

# Homework #1

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Machine Learning

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## Problem 1

By using a change of variables, verify that the univariate Gaussian distribution given by:

$$N(x | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right\}$$

satisfies  $E(x) = \mu$ . Next, by differentiating both sides of normalization condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} N(x | \mu, \sigma^2) dx = 1$$

with respect to  $\sigma^2$ , verify that the Gaussian satisfies  $E(x^2) = \mu^2 + \sigma^2$ .

## Problem 2

Use  $E(x) = \mu$  to prove  $E(xx^T) = \mu\mu^T + \Sigma$ . Now, using the results two definitions, show that:

$$E[x_n x_m] = \mu\mu^T + I_{nm}\Sigma$$

where  $x_n$  denotes a data point same from a Gaussian distribution with mean  $\mu$  and covariance  $\Sigma$ , and  $I_{nm}$  denotes the  $(n, m)$  element of the identity matrix. Hence prove the result (2.124)

## Problem 3

Consider a linear model of the form:

$$f(x, w) = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^D w_i x_i$$

together with a sum of squares/loss function of the form:

$$L_D(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2$$

Now suppose that Gaussian noise  $\epsilon_i$  with zero mean and variance  $\sigma^2$  is added independently to each of the input variables  $x_i$ . By making use of  $E[\epsilon_i] = 0$  and  $E[\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] = \delta_{ij} \sigma^2$ , show that minimizing  $L_D$  averaged over the noise distribution is equivalent to minimizing the sum of square error for noise-free input variables with the addition of a weight-decay regularization term, in which the bias parameters  $w_0$  is omitted from the regularizer.