

# Summer 2021 CS4641/CS7641 A Homework 1

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# 1 Linear Algebra [15pts + 8pts + 10pts]

## 1.1 Determinant and Inverse of Matrix [15pts]

Given a matrix  $M$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} r & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & r \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Calculate the determinant of  $M$  in terms of  $r$ . (Calculation process required) [4pts]

**Solution:** The determinant of 3x3 Matrix is  $\det\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$ . So for the question The determinant is computed using the following formula.

$$\begin{aligned} & (r) \times \det\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 1 & r \end{pmatrix} - (6) \times \det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & r \end{pmatrix} + (0) \times \det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ & = \\ & \quad 6r^2 - 13r + 6 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) For what value(s) of  $r$  does  $M^{-1}$  not exist? Why? What does it mean in terms of rank and singularity for these values of  $r$ ? [3pts]

**Solution:** If determinant is zero, the inverse will not exist. That means that

$$6r^2 - 13r + 6 = 0$$

So, the value for  $r$  would be  $\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$ . For both value of  $r$ , the matrix  $M$  is singular and the rank of the matrix will reduce by 1. So, it is 2 for both cases.

- (c) Calculate  $M^{-1}$  for  $r = 4$ . (Calculation process required) [5pts] (**Hint:** Please double check your answer and make sure  $MM^{-1} = I$ )

**Solution:** by using Cofactor method, we would have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \det\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & -\det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ -\det\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \det\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & -\det\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \det\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & -\det\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \det\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ & = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} (6 \times 4 - 1 \times 1) & -(2 \times 4 - 1 \times 1) & (2 \times 1 - 6 \times 1) \\ -(6 \times 4 - 0 \times 1) & (4 \times 4 - 0 \times 1) & -(4 \times 1 - 6 \times 1) \\ (6 \times 1 - 0 \times 6) & -(4 \times 1 - 0 \times 2) & (4 \times 6 - 6 \times 2) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 23 & -7 & -4 \\ -24 & 16 & 2 \\ 6 & -4 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transpose of the Matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 23 & -24 & 6 \\ -7 & 16 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the inverse of matrix is:  $\frac{1}{\det(M)}M^T$  and  $\det(M)$  based on the formula  $6r^2 - 13r + 6$  when  $r=4$  is 50. So we have:

$$\frac{1}{50} \begin{bmatrix} 23 & -24 & 6 \\ -7 & 16 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{23}{50} & \frac{-12}{25} & \frac{3}{25} \\ \frac{-7}{50} & \frac{2}{25} & \frac{2}{25} \\ \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{6}{25} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$MM^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{23}{50} & \frac{-12}{25} & \frac{3}{25} \\ \frac{-7}{50} & \frac{2}{25} & \frac{2}{25} \\ \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{6}{25} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Find the determinant of  $M^{-1}$  for  $r = 4$ . What is the relationship between the determinant of  $M$  and the determinant of  $M^{-1}$ ? [3pts]

**Solution:** We follow the same procedure for  $M^{-1}$  as well. The determinant is:

$$\left(\frac{23}{50}\right) * \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{25} & \frac{-2}{25} \\ \frac{1}{25} & \frac{6}{25} \end{bmatrix}\right) - \frac{12}{25} * \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-7}{50} & \frac{-2}{25} \\ \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{6}{25} \end{bmatrix}\right) + \frac{3}{25} * \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-7}{50} & \frac{8}{25} \\ \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{1}{25} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\det(M) \times \det(M^{-1}) = \det(M) \times \frac{1}{\det(M)} = 50 \times \frac{1}{50} = 1.$$

$$\text{Hence } \det(M^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(M)}$$

## 1.2 Characteristic Equation [8pts]

Consider the eigenvalue problem:

$$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$$

where  $x$  is a non-zero eigenvector and  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue of  $A$ . Prove that the determinant  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ .

**Solution:** We know a matrix is not invertible if and only if its determinant is 0. Since

$$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$$

, we have

$$Ax - \lambda x = 0, x \neq 0$$

So:

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0, x \neq 0$$

; then  $(A - \lambda I) = 0$

If  $(A - \lambda I)$  has an inverse, then we should have  $(A - \lambda I) \times (A - \lambda I)^{-1} = I$ . However,  $(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . So, the result of the multiplication  $(A - \lambda I) \times (A - \lambda I)^{-1} = I$  would be zero any how.

