

50.034 Probability and Statistics

Week 11 Review Problems

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1 Problem 1: Affine mappings from intervals

1. $\frac{x+7}{4} + 1$
2. $\frac{5(x+1)}{13} - 5$
3. $\frac{7(x-3)}{2} + 10$
4. $\frac{x-2}{2} + 2$

2 Problem 2: Uniform distribution

Let the set of data points x_1, \dots, x_n be A .

1. For this uniform probability model, $f(x|c) = \frac{1}{c-1}$ for $1 \leq x \leq c$ and 0 elsewhere. The model is therefore defined for $c > 1$.
2. The data x_1, \dots, x_n has values $x_i > 1$. Intuitively, c has to take the value of the largest x_i , in order to maximize the likelihood function. This is akin to fitting the uniform probability model from values 1 to $\max(A)$, which gives us the maximum likelihood of the dataset.

3 Problem 3: Inverse Gaussian distribution

For i.i.d. data, x_1, \dots, x_n ,

$$L(x, u) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x|u) \tag{1}$$

Using the log likelihood, products are converted to sums:

$$\ln \prod_{i=1}^n f(x|u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(f(x|u)) \tag{2}$$

Substituting in $f(x|u)$, we get

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\ln \left(x_i^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) + \ln \left(e^{-\frac{(x_i-u)^2}{x_i}} \right) \right) \quad (3)$$

Using $\log a^b = b \log a$, the expression simplifies to

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{3}{2} \ln(x_i) - \frac{(x_i - u)^2}{x_i} \right) \quad (4)$$

Expanding the terms for easier differentiation:

$$-\frac{3u}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - \frac{u}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{2u^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{u^3}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \quad (5)$$

Computing the partial derivative w.r.t. u and equating to 0,

$$\frac{\partial \log(L)}{\partial u} = -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{4u}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{3u^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} = 0 \quad (6)$$

Now we have a quadratic equation in u and can solve for u_{MLE} .

4 Problem 4: Expectations and Correlation Coefficients

1. The normalizing constant c can be found by equating the following triple integral to 1:

$$\int_2^3 \int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} c(x + 4y + z^2 + 0.5) dx dy dz = 1 \quad (7)$$

Evaluating, $c \left(\frac{7}{2} + \frac{19}{3} \right) = 1$. Solving for c gives $c = \frac{6}{59} \approx 0.1016$.

2. The marginal f_x is the integral of the joint w.r.t. y and z , which was previously calculated in the process of the triple integral,

$$f_x = c \left[xy + 2y^2 + \frac{41y}{6} \right]_0^1 = c \left(x + \frac{53}{6} \right) = \frac{6x}{59} + \frac{53}{59} \quad (8)$$

The marginal f_y is the integral of the joint w.r.t. x and z ,

$$f_y = \int_{0.5}^{1.5} c \left(x + 4y + \frac{41}{6} \right) dx = c \left(4y + \frac{47}{6} \right) \quad (9)$$

Hence the conditional $f_{X|Y}$ can be evaluated:

$$f_{X|Y} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(y)} = \frac{x + 4y + \frac{41}{6}}{4y + \frac{47}{6}} \quad (10)$$

3. Computed values of $E[X \cdot Y]$, $E[X]$, $E[Y]$, $E[X^2]$, $E[Y^2]$, σ_X , σ_Y :

$$E[X \cdot Y] = \int_0^1 \int_{0.5}^{1.5} x \cdot y \cdot f(x, y) dx dy = \frac{127}{236} \quad (11)$$

$$E[X] = c \int_{0.5}^{1.5} x^2 + \frac{53x}{6} dx = \frac{119}{118} \quad (12)$$

$$E[Y] = c \int_0^1 4y^2 + \frac{47y}{6} dy = \frac{63}{118} \quad (13)$$

$$E[X^2] = c \int_{0.5}^{1.5} x^3 + \frac{53x^2}{6} dx = \frac{779}{708} \quad (14)$$

$$E[Y^2] = c \int_0^1 4y^3 + \frac{47y^2}{6} dy = \frac{65}{177} \quad (15)$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{E[X^2] - (E[X])^2} = 0.2886 \quad (16)$$

$$\sigma_Y = \sqrt{E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2} = 0.2867 \quad (17)$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[X \cdot Y] - E[X] \cdot E[Y] = -\frac{1}{3481} \quad (18)$$

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y} = -3.47 \times 10^{-3} \quad (19)$$

