

Question 1. Total: 7 marks

Consider the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 64 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Find the eigenvalues of M .

4 marks

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 64 & 0 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 \\ 64 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda) [(4-\lambda)^2 - 64] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(4-\lambda-8)(4-\lambda+8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(-\lambda-4)(12-\lambda) = 0$$

So eigenvalues are 3, -4 and 12.

(b)

3 marks

(i) Is M of full rank? Why or why not?

M has 3 non-zero eigenvalues, and M is 3×3 ,
so M is of full rank.

(ii) Is M invertible? Why or why not?

Yes M is invertible because $\det(m) \neq 0$
 $(\det(m) = -4 \times 3 \times 12 \neq 0)$

Question 2. Total: 10 marks

Four portfolios of similar stocks were observed in 2001 and 2002. Their percentage returns in both years are given in the following table – profits are positive, losses are negative. It is plausible that there is an underlying linear relationship between the returns given by $y = \alpha x + \beta$ where x is the return in 2001, and y is the return in 2002.

Return 2001 (%)	-2	-1	0	3	α
Return 2002 (%)	1	-3	5	9	β

- (a) Fill in the entries in the matrix-vector equation $AX = b$ which would correspond to a single line passing through all 4 points. 2 marks

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Explain why the equation $AX = b$ does not have a solution. 1 mark

The points do not lie exactly on a straight line.

- (c) Write out the modified 2×2 matrix-vector equation which uniquely determines the coefficients of the linear least squares line of best fit, $y = \alpha x + \beta$. 2 marks

$$A^T A X = A^T b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2+3+27 \\ 1-3+5+9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Solve the system you found in the previous part for α and β , and hence write down the linear least squares line of best fit. 1 mark

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{56} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4 \times 28}{56} \\ \frac{14 \times 12}{56} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus $y = 2x + 3$

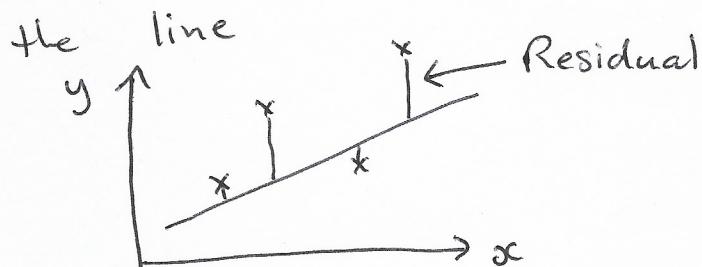
- (e) What is the best estimate of the return in 2002 of a similar portfolio of stocks which increased by 2% in 2001. 1 mark

$$y = 2 \times 2 + 3 = 7$$

7% is estimate given by LLSR.

- (f) Briefly and carefully explain what is meant by linear least squares line of best fit: illustrate your answer with a sketch. 2 marks

The line of best fit minimises the sum of squares of the "residuals" - the difference between the data points and



- (g) Suppose there is a portfolio of stocks which increased by 1% in 2002. Explain briefly why the linear least squares regression line you obtained above is not appropriate to use to estimate the return in 2001. 1 mark

The y values can't be used to estimate x values, because the LLSR line minimises vertical residuals. A different line would minimise horizontal residuals.

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Question 3. Total: 7 marks

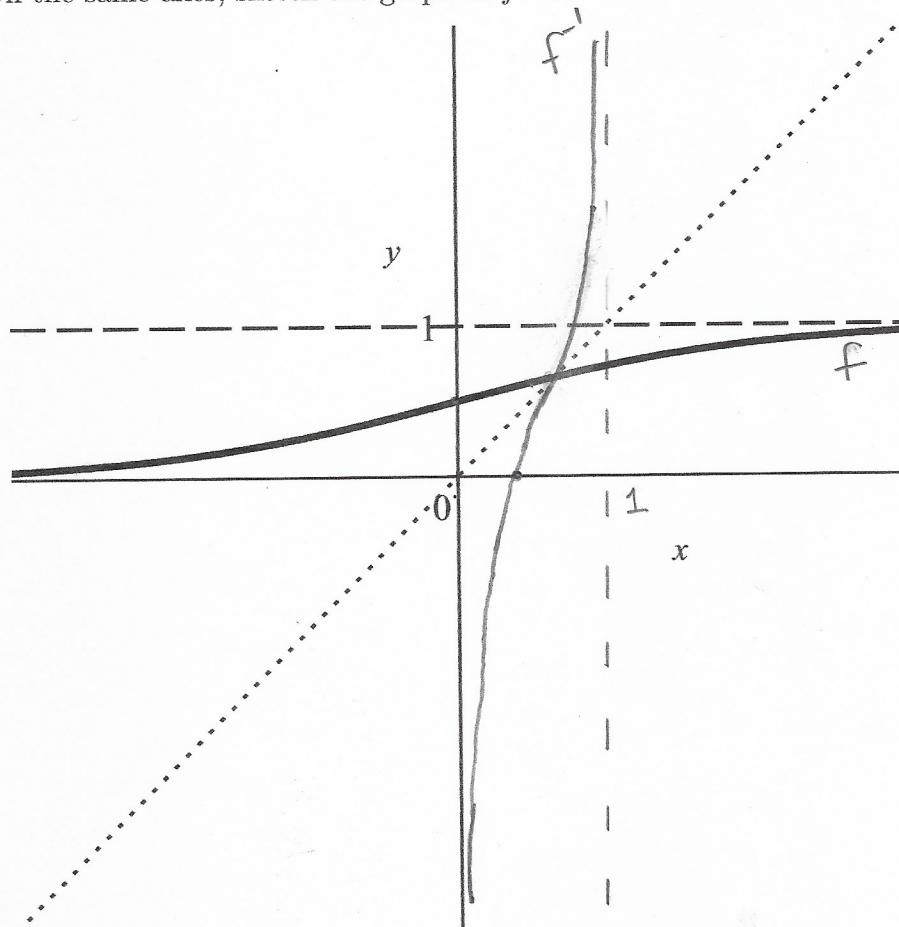
Let

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}$$

- (a) The graph of f is shown on the axes below (solid line). Also indicated is the line $y = x$ (dotted) and an asymptote of f (dashed).