This means that  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not invertible (zero matrix does not have inverse). We know a matrix is not invertible if and only if its determinant is 0. So,  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  (singular matrices have zero determinant)

### 1.3 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors [10pts]

Given a matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x & 9 \\ 4 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Calculate the eigenvalues of  $A$  as a function of  $x$ . (Calculation process required). [5 pts]

**Solution:** To find eigen pairs we have:  $AX = \lambda X$   $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} x - \lambda & 9 \\ 4 & x - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= (x - \lambda)^2 - 36$ . If  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  we would have  $\lambda = x + 6$  or  $\lambda = x - 6$

- (b) Find the normalized eigenvectors of matrix  $A$  (Calculation process required). [5 pts]

**Solution:**

$Av = \lambda v$  and  $\lambda = x + 6$  or  $\lambda = x - 6$  and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x & 9 \\ 4 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } \begin{bmatrix} x & 9 \\ 4 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v1 \\ v2 \end{bmatrix} = (x+6) \begin{bmatrix} v1 \\ v2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} x & 9 \\ 4 & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v1 \\ v2 \end{bmatrix} = (x-6) \begin{bmatrix} v1 \\ v2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,  $v1 = \frac{3}{2}v2$  or  $v1 = \frac{-3}{2}v2$ . So, the normalized eigenvectors are:

if  $\lambda = x + 6$  then the normalized eigenvalue is  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \end{bmatrix}$

if  $\lambda = x - 6$  then the normalized eigenvalue is  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-3}{\sqrt{13}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \end{bmatrix}$

## 2 Expectation, Co-variance and Independence [18pts]

Suppose  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are three different random variables. Let  $X$  obey a Bernoulli Distribution. The probability distribution function is

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & x = c \\ 0.5 & x = -c. \end{cases}$$

$c$  is a constant here. Let  $Y$  obey the Standard Normal (Gaussian) Distribution, which can be written as  $Y \sim N(0, 1)$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Meanwhile, let  $Z = XY$ .

- (a) Show that  $Z$  also follows a Normal (Gaussian) distribution. Calculate the Expectation and Variance of  $Z$ . [9pts]

**Solution** We know  $Z$  is a function of  $X$  and  $Y$ . For a fixed  $z_i$  value we have:  $z_i = x_i * y_i$  and  $z_i = -x_i * -y_i$ . So:

$$P(Z) = P(X)P(Y|X) + P(-X)P(-Y|X)$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:  $P(Z) = P(X)P(Y) + P(-X)P(-Y) = 0.5P(Y) + 0.5P(-Y)$

$P(Y)$  and  $P(-Y)$  have normal distributions. We know the sum of two normal distributions is also a normal distributions, hence  $Z$  has a normal distribution.

To calculate the mean of  $X$  we have:

$$E(X) = \sum_{n=1} xp(x) = (c \times 0.5) - (c \times 0.5) = 0$$

To calculate variance of  $X$  we have:

$$var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E[(X - 0)^2] = (0.5 \times c^2) + (0.5 \times (-c)^2) = c^2$$

To calculate the mean of  $Z$  we have:

$$E[Z] = \int_y \sum_x p(x, y)xydy$$

since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:  $E[Z] = \int_y p(y)ydy \sum_x p(x) = E[Y] \times E[X] = 0 \times 0$

To calculate variance of  $Z$  we have:

$$var(Z) = E[Z^2] - E[Z]^2 = E[X^2Y^2] - 0 = \int_y \sum_x p(x, y)x^2y^2dy$$

since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:  $var(Z) = \int_y p(y)y^2dy \sum_x p(x)x^2 = var(Y) \times var(X) = 1 \times c^2 = c^2$

- (b) How should we choose  $c$  such that  $Y$  and  $Z$  are uncorrelated? [5pts]

**Solution:**

$$\text{cov}(Y, Z) = E[YZ] - E[Y]E[Z]$$

since  $Z = XY$ :

$$\text{cov}(Y, Z) = E[Y^2X] - 0 = \int_y \sum_x p(x, y)xy^2dy$$

since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:

$$\text{cov}(Y, Z) = \int_y p(y)y^2dy \sum_x p(x)x = \text{var}(Y) \times E[X] = 0$$

This means that  $Z$  and  $Y$  are always uncorrelated. So, the value of  $c$  doesn't matter as long as its value is real and finite.

