

1 Linear Algebra

1)

Because M is real symmetric matrix, we can use eigendecomposition to decompose M into: $M = UDU^T$, in which U is an orthogonal matrix, and D is a diagonal matrix containing all eigenvalues of M : $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} x^T M x &= x^T (UDU^T) x \\ &= (x^T U) D (x^T U)^T \end{aligned}$$

Set $y = x^T U$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x^T M x &= y D y^T \\ &= \sum_i^k \lambda_i \cdot y_i^2 \quad (\text{Because } D \text{ is diagonal matrix}) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &\iff \lambda_{\min} \sum_i^k y_i^2 \leq x^T M x \leq \lambda_{\max} \sum_i^k y_i^2 \\ &\iff \lambda_{\min} \cdot y^T y \leq x^T M x \leq \lambda_{\max} \cdot y^T y \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $y^T y = (x^T U)(x^T U)^T = x^T U U^T x = x^T x$ (Because U is orthogonal). Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_{\min} \cdot x^T x \leq x^T M x \leq \lambda_{\max} \cdot x^T x \\ &\iff \lambda_{\min} \cdot \|x\|_2^2 \leq x^T M x \leq \lambda_{\max} \cdot \|x\|_2^2 \\ &\iff \lambda_{\min} \leq \frac{x^T M x}{\|x\|_2^2} \leq \lambda_{\max} \end{aligned}$$

2)

Because M is real symmetric matrix, we can use eigendecomposition to decompose M into: $M = UDU^T$, in which U is an orthogonal matrix, and D is a diagonal matrix containing all eigenvalues of M . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} M^{100} &= (UDU^T)^{100} \\ &= U D^{100} U^T \quad (\text{because } UU^T = I, \text{ since } U \text{ is orthogonal}) \end{aligned}$$

To calculate D^{100} , assume $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$, then $D^{100} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{100}, \lambda_2^{100}, \dots, \lambda_k^{100})$.

3)

(i) We can see that this matrix is symmetric and contains only real number, so it is a Hermitian matrix, hence, it is positive definite iff its principal minors are positive, more formally:

- $|2| > 0$ (Obvious)
- $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} > 0$ (Obvious)
- $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & x \end{vmatrix} > 0 \iff x > \frac{7}{5}$

\Rightarrow We conclude that $x > \frac{7}{5}$

(ii) We transform matrix into row echelon form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & x \end{vmatrix} \\ \equiv & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 2.5 & -1.5 \\ 0 & -1.5 & \frac{2x-1}{2} \end{vmatrix} \\ \equiv & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -0.5 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2x-1}{2} - 0.9 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow We conclude that to have rank-2 matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x-1}{2} - 0.9 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{7}{5} \end{aligned}$$

4)

(i) Vector (1,1,1) is in null space of matrix, hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 & y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$y = -2$$

(ii) Sum of eigenvalues is equal to the trace of matrix \Rightarrow to have sum of eigenvalues is equal to 0, we need $2 + 2 + y = 0 \iff y = -4$.

5)

Suppose vector x has number of dimensions k . We have:

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_i^k |x_i|$$

$$\text{and } \|x\|_\infty = \max_i^k |x_i|$$

Hence, we can conclude:

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_1 \leq k\|x\|_\infty$$

2 Probability Theory

1)

$A = \{2, 4, 6\}$; $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $C = \{1, 3, 5\}$

$$P(A) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(C) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(A) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A) \cdot P(C) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A, B) = P(\{2, 4\}) = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A, C) = P(\{\}) = 0$$

Because $P(A) \cdot P(B) = P(A, B)$, A and B are independent. Because $P(A) \cdot P(C) \neq P(A, C)$, A and C are **not** independent.

2)

We have facts:

$$P(\text{Macintosh}) = 0.3; P(\text{Windows}) = 0.5; P(\text{Linux}) = 0.2$$

$$P(\text{virus}|\text{Macintosh}) = 0.65; P(\text{virus}|\text{Windows}) = 0.82; P(\text{virus}|\text{Linux}) = 0.5$$

