

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 $p \in (0, 1)$.

(Solution) Rewrite to get

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

Differentiate twice to get that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p'}(p', p) &= \ln p' + 1 - \ln p - \ln(1 - p') + 1 + \ln(1 - p) \\ \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p'^2}(p', p) &= \frac{1}{p'} + \frac{1}{1 - p'} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

(Solution) The first-order condition for the optimal θ^* is that

$$p' = \frac{p e^{\theta^*}}{p e^{\theta^*} + 1 - p}$$

Rearranging, we have

$$p'pe^{\theta^*} + p'(1-p) = pe^{\theta^*}$$

which in turn means that

$$pe^{\theta^*}(1-p') = p'(1-p)$$

This implies that

$$e^{\theta^*} = \frac{p'}{p} \frac{1-p}{1-p'}$$

which finally means that

$$\theta^* = \ln \frac{p'}{p} - \ln \frac{1-p}{1-p'}.$$

We then have that

$$\begin{aligned} p'\theta^* - \ln \left\{ pe^{\theta^*} - (1-p) \right\} &= p' \left\{ \ln \frac{p'}{p} - \ln \frac{1-p'}{1-p} \right\} - \ln \left\{ p \left(\frac{p'}{p} \frac{1-p}{1-p'} \right) + (1-p) \right\} \\ &= p' \ln \frac{p'}{p} - p' \ln \frac{1-p'}{1-p} - \ln \left\{ (1-p) \left(1 + \frac{p'}{1-p'} \right) \right\} \\ &= p' \ln \frac{p'}{p} - p' \frac{1-p'}{1-p} - \ln \frac{1-p}{1-p'} \\ &= p' \ln \frac{p'}{p} + (1-p') \ln \frac{1-p'}{1-p} \end{aligned}$$

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.

Code is attached.