of Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution with two parameters that contains the skew-normal, the Balakrishnan skew-normal and the two-parameter generalized skew-normal distributions as special cases. Furthermore, we establish some useful properties and two extensions of this distribution.

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1 Introduction

Azzalini (1985) introduced the skew-normal class as one being able to reflect varying degrees of skewness, which is mathematically tractable and which includes the normal distribution as a special case.

A random variable Z has a standard skew-normal distribution with parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $Z \sim SN(\lambda)$, if its pdf is

$$f(z; \lambda) = 2\varphi(z)\Phi(\lambda z) \quad z \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\varphi(\cdot)$ and $\Phi(\cdot)$ are the pdf and cdf of the standard normal distribution, respectively. This distribution and its generalizations have been studied by some researchers. For example, Arellano-Valle et al. (2004), Arnold and Beaver (2002), Azzalini (1986), Azzalini and Dalla valle (1996), Branco and

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Dey (2001) and Henze (1986). Balakrishnan (2002), in discussion, proposed a generalization of standard skew-normal distribution as follows:

A random variable Z has a Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution with parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $Z \sim BSN_n(\lambda)$, if its pdf is

$$f_n(z; \lambda) = \frac{1}{c_n(\lambda)} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda z)]^n \quad z \in \mathbb{R},$$

where n is a non-negative integer number and if $V, U_1, \dots, U_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$, then $c_n(\lambda)$ is given by

$$c_n(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda z)]^n dz = E[\Phi^n(\lambda V)] = \Pr(U_1 \leq \lambda V, \dots, U_n \leq \lambda V).$$

In special cases (see Gupta and Gupta, 2004, or Jamalzadeh et al., 2008), by using the orthant probability expression, we have

$$c_2(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{1 + 2\lambda^2} \right).$$

This distribution has been studied and generalized by several authors, for example, Gupta and Gupta (2004), Sharafi and Behboodian (2008). Recently, Yadegari et al. (2008) introduced a new generalization of the Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution by explaining some important properties of this distribution. They introduced the generalized distribution as follows:

A random variable Z has a generalized Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution with parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $GBSN_{n,m}(\lambda)$, if its density is

$$f_{n,m}(z; \lambda) = \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda)} [\Phi(\lambda z)]^n [1 - \Phi(\lambda z)]^m \varphi(z) \quad z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1)$$

where $c_{n,m}(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} (-1)^i \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [\Phi(\lambda z)]^{n+i} \varphi(z) dz$, and n, m are non-negative integer numbers.

Also, Jamalzadeh et al. (2008) introduced a new class of two parameter skew-normal distribution as follows:

A random variable Z has a two-parameter skew-normal distribution with parameters $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $GSN(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, if its pdf is

$$f(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{2\pi}{\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_1^2} \sqrt{1+\lambda_2^2}} \right)} \varphi(z) \Phi(\lambda_1 z) \Phi(\lambda_2 z) \quad z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For the special case of this density function, if $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$, then $GSN(\lambda, \lambda) = BSN_2(\lambda)$. In this paper we introduce a new distribution named a *two-parameter Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution*, denoted by $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$; $SN(\lambda)$, $BSN_n(\lambda)$, $GBSN_{n,m}(\lambda)$, and $GSN(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ are special cases of this distribution.

The paper is arranged as follows. In the next section, we present the definition and some simple properties of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. In Section 3, some important theorems concerning several useful properties are given. The moment generating function and some important theorems about the moments of this distribution are derived in Section 4. Finally, two extensions of this distribution are introduced.

2 A Two-parameter Balakrishnan Skew-normal Distribution

In this section, we present the definition and some simple properties of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$.

Definition 1 A random variable Z has a two-parameter Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution with parameters $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, denoted by $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, if its pdf is

$$f_{n,m}(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m \quad z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2)$$

where $c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = E\{[\Phi(\lambda_1 X)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 X)]^m\}$, $X \sim N(0, 1)$, and n, m are non-negative integer numbers.