Then, we need to calculate $P(\text{Windows}|\text{virus})$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Windows}|\text{virus}) &= \frac{P(\text{Windows}, \text{virus})}{P_{\text{virus}}} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{virus}|\text{Windows}) \cdot P(\text{Windows})}{P(\text{virus}, \text{Macintosh}) + P(\text{virus}, \text{Windows}) + P(\text{virus}, \text{Linux})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{virus}|\text{Windows}) \cdot P(\text{Windows})}{P(\text{virus}|\text{Macintosh}) \cdot P(\text{Macintosh}) + P(\text{virus}|\text{Windows}) \cdot P(\text{Windows}) + P(\text{virus}|\text{Linux}) \cdot P(\text{Linux})} \\ &= \frac{0.82 \times 0.5}{0.65 \times 0.3 + 0.82 \times 0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.2} \\ &\approx 0.58 = 58\% \end{aligned}$$

3)

(i) With:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+x}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We need to verify whether $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} dx && \text{Because } f(x) = 0 \text{ with } x < 0 \\ &= \ln(x+1) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \ln(\infty+1) - \ln(0+1) \\ &= \ln(\infty) \\ &= \infty > 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $f(x)$ is not a valid PDF.

(ii) With:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We need to verify whether $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)dx = 1$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} dx && \text{Because } g(x) = 0 \text{ with } x < 0 \\ &= \left. \frac{-1}{1+x} \right|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1+\infty} - \frac{-1}{1+0} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\infty} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is a valid PDF. Mean of $g(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} dx && \text{Because } g(x) = 0 \text{ with } x < 0 \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1+x}{(1+x)^2} dx - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)} dx - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} dx \\ &= \left. \ln(x+1) \right|_0^{\infty} - \left. \frac{-1}{1+x} \right|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \infty - 1 = \infty \end{aligned}$$

4)

We have:

$P(Y = 1) = b$ and $P(Z = 1) = (1 - a)$ (Because x is uniformly distributed between $(0,1)$).

Also, $P(Y = 1, Z = 1) = P((0 < x < b) \& (a < x < 1)) = b - a$

Hence:

$P(Y = 1) \cdot P(Z = 1) = b(1 - a) = b - ab \neq b - a = P(Y = 1, Z = 1)$

So, Y and Z are **not** independent.

5)

Because X and Y are independent, we have:

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot y \cdot f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot y \cdot f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \cdot f_Y(y) dy \\ &= E(X) \cdot E(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Because X and Y are independent, so $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$

3 Multivariable Calculus

Step 1 - Find critical points, i.e. both partial derivatives must be zero at those points:

$$J_f(x, y) = [f_x, f_y] = [3x^2 - 3y^2, -6xy] = [0, 0]$$

Which means

$$3x^2 - 3y^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-6xy = 0 \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) is satisfied if $x = 0$ or $y = 0$. We consider these two solutions as two separate cases. For each case we will find solutions for equation (1).

Case 1: Let $x = 0$. We plug that into equation (1): $3 \cdot 0^3 - 3y^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0$. So if $x = 0$, then $y = 0$ in order to fulfill both equations. Therefore, $(0, 0)$ is a critical point.

Case 2: Let $y = 0$. We plug that into equation (1): $3x^3 - 3 \cdot 0^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$. So we again get $(0, 0)$ as our critical point. Therefore, $(0, 0)$ is our only critical point.

Step 2 - Classify critical point:

In order to classify the critical point, we can try to do the second partial derivative test for two variables. For that we first need to compute the Hessian matrix of f :

$$H_f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx}(x, y) & f_{xy}(x, y) \\ f_{yx}(x, y) & f_{yy}(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x & -6y \\ -6y & -6x \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we need to determine the definiteness of H_f at the critical point $(0, 0)$:

$$\det(H_f(0, 0)) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Since $h_{11} = 0$ and $\det(H_f) = 0$, the second partial derivative test is unfortunately inconclusive.

We can try to find the type of the point by a more geometric approach by looking what values f takes arbitrarily near $(0, 0)$:

For $(x, y) = (a, 0), a > 0 : f(x, y) = a^3 > 0$.

For $(x, y) = (a, 0), a < 0 : f(x, y) = a^3 < 0$.

For $(x, y) = (0, b), b > 0 : f(x, y) = 0$.

For $(x, y) = (0, b), b < 0 : f(x, y) = 0$.

Since f stays 0 for $f(0, y)$ but takes values of $f(x, 0) < 0$ for $x < 0$ and $f(x, 0) > 0$ for $x > 0$, we can confirm that $(0, 0)$ is a saddle point.

The maximum value f can take is ∞ , since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x, 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3 = \infty$.

Analog, the minimum value f can take is $-\infty$, since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x, 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3 = -\infty$.