

Homework Assignment #1

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Problem 1: Linear Algebra

(25+8=33 points)

1.1: Determinant and Inverse of Matrix [11pts]

Given a matrix M :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Calculate the determinant of M . [2pts] (Calculation process required.)
2. Calculate M^{-1} . [5pts] (Calculation process required)
(**Hint:** Please double check your answer and make sure $MM^{-1} = I$)
3. What is the relationship between the determinant of M and the determinant of M^{-1} ? [2pts]
4. When does a matrix not have an inverse? Provide an example. [2pts]

Solution:

1. Calculate the determinant of M .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= \sum_{j=1}^d (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} \text{ for fixed } i \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{1+j} a_{1j} M_{1j} \\ &= (-1)^{1+1} a_{11} M_{11} + (-1)^{1+2} a_{12} M_{12} + (-1)^{1+3} a_{13} M_{13} \\ &= 1 \times 2 \times 1 + (-1) \times 4 \times (-2) + 1 \times 2 \times (2 - 1) \\ &= 2 + 8 + 2 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

2. Calculate M^{-1} .

We performed Gauss-Jordan elimination to get an inverse matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

As a result, $M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} \\ -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

Finally,

$$M \times M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} \\ -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. What is the relationship between the determinant of M and the determinant of M^{-1} ?

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{12} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} - \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{vmatrix} + \frac{1}{12} \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6} \times \left(\frac{-2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{72} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{72} \\ &= \frac{1+1+4}{72} = \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

From the above calculation, we could see

$$\det(M^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(M)}$$

4. When does a matrix not have an inverse? Provide an example.

When $\det(M) = 0$, then the inverse matrix does not exist. And, if one row in a square matrix is all zero, then the determinant of this matrix must be 0. For example,

Given $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{vmatrix} = 0 \times \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} + 0 \times \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ d & f \end{vmatrix} + 0 \times \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

So, M^{-1} does not exist.

1.2 Characteristic Equation [8pts] (Bonus)

Consider the eigenvalue problem:

$$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$$

where x is a non-zero eigenvector and λ is eigenvalue of A .

Prove that the determinant $|A - \lambda I| = 0$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} A \in \mathbf{R}^{d \times d}, Ax &= \lambda x, x \neq 0 \\ Ax - \lambda x &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda I)x &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda I)x &= 0x \\ &\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)) \neq 0 \text{ since } x \neq 0 \\ &(\text{Rank}(A - \lambda I) + \dim(\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)) = d) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A - \lambda I) < d \\ &\Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the above result, $(A - \lambda I)_{d \times d}$ matrix must contain one eigenvalue that is 0.

That is, according to Rank theorem, $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) + \dim(\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)) = d$, since $\dim(\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)) \neq 0$, it means that $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) < d$. Then, $A - \lambda I$ matrix is not a full-rank matrix. Therefore, $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

1.3 Singular Value Decomposition [14pts]

Given a matrix A:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) by following the steps below. Your full calculation process is required.

1. Calculate all eigenvalues of AA^T and $A^T A$. The square roots of the positive eigenvalues make up the singular values, the diagonal entries in Σ . They will be arranged in descending order, all other values in Σ are 0. [4pts]
2. Calculate all eigenvectors of AA^T normalized to unit length. These will make up the left singular vectors, or the columns of U. [4pts]
3. Calculate all eigenvectors of $A^T A$ normalized to unit length. These will make up the right singular vectors, or the rows of V^T . [4pts]
4. Put it all together. Write out the SVD of matrix A in the following form: $A = U\Sigma V^T$ [2pts]
Hint: Reconstruct matrix A from the SVD to check your answer.

Solution:

1. Calculate all eigenvalues of AA^T and $A^T A$. The square roots of the positive eigenvalues make up the singular values, the diagonal entries in Σ . They will be arranged in descending order, all other values in Σ are 0.

