

Maths primer

Exercises prefixed with **T** are to be explained by the tutor in the tutorial. The **H** prefix is for the homework questions.

The maths primer slides (file `maths_primer.pdf` on ISIS) could be helpful for solving the questions in this sheet.

Exercise T1.1: Learning paradigms

(tutorial)

- Describe the difference between *supervised*, *unsupervised*, and *reinforcement learning*.
- Which of the above learning techniques would be most appropriate in the following cases and what would be the corresponding *observations*, *labels* and/or *rewards*?
 - To identify groups of users with the same taste of music.
 - To read hand written addresses from letters.
 - To teach a robot to walk through a labyrinth.

Exercise T1.2: Additional maths background (optional)

(tutorial)

More topics of the maths primer (than what is covered in the homework) can be discussed on-demand.

Exercise H1.1: Distributions and expected values (homework, 2 points)

Let X be a random variable with probability density $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} c \cdot \sin(x), & x \in [0, \pi] \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- Determine the parameter value $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $p(x)$ is indeed a probability density.
- Determine the expected value $\langle X \rangle_p$
- Determine the variance of X .

Hint: Use the identity $\text{var}(X) = \langle X^2 \rangle_p - \langle X \rangle_p^2$ for simplicity.

$$\text{a)} \int_0^\pi c \cdot \sin(x) dx = c \cdot [-\cos(x)]_0^\pi = 2c = 1$$

$c = 1/2$

value is an integral of a position weighted by distribution, hence

$$\text{b)} E(X) = \int_0^\pi x p(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x(-\cos(x)) \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \cos(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[x(-\cos(x)) \Big|_0^\pi + \sin(x) \Big|_0^\pi \right] = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Variance is an estimated value of a squared deviation

$$\begin{aligned}
c) \quad \text{var}(x) &= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \int_0^\pi x^2 \sin x \, dx = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[x^2 (-\cos x) \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi x \cos x \, dx \right] - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi^2 (+1) - 0 + \int_0^\pi x d(\sin x) \right] - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi^2 + x \sin x \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx \right] - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\pi^2 + \cos x \Big|_0^\pi \right] - \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\
&= \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \left(-2 \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{4} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

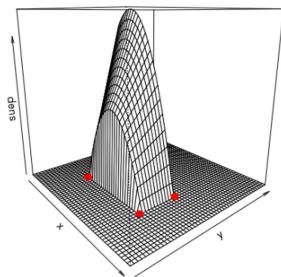
Calculating by parts
(from the derivative
of the product rule)

Exercise H1.2: Marginal densities

(homework, 2 points)

Assume the joint probability density of a two-dimensional random vector $Z = (X, Y)^\top$ is

$$p_Z(z) = p_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{7}(2-x)(x+y), & x \in [0,2], y \in [0,1] \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$



(a) Write down the marginal densities $p_X(x)$ and $p_Y(y)$ of the variables X and Y .

(b) Determine if the two variables are independent or uncorrelated.

$$\begin{aligned}
a) \quad p_X(x) &= \int_0^1 p_Z(z) \, dy = \frac{3}{7} \int_0^1 (2-x)(x+y) \, dy \\
&= \frac{3}{7} (2-x) \int_0^1 (x+y) \, dy \\
&= \frac{3}{7} (2-x) \left[xy + \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \right] \\
&= \frac{3}{7} (2-x) \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_Z(z) dz \\
 &= \int_0^2 \frac{3}{7} (2-x)(x+y) dx \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \int_0^2 (2x + 2y - x^2 - xy) dx \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{2x^2}{2} + 2xy - \frac{x^3}{3} - xy^2 \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{2x^2}{2} + 2xy - \frac{x^2y}{2} - xy^2 \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{4+4y-2y-8}{3} \right] \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{4+2y}{3} \right] = \left(\frac{4}{7} + \frac{6y}{7} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

b) Observing,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y) &= \frac{3}{7} \left[(2-x) \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \frac{1}{7} \left[4+6y \right] \\
 &= \frac{3}{49} (2-x) (4x + 6xy + 2 + 3y) \\
 &\neq P_{X,Y}(x,y) \Rightarrow \text{correlated}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_V(x,y) &:= \iint p_{X,Y}(x,y) \cdot x \cdot y \, dx \, dy - \left[\int_x p_X(x) \, dx \right] \left[\int_y p_Y(y) \, dy \right] \\
 &= \int_{x,y} \frac{3}{7} (2-x)(x+y) \, x \, y \, dx \, dy - \left[\int_x \frac{3}{7} (2-x) \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right) \, x \, dx \right] \left[\int_y \left(\frac{4}{7} + \frac{6y}{7} \right) \, dy \right] \\
 &= \int_{x,y} \frac{3}{7} (2-x) x \, dx \int_y (x+y) \, dy - \frac{3}{7} \int_{x,y} \left(2x^2 + x - x^3 - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \, dx \int_y \left(\frac{4y}{7} + \frac{6y^2}{7} \right) \, dy \\
 &= \int_{x,y} \frac{3}{7} (2-x) x \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{3} \right) \, dx - \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^2 \left[\frac{4y^2}{7 \cdot 2} + \frac{6y^3}{7 \cdot 3} \right] \\
 &- \int_{x,y} \frac{3}{7} (2-x) \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{3} \right) \, dx - \frac{3}{7} [4+2-4] \left[\frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \right] \\
 &- \frac{3}{7} \int_{x,y} \left(x^2 + 2x - \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^2}{3} \right) \, dx - \frac{3}{7} \frac{8}{7} \\
 &= \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x^4}{8} - \frac{x^3}{9} \right]_0^2 - \frac{24}{49} = \frac{3}{7} \left[\frac{8}{3} + \frac{4}{3} - 2 - \frac{8}{9} \right] - \frac{24}{49} \\
 &= \frac{1}{7} \left[\frac{24+12-18-8}{3} \right] - \frac{24}{49} \\
 &= \frac{14}{21} - \frac{24}{49} \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow dependent

