

HW 2: Appendix B10-B16

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My physics teacher
saying that I have a
lot of potential that
I'm just not using

Me standing on top of
the school building,
about to prove him
wrong



1 B10:

Choose the limits to the integral B.18 to derive a more precise app. of $n!$

I am using the limits $(1, n+1/2)$ b/c at 0 the function approaches $-\infty$ and in Fig B.4 the histogram increases by $1/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(n!) &= \int_1^{n+1/2} \ln(x) dx = (x \ln(x) - x) \Big|_1^{n+1/2} = (n+1/2) \ln(n+1/2) - n - 1/2 - (0 - 1) \\ &= (n+1/2) \ln(n+1/2) - n + 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

T.S. for $\ln(n+1/2) = \ln(n(1+1/2n))$ is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(n) + \ln(1+1/2n) &= \ln(n) + 1/2n \therefore (n+1/2)(\ln(n) + 1/2n) - n + 1/2 \\ &= n \ln(n) + \ln(n)/2 + 1/2 + 1/4n + 1/2 - n = n \ln(n) + n^{1/2} + 1 - n + 1/4n \end{aligned}$$

where $1/4n$ approaches 0

$$n^n n^{1/2} e^1 e^{-n} = \underline{(n/e)^n \sqrt{e^2 n}}$$

2 B11:

Prove $x^n e^{-x}$ reaches maximum value at $x=n$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n e^{-x} = 0 \rightarrow n x^{n-1} e^{-x} = x^n e^{-x} \rightarrow n x^{n-1} = x^n \therefore \underline{n = x^{n+1-n} = x}$$

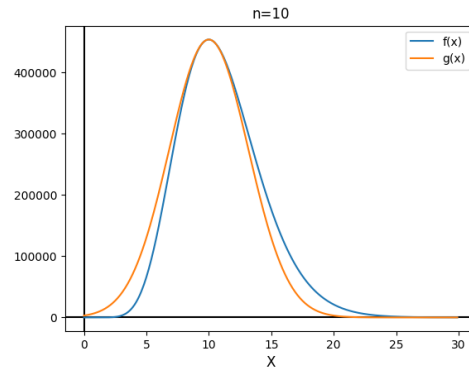
3 B12:

Plot the function $x^n e^{-x}$ and the Gaussian approximation to the function

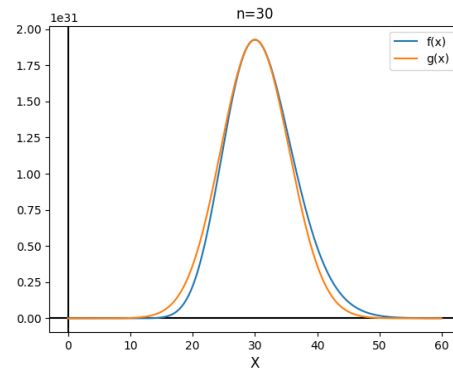
Here is my following code with the respective graph:

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import math as m
from scipy.optimize import fsolve

