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## Homework 2

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• Acknowledgments: This template takes some materials from course CSE 547/Stat 548 of Washington University: https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse547/17sp/index.html. If you refer to other materials in your homework, please list here.

- Collaborators: I finish this template by myself. If you finish your homework all by yourself, make a similar statement. If you get help from others in finishing your homework, state like this:
  - 1.2 (b) was solved with the help from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Discussion with \_\_\_\_\_ helped me finishing 1.3.

You may use enumerate to generate answers for each question:

- 2.1. Type of commonly used notations. Use another enumerate to start generate answers for sub-questions:
  - (a) Use \$ \$ to get an inline equation:  $\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A(\omega)]$ .
  - (b) Use equation to have equation in display math mode:

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \ge \sqrt{ab} \tag{1}$$

- (c) Use \eqref to get reference for equations: (1) holds when  $a \ge 0, b \ge 0$ .
- (d) Now we would introduce some commonly used notations:
  - i. Use \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E} to type  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}.$
  - ii. Use  $\label{eq:local} $$ \align* {$\Lambda$}, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X}.$
  - iii. Use \underline{x}, \underline{y} to type vectors  $\underline{x}, y$ .
  - iv. Use \mathsf{x}, \mathsf{y}, \mathsf{z} to type random variables x, y, z. For simplicity, I have defined several macros so you could simply type \rvx, \rvy, \rvz. Don't forget \$ \$!
  - v. Thanks to these macros, we could have  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}[x], \operatorname{Var}(y), \mathbb{P}(A), \perp, 1$  by typing \reals, \E[\rvx], \Var(\rvy), \Prob(A),\independent, \1.
  - vi. Now you can use  $\ux$ ,  $\uy$ ,  $\uz$  to type vectors  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z}$ , and use  $\uxvx$ ,  $\uxvy$ ,  $\uxvy$  to type random vectors  $\underline{x}, y, \underline{z}$ .
  - vii. Remember that  $P_{\mathsf{x}|\mathsf{y}}(x|y) \triangleq \mathbb{P}(\mathsf{x} = x|\mathsf{y} = y)$ .

- $\alpha$ ) Writing  $\mathbb{P}(x)$  is wrong.  $\mathbb{P}$  should only operate on events.
- $\beta$ ) x is a random variable, while x is a real number.
- (e) You may find https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX useful.
- (f) Writing LATEX online may be easier for beginners:
  - i. ShareLaTeX: https://www.sharelatex.com/.
  - ii. Overleaf: https://www.overleaf.com/.
- 2.2. You may need aligned equations for your homework, here are several examples:

Total propability rule:

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} = x) &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} = x, \mathbf{y} = y) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} = x | \mathbf{y} = y) \, \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{y} = y), \end{split}$$

or

$$\begin{split} &P_{\mathbf{x}}(x)\\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}}(x,y)\\ &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}}(x|y) P_{\mathbf{y}}(y). \end{split}$$

Indicator function:

$$\mathbb{1}_{A}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \omega \in A, \\ 0, & \text{if } \omega \notin A. \end{cases}$$

2.3. You may need to add figure and source codes in your homework. Figure 1 is an example that compares the empirical distribution (histogram) and probability density function of the Gaussian random variable.

The source code to plot Figure 1 could be found in Appendix A. Here are the core codes:

4 [cnt, x\_hist] = hist(data, nbins); % not to plot, only to get emperical distribution.

6 cnt = cnt / n / (x\_hist(2) - x\_hist(1)); % normalization, be careful :)

 $7 \mid \mathsf{bar}(\mathsf{x\_hist}, \mathsf{cnt}); % \mathsf{plot} \mathsf{the} \mathsf{hist} \mathsf{using} \mathsf{bar}()$ 

To understand line 6, note that if we have n samples of x denoted by  $x^{(i)}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then the probability density function  $p_x$  could be estimated as

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(x_0) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} \le x) \Big|_{x=x_0}$$

$$\approx \frac{\mathbb{P}(x_0 - \Delta x < \mathbf{x} \le x_0)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{n\Delta x} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{x^{(i)} \in (x_0 - \Delta x, x_0]}.$$

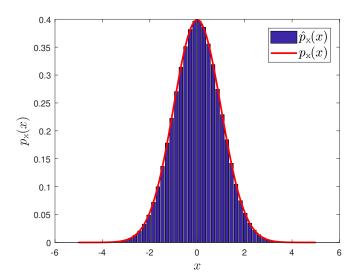


Figure 1: Gaussian PDF and histogram of samples

## 2.4. An example of hypothesis testing:

$$\log \frac{\mathbb{P}(\mathsf{H} = H_1 | \mathsf{y} = y)}{\mathbb{P}(\mathsf{H} = H_0 | \mathsf{y} = y)} \mathop{\gtrless}_{\hat{\mathsf{H}} = H_0}^{\hat{\mathsf{H}} = H_1} \gamma$$

## A Source code

Source code for plotting Figure 1 is shown as follows.

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n = 1e6; % n samples
   data = randn(1e6, 1); % Generate n Random Gaussian samples.
   nbins = 50; % bins in your histogram
    [cnt, x_hist] = hist(data, nbins); % not to plot, only to get
        emperical distribution.
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   figure;
   cnt = cnt / n / (x_hist(2) - x_hist(1)); % normalization, be
        careful :)
    bar(x_hist, cnt); % plot the hist using bar()
8
   hold on;
9
   x = -5 : 0.1 : 5;
   plot(x, normpdf(x), 'r', 'linewidth', 2);
   legend(\{'\$\hat{p}_{x}\}(x), '\$p_{x}\}(x), '\$p_{x}, 'Interpreter',
         'LaTeX', 'fontsize', 15);
   xlabel('$x$', 'Interpreter', 'LaTeX', 'fontsize', 15); % You may
12
        change the size accordingly
   ylabel('$p_{x}}(x)$', 'Interpreter', 'LaTeX', 'fontsize', 15);
   |title(\langle your\text{-}title\text{-}here \rangle)
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Listing 1: FigurePlot