

Maximum score is 50 points. You have 30 minutes to complete the quiz. Please show your work.

Good luck!

Instructions

- You can attempt the problems in any order as long as it is clear which problem is being attempted and which solution to the problem you want us to grade.
- If you are stuck in any part of a problem do not dwell on it, try to move on and attempt it later.
- Please solve every problem in **the space provided**.
- You may find the following useful.

- $\int \exp(ax)dx = \frac{\exp(ax)}{a} + C$ where C is an arbitrary constant
- $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$, $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$
- $\frac{d(\ln(x))}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$

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Problem	Score	Possible
1		10
2		14
3		16
4		10
Total		50

1. Calculus (10 pts)

- (a) Let $f(\mathbf{x}) = \ln(ax_1x_2 + bx_1 + cx_1^2)$. What is the partial derivative of f with respect to x_1 ?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} &= \frac{1}{ax_1x_2 + bx_1 + cx_1^2} \frac{\partial(ax_1x_2 + bx_1 + cx_1^2)}{\partial x_1} \\ &= \frac{ax_2 + b + 2cx_1}{ax_1x_2 + bx_1 + cx_1^2}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Evaluate $\int_b^\infty a \exp(-a(x-b))dx$ where $a > 0$?

Solution:

Substitute $x - b = t$, $dx = dt$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_b^\infty a \exp(-a(x-b))dx &= \int_0^\infty a \exp(-at)dt \\ &= a \left[\frac{\exp(-at)}{-a} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

2. Probability (14 pts)

Suppose A and B are two events. Which of these statements is **true/false**? Explain.

- (a) A and B are mutually exclusive events then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)$

Solution:

False. $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B)$.

- (b) $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B|A)P(C|B)$

Solution:

False. $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B|A)P(C|A \cap B)$.

- (c) A is a Gaussian random variable with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$ then $P(A = 0) = 0.5$

Solution:

False. For continuous random variable $P(A = c) = 0$.

- (d) If A and A^c are independent, where A^c denotes the complement of event A then $0 < P(A) < 1$.

Solution:

False. $P(A \cap A^c) = 0 = P(A)P(A^c) = P(A)(1 - P(A))$. Therefore $P(A)$ must be either 0 or 1.

- (e) Assume X is a random variable. The variance of X is defined as $Var(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$. Prove that $Var(aX + b) = a^2Var(X)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(aX + b) &= E[(aX + b - E[aX + b])^2] \\ &= E[(a(X - E[X]))^2] \\ &= a^2 E[(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= a^2 Var(X) \end{aligned}$$

3. Linear Algebra (16 pts)

Consider the vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Compute $\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1}$.

Solution:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| = 3$$

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

(b) Compute $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T$.

Solution:

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Find $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\|c\mathbf{x}\|_2 < 1$

Solution:

$$\|c\mathbf{x}\|_2 = |c|\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 < 1$$

$$|c| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$c \in \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

4. MATLAB Question (10 pts)

Read the following MATLAB code and answer the questions.

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A = [1, 2; 3, 4];  
B = [1, 0; 0, 2];  
C = A * B;  
D = A .* B;  
E = det(A);  
F = inv(B);
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- (a) Write A and B in matrix form.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Write C and D in matrix form.

Solution:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) What is the value of E? Write F in matrix form.

Solution:

$$E = -2 \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$