$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Eigenvalue of AA^T

$$AA^T x = \lambda x$$

$$\Rightarrow (AA^T - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 18 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 8 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(AA^T - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 18 \text{ or } 8$$

- Eigenvalue of $A^T A$

$$(A^T A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A^T A - \lambda I) = 0 &\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 13 - \lambda & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (13 - \lambda)(13 - \lambda) - \lambda + 25\lambda = 0 \\ &= -169\lambda + 26\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 + 25\lambda = 0 \\ &= \lambda^3 + 26\lambda^2 - 144\lambda = 0 \\ &= \lambda(\lambda^2 + 26\lambda - 144) = 0 \\ &= \lambda(\lambda - 8)(\lambda - 18) \\ &\lambda = 0 \text{ or } 8 \text{ or } 18 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{18} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{8} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Calculate all eigenvectors of AA^T normalized to unit length. These will make up the left singular vectors, or the columns of U .

$$AA^T x = \lambda x$$

- $\lambda = 8$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 8 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 18a = 8a \\ 8b = 8b \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = 0, b = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let $t = 1$, we get a unit-length eigenvector, that is, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\lambda = 18$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 18 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0a + 0b = 0 \\ -10b = 0 \end{cases}$$

$b = 0, a = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$, let $t = 1$, then we get a unit-length eigenvector, that is, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore, $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Calculate all eigenvectors of $A^T A$ normalized to unit length. These will make up the right singular vectors, or the rows of V^T .

$$A^T A x = \lambda x$$

- $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 13 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 13a + 5b + 0c = 0 \\ 5a + 13b + 0c = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = b = 0$$

Let $c = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$, then we get a unit-length eigenvector if $t = 1$, that is, $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\lambda = 18$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -5a + 5b + 0c = 0 \\ 5a - 5b + 0c = 0 \\ -18c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0, \begin{cases} -5a + 5b = 0 \\ 5a - 5b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $a = t \Rightarrow b = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$ If $t = 1$, then an unit-length eigenvector is, $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\lambda = 8$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5a + 5b + 0c = 0 \\ 5a + 5b + 0c = 0 \\ -8c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0, \begin{cases} 5a + 5b = 0 \\ 5a + 5b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $a = t \Rightarrow b = -t, t \in \mathbb{R}$ If $t = 1$, then an unit-length eigenvector is, $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Finally,

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, V^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Put it all together. Write out the SVD of matrix A in the following form: $A = U\Sigma V^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{18} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{8} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2: Expectation, Co-variance and Independence

(25 points)

Suppose X, Y and Z are three different random variables. Let X obeys Bernouli Distribution. The probability disribution function is

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & x = c \\ 0.5 & x = -c. \end{cases}$$

c is a constant here. Let Y obeys the standard Normal (Gaussian) distribution, which can be written as $Y \sim N(0, 1)$. X and Y are independent. Meanwhile, let $Z = XY$.

1. What is the Expectation and Variance of X ?(in terms of c) [4pts]
2. Show that Z also follows a Normal (Gaussian) distribution. Calculate the Expectation and Variance of Z . [9pts]
3. How should we choose c such that Y and Z are uncorrelated(which means $Cov(Y, Z) = 0$)? [5pts]
4. Determine whether the following probability is greater than or equal to 0: (1) $P(Y = 0)$; (2) $P(Z = c)$; (3) $P(Y \in (-1, 0))$; (4) $P(Z \in (2c, 3c))$; (5) $P(Y \in (-1, 0), Z \in (2c, 3c))$; (6) $P(Y \in (-2, -1), Z \in (c, 2c))$. [3pts]
5. Are Y and Z independent? Make use of the above probabilities to show your conclusion. [4pts]

Solution:

1. What is the Expectation and Variance of X ?(in terms of c)

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= 0.5 \times c + 0.5 \times (-c) = 0 \\ Var(x) &= E(x - \mu_x)^2 = c^2 \times 0.5 + (-c)^2 \times 0.5 = c^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Show that Z also follows a Normal (Gaussian) distribution. Calculate the Expectation and Variance of Z .