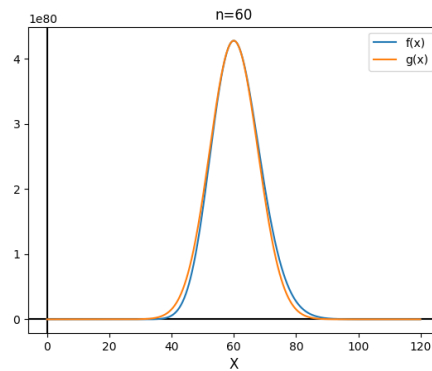
def plot1(n=10):
    x=np.arange(0,30,0.1)
    plt.axhline(color='k')
    plt.axvline(color='k')
    line1=plt.plot(x,x**n*np.exp(-x))
    line2=plt.plot(x,n**n*np.exp(-n)*np.exp(-(x-n)**2/(2*n)))
    plt.grid
    plt.xlabel('X',fontSize=12)
    plt.title('n=10')
    plt.legend((line1,line2), ('f(x)','g(x)'))
    return 0
plt.show
plt.savefig('n=10')
plot1()
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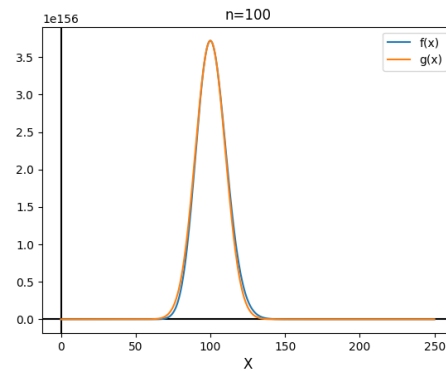
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def plot2(n=30):
    x=np.arange(0,60,0.1)
    plt.axhline(color='k')
    plt.axvline(color='k')
    line1=plt.plot(x,x**n*np.exp(-x))
    line2=plt.plot(x,n**n*np.exp(-n)*np.exp(-(x-n)**2/(2*n)))
    plt.grid
    plt.xlabel('X',fontsize=12)
    plt.title('n=30')
    plt.legend((line1,line2), ('f(x)', 'g(x)'))
    return 0
plt.show
plt.savefig('n=30')
plot2()
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```
def plot3(n=60):
    x=np.arange(0,120,0.1)
    plt.axhline(color='k')
    plt.axvline(color='k')
    line1=plt.plot(x,x**n*np.exp(-x))
    line2=plt.plot(x,n**n*np.exp(-n)*np.exp(-(x-n)**2/(2*n)))
    plt.grid
    plt.xlabel('X',fontsize=12)
    plt.title('n=60')
    plt.legend((line1,line2), ('f(x)', 'g(x)'))
    return 0
plt.show
plt.savefig('n=60')
plot3()
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def plot4(n=100):
    x=np.arange(0,250,0.1)
    plt.axhline(color='k')
    plt.axvline(color='k')
    line1=plt.plot(x,x**n*np.exp(-x))
    line2=plt.plot(x,n**n*np.exp(-n)*np.exp(-(x-n)**2/(2*n)))
    plt.grid
    plt.xlabel('X',fontsize=12)
    plt.title('n=100')
    plt.legend((line1,line2), ('f(x)', 'g(x)'))
    return 0
plt.show
plt.savefig('n=100')
plot4()
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4 B13:

Improve Stirling's Approximation by including more terms of the T.S.

Proving $n! \approx n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2n\pi} (1 + 1/12n)$

T.S. expansion for $\ln(1 + y/n)$ is the following:

$$\ln(1 + y/n) = \frac{y}{n} - \frac{y^2}{2n^2} + \frac{y^3}{3n^3} - \frac{y^4}{4n^4}$$

Plugging into Eq. B.21 we get:

$$\begin{aligned} n \ln(n) + n \left(\frac{y}{n} - \frac{y^2}{2n^2} + \frac{y^3}{3n^3} - \frac{y^4}{4n^4} \right) - n - y &= n \ln(n) - n - \frac{y^2}{2n} + \frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} \\ \therefore n^n e^{-n} e^{\frac{-y^2}{2n}} e^{\left(\frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Where the T.S of $e^{\left(\frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} \right)}$ is:

$$1 + \left(\frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} \right) + \left(\frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} \right)^2$$

b/c we are assuming $y = \sqrt{n}$, we cancel any terms that are $> y \therefore \frac{y^4}{4n^3}$ in the squared term $\rightarrow 0$ and you have $1 + \frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} + \frac{y^6}{18n^4}$ left, finally:

$$\underline{n^n e^{-n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2n} \left[1 + \frac{y^3}{3n^2} - \frac{y^4}{4n^3} + \frac{y^6}{18n^4} \right] dy} \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2n} dy = \sqrt{2n\pi}$$

Now integrating the rest of the sequence; from the Gaussian Substitution rules: $\frac{1}{3n^2} \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-ax^2} dx = 0$, b/c the exponential is odd, from question B.3a

$$\text{From problem B.2: } \frac{1}{4n^3} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{8a^{5/2}}$$

Using the last solution and differentiating it:

$$\frac{1}{18n^4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} x^4 e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{18n^4} \int_0^{\infty} x^6 e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{16a^{7/2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore n^n e^{-n} \left[\sqrt{2n\pi} - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{16n^3 a^{5/2}} + \frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{144n^4 a^{7/2}} \right], a = 1/2n &\rightarrow n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2n\pi} \left[1 - \frac{3(2n)^{4/2}}{16n^3} + \frac{15(2n)^{6/2}}{144n^4} \right] \\ = n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2n\pi} \left[1 - \frac{12}{16n} + \frac{120}{144n} \right] &= n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2n\pi} \left[1 - \frac{3}{4n} + \frac{5}{6n} \right] = \underline{n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2n\pi} \left[1 + \frac{1}{12n} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

