

CSCI-GA-2271 Fall 2025 Assignment 0

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Question 1

$P(1 \text{ wins}) = 1/5$, $P(1 \text{ fail}) = 4/5$ $P(2 \text{ wins}) = 1/4$, $P(2 \text{ fail}) = 3/4$

$P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}) = (1-p_1)(1-p_2) = (4/5)(3/4) = 3/5$

$P(1 \text{ wins}) = P(1 \text{ wins}) + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}, 1 \text{ wins}) + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}, 1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}, 1 \text{ wins}) ..$

$P(1 \text{ wins}) = 1/5 + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}) * (1/5) + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail})^2 * (1/5) .. = (1/5) * \frac{1}{1 - P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail})}$

$$P(1 \text{ wins}) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{1 - 3/5} = 0.5$$

because of geometric series, to simplify $1 + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail}) + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail})^2 + P(1 \text{ fail}, 2 \text{ fail})^3 ..$

Question 2

$P(\text{COVID}) = 0.01$, $P(\text{no COVID}) = 0.99$, $P(+|\text{COVID}) = 0.9$, $P(-|\text{COVID}) = 0.1$

$$P(\text{COVID}|+) = \frac{P(\text{COVID} \cap +)}{P(+)}$$

Expand numerator,

$$P(\text{COVID} \cap +) = P(\text{COVID}) * P(+|\text{COVID}) = 0.01 * 0.9 = 0.009$$

Denominator $0.009 + (0.10)(0.99) = 0.009 + 0.099 = 0.108$

$$\frac{0.009}{0.108} \approx 0.0833$$

Question 3

Valid iff it maintains non-negativity and the $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} f(x) dx = 1$

so

i) $f(x)=0$ for $x < 0$ and $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} > 0$ for $x \geq 0$

$$\text{ii) } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} dx = [\ln(1+x)]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\ln(1+0) = 0$$

$$\ln(1+100,000) \approx 11.513$$

$$\ln(1+1,000,000) \approx 13.8155$$

$f(x)$ is not a valid PDF since $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x} f(x) dx$ diverges as x grows larger.

Question 4

$$P(X + Y \leq C) = \int \int_{x+y \leq c} f_x(x) f_y(y) dx dy, X \perp Y$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y \leq C) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (2x)(2y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 (4x) \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{1-x} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (2x(1-x)^2) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (2x - 4x^2 + 2x^3) dx \\ &= \left[x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 \right]_0^1 = 1 - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X + Y \leq C) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Question 5

$X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$, $Y = e^X$.

The expectation of Y is

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[e^X] = \int_0^1 e^x \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

Since $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$, the pdf is

$$f_X(x) = 1 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1$$

continued

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int_0^1 e^x dx$$

$$\int_0^1 e^x dx = e^x$$

$$e^1 - e^0 = e - 1$$

Question 6

We know that $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 5), ; i = 1, \dots, 125$.

So the sum $S = \sum_{i=1}^{125} X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(125 \cdot 5) = \text{Poisson}(625)$.

$\bar{X} = \frac{S}{125}$, and the question is about $\mathbb{P}(\bar{X} < 5.5)$.

Since $125 \cdot 5.5 = 687.5$, this means $\mathbb{P}(\bar{X} < 5.5) = \mathbb{P}(S \leq 687)$.

$\mathbb{P}(S \leq 687) = e^{-625} \sum_{k=0}^{687} \frac{625^k}{k!}$, but that is not computable by hand.

CLT

For S , $\mu = 625$, $\sigma^2 = 625$, $\sigma = \sqrt{625} = 25$.

So we can do a normal approx: $Z = \frac{687.5 - 625}{25} = \frac{62.5}{25} = 2.5$.

Therefore $\mathbb{P}(S \leq 687) \approx \Phi(2.5) \approx 0.9938$.

So the answer is $\mathbb{P}(\bar{X} < 5.5) \approx 0.994$.