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= XY \\ F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) \\ &= P(Z \leq z \& x = c) + P(Z \leq z \& x = -c) \text{ (Sum Rule)} \\ &= P(Z \leq z | x = c)P(x = c) + P(Z \leq z | x = -c)P(x = -c) \text{ (Product Rule)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}P[cY \leq z] + \frac{1}{2}P[-cY \leq z] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[P(Y \leq \frac{z}{c}) + P(Y \geq \frac{z}{c})] \\ &= P(Y \leq \frac{z}{c}) \text{ since } Y \sim N(0, 1), \text{ it is symmetric. i.e. } P(Y \leq -y) = P(Y \geq y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $F_Z(z) = \Phi(\frac{z}{c})$, $\Phi : CDF$ of $N(0, 1)$. Then, $Z \sim Normal$ Distribution.

Now assume $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$,

$$P(\frac{Z - \mu}{\sigma} \leq \frac{z - \mu}{\sigma}) = \Phi(\frac{z - \mu}{\sigma}) = \Phi(\frac{z - 0}{c}) \Rightarrow E(Z) = 0, Var(Z) = c^2$$

3. How should we choose c such that Y and Z are uncorrelated (which means $Cov(Y, Z) = 0$)? First, we will use $E(Y^2)$ later, so we derive its property to get the result. Since $Y \sim N(0, 1)$, $Y^2 \sim \chi_1^2$. Then, the expected value of chi-square distribution is $E(Y^2) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} cov(Y, Z) &= E(Y - \mu_y)(Z - \mu_z) \\ &\Rightarrow E(YZ) = 0 \quad (E(Z) = E(Y) = 0) \\ P(YZ) &= \begin{cases} 0.5, & YZ = cY^2 \\ 0.5, & YZ = -cY^2 \end{cases} \\ E(YZ) &= E(XY^2) = |c|E(Y^2) \text{ since } c \text{ is a constant.} \\ E(Y^2) &= 1 \\ &\Rightarrow c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4. Determine whether the following probability is greater than or equal to 0: (1) $P(Y = 0)$; (2) $P(Z = c)$; (3) $P(Y \in (-1, 0))$; (4) $P(Z \in (2c, 3c))$; (5) $P(Y \in (-1, 0), Z \in (2c, 3c))$; (6) $P(Y \in (-2, -1), Z \in (c, 2c))$.

- (a) $P(Y = 0) = 0$ since Y is a continuous distribution.
 (b) $P(Z = c) = 0$ since Z is a continuous distribution.
 (c) $P(Y \in (-1, 0)) = \Phi(0) - \Phi(-1) \approx 0.34 > 0$
 (d) $P(Z \in (2c, 3c)) = P(\frac{2c-0}{c} \leq \frac{Z-0}{c} \leq \frac{3c-0}{c}) = \Phi(3) - \Phi(2) \approx 0.02 > 0$
 (e) $P(Y \in (-1, 0), Z \in (2c, 3c)) = P(Y \in (-1, 0))P(Z \in (2c, 3c)|Y \in (-1, 0))$ since $P(Y \& Z) = P(Y)P(Z|Y)$, $P(Y) > 0$, $P(Z|Y) > 0$.
 That is, the intersection of two sets $P(Z \in (2c, 3c)|Y \in (-1, 0)) > 0$. So, $P(Y \in (-1, 0), Z \in (2c, 3c)) > 0$
 (f) $P(Y \in (-2, -1), Z \in (c, 2c)) = P(Y \in (-2, -1))P(Z \in (c, 2c)|Y \in (-2, -1))$ since $P(Y \in (-2, -1)) = \Phi(-1) - \Phi(-2) > 0$, the intersection of set, that is, $P(Z \in (c, 2c)|Y \in (-2, -1)) > 0$ So, $P(Y \in (-2, -1), Z \in (c, 2c)) > 0$

5. Are Y and Z independent? Make use of the above probabilities to show your conclusion.
 If Y and Z are independent, $P(YZ) = P(Y)P(Z|Y) = P(Y)P(Z) = 0$ But, from (4), we know that $P(Y \in (-1, 0), Z \in (2c, 3c)) > 0$. So they are not independent.

