

COMPSCI 371 Homework 0

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Problem 0 (3 points)

Part 1: Linear Algebra

Problem 1.1

If A has a nontrivial null space, then there exists a nonzero vector \vec{v} such that $A\vec{v} = 0$. This implies that \vec{v} is an eigenvector with eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$. Since \vec{v} is a nonzero vector in \mathbb{R}^d , it is a real vector, which means A has a real eigenvector associated with eigenvalue 0, and thus, a square real matrix A with a nontrivial null space must have real eigenvectors.

Problem 1.2

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial of A is found by $A - \lambda I$. The characteristic polynomial is $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$. This means that since the possible eigenvalue is less than 0 the only possible eigenvalues and eigenvectors would be imaginary as they are the square root of negative numbers. There is a maximum of 2 eigenvalues (since we have a 2x2 matrix), but both would still be imaginary as they are the square root of a negative number and thus imaginary numbers (not real).

$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$, where λ is a real eigenvalue and \vec{v} is the corresponding eigenvector.

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives the system:

$$-b = \lambda a$$

$$a = \lambda b$$

Solve for b and substitute:

$$b = -\lambda a$$

$$a = \lambda(-\lambda a)$$

$$a = -a\lambda^2$$

Now solve for λ :

$$\lambda^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm\sqrt{-1}$$

$$\lambda = i$$

Since λ is imaginary(not real), the eigenvalues of A are not real, and thus, the eigenvectors will also not be real.

Problem 1.3

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \& \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the augmented matrix: $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

Step 1: Add 2 times Row 1 with Row 2 and Subtract 3 Row 1 from Row 3:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 10 \\ 0 & -6 & -6 & -12 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 2: Divide Row 2 by 5 and Divide Row 3 by -6 : $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$

Step 3: Subtract Row 2 from Row 3: $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 2 - x_3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 + 4 - 2x_3 + 3x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 = 1 - x_3$$

The set of all solutions to the given linear system can be given by

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Problem 1.4

The value of q that we think was used in the truncated Fourier series was $q = 3$. This is because when $q = 3$ the line of best fit which is graphed is most accurate to the data and most clearly close to mapping the actual data. While $q = 4$ was also quite good at mapping the data, $q = 3$ is just a little better at mapping the actual shape and curvature of the data. Since $q = 3$ is less than $q = 4$ this using $q = 3$ would be an example of trying to avoid the overfitting that might occur from the higher q values.

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In [5]: import urllib.request
import ssl
from os import path as osp
import shutil
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def retrieve(file_name, semester='fall124', homework=0):
    if osp.exists(file_name):
        print('Using previously downloaded file {}'.format(file_name))
    else:
        context = ssl._create_unverified_context()
        fmt = 'https://www2.cs.duke.edu/courses/{}/compsci371/homework/{}/{}'
        url = fmt.format(semester, homework, file_name)
        with urllib.request.urlopen(url, context=context) as response:
            with open(file_name, 'wb') as file:
                shutil.copyfileobj(response, file)
            print('Downloaded file {}'.format(file_name))
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In [6]: import pickle

# retrieve is defined in a hidden cell
file_name = 'points.pkl'
retrieve(file_name)
with open(file_name, 'rb') as file:
    t = pickle.load(file)
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Using previously downloaded file points.pkl

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In [7]: t
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Out[7]: namespace(x=array([4.52751939e-02, 4.87577107e-02, 9.99176115e-01, 6.52369112e-01,
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In [8]: def fit(x, y, q):
        n = len(x)
        A = np.ones((n, 2 * q + 1))
        for k in range(1, q + 1):
            A[:, k] = np.cos(2 * np.pi * k * x)
            A[:, q + k] = np.sin(2 * np.pi * k * x)

