

Written Assignment 2

This assignment is due by 10/2 11:59pm. Please submit solutions as a single PDF file through Canvas. Handwritten or typed solutions are fine, so long as the solution is legible and is submitted as a PDF. You might find LaTeX to be a useful tool for typesetting text and math expressions.

1. Solve problem 3.3 (page 174) in the textbook.
2. Consider a multivariate random variable (of dimension 2) $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \text{uniform}[1, 2]^2$ and the random variable y define as $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2^2 \\ x_1 + 5x_2 \end{pmatrix}$.
 - (1) Use the change of variables formulas given in class to calculate the distribution over y .
 - (2) What is the range of values of y for which $Pr(y)$ is not zero.
 - (3) Verify that $Pr(y)$ calculated in part (1) is normalized; that is, verify that $\int_y Pr(y)dy = 1$.
3. Consider a bi-variate normal variable X distributed $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$ and a univariate Y where $Y|X$ is distributed as $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 5, \sigma^2 = 25)$. Calculate an explicit form for $p(X|Y = 4)$ using our template for Bayes theorem for Gaussians. Are x_1, x_2 still independent after Y is observed?
4. Consider a real-valued symmetric matrix S with eigen decomposition $S = V\Lambda V^T$. Now consider the optimization problem:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\{x \mid x^T x \leq 1\}} x^T S x$$

that is, we seek a vector x of norm at most 1 maximizing the quadratic form $x^T S x$. What is the optimal solution x ?

Hint: can you express x in the basis formed by V ?

5. Solve problem 3.7 (page 175) in the textbook.
6. Solve problem 3.11 (page 175) in the textbook.
7. By using Equations (C.22) and (C.26) prove Equation (C.28) in the textbook.