

ECE:5450 - Homework 2

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Problem 1

We know that

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \mu = E[r] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \Sigma = E[(r - \mu)(r - \mu)^T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

and that Σ is diagonal because of the placement of 0, this means that x and y are independent. This means that we can split the value $E[x^2y]$ into

$$E[x^2y] = E[x^2] * E[y]$$

and solve them one at a time. For $E[x^2]$, we have x distributed as $P(x) = \mathcal{N}$:

$$E[x^2] = \text{Var}(x) + E[x]^2$$

We know that $E[x] = 1$ because we derive that from μ and that the $\text{Var}(x) = 1$ because the covariance matrix is diagonal and thus independent we can pull the 1 directly from it. So we get

$$E[x^2] = \text{Var}(x) + E[x]^2 = 1 + 1^2 = 2$$

For $E[y]$, we have y distributed as $P(y) = \mathcal{N}$ and we can see that

$$E[y] = 2$$

Thus,

$$E[x^2y] = E[x^2] * E[y] = 2 * 2 = \boxed{4}$$

Problem 2

- a. Since $p(x)$ is exponential we just need to maximize $-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x - \mu)$. To do this we need $(x - \mu) = 0$. So this exponential then becomes:

$$-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \sum_{-1}^{-1}(x - \mu) = 0$$

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Thus we get $\exp(0) = 1$ so,

$$x = \mu$$

TODO: come back to this part - unsure about this

b. part 2

c. part 3

Problem 3

1. We know $i = 1 \dots N$ and the sample mean $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$
2. Then we can find the expected value using the sample mean $E[\hat{\mu}]$.

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = E \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E[x_i]$$

3. Since each x_i comes from a Gaussian distribution with mean μ we know $E[x_i] = \mu$ for all i thus,

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mu = \frac{1}{N} * N\mu = \mu$$

4. Thus $E[\hat{\mu}] = \mu$ proving $\hat{\mu}$ is an unbiased estimator of the population mean μ .

Problem 4

Problem statement: Sample Mean of Gaussian Random Variables

Solution:

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