

Identifying a formula for the (lower) conditional tail expectation (CTE) of a normal distribution that does not explicitly include integral signs but instead refers to the unit normal density function and the unit normal cumulative distribution function

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The (lower) conditional tail expectation (CTE) of a random variable for a given cut-off, q , is defined as the expected value of the random given that it is below the relevant cut-off. It is thus very closely aligned with the [Tail Value-at-Risk](#) (TVaR) of the distribution, since the TVaR is the CTE for a specific cut-off. For a [normal distribution](#) the CTE is thus:

$$CTE(q) = E(X|X \leq q) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^q xp(x)dx}{\int_{-\infty}^q p(x)dx} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^q \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^q \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx}$$

The unit normal distribution function, $\phi(x)$, and the unit Normal cumulative distribution function, $N(x)$, are defined as follows:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-x^2/2)$$

$$N(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(y)dy$$

Substituting $z = (x - \mu)/\sigma$ in the above formula for the CTE we obtain, where $b(q) = (q - \mu)/\sigma$:

$$CTE(q) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{b(q)} (\mu + \sigma z)\phi(z)dz}{N(b)}$$

We can re-express this in a form that relies only on $N(x)$ and $\phi(x)$ by noting the following:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \phi(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right) = -\frac{z}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(b(q)) = C - \int_{-\infty}^{b(q)} z\phi(z)dz$$

where C is constant and furthermore as $\phi(-\infty) = 0$ and $z \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2}\right)$ decays sufficiently fast to zero as $z \rightarrow -\infty$ we have $C = 0$. Hence:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{b(q)} (\mu + \sigma z)\phi(z)dz = \mu N(b(q)) - \sigma \phi(b(q))$$

$$\Rightarrow CTE(q) = \frac{\mu N(b(q)) - \sigma \phi(b(q))}{N(b(q))} = \mu - \frac{\sigma \phi(b(q))}{N(b(q))}$$