Now, we show how $c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ can be calculated by orthant probability. In fact an orthant probability is the probability $P(X_1 > 0, \dots, X_n > 0)$ with $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$, where Σ is an $n \times n$ diagonal matrix with diagonal elements 1 and non-diagonal elements ρ_{ij} (See, for example, Kotz and Johnson, 1985, and Kots et al., 2000).

If $X, V_1, \dots, V_n, U_1, \dots, U_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$, then we have

$$\left(\frac{\lambda_1 X - V_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_1 X - V_n}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2 X - U_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_2 X - U_m}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} \right) \sim N_{n+m} \left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & \Lambda \\ \Lambda^T & \Omega \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

where Σ is an $n \times n$ diagonal matrix with diagonal elements 1 and non-diagonal elements $\frac{\lambda_1^2}{1+\lambda_1^2}$, Ω is an $m \times m$ diagonal matrix with diagonal elements 1 and non-diagonal elements $\frac{\lambda_2^2}{1+\lambda_2^2}$, and Λ is an $n \times m$ matrix whose all elements are $\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_1^2} \sqrt{1+\lambda_2^2}}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= E \{ [\Phi(\lambda_1 X)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 X)]^m \} \\ &= \Pr \left(\frac{\lambda_1 X - V_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} > 0, \dots, \frac{\lambda_1 X - V_n}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} > 0, \frac{\lambda_2 X - U_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} > 0, \dots, \frac{\lambda_2 X - U_m}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} > 0 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is an orthant probability. For large n, m there is no closed form for $c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ but one can find some approximate values (see Steck, 1962, and Kotz and Johnson, 1985).

We cite some simple properties of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ in the next theorem.

Theorem 1. Let $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. Then,

- (1) $TBSN_{1,1}(\lambda_1, 0) = SN(\lambda_1)$ and $TBSN_{1,1}(0, \lambda_2) = SN(\lambda_2)$;
- (2) $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda, \lambda) = BSN_{n+m}(\lambda)$;
- (3) $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, 0) = BSN_n(\lambda_1)$ and $TBSN_{n,m}(0, \lambda_2) = BSN_m(\lambda_2)$;
- (4) $TBSN_{1,1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = GSN(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$;
- (5) $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda, -\lambda) = GBSN_{n,m}(\lambda)$ and $TBSN_{n,m}(-\lambda, \lambda) = GBSN_{m,n}(\lambda)$;
- (6) $TBSN_{n,m}(0, 0) = TBSN_{0,0}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = N(0, 1)$;
- (7) $-Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(-\lambda_1, -\lambda_2)$;
- (8) Let $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ and $Z_{1:n} \leq Z_{2:n} \leq \dots \leq Z_{n:n}$ be the corresponding order statistics, then $Z_{i:n} \sim TBSN_{i-1, n-i}(1, -1)$.

Proof. The proof is simple.

Figure 1 shows the shape of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ for some values of n, m, λ_1 , and λ_2 .

3 Some Important Properties of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

In this Section, we derive the some properties of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ distribution.

Theorem 2. (*Representation Theorem*) If $X, V_1, \dots, V_n, U_1, \dots, U_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$, $V_{n:n} = \max(V_1, \dots, V_n)$, and $U_{m:m} = \max(U_1, \dots, U_m)$, then

$$X | (V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X) \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2). \quad (3)$$

Proof. If $W = X | (V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X)$, then we have