Problem 3: Maximum Likelihood

(25+10=35 points)

3.1 Discrete Example [10 pts] Suppose we have two types of coins, A and B. The probability of a Type A coin showing heads is θ . The probability of a Type B coin showing heads is 2θ . Here, we have a bunch of coins of either type A or B. Each time we choose one coin and flip it. We do this experiment 10 times and the results are shown in the chart below.

Coin Type	Result
A	Tail
A	Head
A	Tail
B	Head
A	Tail
A	Tail
B	Head
B	Head
B	Head
A	Tail

1. What is the likelihood of the result given θ ? [4pts]
2. What is the maximum likelihood estimation for θ ? [6pts]

Solution:

1. What is the likelihood of the result given θ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - \theta) \times \frac{1}{2} \times \theta \times \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - \theta) \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2\theta \times \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - \theta) \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - \theta) \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2\theta \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2\theta \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2\theta \times \frac{1}{2} \times (1 - \theta) \\
 &= \frac{1^{10}}{2} (1 - \theta)^5 \theta^5 \times 2^4 \\
 &= \frac{1^6}{2} (1 - \theta)^5 \theta^5
 \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the maximum likelihood estimation for θ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\theta) &= \log L(\theta) = -6\log(2) + 5\log(1 - \theta) + 5\log(\theta) \\
 \frac{l(\theta)}{\theta} &= \frac{5}{1 - \theta}(-1) + \frac{5}{\theta} = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{-5\theta + 5(1 - \theta)}{\theta(1 - \theta)} = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow -5\theta + 5 - 5\theta = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.2 CDF Example [10 pts] The C.D.F of independent random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is

$$P(X_i \leq x | \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ (\frac{x}{\beta})^\alpha, & 0 \leq x \leq \beta \\ 1, & x > \beta \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$. Find the MLEs of α and β .

Solution: PDF: $P(X_i = x | \alpha, \beta) = \alpha(\frac{x}{\beta})^{\alpha-1} \frac{1}{\beta}$ where $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq x \geq 0$. We will use an indicator function in this problem and then define:

$$I = \begin{cases} 1 & \beta \geq x_i \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i | \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \alpha^n \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{n\alpha-n} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^n I(\beta \geq x_i) \\ &= \alpha^n \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{n\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i I(\beta \geq x_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$l = l(\alpha, \beta) = n \log(\alpha) - n\alpha \log(\beta) + \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta} = -n\alpha \frac{1}{\beta} \prod_{i=1}^n I(\beta \geq x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = X_{(n)}$$

From the above calculation, we would like to maximize the function, so we decide when β is the smallest value and is from x_i where $X_{(n)}$ means the largest value among $x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Now, to get α

$$L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha^n \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{n\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$l = l(\alpha, \beta) = n \log(\alpha) - n\alpha \log(\beta) + \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{n}{\alpha} - n \log(\beta) \\ &= \frac{n}{\alpha} - n \log(\hat{\beta}) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} &= \frac{1}{\log(X_{(n)})} \end{aligned}$$

3.3 Poisson distribution [5 pts]

The Poisson distribution is defined as

$$P(x_i = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

What is the maximum likelihood estimator of λ ?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i = k_i) \\ &= \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n k_i} e^{-n\lambda} / \left(\prod_{i=1}^n k_i \right) \\ l = l(\lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \log(\lambda) - n\lambda - \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n k_i\right) \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} &= \sum_{i=1}^n k_i / \lambda - n = 0 \\ \hat{\lambda} &= \sum_{i=1}^n k_i / n \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Bonus [10 pts]

Given n i.i.d. observations $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \{-1, 1\}$, we assume

$$\mathbb{P}(y_i = 1|x_i) = h(x_i^T \theta) \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(y_i = -1|x_i) = 1 - h(x_i^T \theta)$$

where $h(x) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-x)}$ and θ is the model parameter and $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d)^T$.