        c_star, _, _, _ = np.linalg.lstsq(A, y, rcond=None)
        return c_star

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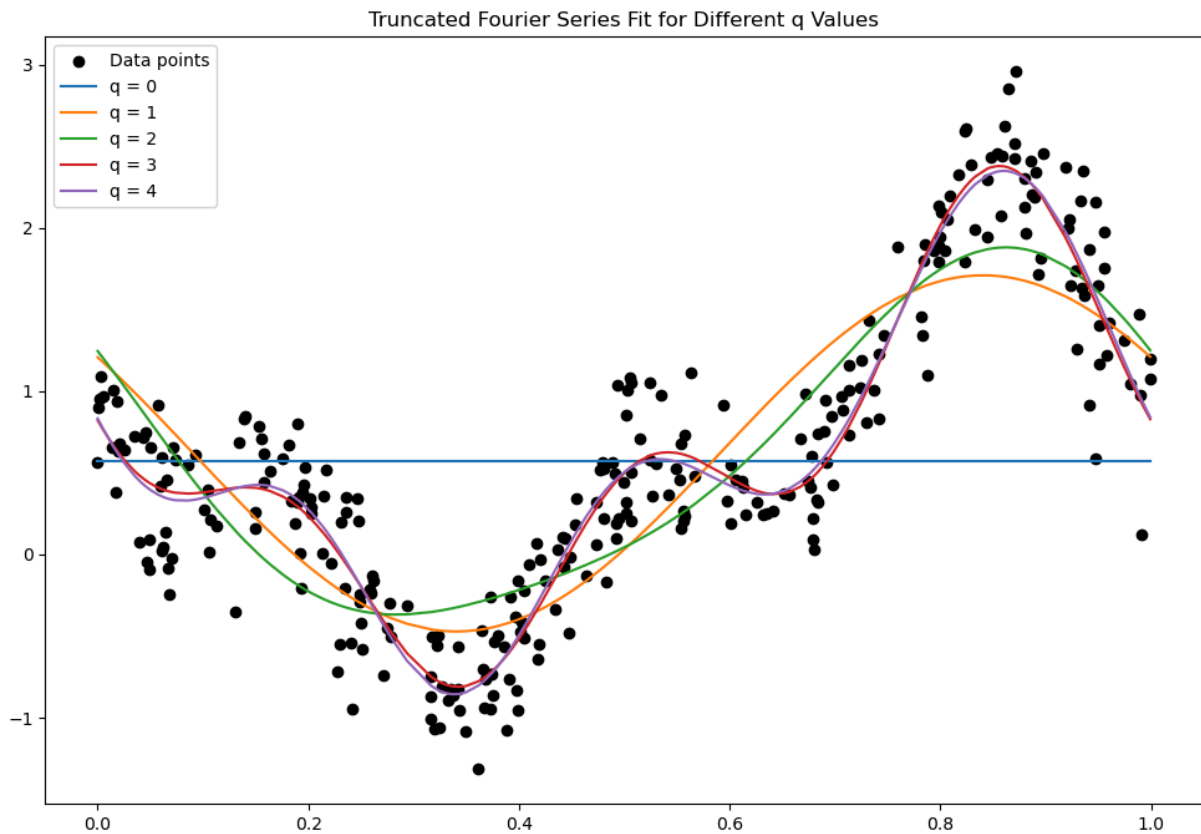
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In [12]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
        plt.scatter(t.x, t.y, color='black', label='Data points')

        x_plot = np.sort(t.x)
        for q in range(5):
            c_fit = fit(t.x, t.y, q)
            y_fit = np.ones_like(x_plot) * c_fit[0]
            for k in range(1, q + 1):
                y_fit += c_fit[k] * np.cos(2 * np.pi * k * x_plot) + c_fit[q + k] * np.sin(
            plt.plot(x_plot, y_fit, label=f'q = {q}')

        plt.legend()
        plt.title("Truncated Fourier Series Fit for Different q Values")
        plt.show()

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Part 2: Probability

Problem 2.1

To see if $p(x, y)$ is a probability density function (PDF), we need to see if it meets the two

Non-negativity means $p(x, y) \geq 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Normalization means that the total integral over the entire domain must $= 1$:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, y) \, dx \, dy = 1$$

Non-negativity:

$p(x, y) = ce^{(-1/2)(x-y)^2}$ is always non-negative because exponential functions are always

Normalization: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{(-1/2)(x-y)^2} \, dx \, dy = 1$

Let $u = x - y$ and $v = x + y$

$$x = \frac{u+v}{2}$$

$$v = (u + y) + y$$

$$2y = v - u$$

$$y = \frac{v-u}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4} - \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du dv$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du \text{ is a Gaussian integral} = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du dv = \frac{1}{2}c\sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv = 2c\sqrt{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv = \infty$$

Since $p(x, y)$ cannot be normalized it is not a probability density function.

Problem 2.2

Given that $p(x,y)$ is a probability density function we can normalize in order to find C.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x, y) dx dy = 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-y)^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2} dx dy$$

$$u = x - y \quad v = x + y$$

$$x = u + y \quad 2y = v - u$$

$$x = \frac{u+v}{2} \quad y = \frac{v-u}{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \right| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{C}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} du dv$$

$$= \frac{C}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$$

$$= \frac{C}{2} \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \right) \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{C}{2} (2\pi) = C\pi = 1$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

The above was unnecessary work but done nonetheless.

The density function is symmetric and centered at 0 and therefore the mean of both x and y

$$\text{is 0: } m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The covariance matrix $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(x) & \text{cov}(x, y) \\ \text{cov}(x, y) & \text{var}(y) \end{bmatrix}$. Because x and y are independent and identically distributed, the variance can be given by the standard normal distribution:

$$\text{var}(x) = \text{var}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$u = e^{-x^2} \quad v = \frac{-x^3}{3}$$

$$du = -2xe^{-x^2} dx \quad dv = x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{x^3}{3} e^{-x^2} + \frac{2}{3} \int (x^3) (-2xe^{-x^2}) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\text{cov}(x, y) = 0$ since x and y are independent.

$$\therefore \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2.3

A has $\frac{2}{3}$ red, $\frac{1}{3}$ white.

