STAT 210

Applied Statistics and Data Analysis: Homework 1

Due on Sept. 11/2022

Question 1

Consider the following system of equations:

$$3x + 2y + 2z + 4w = 28$$

$$2x + y + z = 14$$

$$2x + 5z + 5w = 28$$

$$6x + 2y + 2z + w = 37$$

- 1. Create a matrix in R with the coefficients of the system, and a vector with the constants on the right-hand side of the equations. Call them mat1 and vec1, respectively.
- 2. Find the inverse of mat1 and call it mat2.
- 3. Create a list named list1 having as components mat1, vec1, and mat2. Call these components item1, item2, and item3, respectively.
- 4. Remove mat1, vec1, and mat2 from the working directory.
- 5. Solve the system of equations and call the solution vec2.
- 6. Verify the solution.
- 7. Verify that if you multiply the inverse matrix mat2 by vec1 you get the solution.
- 8. Find the eigenvectors of mat1 and mat2 and verify that the eigenvectors of mat2 are the reciprocals of the eigenvectors of mat1.

Question 2

Consider the function $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We want to use the MonteCarlo method to estimate the value of the integral

$$\int_{-2}^{2} f(x) \, dx$$

- 1. Plot a graph of this function in the region where you want to calculate the integral.
- 2. Generate N = 1000 random numbers with uniform distribution in the rectangle $[-2, 2] \times [0, 1]$. Count how many points fall below the curve $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$ and estimate the integral using the fraction of these points with respect to the total number of points and the area of the rectangle. Call the estimator I_{1000}
- 3. Compute analytically the value of the integral and compare with the approximation you obtained in 3. Call I the value of the integral and calculate $|I I_{1000}|$
- 4. Repeat for $N=10^k$ for $k=4,5,\ldots,8$ and compute the deviation $|I-\bar{I}_N|$ from the exact result.

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5. Do a log-log plot of the deviation as a function of N. The points should follow approximately a straight