Exercise H1.3: Taylor expansion

(homework, 1 point)

For the function $\sqrt{1+x}$, write down the Taylor series around $x_0 = 0$ up to 3rd order.

$$T_f^3 = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{6}(x-x_0)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0) &= \sqrt{1+x_0} = 1 \\ f'(x) &= (1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \therefore f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} (1+x)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \quad \therefore f''(x_0) = -\frac{1}{4} \\ f'''(x) &= \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \cdot (1+x)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \quad \therefore f'''(x_0) = \frac{3}{8} \\ \therefore T_f^3 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x) - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{3}{48}x^3 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise H1.4: Determinant of a matrix

(homework, 1 point)

Consider the 3×3 matrix

$$\underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & 16 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \\ -4 & -4 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate the determinant and the trace of \underline{A} (directly, not via eigenvalues).

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 5(-11+32) - 4(-88+64) - 4(64-16) \\ &= 5(21) - 4(-24) - 4(48) \\ &= 105 + 96 - 192 = 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Trace}(A) = 5 + 1 + -11 = -5$$

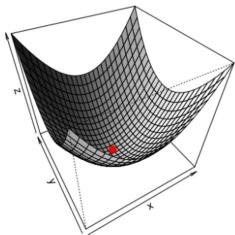
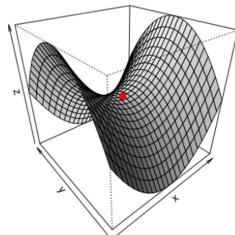
Exercise H1.5: Critical points
(homework, 2 points)

Consider the two functions

$$f(x, y) := c + x^2 + y^2$$

$$g(x, y) := c + x^2 - y^2,$$

 where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant.

f

g


- (a) Show that $\underline{a} = (0, 0)$ is a critical point of both functions.
 (b) Check for f and for g whether \underline{a} is a minimum, maximum, or no extremum by calculating the Hessian matrix. Make use of the fact that a matrix is positive (negative) definite if and only if all its eigenvalues are positive (negative).

a)

 " \underline{a} " is a critical point, if the derivatives are equal zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 2x, & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 2y & \vec{\nabla} f|_{0,0} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}|_{0,0} = \vec{0} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} &= 2x, & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} &= -2y & \vec{\nabla} g|_{0,0} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}|_{0,0} = \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

b)

As f is a polynomial, it is infinitely differentiable. It has an extremum at " \underline{a} " only if its Hessian matrix is strictly positive definite (local minimum) or strictly negative definite (local maximum). In other cases it has no extremum.

$$H_f = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} : \lambda = 2, \text{ multiplicity } 2 \\ \lambda > 0 \rightarrow \text{stable, minimum}$$

$$H_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} : \lambda = 2, \lambda = -2 \\ \text{unstable saddle point}$$

Exercise H1.6: Bayes rule
(homework, 2 points)

Assume it is known that 1% of the population suffer from a certain disease. A company has developed a test for diagnosing the disease, which comes up either positive ("+", disease found) or negative ("-", disease not found). People suffering from the disease (D) are diagnosed positive with probability 0.95, and healthy people (\bar{D}) are diagnosed negative with probability 0.99.

Apply Bayes' rule to find

(a) the probabilities that a person for which the test yielded a positive result is indeed suffering from the disease $P(D|+)$, respectively is healthy $P(\bar{D}|+)$.

(b) the probabilities that a person for which the test yielded a negative result is indeed healthy $P(\bar{D}|-)$, respectively is suffering from the disease $P(D|-)$.

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a \cap b)}{P(b)}$$

$$P(D) = 1\%, \quad P(\bar{D}) = 99\%$$

$$P(+|D) = 95\%, \quad P(-|\bar{D}) = 99.9\%$$

$$\Rightarrow P(-|D) = 5\%, \quad P(+|\bar{D}) = 0.1\%$$

a) $P(P|+) = \frac{P(+|D) \cdot P(D)}{P(+)} = \frac{95/10^4}{1049/10^5} = \frac{95 \cdot 10}{1049} \approx 0.906$,

$$P(D|+) = \frac{95/10^4}{1049/10^5} = \frac{95}{1049}$$

$$P(+) = P(D)P(+|D) + P(\bar{D})P(+|\bar{D})$$

$$= 1\% \cdot 95\% + 99\% \cdot 0.1\%$$

$$= \frac{95}{10000} + \frac{99}{100000} = \frac{1049}{100000}$$

$$P(\bar{D}|+) = \frac{P(+|\bar{D}) P(\bar{D})}{P(+)} = \frac{0.1/10^4 \cdot \frac{99}{100}}{1049/10^5} = \frac{99}{1049} \approx 0.0944$$

$$P(\bar{D}|+) + P(D|+) = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) P(D|-) &= \frac{P(-|D) \cdot P(D)}{P(-)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{5\%}{1049}}{1 - \frac{1049}{105}} = \frac{0.0000505}{P(D|-) + P(\bar{D}|-)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{D}|-) &= \frac{P(-|\bar{D}) \cdot P(\bar{D})}{P(-)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{99.9\%}{1049}}{1 - \frac{1049}{105}} = \underline{0.99949} \end{aligned}$$