Write out the likelihood function $L(\theta)$ given (x_i, y_i) . Then formulate the log-likelihood function.

Solution:

- Likelihood Function:

First, we define indicator function as follows:

$$I(y_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & y_i = 1 \\ 0 & y_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n h(x_i^T \theta)^{I(y_i=1)} (1 - h(x_i^T \theta))^{1-I(y_i=1)} \\ &= h(x_i^T \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i=1)} (1 - h(x_i^T \theta))^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i=1)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \theta)} \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i=1)} \left(\frac{\exp(-x_i^T \theta)}{1 + \exp(-x_i^T \theta)} \right)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i=1)} \end{aligned}$$

- Formulate the log-likelihood function

$$l(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i = 1) \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \theta)) + (n - \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i = 1)) [(-x_i^T \theta) - \log(1 + \exp(-x_i^T \theta))]$$

Problem 4: Information Theory

(25+7=32 points)

4.1 Marginal Distribution [6pts] Suppose the joint probability distribution of two binary random variables X and Y are given as follows.

$X Y$	1	2
0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

1. Show the marginal distribution of X and Y , respectively. [3pts]
2. Find mutual information for the joint probability distribution in the previous question [3pts]

Solution:

1. Show the marginal distribution of X and Y , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_X(x) &= \sum_y f_{x,y}(x, y) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & x = 1 \end{cases} \\
 f_Y(y) &= \sum_x f_{x,y}(x, y) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}, & y = 1 \\ \frac{1}{4}, & y = 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find mutual information for the joint probability distribution in the previous question.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(X, Y) &= \sum_{X \in x} \sum_{Y \in y} P(X, Y) \log\left(\frac{P(X, Y)}{P(X)P(Y)}\right) \\
 &= I(x = 0, y = 1) + I(x = 0, y = 2) + I(x = 1, y = 1) + I(x = 1, y = 2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \times \log\left(\frac{1/4}{3/8}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \times \log\left(\frac{1/4}{1/8}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \times \log\left(\frac{1/2}{3/8}\right) \\
 &= 0.311
 \end{aligned}$$

4.2 Mutual Information and Entropy [19pts] Given a dataset as below.

<i>Player</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>NumUtilities</i>	<i>BuysBoardwalk?</i>	<i>Hunger</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
1	<i>novice</i>	2	<i>no</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>lose</i>
2	<i>intermediate</i>	0	<i>no</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>lose</i>
3	<i>novice</i>	1	<i>no</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>win</i>
4	<i>expert</i>	0	<i>no</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>win</i>
5	<i>intermediate</i>	0	<i>yes</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>win</i>
6	<i>expert</i>	0	<i>yes</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>lose</i>
7	<i>intermediate</i>	2	<i>yes</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>win</i>
8	<i>intermediate</i>	1	<i>no</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>win</i>
9	<i>expert</i>	1	<i>no</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>lose</i>
10	<i>novice</i>	0	<i>no</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>lose</i>
11	<i>novice</i>	2	<i>yes</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>win</i>
12	<i>intermediate</i>	1	<i>no</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>lose</i>
13	<i>intermediate</i>	0	<i>yes</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>win</i>
14	<i>novice</i>	0	<i>yes</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>lose</i>

You are analyzing data from your last few Monopoly games in hopes of becoming a world champion. We want to determine what makes a player win or lose. Each input has four features (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4): Experience, NumUtilities, BuysBoardwalk, Hunger. The outcome (win vs lose) is represented as Y .