For $n=1$: $1 \cdot e^{-1} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot 13/12 = 0.9989 \approx \underline{1!}$

For $n=10$: $10^{10} \cdot e^{-10} \cdot \sqrt{20\pi} \cdot 121/120 = 3,628,684.7 \approx \underline{10!}$

5 B14:

5.1 Check the formula B.28 for $n=0,1$:

$$\text{For } n=0: \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(1/2)}{\Gamma(1)} = \pi \text{ AND } n=1: \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(3/2)} = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(1/2)} = \underline{2}$$

5.2 Show that $\int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta = \frac{n-1}{n} \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(\theta)^n &= (\sin(\theta))^{n-2}(1-\cos(\theta)^2) \rightarrow \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta - \int_0^\pi \cos(\theta)(\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta)^{n-2}) d\theta \\
&\rightarrow IBP : u = \cos(\theta) \text{ and } dv = \cos(\theta)\sin(\theta)^{n-2} \\
\therefore \cos(\theta) \frac{\sin(\theta)^{n-1}}{n-1} \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta) \frac{\sin(\theta)^{n-1}}{n-1} d\theta &= \frac{1}{n-1} \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta \\
\rightarrow \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta - \frac{1}{n-1} \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta &= \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta \\
\rightarrow [1 + \frac{1}{n-1}] \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta &= \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta \\
\therefore \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta &= \frac{n}{n-1} \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

5.3 Using .1 and .2 prove formula B.28 by induction:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{From .2: } \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^{n-2} d\theta &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{n-2}{2} + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-2}{2} - 1)} \frac{n-1}{n} = \int_0^\pi \sin(\theta)^n d\theta \\
\rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})(n-1)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})n} &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2 - 1/2)(n/2 - 1/2)}{\Gamma(n/2)(n/2)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2 - 1/2 + 1)}{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2 + 1/2)}{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

6 B15:

A cleaner and trickier derivation to EQ. B.25

6.1 Evaluate in Cartesian, proving the integrand

$e^{-r^2} = \pi^{d/2}$ **for ALL dimensions:**

$$\begin{aligned}
b/c \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-x^2} dx &= \pi^{1/2}, d=1 \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{(-x_1^2 - x_2^2)} dx_1 dx_2 = \pi^{2/2} = \pi, d=2 \\
&\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{(-x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2)} dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 = \pi^{3/2}, d=3 \\
\therefore \int e^{-r^2} dx^d &= [\int e^{-x^2} dx]^d = \pi^{d/2}
\end{aligned}$$

6.2 Integrate in dimensional spherical:

$$(\int e^{-x^2} dx)^d = \int e^{-r^2} dr$$

b/c we are using spherical coordinates, we need the area and using dimensional analysis we know area is proportional to the radius:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} A_d(r) dr, A_d(r) \propto r^{d-1} \rightarrow \int_0^\infty r^{d-1} e^{-r^2} A_d(r) dr$$

From the question, we see $A_d(1)$, meaning $r=1$ for the given factor:

$$\therefore A_d(1) \int_0^\infty r^{d-1} e^{-r^2} dr$$

6.3 Evaluate the previous integral w.r.t r in terms of $\Gamma(x)$

constraining a few variables, $c = r^2, dr = dc/2r \therefore r^{d-1} \cdot r^{-1} = r^{d-2}, u = d - 2$

$$\rightarrow \frac{A_d(1)}{2} \int_0^\infty c^{u/2} e^{-c} dc, n = u/2$$

$$\text{From EQ. B.12 } \int_0^\infty c^n e^{-c} dc \equiv \Gamma(n+1)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{A_d(1)}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d-2}{2} + 1\right) = \frac{A_d(1)}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) = \pi^{d/2}$$

$$A_d(1) = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \therefore A_d(r) = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} r^{d-1}$$

7 B16:

Derive a formula for the volume of a d-dimensional hyper-sphere

$$\text{Area} = A_d(r) \text{ AND Width} = r \therefore dV = A_d(r) dr$$

$$\int dV = \int A_d(r) dr \rightarrow V = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \int r^{d-1} dr = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \cdot \frac{r^d}{d}$$