

Homework 0

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1. Consider $y = x \sin(z) e^{-x}$. What is the partial derivative of y with respect to x ?

The partial derivative of y with respect to x is

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [x \sin(z) e^{-x}] = \sin(z)(e^{-x} - x e^{-x})$$

2. Consider the matrix \mathbf{X} and the vectors \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} below:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) What is the inner product $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z}$?

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \quad 3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 = 11$$

- (b) What is the product \mathbf{Xy} ?

$$\mathbf{Xy} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 3 \\ 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Is \mathbf{X} invertible? If so, give the inverse; if not, explain why not.

In order for a matrix to be invertible, it must satisfy the following two conditions:

- i. It must be a square matrix.
- ii. The determinant must be non-zero.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = 6 - 4 = 2 \neq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Since both conditions are satisfied, the matrix \mathbf{X} is invertible.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{X})} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 & -2 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) What is the rank of \mathbf{X} ?

Since the second row cannot be derived from the first row, the rank of \mathbf{X} is 2. Checking both columns, we also see that the second column cannot be derived from the first row, which means the rank of \mathbf{X} is 2.

3. Consider a sample of data S obtained by flipping a coin five times. $X_i, i \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$ is a random variable that takes a value 0 when the outcome of coin flip i turned up heads, and 1 when it turned up tails. Assume that the outcome of each of the flips does not depend on the outcomes of any of the other flips. The sample obtained $S = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) = (1, 1, 0, 1, 0)$.

- (a) What is the sample mean for this data?

$$\text{sample mean} = \frac{1 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 0}{5} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

(b) What is the unbiased sample variance?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{sample variance} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \text{sample mean})^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} [(1-0.6)^2 + (1-0.6)^2 + (0-0.6)^2 + (1-0.6)^2 + (0-0.6)^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} [0.4^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.6^2 + 0.4^2 + 0.6^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} [0.16 + 0.16 + 0.36 + 0.16 + 0.36] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} [1.2] = 0.3
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) What is the probability of observing this data assuming that a coin with an equal probability of heads and tails was used? (i.e., The probability distribution of X_i is $P(X_i = 1) = 0.5$, $P(X_i = 0) = 0.5$.)

$$P(11010) = P(1) \cdot P(1) \cdot P(0) \cdot P(1) \cdot P(0) = 0.5^5 = 0.03125$$

(d) Note the probability of this data sample would be greater if the value of the probability of heads $P(X_i = 1)$ was not 0.5 but some other value. What is the value that maximizes the probability of the sample S ? [Optional: Can you prove your answer is correct?]

Taking $P(X_i = 1)$ to be the sample mean of the given outcomes will maximize the probability of the sample S . This is because in this scenario, the best we can do is ensure that the ratio of getting a 1 to getting a 0 is 3:2.

$$P(11010) = P(1) \cdot P(1) \cdot P(0) \cdot P(1) \cdot P(0) = 0.6^3 + 0.4^2 = 0.376$$

(e) Given the following joint distribution between X and Y , what is $P(X = T \mid Y = b)$?

$P(X, Y)$		Y		
		a	b	c
X	T	0.2	0.1	0.2
	F	0.05	0.15	0.3

Bayes rule gives us $P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ Therefore

$$P(X = T \mid Y = b) = \frac{P(X = T \cap Y = b)}{P(Y = b)} = \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 0.15} = 0.4$$

4. Match the distribution name to its formula.

- (a) Gaussian (i) $p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$, when $x \in \{0, 1\}$; 0 otherwise
 (b) Exponential (ii) $\frac{1}{b-a}$ when $a \leq x \leq b$; 0 otherwise
 (c) Uniform (iii) $\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$
 (d) Bernoulli (iv) $\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ when $x \geq 0$; 0 otherwise
 (e) Binomial (v) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right)$

- (a) -> (v)
 (b) -> (iv)
 (c) -> (iii)
 (d) -> (i)
 (e) -> (ii)

5. (a) What is the mean and variance of a *Bernoulli*(p) random variable?
 The expectation of a bernoulli random variable $\mathbb{E}[X] = p$.
 The variance of a bernoulli random variable is $\text{VAR}(X) = p(1 - p)$.
- (b) If the variance of a zero-mean random variable X is σ^2 , what is the variance of $2X$? What about the variance of $X + 2$?
 Variance is defined as $\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$. Since the mean is zero, we have $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \sigma^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(2X)^2] - \mathbb{E}[2X]^2 &= \mathbb{E}[4x^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[X]^2 \\ &= 4\mathbb{E}[X^2] - 0 \\ &= 4\sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(X + 2)^2] - \mathbb{E}[X + 2]^2 &= \mathbb{E}[X^2 + 2X + 4] - (\mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[2])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[2X] + \mathbb{E}[4] - 4 = \sigma^2 + 4\sigma^2 + 4 - 4 \\ &= 5\sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

6. For each pair (f, g) of functions below, list which of the following are true: $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $g(n) = O(f(n))$, or both. Briefly justify your answers.

- (a) $f(n) = \ln(n)$, $g(n) = \lg(n)$. Note that \ln denotes log to the base e and \lg denotes log to the base 2.
 Use L'Hopital's rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{\lg(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n \ln(2)}} = \ln(2) \neq 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg(n)}{\ln(n)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n \ln(2)}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$ and $g(n) = O(f(n))$

- (b) $f(n) = 3^n$, $g(n) = n^{10}$

Applying L'Hopital's rule 10 times:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{10}}{3^n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10!}{3^n \cdot \ln(3)^{10}} = 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{n^{10}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n \cdot \ln(3)^{10}}{10!} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$, but $g(n) = O(f(n))$

- (c) $f(n) = 3^n$, $g(n) = 2^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{2^n} &= \infty \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$, but $g(n) = O(f(n))$

7. If X and Y are independent random variables, show that $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$.