1. Find entropy $H(Y)$. [3pts]
2. Find conditional entropy $H(Y|x_1)$, $H(Y|x_4)$, respectively. [8pts]
3. Find mutual information $I(x_1, Y)$ and $I(x_4, Y)$ and determine which one (x_1 or x_4) is more informative. [4pts]
4. Find joint entropy $H(Y, x_3)$. [4pts]

Solution:

1. Find entropy $H(Y)$.
Lose: 7, Win: 7

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(Y) &= - \sum_i P_i \times \log P_i \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= -\log\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find conditional entropy $H(Y|x_1)$, $H(Y|x_4)$, respectively.

For $H(Y|x_1)$,

	novice	intermediate	expert
Lose	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
Win	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
	1.0	1.0	1.0

$$H(Y|X_1 = \text{novice}) = H\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{Y=\text{lose}, \text{win}} P(x = \text{novice}, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = \text{novice})}{P(x = \text{novice}, y)}\right) \\
 &= \frac{3}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \\
 &= 0.97
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H(Y|X_1 = \text{intermediate}) = H\left(\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{Y=\text{lose}, \text{win}} P(x = \text{intermediate}, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = \text{intermediate})}{P(x = \text{intermediate}, y)}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{6} \log\left(\frac{6}{2}\right) + \frac{4}{6} \log\left(\frac{6}{4}\right) \\
 &= 0.91
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H(Y|X_1 = \text{expert}) = H\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{Y=\text{lose}, \text{win}} P(x = \text{expert}, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = \text{expert})}{P(x = \text{expert}, y)}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \log\left(\frac{3}{1}\right) \\
 &= 0.91
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $H(Y|x_1) = 5/14 * 0.97 + 6/14 * 0.91 + 3/14 * 0.91 = 0.9314285714285715$

For $H(Y|x_4)$,

	low	medium	high
Lose	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{3}{5}$
Win	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{5}$
	1.0	1.0	1.0

$$\begin{aligned}
H(Y|X_1 = low) &= H\left(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}\right) \\
&= \sum_{Y=lose, win} P(x = low, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = low)}{P(x = low, y)}\right) \\
&= \frac{2}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \\
&= 0.97 \\
H(Y|X_1 = medium) &= H\left(\frac{2}{4}, \frac{2}{4}\right) \\
&= \sum_{Y=lose, win} P(x = medium, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = medium)}{P(x = medium, y)}\right) \\
&= \frac{2}{4} \log\left(\frac{4}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{4} \log\left(\frac{4}{2}\right) \\
&= 1 \\
H(Y|X_1 = high) &= H\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5}\right) \\
&= \sum_{Y=lose, win} P(x = high, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x = high)}{P(x = high, y)}\right) \\
&= \frac{3}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \\
&= 0.97
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $H(Y|x_4) = 5/14 * 0.97 + 4/14 * 1 + 5/14 * 0.97 = 0.9785714285714285$

- Find mutual information $I(x_1, Y)$ and $I(x_4, Y)$ and determine which one (x_1 or x_4) is more informative.

$$I(x_1, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x_1) = 1 - 0.9314285714285715 = 0.0685714285714285$$

$$I(x_4, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x_4) = 1 - 0.9785714285714285 = 0.021428571428571463$$

Since $I(x_1, Y) > I(x_4, Y)$, the more reduction in this means that the feature is more informative. So the feature x_1 (Experience) is more informative.

- Find joint entropy $H(Y, x_3)$.

	no	yes	
Lose	$\frac{5}{14}$	$\frac{2}{14}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Win	$\frac{3}{14}$	$\frac{4}{14}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	$\frac{8}{14}$	$\frac{6}{14}$	

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(Y, x_3) &= \sum_{y=\text{lose}, \text{win}, x=\text{no}, \text{yes}} P(x, y) \log(1/P(x, y)) \\
 &= \frac{5}{14} \log\left(\frac{14}{5}\right) + \frac{2}{14} \log\left(\frac{14}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{14} \log\left(\frac{14}{3}\right) + \frac{4}{14} \log\left(\frac{14}{4}\right) \\
 &= 1.92
 \end{aligned}$$