Question 7

We have the recurrence

$$X_n = f(W_n, X_{n-1}), ; n = 1, \dots, p,$$

and the error

$$E = |c - X_p|^2 = (c - X_p)^\top (c - X_p).$$

First,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_p} = 2(X_p - c).$$

Then by chain rule (back through the recurrence):

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{p-1}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_p} \cdot \frac{\partial X_p}{\partial X_{p-1}},$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{p-2}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{p-1}} \cdot \frac{\partial X_{p-1}}{\partial X_{p-2}},$$

and so on, until we reach

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_0} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_p} \cdot \frac{\partial X_p}{\partial X_{p-1}} \cdot \frac{\partial X_{p-1}}{\partial X_{p-2}} \dots \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial X_0}.$$

Finally, substituting the form of each X_n :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_0} = 2(X_p - c), \frac{\partial f(W_p, X_{p-1})}{\partial X_{p-1}}, \frac{\partial f(W_{p-1}, X_{p-2})}{\partial X_{p-2}} \dots \frac{\partial f(W_1, X_0)}{\partial X_0}.$$

Question 8

$$Ax, A^T x, x^T A$$

$$Ax$$

$$2(2) + 6(3) + 7(4) = 4+18+28 = 50$$

$$3(2) + 1(3) + 2(4) = 6+3+8 = 17$$

$$5(2) + 3(3) + 4(4) = 10+9+16 = 35$$

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 50 \\ 17 \\ 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T x$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T x$$

$$2(2) + 3(3) + 5(4) = 4+9+20 = 33$$

$$6(2) + 1(3) + 3(4) = 12+3+12 = 27$$

$$2(7) + 2(3) + 4(4) = 14 + 6 + 16 = 36$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 27 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^T A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2(2) + 3(3) + 4(5) = 4+9+20 = 33$$

$$2(6) + 3(1) + 4(3) = 12+3+12 = 27$$

$$2(7) + 3(2) + 4(4) = 14+6+16 = 36$$

$$x^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 27 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 9

$$a = 6, b = 2, c = 3, d = 3, e = 1, f = 1, g = 10, h = 3, i = 4$$

$$\det A = 6(1 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot 3) - 2(3 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot 10) + 3(3 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 10) = 6(1) - 2(2) + 3(-1) = -1 \neq 0$$

A is invertible

I gave an LLM a snapshot of my work prompting it with the following: "Can you make this in latex"

$$C_{11} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 3 = 1,$$

$$C_{12} = - \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -(12 - 10) = -2,$$

$$C_{13} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 9 - 10 = -1,$$

$$C_{21} = - \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = -(8 - 9) = +1,$$

$$C_{22} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 24 - 30 = -6,$$

$$C_{23} = - \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 10 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = -(18 - 20) = +2,$$

$$C_{31} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 - 3 = -1,$$

$$C_{32} = - \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -(6 - 9) = +3,$$

$$C_{33} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 6 - 6 = 0.$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -6 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{adj}(A) = C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Divide by the adj A/det A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b)

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, d = 0, e = 2, f = 2, g = 1, h = 4, i = 5$$

$$\det(B) = 1(2 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 4) - 2(0 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 1) + 3(0 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 1) = (10 - 8) - 2(0 - 2) + 3(0 - 2) = 2 + 4 - 6 = 0$$

Therefore, B is not invertible

Question 10

Eigenvectors are vectors, which represent the direction and can be scaled by a scalar value λ , where the eigenvector's direction remains unchanged. Eigenvalues are features of a matrix, which can also prove if a matrix is unequal or not.

$$\det \left(\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & \lambda - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{1st term } (\lambda - 1)(\lambda(\lambda - 1)) - (0(-2)) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda(\lambda - 1)) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - \lambda)$$

$$\text{2nd term } b=0$$

$$\text{3rd term } c(dh - eg) = 1((-1)(-2) - (\lambda)(2)) = 2 - 2\lambda$$

$$\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda + (2 - 2\lambda)$$

$$= \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda + 2$$

$$= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\text{eigenvalues } \lambda \in 2, 1, -1$$