- (c) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables with  $\text{var}(X) = 3$  and  $\text{var}(Y) = 4$ . We do not know  $E[X]$  or  $E[Y]$ . Let  $Z = 2X + Y$ . What is the correlation coefficient  $\rho(X, Z) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Z)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Z)}}$ ? **Note: 2(c) has no connection with 2(a) and 2(b)** [4pts]

**Solution:** Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent we have:

$$\text{var}(Z) = E[Z^2] - E[Z]^2 = E[(2X + Y)^2] - E[2X + Y]^2$$

=

$$4(E[X^2] - E[X]^2) + E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2 = 4\text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) = 4 \times 3 + 4 = 16$$

Also we know

$$\text{Cov}(X, Z) = E[XZ] - E[X]E[Z] = E[X(2X + Y)] - E[X]E[2X + Y]$$

=

$$E[X^2] + E[X]E[Y] - 2E[X]^2 - E[X]E[Y]$$

=

$$2(E[X^2] - E[X]^2) = 2\text{Var}(X) = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

So:

$$\rho(X, Z) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Z)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Z)}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3 \times 16}} = 0.86$$

### 3 Optimization [15 pts]

Optimization problems are related to minimizing a function (usually termed loss, cost or error function) or maximizing a function (such as the likelihood) with respect to some variable  $x$ . The Karush-Kuhn-Tucker(KKT) conditions are first-order conditions for a solution in nonlinear programming to be optimal, provided that some regularity conditions are satisfied. In this question, you will be solving the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y} \quad & f(x,y) = 2x + 5y^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_1(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 \leq 4 \\ & g_2(x,y) = y \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Specify the Lagrange function [2 pts]

**Solution**

The Lagrangian is  $L(x, y, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = f(x) + \lambda_1(g_1(x)) + \lambda_2(g_2(x)) = 2x + 5y^2 + \lambda_1(x^2 + y^2 - 4) + \lambda_2(y - 1)$

- (b) List the KKT conditions [2 pts]

**Solution**

Stationary:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10y \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

So we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 + 2\lambda_1 x \\ 10y + 2\lambda_1 y + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Primal feasibility:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 - 4 &\leq 0 \\ y - 1 &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Dual feasibility:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$$

Complementary slackness:

$$\lambda_1(x^2 + y^2 - 4) = 0$$

and

$$\lambda_2(y - 1) = 0$$



- (c) Solve for 4 possibilities formed by each constraint being active or inactive [5 pts]

**Solution**

1) Only nonlinear constraint is active:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0 \text{ and } y - 1 \leq 0.$$

$\lambda_2 = 0$  (complementary slackness) Further more, from complementary slackness,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10y \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

So we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 + 2\lambda_1 x \\ 10y + 2\lambda_1 y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$x = -\frac{1}{\lambda_1}$  and  $y(\lambda_1 + 5) = 0$  So,  $y = 0$  or  $\lambda_1 = -5$ . The latter is not possible because Lagrange multipliers cannot be negative. Hence,  $y = 0$  is acceptable. From nonlinear constraint,  $x = +2$  or  $x = -2$ . Since  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$ ,  $x_1 = -2$ . so we have  $(-2, 0)$  and  $f(-2, 0) = 2 \times (-2) + 0 = -4$

2) Only linear constraint is active:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0 \text{ and } y = 1.$$

$\lambda_1 = 0$  (complementary slackness) Further, from complementary slackness,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10y \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

So we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10y + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

So, no solution exist!

3) Both constraints are active:

$x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0$  and  $y - 1 = 0$ . So,  $y = 1$  and  $x = \sqrt{3}$  and  $x = -\sqrt{3}$  so we have  $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$ ,  $(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$ .

$$\text{So: } f(\sqrt{3}, 1) = 5 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(-\sqrt{3}, 1) = 5 - 2\sqrt{3}$$

The function is minimized at  $f(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$

4) Both constraints are inactive: Due to complementary slackness  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

So, no solution exist.

