

MATH REVIEW

① COMPUTE THE DERIVATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS W.R.T. x

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x \quad f'(x) = 6x + 2$$

$$f(x) = \ln(\cosh(x)) \quad f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cosh(x)} \cdot \sinh(x) = \tanh(x)$$

$$f(x) = \sinh(x_1^2) + 3x_2^2 + e^{x_3} \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(x) = \nabla f(x) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right)^T = (2x_1 \cosh(x_1^2), 6x_2, e^{x_3})^T$$

$$f(x): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = x^T \cdot A \cdot x; \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Ax_1 & \dots & Ax_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = A(x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2) = Ax^2 \quad f'(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2Ax$$

② SHOW THAT, FOR SMALL x , $\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad \text{BY TAYLOR EXPANSION}$$

③ CONSIDER TWO DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES X AND Y . SHOW THAT $P(X=x, Y=y) \leq P(X=x)$

• $P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x) \cdot P(Y=y)$ WHEN X AND Y ARE INDEPENDENT. MORE GENERALLY, $P(X=x, Y=y)$ IS THE PROBABILITY THAT BOTH X AND Y OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME

• $P(X=x) = \sum_y P(X=x, Y=y)$ X OCCURS INDEPENDENTLY FROM $Y \Rightarrow$ SUM ALL THE CASES W.R.T. Y

IT IS IMMEDIATE THAT $P(X=x, Y=y) \leq P(X=x)$, SINCE THE PROBABILITY THAT X AND Y OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME CAN BE AT MOST THE PROBABILITY THAT X OCCURS. IN CASE X AND Y ARE INDEPENDENT, FOR EXAMPLE, $P(X=x, Y=y) = \frac{0 \leq \leq 1}{P(X=x)} \cdot \frac{0 \leq \leq 1}{P(Y=y)} \leq P(X=x)$

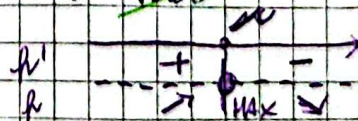
④ THIS IS A GAUSSIAN DENSITY WITH MEAN μ AND VARIANCE σ^2 : $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

WHAT IS THE POINT x^* WITH THE HIGHEST PROBABILITY DENSITY? BACK UP YOUR CLAIM BY FINDING

THE STATIONARY POINTS OF THE DENSITY FUNCTION

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2(x-\mu)}{\sigma^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \left(-\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma^2} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(x-\mu) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^* \leq \mu$$



5) Let \vec{x}, \vec{y} and \vec{z} be $n \times 1$ column vectors and A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Assume that you know that $\vec{x}^T A \vec{y} = 1$. For each of the following statements, answer true, false or dimensionally inconsistent (if any of the equations is undefined in terms of matrix algebra)

a) $\vec{y}^T A \vec{x} = 1$ ~~dimensionally inconsistent~~ ^{FALSE}. We don't have any information regarding the symmetry of A and of the behavior of \vec{x}^T / \vec{y}^T and \vec{y} / \vec{x} w.r.t. A

In general, $\vec{x}^T A \vec{y} \neq \vec{y}^T A \vec{x}$

b) $A \vec{x} \vec{y}^T = 1$ dimensionally inconsistent ~~all $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow A(\vec{x} \vec{y}^T) \in \mathbb{R}^n$~~
 ~~$A \vec{x} \vec{y}^T = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}x_1 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ A_{n1}x_1 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n \end{bmatrix} \dots A_{n1}x_1 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n$~~
 ~~$A \vec{x} \vec{y}^T = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}x_1 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ A_{n1}x_1 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \dots & y_n \end{bmatrix}$~~ ^{cannot be equal to 1}

c) $\vec{y}^T A^{-1} \vec{x} = 1$

• $A^{-1} \vec{x}^T A \vec{y} = A^{-1}$

$A^{-1} \vec{x}^T A \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T A^{-1} A \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T I \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T \vec{y}$

• $\vec{x}^T A \vec{y} = 1$ TRUE

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d) $\vec{y}^T A \vec{x} = 1$ TRUE

