

M111 Homework week 2 DSBB 62  
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Exercise 1

Gaussian distribution:

$$p(x|M, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-M)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

a) To prove that Gaussian distribution is normalized,  
 we need to prove:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x|M, \sigma^2) dx = 1$$

$$\text{or } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-M)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = 1 \quad (1)$$

We assume that  $M = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (1) \Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}$$

$$\text{let } I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy$$

$$\Leftrightarrow I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx dy$$

$$\text{let } x = r \cos \theta \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = r^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = r^2 \\ y = r \sin \theta$$

The Jacobian of the change of variables is given by

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$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta = r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \partial(x,y) = r \partial(r,\theta)$$

$\Rightarrow$  We have:

$$I^2 = \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} r dr d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} r dr$$

Then, let  $u = r^2 \Rightarrow du = 2r dr$

$$\Rightarrow I^2 = \pi \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}} du$$

$$= \pi \left[ e^{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot (-2\sigma^2) \right] \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$= -2\pi\sigma^2 \cdot (0-1)$$

$$= 2\pi\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \sqrt{I^2} = \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \quad (\text{proof})$$

b) We have  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p(x/M, \sigma^2) dx$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-M)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx$$

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$$\text{Let } t = \frac{x-M}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow dx = \sigma\sqrt{2} dt \\ x = \sigma\sqrt{2}t + M \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma\sqrt{2}t + M) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-t^2} \cdot \sigma\sqrt{2} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (\sigma\sqrt{2}t + M) e^{-t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma\sqrt{2}te^{-t^2} dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} M e^{-t^2} dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \left[ \sigma\sqrt{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{-t^2} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + M\sqrt{\pi} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot (0 + M\sqrt{\pi}) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow E(X) = M$

c) We have

$$\text{var}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} x^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x-M)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx - M^2$$

$$\text{let } t = \frac{x-M}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} dx = \sigma\sqrt{2} dt \\ x = \sigma\sqrt{2}t + M \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{var}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} (\sigma\sqrt{2}t + M)^2 \cdot e^{-t^2} \cdot \sigma\sqrt{2} dt - M^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma\sqrt{2}t + M)^2 e^{-t^2} dt - M^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{var}(X) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (20t^2 + 2\sigma^2\sigma^2 M t + M^2) e^{-t^2} dt - M^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( 20 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 e^{-t^2} dt + 2\sigma^2 M \left( \frac{-1}{2} e^{-t^2} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + M^2 \sqrt{\pi} \right) \end{aligned}$$