- (d) List all candidate points [4 pts]

**Solution:**

All candidate points are  $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$ ,  $(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$ ,  $(-2, 0)$

- (e) Find the candidate point for which  $f(x,y)$  has the maximum value. Check if  $L(x,y)$  is concave or convex at this point. [2 pts]

**Solution:**

$$f(\sqrt{3}, 1) = 5 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(-\sqrt{3}, 1) = 5 - 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f(-2, 0) = -4$$

The function gets its max in  $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$  and min in  $(-2, 0)$

To decide if  $L(x,y)$  is convex or concave, we need to compute the second derivative of  $L(x,y)$ . If positive it is convex and if negative it is concave. alternatively we can compute Hessian matrix. At  $(-2,0)$  the function is convex as hessian is positive.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For computing Hessian I used Hessian calculator: <https://www.wolframalpha.com/widgets/view.jsp?id=3d7a13b30d8ebcdf80063f3d5633f18c>

## 4 Maximum Likelihood [10 + 15 + 15 pts]

### 4.1 Discrete Example [10 pts]

Suppose we have two types of coins, A and B. The probability of a Type A coin showing heads is  $\theta$ . The probability of a Type B coin showing heads is  $2\theta$ . Here, we have a bunch of coins of either type A or B. Each time, we choose one coin and flip it. We do this experiment 10 times, and the results are shown in the chart below. (**Hint:** The probabilities aforementioned are for the particular sequence below.)

Coin Type	Result
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Head
A	Head
B	Head
B	Head
B	Tail

- (a) What is the likelihood of the result given  $\theta$ ? [3pts]

**Solution** The results for A are 5 Tails and 2 Heads and for B are 2 Heads and 1 Tail. So:

$$L(\theta) = \theta^2 \times (1 - \theta)^5 \times (2\theta)^2 \times (1 - 2\theta) = (1 - \theta)^5 \times (1 - 2\theta) \times 4\theta^4$$

- (b) What is/are the maximum likelihood estimation(s) for  $\theta$ ? [7pts]

$$L(\theta) = (1 - \theta)^5 \times (1 - 2\theta) \times 4\theta^4$$

$$\log L(\theta) = 5 \log(1 - \theta) + \log(1 - 2\theta) + \log 4 + 4 \log \theta$$

$$\frac{\sigma \log L(\theta)}{\sigma \theta} = 0$$

So:

$$\frac{4}{\theta} - \frac{5}{1 - \theta} - \frac{2}{1 - 2\theta} = 0$$

Accordingly:

$$\frac{20\theta^2 - 19\theta + 4}{(\theta - 1)(\theta)(2\theta - 1)} = 0$$

So we have:  $\theta = \frac{19}{40} + \frac{\sqrt{41}}{40}$  or  $\theta = \frac{19}{40} - \frac{\sqrt{41}}{40}$ .

$\theta = \frac{19}{40} + \frac{\sqrt{41}}{40}$  makes the probability  $2\theta \geq 1$ , which is impossible!

## 4.2 Normal distribution [15 pts]

Suppose we are given some points  $(x, y)$ . Suppose we know that there is a linear relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ , that is,  $y = mx + c$  for some  $m, c$ . However, as is often the case with real-world data, we can only observe corrupted outputs  $y' = y + z$ , where  $z$  is noise. Here  $y$  represents the real values and  $y'$  are the observed, noisy values.

We assume that the noise is Gaussian with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ . So,

$$z \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$$

1. Assume there is just one sample  $(x_1, y'_1)$ . Given  $x_1, m$  and  $c$ , find the likelihood of this sample. [5 pts]

**Solution:**

$$y_1 = mx_1 + c, \text{ and } y' = y + z. \text{ So: } z = y'_1 - mx_1 - c.$$

$$\text{Accordingly, } P(y'|m, c, x_1) = P(y' - y_1|m, c, x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y'_1 - mx_1 - c)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

2. Now, assume we are given  $n$  such values  $(x_i, y'_i)$ . Assume  $c = 0$ . What is the likelihood of this data given  $m$ ? [5 pts]

$$\text{since } c = 0 \text{ we have } P(y'_i|m, x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y'_i - mx_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}. \text{ Since we have } n \text{ sample: } P(y'|m, x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y'_i - mx_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right]^n e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y'_i - mx_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

3. Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $m$ . [5 pts]

**Hint:** To maximize the likelihood, what should be the derivative of log likelihood?

**Solution:**

$$\log AB = \log A + \log B$$

The base of log is e

$$\log P(y'|m, x) = \log\left(\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right]^n e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y'_i - mx_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right) =$$

$$-n \log(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}) - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y'_i - mx_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

We take derivative and make it zero.

$$\frac{\sigma \log P(y'|m, x)}{\sigma m} = 0$$

Hence:

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y'_i - mx_i)(-x_i)}{2\sigma^2} = 0$$

. MLE value is  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y'_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

### 4.3 Exponential Distribution: Bonus for undergrads [15 pts]

There are  $n$  independent random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . The C.D.F of the variables is

$$P(X_i \leq x | \lambda_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda_i x}, & 0 \leq x \end{cases}$$

where  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ .

1. Write down the P.D.F of above independent random variables. [2pts]

**Solution:** By the theorem of calculus, the pdf is obtained by differentiating the cdf:  $f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx}$ . So:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{d(1 - e^{-\lambda_i x})}{dx} = \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

2. Calculate the expected value of distribution for a given  $i$ . (No need to show the calculations) [3 pts]

**Solution:**

$$E[X_i] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$$

3. Suppose we are given observations  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Assume  $n$  is even and all values are positive. Suppose

$$\lambda_i = \begin{cases} \lambda, & 0 \leq i \leq n/2 \\ 2\lambda, & n/2 + 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

Find Maximum Likelihood Estimator for  $\lambda$ , given these values. [6pts]

**Hint:** To maximize the likelihood, what should be the derivative of log likelihood? [6pts]

**Solution:**

$$P(X_i = x_i) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i}, & 0 \leq i \leq n/2 \\ 2\lambda e^{-2\lambda x_i}, & n/2 + 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$L(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{n/2} \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i} \prod_{i=n/2+1}^n 2\lambda e^{-2\lambda x_i} = 2^{n/2} \lambda^n e^{-\lambda [\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} x_i + \sum_{i=n/2+1}^n 2x_i]}$$

$$\log(2^{n/2}) + n \log \lambda - \lambda [\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} x_i + \sum_{i=n/2+1}^n 2x_i]$$

By derivation we have:

$$\frac{\sigma \log L(x)}{\sigma \lambda} = 0$$

$$0 + \frac{n}{\lambda} - [\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} x_i + \sum_{i=n/2+1}^n 2x_i] = 0$$

$$\text{So we have: } \lambda = \frac{n}{[\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} x_i + \sum_{i=n/2+1}^n 2x_i]}$$

4. Assume  $\lambda_1 = \lambda$ . What is the MLE for  $\lambda$  for  $n = 1$  variable? Can you find a relation between this value and the expected value of the variable? [4 pts]

**Solution:**

In this case, we have only one variable. So we have

$$L(x_0) = \lambda e^{(-\lambda x_0)}$$

By derivation we have:

$$\frac{\sigma \log L(x)}{\sigma \lambda} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} - x_0 = 0 \text{ so: } \lambda = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

$$\text{On the other hand } E[X1] = \int_0^x \lambda x e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda} = x_0$$

So, the variable and its expected value should be equal.

## 5 Information Theory [35 pts]

### 5.1 Marginal Distribution [5pts]

Suppose the joint probability distribution of two binary random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are given as follows.  $X$  are the rows and  $Y$  are the columns.

$X Y$	0	1
0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$
1	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

- (a) Show the marginal distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. [3pts]

**Solution:**

$$P(X = 0) = P(X = 0|Y = 0) + P(X = 0|Y = 1) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(X = 1) = P(X = 1|Y = 0) + P(X = 1|Y = 1) = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(Y = 0) = P(Y = 0|X = 0) + P(Y = 0|X = 1) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(Y = 1) = P(Y = 1|X = 0) + P(Y = 1|X = 1) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

- (b) Find mutual information for the joint probability distribution in the previous question [3pts]

$X Y$	0	1	
0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$
1	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$
	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	1

