



Submission Deadline : 12/9/2021 20:00

Mid Sem Exam

**Q.1** Assume that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. sampled from a Gaussian likelihood  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

(a) What will be the likelihood of the sequence of observations

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \mu, \sigma)$$

(b) Can you calculate the MLEs for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ ?

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**Q.2**

I am giving you some incomplete code for gradient descent-based optimization. Here, *gradient* is a function passed as a parameter to the `gradient_descent` function. *Gradient* specifies the numerical value of the gradient at any  $x$  value passed to it.

```
def gradient_descent(gradient, init_, learn_rate, n_iter=50, tol=1e-06):  
    x = init_  
    for _ in range(n_iter):  
        delta = _____  
        if np.all(np.abs(delta) <= tol):  
            break  
        x += _____  
    return x
```

See below for an example of how to use this function to find the global minimum for the function  $y = 2x^2 + 3x + 5$

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gradient_descent(gradient=lambda v: 4 * v + 3, init_=4.0, learn_rate=0.2)
```

(a) Complete the function [2 marks]

(C) Can you modify the gradient descent algorithm I have defined above to create a stochastic gradient descent algorithm, with mini-batch capabilities? Write your answer as pseudo-code using all the variables defined in the code I have given you, plus whatever variables you need to define. [6 marks]

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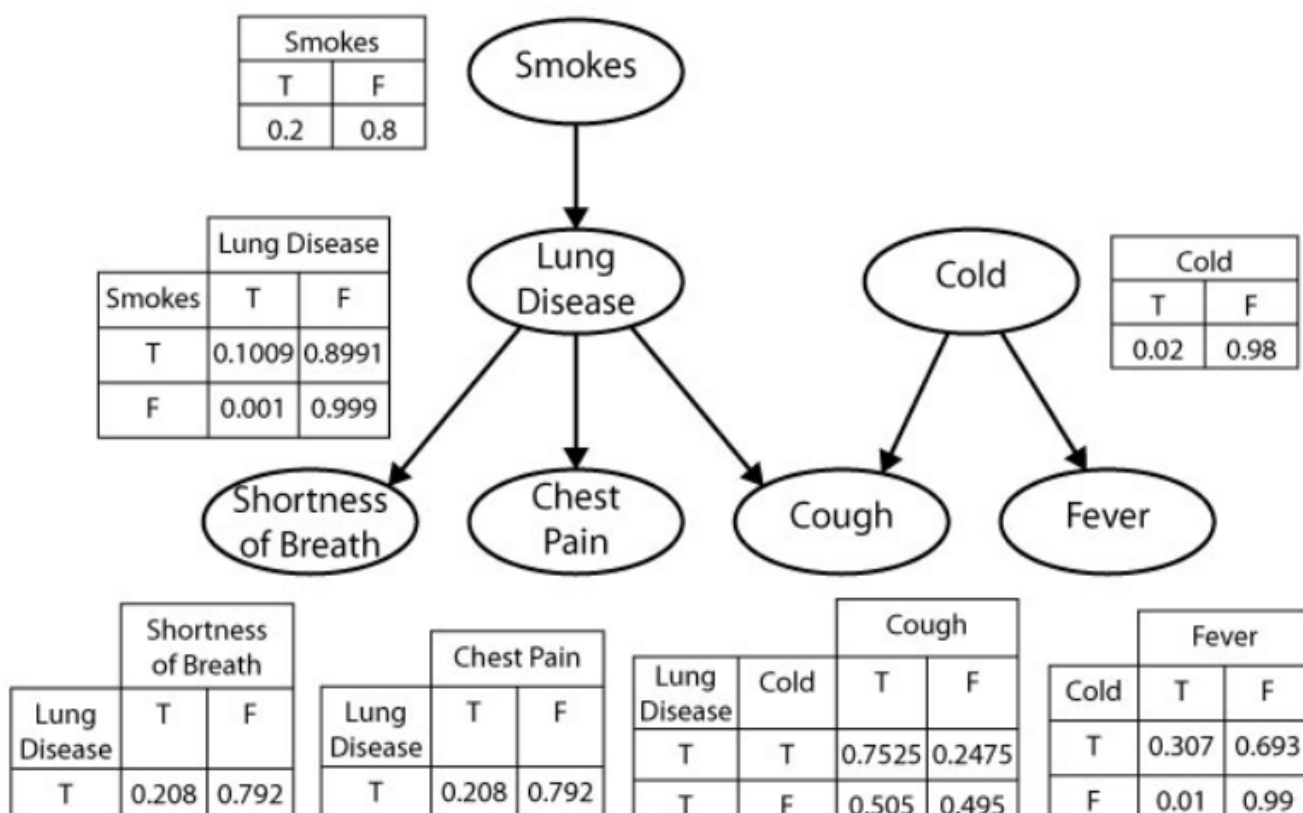
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### Q.3



I have specified a Bayesian network above using conditional probability tables. For conditional probability tables in this format – the conditioning variable values are listed along the rows on the left, the variable being conditioned is listed up top. The direction of arrows in the network specifies our understanding of causality in this system.

Calculate the following probabilities. Approximating to the first decimal place is fine, even in intermediate steps. Leaving the numbers uncalculated in the formula is also acceptable, but be aware that doing things this way will increase the chances of making mistakes.

The probability that someone may have a cold [1 mark]

The probability that someone may have lung disease [2 marks]

The probability that someone may have shortness of breath [2 marks]

The probability that someone who has a fever may have a cold [3 marks]

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**Q.4** Let  $C$  be a convex set and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p \geq 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i = 1$ . If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p \in C$  then prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i a_i \in C$$

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**Q.5** I took a standard deck of playing cards and replaced the queen of spades with an extra queen of diamonds. Now, I draw a card from this deck and consider the following three random events

X = the card is a queen

Y = the card is red

Z = the card is hearts

Can you tell me which pairs of the random variables XY, YZ and ZX are independent and why?

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**Q.6** When minimizing a convex function  $f$  using (sub)gradient descent (without any constraints), step lengths don't matter since  $f$  is convex

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- ☐ true

**Q.7** Suppose  $X$  is a random variable such that  $x \geq 1 \forall x \in s(X)$  where  $s(X)$  is the support of  $X$ . Then the variance of  $X$  must be greater than 1 too i.e.  $\text{Var}[X] \geq 1$

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**Q.8** Let's say we have two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , s.t.  $X + Y = 2$ . If  $E(X) = 3$ , then  $E(Y)$  has to be equal to  $-1$ .

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**Q.9** A twice differentiable function  $f$  is convex if and only if it's Hessian is positive semi-definite at every point in its domain

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**Q.10** It is impossible for the decision boundary of a  $k$ -nearest neighbors classifier to be linear.

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**Q.11**

$$\max_{x,y} x^2 + y^2$$

$$x \in [1, 2]$$

$$y \in [1, 5]$$

The global minimum of this objective function is 3

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**Q.12** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables with  $\text{cov}(X,Y) = 0$ , then they are independent random variables

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**Q.13** To avoid over-fitting in decision trees, we must be sure to use information gain as the criterion to split nodes.

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**Q.14** Using an L1 norm in the regression loss function ensures that our model ignores statistical outliers in the data features

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**Q.15** The computational complexity of the prediction step in linear regression is independent of the size of the training dataset.

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**Q.16** Sub-gradient descent can be used to find global optima for any loss function – differentiable or non-differentiable



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**Q.17** The reason we use minibatches in SGD is that a single training example is usually not a great guide for finding the gradient of the loss function

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