$\vec{x}^T A \vec{y} = 1 \quad (\vec{x}^T A \vec{y})^T = 1^T \Rightarrow \vec{y}^T A^T \vec{x}^T = 1 \Rightarrow \vec{y}^T A \vec{x} = 1$

e) $\vec{x}^T A (\vec{y} - \vec{z}) = 1 - \vec{x}^T A \vec{z}$ TRUE

$\vec{x}^T A (\vec{y} - \vec{z}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y} - \vec{x}^T A \vec{z} = 1 - \vec{x}^T A \vec{z}$

f) $\text{Trace}(A \vec{y} \vec{x}^T) = 1$ TRUE

Trace \rightarrow SUM OF THE ELEMENTS IN THE DIAGONAL $\text{Trace}(A \vec{y} \vec{x}^T) = \text{Trace}(\vec{x}^T A \vec{y})$

6) Let P be

$(2; 6; 3)$

PARAMETER

$\vec{v}_2 = (2$

$f(s, t) =$

$\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 2 \\ z = 4 \end{cases}$

NORMAL

$O(x-x)$

$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 =$

$\vec{h} = \sqrt{e}$

$\Rightarrow -17$

7) THE WEATHER

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THE NOTATION

OF x_i , WITH

a) $E[x]$

b) $E[x]$

c) var

d) $E[x]$

8) What is

$\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} =$

$\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x}$

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- ⑥ LET P BE A PLANE IN THREE DIMENSIONAL SPACE WHICH GOES THROUGH THE POINTS $(1; 2; 4)$, $(2; 6; 3)$ AND $(5; 1; 0)$. WRITE DOWN ITS EQUATION IN PARAMETRIC FORM AND IN NORMAL FORM

PARAMETRIC FORM

$$\vec{v}_1 = (2; 6; 3) - (1; 2; 4) = (1; 4; -1) \quad \vec{v}_2 = (5; 1; 0) - (1; 2; 4) = (4; -1; -4)$$

$$r(s, t) = (1; 2; 4) + s\vec{v}_1 + t\vec{v}_2 = (1+s+4t; 2+4s-t; 4-s-4t)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1+s+4t \\ y = 2+4s-t \\ z = 4-s-4t \end{cases}$$

NORMAL FORM

$$a(x-x_p) + b(y-y_p) + c(z-z_p) = 0 \quad P = (1; 2; 4) \quad (a; b; c) = \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -17\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 17\hat{k} \Rightarrow \vec{n} = (-17; 0; -17)$$

$$\Rightarrow -17(x-1) - 17(z-4) = 0 \Rightarrow x+z-5=0$$

- ⑦ THE WEATHER IN LONDON HAS PROBABILITY p OF BEING RAINY ON ANY GIVEN DAY. ASSUME THE WEATHER IS INDEPENDENT ACROSS DAYS. LET $X_i = 1$ IF IT IS RAINY ON DAY i AND 0 OTHERWISE. USING THE NOTATION $E(X_i)$ TO MEAN THE "EXPECTED VALUE OF X_i " AND $\text{Var}(X_i)$ TO MEAN THE "VARIANCE OF X_i ", COMPUTE THE VALUES (IN TERMS OF p) OF THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES:

a) $E[X_i]$ $E[X_i] = (pX_1 + (1-p)X_0)_i = p \cdot 1 + (1-p) \cdot 0 = p$

b) $E[X_i^2]$ $E[X_i^2] = (pX_1^2 + (1-p)X_0^2)_i = p \cdot 1^2 + (1-p) \cdot 0^2 = p$

c) $\text{Var}(X_i)$ $\text{Var}(X_i) = (E[X_i^2] - E[X_i]^2)_i = p - p^2 = p(1-p)$

d) $E[\sum_{i=1}^n p_i]$ $E[\sum_{i=1}^n p_i] = (pX_1 + (1-p)X_0)_{i=1} + \dots + (pX_n + (1-p)X_0)_{i=n} = np$

- ⑧ WHAT IS $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$?

$$\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} = t \Rightarrow dx = \sigma\sqrt{2} dt \quad x = \mu \rightarrow t = 0 \quad x = +\infty \rightarrow t = +\infty$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-t^2} \cdot \sigma\sqrt{2} dt = \sigma\sqrt{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-t^2} dt =$$

$$I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-y^2} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr$$

$$= -\frac{r}{2} [e^{-r^2}]_0^{+\infty} = -\frac{r}{2} (0 - 1) = \frac{r}{2} \Rightarrow I = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = \frac{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$$