

Assignment 0

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Simple exercises

1. Find the value x that maximizes $f(x) = -3x^2 + 24x - 30$
 $f'(x) = -6x + 24$
 $f_{max} : -6x + 24 = 0$
 $x = 4$
 $f''(x) = -6 < 0$
hence $x = 4$ is a value that maximize f
2. Find the partial derivatives of $g(x)$ with respect to x_0 and x_1 : $g(x) = 3x_0^3 - 2x_0x_1^2 + 4x_1 - 8$
 $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_0} = 9x_0^2 - 2x_1^2$
 $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1} = -4x_0x_1 + 4$
3. What is the value of $AB^T + C^{-1}$, if the following define A, B, and C? Use Matlab to check your answer

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transpose B; invert C using Cramer's rule:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} C^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 * 2 - 0 * 0} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB^T + C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 * 1 + 4 * 2 + 5 * 3 & 3 * 4 + 4 * 5 + 5 * 6 \\ 6 * 1 + 7 * 2 + 8 * 3 & 6 * 4 + 7 * 5 + 8 * 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Simplifying:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 26 & 62 \\ 44 & 107 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 62 \\ 44 & 107.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Write down the mathematical definitions of the simple Gaussian, multivariate Gaussian, Bernoulli, binomial and exponential distributions.

Gaussian (Normal) distribution:

$$f(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Multivariate Gaussian distribution:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k |\Sigma|}} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)}$$

Bernoulli distribution:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1-p & : n=0 \\ p & : n=1 \end{cases}$$

Binomial distribution:

$$P_p(n|N) = \binom{N}{n} p^n q^{N-n} = \frac{N!}{n!(N-n)!} p^n (1-p)^{N-n}$$

Exponential distribution:

$$f(x) = \lambda \exp^{-\lambda x}$$

5. What is the relationship between the Bernoulli and binomial distributions?

The binomial distribution gives the discrete probability distribution $P_p(n|N)$ of obtaining exactly n successes out of N Bernoulli trials (each with p of success).

In other words, given sequence of N independent events what is the probability that n would turn out to be success?

6. Suppose that random variable $X \sim N(1, 3)$. What is its expected value?

Answer: 1. Since $N(1, 3)$ denotes normal distr with $\mu = 1$.

7. Suppose that random variable Y has distribution:

$$p(Y = y) = \begin{cases} \exp(-y) & : y \geq 0 \\ 0 & : otherwise \end{cases}$$

- Verify that $\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(Y = y) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \exp^{-x} &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} -\exp^{-x} \Big|_0^a \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} -1(\exp^{-a} - \exp^0) \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} -1\left(\frac{1}{\exp^a} - 1\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(y)$ equals 1 for $y \geq 0$, and trivially 0 otherwise; thus infinite integral equal 1.

- Mean:

$$\mu_Y = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(y)y dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y}{\exp^y} = 1$$

- Var:

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}[Y] = \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(y)(y - \mu_Y)^2 dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{\exp^y} = 1$$

8. What is $E[Y|Y \geq 10]$?

$$E[Y|Y \geq 10] = \int_{y=10}^{\infty} p(y) dy = -(y+1)e^{-y} \Big|_{10}^{\infty} = 0 - (-11e^{-10}) = 0.000499399$$

1 Formatting example

Verify that $\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(Y=y) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} p(Y=y) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 \, dy + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \, dy \\ &= -e^{-y} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= 0 - (-1) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$