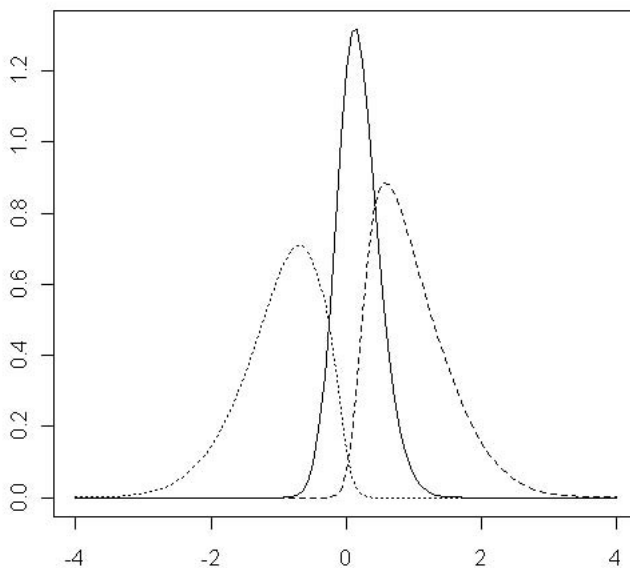


Figure 1. Some shapes of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$: $TBSN_{1,1}(-2, 4)$ (solid line), $TBSN_{2,1}(-2, 7)$ (dotted line), $TBSN_{2,2}(3, 5)$ (dashed line).

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_W(x) &= \frac{\Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X | X = x) \varphi(x)}{\Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X)} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 x, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 x) \varphi(x)}{\Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X)} \\
 &= \frac{[\Phi(\lambda_1 x)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 x)]^m \varphi(x)}{\Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Pr(V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 x, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 x) \varphi(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Pr(V_1 < \lambda_1 x, \dots, V_n < \lambda_1 x, U_1 < \lambda_2 x, \\
 &\quad \dots, U_m < \lambda_2 x) \varphi(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [\Phi(\lambda_1 x)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 x)]^m \varphi(x) dx \\
 &= c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $X | (V_{n:n} < \lambda_1 X, U_{m:m} < \lambda_2 X) \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ and the proof is completed.

Theorem 3. *The density $f_{n,m}(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ introduced in Definition 1, is strongly unimodal.*

Proof. To prove that $f_{n,m}(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is strongly unimodal, it is enough to show that $f_{n,m}(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is a logconcave function of z , for all $z \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \log f_{n,m}(z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= -n\lambda_1^2 \frac{\varphi(\lambda_1 z)}{\Phi(\lambda_1 z)} \left[\lambda_1 z + \frac{\varphi(\lambda_1 z)}{\Phi(\lambda_1 z)} \right] \\
 &\quad - m\lambda_2^2 \frac{\varphi(\lambda_2 z)}{\Phi(\lambda_2 z)} \left[\lambda_2 z + \frac{\varphi(\lambda_2 z)}{\Phi(\lambda_2 z)} \right] - 1 < 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varphi(t) + t\Phi(t) > 0$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ (see Azzalini, 1986) then the above expression is negative.

Theorem 4. *If $Z \sim TBSN_{n-1,m-1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ and $Y_1, Y_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ are independent, then*

$$Z | (Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z) \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2). \tag{4}$$

Proof. If $X = Z | (Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z)$, then we have the followings

$$\Pr(X \leq x) = \frac{\Pr(Z \leq x, Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z)}{\Pr(Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z)},$$

$$\Pr(Z \leq x, Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{c_{n-1,m-1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y_1 < \lambda_1 Z, Y_2 < \lambda_2 Z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{c_{n-1,m-1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz \\ &= \frac{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}{c_{n-1,m-1}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Pr(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz.$$

By taking derivative from the above expression with respect to x , we have

$$f_{n,m}(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi(x) [\Phi(\lambda_1 x)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 x)]^m$$

and the proof is completed.

4 Moments of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

In this section, we give the moment generating function (mgf) of $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. The mgf of Z^2 has a closed form for even moments of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. Furthermore, we present $E(Z^k)$ for any $k \in N$.

Theorem 5. *The moment generating function of $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ is*

$$M_Z(t) = \frac{e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} E_X \{ [\Phi(\lambda_1(X+t))]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2(X+t))]^m \}, \quad (5)$$

where $X \sim N(0, 1)$.

Proof. The proof is simple.

