

Homework #2

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Read all the instructions below carefully before you start working on the assignment, and before you make a submission.

- **This is a group homework, every group only submit ONE solution on Compass .** Please include the names of all the group members.
- **Due time is at 11:59pm** at the due date. **No late submission!**
- All students are expected to abide by the Honor Code
- All date-times will be in Champaign-Urbana
- Please put your typed solution in a PDF format. For code, you can either submit it in .py file or jupyter notebook file also with its google colab shared link in your solution PDF file.

Problem 1: EntropyConvex

(10 points)

With

$$H(p', p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p' \ln \frac{p'}{p} + (1 - p') \ln \frac{1 - p'}{1 - p}$$

for p and p' in $(0, 1)$, show that $p' \mapsto H(p', p)$ is convex for each $p \in (0, 1)$.

Problem 2: FenchelB

(Extra credit 10 points)

Let's use *entropy* as a pretext for understanding Euler's equations of optimality. For p and p' in $(0, 1)$, relative entropy is (as usual)

$$H(p', p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p' \ln \frac{p'}{p} + (1 - p') \ln \frac{1 - p'}{1 - p}$$

Entropy is a fundamental concept in both statistical mechanics and information theory, as it is the *Legendre-Fenchel* transform (an object of interest in tail behavior due to the Ellis-Gärtner theorem) of the logarithm of the moment generating function of a Bernoulli random variable. Fixing p and p' in $(0, 1)$, compute

$$\max_{\theta \in (0, 1)} \{ \theta p - \ln \{ p' e^\theta + (1 - p') \} \}$$

Note that $p' e^\theta + (1 - p')$ is indeed the moment generating function of a Bernoulli(p') random variable.

Problem 3: Coding question

(10 points)

Take $N = 200$ Gaussian points on the line centered at 0 and with variance 1. Assign label 1 to the ones to the right of the origin and assign label 0 to the ones on the left of the origin. Carry out the following with PyTorch

- (1) Carry out logistic regression, and note the width of the transition layer. If your logit function $\log(\frac{P}{1-P}) = mx + b$, then the width is defined as $\frac{1}{m}$.
- (2) Flip 5 points on each side of the origin to the 'wrong' label and note the width of the transition layer
- (3) Repeat this for 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 points and plot the width of the transition layer as a function of the number of points with the 'wrong' label.