4.3 Bonus Question [7pts]

1. Suppose X and Y are independent. Show that $H(X|Y) = H(X)$. [2pts]
2. Suppose X and Y are independent. Show that $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$. [2pts]
3. Prove that the mutual information is symmetric, i.e., $I(X, Y) = I(Y, X)$ and $x_i \in X, y_i \in Y$ [3pts]

Solution:

1. Suppose X and Y are independent. Show that $H(X|Y) = H(X)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(X|Y) &= \sum_{Y \in Y} P(y) H(X|Y = y) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{P(y)}{P(x, y)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x)}\right) \text{ (since } X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)\text{)} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x)}\right) \text{ by Sum Rule} \\
 &= H(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose X and Y are independent. Show that $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(X, Y) &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x, y)}\right) \\
 &= - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x)P(y) \log(P(x)) + \log(P(y)) \\
 &= - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x)P(y) \log(P(x) + P(x)P(y) \log(P(y))) \text{ by distributive rule} \\
 &= - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log(P(x) + P(x, y) \log(P(y))) \text{ (since } X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \Rightarrow P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)\text{)} \\
 &= - \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log(P(x)) - \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log(P(y)) \text{ by Sum Rule} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x)}\right) + \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(y)}\right) \\
 &= H(x) + H(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Prove that the mutual information is symmetric, i.e., $I(X, Y) = I(Y, X)$ and $x_i \in X, y_i \in Y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(X, Y) &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \\
 &= \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(y)}\right) - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} \log\left(\frac{1}{P(y|x)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(y)}\right) - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x)}{P(x, y)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(y)}\right) - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x)}{P(x, y)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x, y)}{P(y)P(x)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x)}\right) - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} \log\left(\frac{P(y)}{P(x, y)}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x)}\right) - \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} \log\left(\frac{1}{P(x|y)}\right) \\
 &= H(X) - H(X|Y) \\
 &= I(Y, X)
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5: Bonus for All

(10 points)

Due to the recent social distancing requirement, Wal-Mart is re-evaluating their delivery policies. In order to properly update their policy, Wal-Mart is analyzing data from previous records. Delivery time can be classified as early, on time or late. Delivery distance can be classified as within 5 miles, between 5 and 10 miles and over 10 miles. From the previous records, 15% of deliveries arrive early, and 55% arrive on time. 70% of orders are within 5 miles and 25% of orders are between 5 and 10 miles. The probability for arriving on time if delivery distance is over 10 miles is 0. The probability of a shipment arriving on time and having a delivery distance between 5 and 10 miles is 10%. The probability for arriving early if delivery distance is within 5 miles is 20%.

1. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive on time if the distance is between 5 and 10 miles? [2 pts]
2. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive on time if the distance is within 5 miles? [4 pts]
3. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive late if the distance is within 5 miles? [4 pts]

Solution:

Delivery	< 5 miles	5~10 miles	>10 miles	Sub-total
Early	20%			15%
On time	45%	10%	0%	55%
Late	5%			30%
Sub-total	70%	25%	5%	100%

1. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive on time if the distance is between 5 and 10 miles?

$$P(\text{On time} | 5 \sim 10 \text{ miles}) = P(\text{On Time} \cap 5 \sim 10 \text{ miles}) / P(5 \sim 10 \text{ miles}) = 0.1 / 0.25 = 2/5$$

2. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive on time if the distance is within 5 miles?

$$P(\text{On time} | < 5 \text{ miles}) = P(\text{On Time} \cap < 5 \text{ miles}) / P(< 5 \text{ miles}) = 0.45 / 0.70 = 9/14$$

3. What is the probability that the delivery will arrive late if the distance is within 5 miles?

$$P(\text{Late} | < 5 \text{ miles}) = P(\text{Late} \cap < 5 \text{ miles}) / P(< 5 \text{ miles}) = 0.05 / 0.70 = 1/14$$