**Solution:**

We know  $I(X, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

$$H(Y) = P(Y = 0) \log \frac{1}{P(Y=0)} + P(Y = 1) \log \frac{1}{P(Y=1)} = \frac{3}{5} \times \log \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{5} \times \log \frac{5}{2} = 0.97$$

$$H(Y|X = 0) = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \log(2) = 1$$

$$H(Y|X = 1) = \frac{2}{3} \times \log(\frac{3}{2}) + \frac{1}{3} \times \log(3) = 0.92$$

$$H(Y|X) = P(X = 0)H(Y|X = 0) + P(X = 1)H(Y|X = 1) = \frac{2}{5} \times 1 + \frac{3}{5} \times 0.92 = 0.95$$

$$\text{So: } I(X, Y) = 0.02$$

## 5.2 Mutual Information and Entropy [20pts]

Given a dataset as below.

<i>Sr.No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Immunity</i>	<i>Travelled?</i>	<i>UnderlyingConditions</i>	<i>Self – quarantine?</i>
1	<i>young</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>
2	<i>young</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>
3	<i>middleaged</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
4	<i>senior</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
5	<i>senior</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
6	<i>senior</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>
7	<i>middleaged</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>
8	<i>young</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>
9	<i>young</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>
10	<i>senior</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
11	<i>young</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>
12	<i>middleaged</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>yes</i>
13	<i>middleaged</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>
14	<i>senior</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>

We want to decide whether an individual working in an essential services industry should be allowed to work or self-quarantine. Each input has four features ( $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ ): Age, Immunity, Travelled, Underlying Conditions. The decision (quarantine vs does not quarantine) is represented as  $Y$ .

- (a) Find entropy  $H(Y)$ . [3pts]

**Solution:**

In case of no:  $P(Y) = \frac{6}{14}$ . In case of yes:  $P(Y) = \frac{8}{14}$ .

$$H(Y) = H(8/14, 6/14) = 0.98$$

- (b) Find conditional entropy  $H(Y|x_1)$ ,  $H(Y|x_4)$ , respectively. [8pts]

**Solution:**

$$P(Y = \text{yes}|x_1 = \text{young}) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P(Y = \text{yes}|x_1 = \text{senior}) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(Y = \text{yes}|x_1 = \text{middleaged}) = 1$$

$$H(Y|x_1)$$

$$H(Y|x_1 = \text{young}) = H\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right) = 0.72$$



$$H(Y|x1 = senior) = H(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5}) = 0.97$$

$$H(Y|x1 = middleaged) = H(1, 0) = 0$$

$$H(Y|x1) = P(x1 = young) \times H(Y|x1 = young) + P(x1 = senior) \times H(Y|x1 = senior) + P(x1 = middleaged) \times H(Y|x1 = middleaged)$$

$$= \frac{5}{14} \times 0.72 + \frac{5}{14} \times 0.97 + 0 = 0.60$$

$$H(Y|x4)$$

$$H(Y|x4) = P(x4 = yes) \times H(Y|x4 = yes) + P(x4 = no) \times H(Y|x4 = no)$$

$$= \frac{8}{14} \times 0.9544 + \frac{6}{14} \times 1 = 0.97$$

- (c) Find mutual information  $I(x_1, Y)$  and  $I(x_4, Y)$  and determine which one ( $x_1$  or  $x_4$ ) is more informative. [4pts]

$$I(x1, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x1) = 0.98 - 0.60 = 0.38$$

$$I(x4, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x4) = 0.98 - 0.97 = 0.01$$

Since  $I(x_1, Y) > I(x_4, Y)$ ,  $x_1$  provides more information.

- (d) Find joint entropy  $H(Y, x_3)$ . [4pts]

$$H(Y, x3) = P(Y = yes, x3 = yes) \times \log(\frac{1}{P(Y=yes, x3=yes)}) + P(Y = no, x3 = no) \times \log(\frac{1}{P(Y=no, x3=no)}) + P(Y = no, x3 = yes) \times \log(\frac{1}{P(Y=no, x3=yes)}) + P(Y = yes, x3 = no) \times \log(\frac{1}{P(Y=yes, x3=no)}) = 1.92$$

### 5.3 Entropy Proofs [10 pts]

- (a) Prove that  $I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$ .