Theorem 6. Let $k \in N$. If $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, then

$$E(Z^k) = (k - 1) E(Z^{k-2}) + \frac{n\lambda_1 (1 + \lambda_1^2)^{-\frac{k}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{c_{n-1,m} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_1^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_1^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}$$

$$\times E(U^{k-1}) + \frac{m\lambda_2 (1 + \lambda_2^2)^{-\frac{k}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{c_{n,m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_2^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1+\lambda_2^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} E(V^{k-1}),$$

where

$$U \sim TBSN_{n-1,m} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} \right)$$

and

$$V \sim TBSN_{n,m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} \right)$$

are independent.

Proof.

$$E(Z^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} z^{k-1} z \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz$$

$$= \frac{(k - 1)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{k-2} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m$$

$$+ \frac{n\lambda_1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{k-1} \varphi(z) \varphi(\lambda_1 z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^{n-1} [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz$$

$$+ \frac{m\lambda_2}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{k-1} \varphi(z) \varphi(\lambda_2 z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^{m-1} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(k-1)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^{k-2} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m \\
&\quad + \frac{n\lambda_1 (1 + \lambda_1^2)^{-\frac{k}{2}}}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^{k-1} \varphi(x) \left[\Phi \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} x \right) \right]^{n-1} \\
&\quad \times \left[\Phi \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} x \right) \right]^m dx \\
&= (k-1) E(Z^{k-2}) + \frac{n\lambda_1 (1 + \lambda_1^2)^{-\frac{k}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{c_{n-1,m} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \\
&\quad \times E(U^{k-1}) + \frac{m\lambda_2 (1 + \lambda_2^2)^{-\frac{k}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{c_{n,m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} E(V^{k-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1 If $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
E(Z) &= \frac{n\lambda_1}{\sqrt{2\pi} (1 + \lambda_1^2)} \cdot \frac{c_{n-1,m} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \\
&\quad + \frac{m\lambda_2}{\sqrt{2\pi} (1 + \lambda_2^2)} \cdot \frac{c_{n,m-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_2^2}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7. If $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, then

$$M_{Z^2}(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{c_{n,m} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1-2t}} \right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}. \quad (6)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{Z^2}(t) &= E\left(e^{tZ^2}\right) = \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tz^2} \varphi(z) [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(1-2t)z^2} [\Phi(\lambda_1 z)]^n [\Phi(\lambda_2 z)]^m dz \\
 &= \frac{(1-2t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x) \left[\Phi\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}x\right) \right]^n \left[\Phi\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1-2t}}x\right) \right]^m dx \\
 &= (1-2t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{c_{n,m}\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{1-2t}}, \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{1-2t}}\right)}{c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 7, we can calculate the even moments of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$.

5 Some Extensions of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$

In this section, we introduce two extensions of $TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$.

Definition 2 A location-scale two-parameter Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution is defined as that of $X = \mu + \sigma Z$, where $Z \sim TBSN_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\sigma > 0$. Its density is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{n,m}(x; \theta) &= \frac{1}{\sigma c_{n,m}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)} \varphi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \left[\Phi\left(\lambda_1 \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right]^n \\
 &\quad \times \left[\Phi\left(\lambda_2 \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right]^m \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Definition 3 A random vector \mathbf{Z} has a multivariate two vector parameters Balakrishnan skew-normal distribution with $\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}$ vector parameters, denoted by $TBSN_{n,m}^k(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$, if its pdf is

$$f_{n,m}(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Omega) = \frac{1}{c} \varphi_k(\mathbf{z}, \Omega) [\Phi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{z})]^n [\Phi(\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{z})]^m \quad \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k \tag{8}$$

where $\mathbf{z}^T = (z_1, \dots, z_k)^T$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)^T$, $\boldsymbol{\beta}^T = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)^T$ and $\varphi_k(\cdot, \Omega)$ is the density of multivariate normal distribution with $k \times k$ correlation matrix $\Omega = (\rho_{ij})$. Since $f_{n,m}(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Omega)$ is a density function, thus we have $c = E_{\mathbf{X}} \left\{ [\Phi(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{X})]^n [\Phi(\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{X})]^m \right\}$, where $\mathbf{X} \sim N_k(\mathbf{0}, \Omega)$.

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