B has $\frac{1}{3}$ red, $\frac{2}{3}$ white.

Fair coin has $\frac{1}{2}$ heads, $\frac{1}{2}$ tails.

Solve for $P(A|n\text{red})$.

$$P(A) = P(H) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(B) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(R|A) = \frac{2}{3}, \quad P(W|A) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(R|B) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(W|B) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Bayes' Theorem: } P(A|n\text{red}) = \frac{P(n\text{red}|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(n\text{red})}$$

Where $P(A|n\text{red})$ is the probability of die A being used if the first n die throws come up

Where $P(n\text{red}|A)$ is the probability of getting n reds given the die A is used.

$P(n\text{red})$ is the overall probability of getting n red outcomes.

$$P(n\text{red}) = P(n\text{red}|A) \cdot P(A) + P(n\text{red}|B) \cdot P(B)$$

$$P(n_{\text{red}}|A) = \frac{2^n}{3}, \quad P(n_{\text{red}}|B) = \frac{1^n}{3}$$

$$P(n_{\text{red}}) = \frac{2^n}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1^n}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)$$

$$\therefore P(A|n_{\text{red}}) = \frac{P(n_{\text{red}}|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(n_{\text{red}})} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n}{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n}$$

$$P(A|n_{\text{red}}) = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n}{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n} = \frac{2^n}{3^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{2^n + 1}$$

$$P(A|n_{\text{red}}) = \frac{2^n}{2^n + 1}$$

Part 3: Geometry

Problem 3.1

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In [15]: # retrieve is defined in a hidden cell
file_name = 'lines.pkl'
retrieve(file_name)
with open(file_name, 'rb') as file:
    lines = pickle.load(file)
```

Using previously downloaded file lines.pkl

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In [16]: lines
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Out[16]: [namespace(A=array([[1., 0., 0.],
                             [0., 1., 0.]]),
           b=array([0., 0.])),
          namespace(A=array([[ 0.,  0., -2.],
                             [ 0.,  2.,  2.]]),
           b=array([4., 6.])),
          namespace(A=array([[2., 1., 3.],
                             [0., 5., 1.]]),
           b=array([14., 4.]))]
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In [33]: from scipy.linalg import null_space

def parametric(A, b):
    p = np.linalg.lstsq(A, b, rcond=None)[0]
    n = null_space(A).flatten()
    n = n / np.linalg.norm(n)
    alpha_values = [0, 2]
    residuals = [np.linalg.norm(A @ (p + alpha * n) - b) for alpha in alpha_values]
    p_rounded = [float(np.round(val, 3)) for val in p]
    n_rounded = [float(np.round(val, 3)) for val in n]
    residuals_rounded = [float(np.round(res, 3)) for res in residuals]
    print(f"p = {p_rounded}, n = {n_rounded}, r = {residuals_rounded}")
    return p, n
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for ns in lines:
    parametric(ns.A, ns.b)
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p = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0], n = [0.0, 0.0, 1.0], r = [0.0, 0.0]
p = [0.0, 5.0, -2.0], n = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0], r = [0.0, 0.0]
p = [2.213, 0.173, 3.133], n = [-0.808, -0.115, 0.577], r = [0.0, 0.0]
```

Part 4: Calculus

Problem 4.1

$$f_x = 3(x - 1) - 3y^2$$

Find where $f_x = 0$:

$$f_x = 3(x - 1)^2 - 3y^2 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 - y^2 = 0$$

$$x - 1 = \pm y$$

$$x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$f_y = -6xy + 6y$$

Now, find where $f_y = 0$:

$$f_y = -6xy + 6y = 0$$

$$y(1 - x) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

Stationary point at $x = 1, y = 0$.

Find the second partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx} = 6(x - 1)$$

$$f_{yy} = -6x + 6 = 6(1 - x)$$

$$f_{xy} = -6y$$

Evaluate each at (1,0):

$$f_{xx} = 6(2 - 1) = 0$$

$$f_{yy} = 6(1 - 1) = 0$$

$$f_{xy} = -6(0) = 0$$

Second Derivative Test:

$$f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - (f_{xy}(x, y))^2$$

$$= (0)(0) - (0)^2$$

$$= 0$$

The second derivative test is inconclusive. Analysis of the actual structure of $f(x, y)$ near $(1, 0)$ shows that the function behaves like a saddle point because of the cubic term of x combined with the quadratic term of y . The quadratic term of y would be at its minimum (the bottom of the parabolic function) and the cubic term of x would be a local minimum from one direction and a local maximum from another direction. Therefore the stationary point at $(1, 0)$ is a saddle point.