

Mathematics for Machine Learning (2025 Fall)

Assignment 02*

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1. (20%) Diagonalize

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^\top$$

such that \mathbf{P} consists of orthonormal column vectors.

2. (20%) Suppose that $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the observation and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a prediction from a model such that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j = 1$. What is $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \text{D}_{\text{KL}}(\mathbf{x} \parallel \mathbf{y})$?
3. (20%) Given $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, please compute $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{x}}(2\mathbf{x})$.
4. (20%) Compute the derivative $f'(x)$ of the (univariate) logistic sigmoid

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}.$$

5. (20%) Given the formula

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B}^\top)$$

for a square matrix \mathbf{B} , compute the gradient

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{s}} ((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{s})^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{s}) + \|\mathbf{s}\|^2)$$

where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$.

* List the required intermediate steps next to each problem. Note that any answers generated directly by AI are invalid for this assignment.