Statistical Pattern Recognition
Assignment 1

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Abstract

This is an introductory assignment to the world of *Statistics* and *Probability* in the world of *Pattern Recognition*. We'll introduce some key concepts like *Probability Distribution Function, Cumulative Distribution Function, Probability Density Function, Probability Mass Function, Joint Probability Density Function, Joint Cumulative Density Function, Marginal Density* & more details as the probabilistic point of view. Furthermore, we'll review the concepts of *Expected Value, Variance, Standard Deviation, Covariance & Correlation of Random Variables(e.g. Random Vectors), Univariate & Multivariate Gaussian Distribution, Total Probability & Bayes Theorem, Geometric & Mahalanobis Distances, Central Limit Theorem, Independence & Correlation* as the statistics point of view. Also, a principal concept called *Linear Transformation* is discussed. The relationship between these fields is far more important than each separately.

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Practical & Theoretical Problems

1. Expectation & Variance

A random variable X has $E(X) = -4$ and $E(X^2) = 30$. Let $Y = -3X + 7$. Compute the following.

(a) $V(X)$

(b) $V(Y)$

(c) $E((X+5)^2)$

(d) $E(Y^2)$

Solution

The main equation to calculate the *Variance* of a random variable X is given in 1.1.

$$V(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2] \tag{1.1}$$

Expanding the equation 1.1, we'll have the equation 1.2 using simple calculus.

$$V(X) = E[X^2 + E[X]^2 - 2XE[X]]$$
$$V(X) = E[X^2] + E[X]^2 - 2E[X]^2$$
$$V(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \tag{1.2}$$

(a) The equation 1.2 can be conducted directly to compute the *Variance*. Replacing the values from the problem description we get the following as result.

$$V(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$V(X) = 30 - 16 = 14$$

(b) It is important to mention the *Linearity* of *Expectation* operator as formally described in 1.3.

$$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b \tag{1.3}$$

Using property 1.3, we can write the *V(Y)* as

$$V(Y) = V(-3X + 7) = E[(-3X + 7)^2] - E[-3X + 7]^2$$
$$V(Y) = E[9X^2 + 49 - 42X] - E[-3X + 7]^2$$
$$V(Y) = 9E[X^2] + E[49] - 42E[X] - 9E[X]^2 - E[49]$$
$$V(Y) = 9 * 30 + 49 - 42 * (-4) - 9 * 30 - 49$$
$$V(Y) = 168$$