**Solution1** First Proof:

$$H(X) - H(X|Y) = -\sum_x pX(x) \log(pX(x)) + \sum_y pY(y) \sum_x [pX|Y(x, y) \log(pX|Y(x, y))] = \sum_y \sum_x pX, Y(x, y) \log(pX|Y(x, y)) - \sum_y \sum_x pX, Y(x, y) \log(pX(x)) = \sum_y \sum_x pX, Y(x, y) \log[\frac{pX, Y(x, y)}{(pY(y)pX(x))}] = \sum_y \sum_x pX, Y(x, y) \log[\frac{pY|X(x, y)}{(pY(y))}] = -\sum_x \sum_y pX, Y(x, y) \log(pY(y)) + \sum_x \sum_y pX, Y(x, y) \log(pY|X(x, y))$$

The last statement is exactly the one used for  $H(X) - H(X|Y)$  with replacing  $x$  with  $y$  and vice versa. So that means the last one is equal to  $H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

**Solution2**

Second Proof: We know  $I(X, Y)$  and  $I(Y, X)$  are equal. So, by changing  $X$  to  $Y$  and  $Y$  to  $X$  we have:

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) = I(Y, X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

(b) Prove that  $H(X, Y) = H(X|Y) + H(Y|X) + I(X, Y)$ .

**Hint:** You can use the formula for relation between joint and conditional entropy to deduce one part from the other.

**Solution**

$$1) I(X, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$2) I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

By adding (1), (2) we have: 3)  $2I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) + H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

Also we know :

$$4) H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X)$$

$$5) H(X, Y) = H(Y) + H(X|Y)$$

By adding (4), (5) we have: 6)  $2H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(X|Y) + H(Y) + H(Y|X)$

By subtracting (3) from (6) we have:

$$2H(X, Y) - 2I(X, Y) = 2H(X|Y) + 2H(Y|X)$$

So:

$$H(X, Y) = H(X|Y) + H(Y|X) + I(X, Y)$$

## 6 Bonus for All [20 pts]

- (a) If a random variable  $X$  has a Poisson distribution with mean 5, then calculate the expectation  $E[(2X - 3)^2]$  [5 pts]

**Solution** For Poisson distribution,  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X]$ . With that we have:  
 $E[(2X - 3)^2] = E[4X^2 - 12X + 9] = 4E[X^2] - 12E[X] + E[9] = 4(E[X^2] - E[X]^2) + 4E[X]^2 - 12E[X] + E[9] = 4\text{Var}(X) + 4 \times 5^2 + 9 - 60 = 69$

- (b) Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint pdf given by [5 pts]

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2y}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, y \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What are the marginal probability density functions for  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

**Solution**

It is obvious for  $x < 0$ ,  $f_X(x) = 0$ , otherwise when  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  we have:  
 $f_X(x) = \int_{y=0}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_{y=0}^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} dy = 1$

Also, It is obvious for  $y < 0$ ,  $f_Y(y) = 0$ , otherwise when  $y \geq 0$  we have:

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{x=0}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx = \int_{x=0}^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} dx = 2e^{-2y}$$

- (c) Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are distributed according to

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x + y), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What is the probability  $P(X+Y \leq 1)$ ? [5 pts]

**Solution**

$$P(X + Y \leq 1) = \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{1-x} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{1-x} (x + y) dx dy = \int_{x=0}^1 \left( \frac{1+x^2-2x}{2} + x - x^2 \right) dx dy = \frac{1}{3}$$

- (d) You are observing an intersection that wild llamas frequently pass through. You are stationary. Each time a llama arrives at this intersection you write down the time of arrival – you notice these arrival times follow a Poisson distribution. Lamas arrive at this intersection at a rate of 900 llamas per hour. Let us define a gap in llama arrivals as the time difference between two subsequent (one-after-the-other) llamas arriving at the intersection. Find the probability that a gap in llama arrivals is greater than 8 seconds. [5 pts]

**Solution**

Lamas arrival rate at the intersection  $\frac{900}{1h} = \frac{900}{3600s} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$  Accordingly, the pdf of the Lamas arrival rate is  $0.25e^{-0.25t}$

$$P(X > 8) = \int_8^{\infty} 0.25e^{-0.25t} dt = 0.13$$