On the same axes, sketch the graph of f^{-1} .

3 marks



Reflection of
graph in line $y=x$

- (b) Find the rule for the inverse function f^{-1} , where

3 marks

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$$

Let $y = f^{-1}(x)$. Then $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{e^y}{1+e^y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + xe^y = e^y$$

$$\Rightarrow e^y(x-1) = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow e^y = \frac{x}{1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)$$

- (c) State the domain (allowed input values) of f^{-1} .

1 mark

$$\text{dom}(f^{-1}) = \text{ran}(f) = (0, 1)$$

(Either from graph or from (b).)

Question 4. Total: 5 marks

- (a) Using an appropriate substitution, find an antiderivative of $\frac{x}{x^2+1}$. 2 marks

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx} dx & u = x^2 + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du & \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \log_e(u) + C\end{aligned}$$

- (b) By an appropriate method, find an antiderivative of $\frac{x^2}{x+1}$ 3 marks

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^2}{x+1} dx &= \int \frac{x^2+x-x}{x+1} dx \\ &= \int x - \frac{x}{x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} - \int \left(\frac{(x+1)-1}{x+1} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \log_e|x+1| + C\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{x^2+x}{x+1}$
 $= \frac{x(x+1)}{(x+1)}$

Question 5. Total: 15 marks

Consider the function f (which is a probability density function) with rule

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} & y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

in which α and β are both positive parameters.

(a)

3 marks

- (i) Is α a shape parameter or a scale parameter? Explain.

α appears as $y^{\alpha-1}$ so it determines the shape of $f(y)$

- (ii) Is β a shape parameter or a scale parameter? Explain.

β appears as $(\beta y)^\alpha e^{-(\beta y)}$
ie (βy) together. β determines the scale.

(b) (i) Calculate

2 marks

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f(y) dy$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} y^\alpha e^{-\beta y} dy$$

From fact sheet:
 $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{x-1} e^{-u} du$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} u^\alpha e^{-u} \frac{1}{\beta} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\beta}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \quad \text{because } \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \alpha$$

$$u = \beta y$$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

(ii) Calculate

2 marks

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 f(y) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha+1} e^{-\beta y} dy \\&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{\alpha+1}}{\beta} e^{-u} \frac{1}{\beta} du \\&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}{\beta^2} \\&= \frac{(\alpha+1) \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^2 \Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2}\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Using your answers to (i) and (ii), show that the variance associated with this probability distribution is $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$. 3 marks

$$\begin{aligned}E(y^2) - [E(y)]^2 &= \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 \\&= \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}\end{aligned}$$

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(c) It can be shown that

$$f'(y) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-2} e^{-\beta y} [\alpha - 1 - \beta y]$$

so that there is a stationary point at $y = \frac{\alpha-1}{\beta}$.

(Note: This information is being given to you, and you do not have to show it.)

Using the extended product rule, and the second derivative test, show that this point is a maximum (for $\alpha > 1$). 5 marks

$$\begin{aligned} f''(y) &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[(\alpha-2) y^{\alpha-3} e^{-\beta y} [\alpha-1-\beta y] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \beta y^{\alpha-2} e^{-\beta y} [\alpha-1-\beta y] \right] \\ &+ y^{\alpha-2} e^{-\beta y} [-\beta] \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-3} e^{-\beta y} \left[(\alpha-2)(\alpha-1-\beta y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \beta(\alpha-1-\beta y)y - \beta y \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } y = \frac{\alpha-1}{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(y) &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\beta} \right)^{\alpha-3} e^{-\beta \frac{\alpha-1}{\beta}} [0 - 0 - (\alpha-1)] \\ &< 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha-1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

By 2nd deriv. test, since $f''\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\beta}\right) < 0$,
the stationary point is a maximum.

Question 6. Total: 11 marks

Consider the function of two variables

$$f(x, y) = xe^{-y^2} + x^2y.$$

- (a) Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ 2 marks

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = e^{-y^2} + 2xy$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -2yx e^{-y^2} + x^2$$

- (b) Find $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ 3 marks

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = -2xe^{-y^2} + 4y^2xe^{-y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = -2ye^{-y^2} + 2x$$

- (c) Hence find the second order Taylor polynomial for $f(x, y)$ near $(1, 0)$. 4 marks

$$f(1, 0) = 1 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, 0) = 1 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(1, 0) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(1, 0) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(1, 0) = -2 \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(1, 0) = 2$$

$$T_2 f(x, y) \approx 1 + (x-1) + y + \frac{1}{2} [-2y^2 + 4y(x-1)]$$

(d) Find

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^6 f(x, y) dx \\ &= \int_0^6 xe^{-y^2} + x^2 y dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} e^{-y^2} + \frac{x^3}{3} y \right]_0^6 \\ &= 18e^{-y^2} + \frac{6 \cdot 36}{3} y \\ &= 18e^{-y^2} + 72y \end{aligned}$$

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