Math178 SU2020 Homework 1 Due: Wed, May 20, 2020

Feel free to work with other students, but make sure you write up the homework and code on your own (no copying homework *or* code; no pair programming). Feel free to ask students or instructors for help debugging code or whatever else, though.

*Note:* You need to create a Github account for submission of the coding part of the homework. Please create a repository on Github to hold all your code and include your Github account username as part of the answer to the coding problems.

**1** (**Covariance.** (**Lecture 1 page 17**)) The covariance between two random variables X and Y is defined as:

$$[X, Y] = [(X - [X])(Y - [Y])].$$

Prove that

$$[X,Y] = [XY] - [X][Y].$$

**2** (**Correlation.** (**Lecture 1 page 18**)) The correlation between two random variables *X* and *Y* is defined as:

$$corr[X,Y] = \frac{[X,Y]}{\sqrt{[X][Y]}}.$$

Prove that

- (a)  $-1 \le corr[X, Y] \le 1$ ;
- (b)  $\operatorname{corr}[X, Y] = 1$  if and only if Y = aX + b for some parameters  $a \neq 0$  and b.

**3** (**Parametrization.** (**Lecture 1 page 50)**) Let  $\alpha(t)$  be a parametrized curve which does not pass through the origin. If  $\alpha(t_0)$  is the point of the trace of  $\alpha$  closest to the origin and  $\alpha'(t_0) \neq 0$ , show that the position vector  $\alpha(t_0)$  is orthogonal to  $\alpha'(t_0)$ .

4 (Extra credit. (Lecture 1 page 52)) How to create a transformation from the data on some helix to the data of the instructor's trajectory?

**5** (**Coding.** (**Lecture 1 page 54-70**)) Please download the H-MOG dataset from: http://www.cs.wm.edu/ qyang/hmog.html (see also Lecture 1 page 54). Please read through the data description and do some visualizations if you have time. If you have any visualization result, please email or print out to submit.