4. It is unknown if X and Y are independent, since the covariance or correlation coefficient does not tell us anything about it.
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$$f(x, z) = c \int_0^1 x + 4y + z^2 + 0.5 dy = c \left(x + z^2 + \frac{5}{2} \right) \quad (20)$$

The expectation $E[X + 2Z]$ is thus:

$$c \int_2^3 \int_{0.5}^{1.5} (x + 2) \left(x + z^2 + \frac{5}{2} \right) dx dz \quad (21)$$

Evaluating the double integral w.r.t. x and z , we obtain,

$$E[X + 2Z] = \frac{719}{118} \quad (22)$$

5 Problem 5: Marginals

1. The normalizing constant c can be found by equating the following double integral to 1:

$$\int_0^{0.5} \int_0^2 c x e^{x^2} \sin(2\pi y) dx dy = 1 \quad (23)$$

Integrating w.r.t. x ,

$$c \int_0^{0.5} \sin(2\pi y) \left[\frac{e^{x^2}}{2} \right]_0^2 dy = 1 \quad (24)$$

Integrating w.r.t. y ,

$$c \left(\frac{e^4 - 1}{2} \right) \left[\frac{-\cos(2\pi y)}{2\pi} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \quad (25)$$

$$c \left(\frac{e^4 - 1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \right) = 1 \quad (26)$$

Solving for c ,

$$c = \frac{2\pi}{e^4 - 1} \quad (27)$$

2. The marginal $f_y(y)$ is the integral of the joint w.r.t x .

$$f_y(y) = \int_0^2 f(x, y) dx = c \sin(2\pi y) \int_0^2 x e^{x^2} dx \quad (28)$$

Evaluating the integral,

$$f_y(y) = c \sin(2\pi y) \frac{e^4 - 1}{2} \quad (29)$$

Substituting the value of c found in Part 1,

$$f_y(y) = \pi \sin(2\pi y) \quad (30)$$

6 Problem 6: Expectations

1. The expectation $E[e^{x^3}]$ is the value of

$$\int_0^2 e^{x^3} \cdot f_x(x) dx \quad (31)$$

The marginal $f_x(x)$ is equal to

$$c \int_0^{0.25} x^2 e^{3x^3} \sin(2\pi y) dy \quad (32)$$

$$= \frac{c}{2\pi} x^2 e^{3x^3} \quad (33)$$

Evaluating the integral w.r.t. x ,

$$\int_0^2 e^{x^3} \frac{c}{2\pi} x^2 e^{3x^3} dx \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{c}{24\pi} (e^3 - 1) \quad (35)$$

To solve for c , equate the double integral of $f(x, y)$ to 1:

$$c \int_0^{0.25} \int_0^2 x^2 e^{3x^3} \sin(2\pi y) dx dy = 1 \quad (36)$$

Evaluating the integral w.r.t x ,

$$c \int_0^{0.25} \left[\frac{e^{3x^3}}{9} \right]_0^2 \sin(2\pi y) dy = 1 \quad (37)$$

Evaluating the integral w.r.t. y ,

$$c \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \right] \quad (38)$$

Solving for c ,

$$c = \frac{18\pi}{e^{24} - 1} \quad (39)$$

Substituting c to obtain $E[e^{x^3}]$,

$$E[e^{x^3}] = \frac{18\pi}{e^{24} - 1} \left(e^{32} - 1 \cdot \frac{1}{24\pi} \right) = \frac{3(e^{32} - 1)}{4(e^{24} - 1)} \quad (40)$$

2. The expectation $E[Y]$ is the value of

$$\int_0^{0.25} \int_0^2 x^2 e^{3x^3} y \sin(2\pi y) dx dy \quad (41)$$

Substituting the integral w.r.t. x from previous parts,

$$c \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \int_0^{0.25} y \sin(2\pi y) dy \quad (42)$$

Evaluating the integral by parts w.r.t. y ,

$$\left[c \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \left[\frac{-y \cos(2\pi y)}{2\pi} \right]_0^{0.25} - \int_0^{0.25} \frac{-\cos(2\pi y)}{2\pi} dy \right] \quad (43)$$

Simplifying,

$$c \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \left[\frac{\sin(2\pi y)}{4\pi^2} - \frac{y \cos(2\pi y)}{2\pi} \right]_0^{0.25} \quad (44)$$

$$= c \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \left(\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \right) \quad (45)$$

Substituting c ,

$$E[Y] = \frac{18\pi}{e^{24} - 1} \left(\frac{e^{24} - 1}{9} \right) \left(\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \quad (46)$$