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Problem 2: Non-Parametric Methods (20 points)

You are given a dataset $D = \{0,1,1,2,2,2,3,4,4\}$. Using techniques from non-parametric density estimation, answer the following questions:

1. Draw a histogram of D with a bin-width of 1 and bins centered at $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$. **(6 points)**

2. Write the formula for the kernel density estimate given an arbitrary kernel K . **(2 points)**

3. Select a triangle kernel as your window function:

$$K(u) = (1 - |u|)\delta(|u| \leq 1)$$

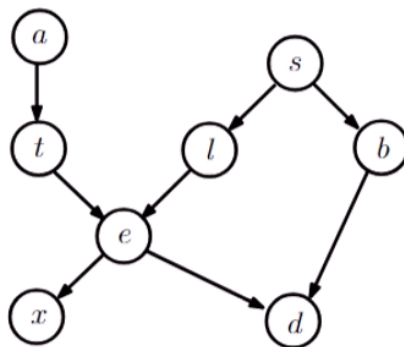
Where u is a function of the distance of sample x_i to the value in question x divided by the bandwidth:

$u = \frac{x - x_i}{h}$. Compute the kernel density estimates for the values $x = \{2,4\}$ with bandwidths of 2. **(6 points)**

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4. What are the limitations of neural networks that were overcome by convolutional neural networks (CNN)? Justify your answer. **(4 points)**

Problem 3: Graphical models (20 points)



The chest clinic network above concerns the diagnosis of lung disease (tuberculosis, lung cancer, or both, or neither). In this model, a travel abroad is assumed to increase the probability of lung cancer. We have the following binary variables.

x	positive X-ray
d	Dyspnea (shortness of breath)
e	Either Tuberculosis or Lung Cancer
t	Tuberculosis
l	Lung cancer

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b	Bronchitis
a	A travel abroad
s	Smoker

1. Write down the joint probability implied by the graph. (4 points)

2. Are the following independence statements implied by the graph?

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b. $A\ travel\ abroad \perp\!\!\!\perp smoking | lung\ cancer, shortness\ of\ breath$ (8 points)

Problem 4: MLE and MAP (30 points)

In this problem, we will find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) and maximum *a posteriori* (MAP) estimator for the mean of a *univariate normal* distribution. For that purpose, Let $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be an identically, independent distributed (iid) sample drawn from a normal distribution with *known* variance σ^2 and unknown μ defined as follows:

$$f(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

1. What is the joint probability distribution $P(X|\theta)$ of the sample? (3 points)
2. What is the maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) of the parameter μ ? (5 points)

3. Let μ has a prior *Gamma* distribution given by

$$p(\mu) = \frac{\mu^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{\mu}{\beta}}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \quad \text{I}$$

Where α and β are unknown.

a. Please write down the objective function of maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation of the parameter μ . **(4 points)**

b. Find the posterior and the Bayes Estimator. **(10 points)**

c. Estimate μ_{MAP} that maximizes the objective function in a) using MAP estimation. **(10 points)**

Problem 5: EM algorithm for a Gaussian mixture (20 points)

Consider a special case of a Gaussian mixture model in which the covariance matrices Σ_k of the components are all constrained to be diagonals, such as $\Sigma_k = \sigma_k^2 I$, where σ_k^2 is the variance and I is a $d \times d$ identity matrix. Derive the EM equations for maximizing the likelihood function under such a model.

The Gaussian distribution is defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as follows:

$$p(x|\mu_k, \Sigma_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} |\Sigma_k|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu_k)^T \Sigma_k^{-1} (x - \mu_k) \right]$$

Hints:

1. For a symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x^T A x] = 2Ax$$

2. For $\Sigma_k = \sigma_k^2 I$ we have:

$$p(x|\mu_k, \sigma_k^2 I) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sigma_k^d} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - \mu_k)^T (x - \mu_k)}{\sigma_k^2} \right]$$