

SMc20374: Programming for Prototyping

Coursework 2023

Part I

This part of the assignment shall be submitted prior to the first submission date as indicated on Moodle.

Marks are assigned for the documentation of your script files, thus include as many comments as possible in your script files.

Question 1

Consider the below provided Python code which is approximating π with N=10000 iterations:

```
1 import math
2 import random
4 # total number of iterations
5 N = 10000
7 def f(x):
      return math.sqrt(1. - x**2)
10 # initialisation of number of points within the unit circle
11 pts_in = 0
12 for i in range(N):
13
      # random generation of a point
      xi, yi = random.random(), random.random()
      # checking if the randomly generated point is within the unit circle
      if yi <= f(xi):
          pts_in += 1
17
18
19 # approximation of pi
20 pi = 4*pts in/N
21 print('pi is approximately {:.4f}'.format(pi))
```

Figure 1: Python code for the approximation of π .

Using the adopted algorithm for the approximation of π , denoted by $\pi_{\rm approx}$, modify the provided code to determine the number of required iterations of this algorithm which will approximate π with a tolerance of 0.0001% or less, where the tolerance shall be calculated via:

$$tol = \frac{|\pi_{approx} - \pi|}{\pi} \times 100.$$

Your program should print the number of iterations, π_{approx} , and the tolerance.

[20 marks]



Question 2

Consider the following two-dimensional transformation functions:

$$f_1(x, y) = (0, 0.16y),$$

$$f_2(x, y) = (0.85x + 0.04y, -0.04x + 0.85y + 1.6),$$

$$f_3(x, y) = (0.2x - 0.26y, 0.23x + 0.22y + 1.6),$$

$$f_4(x, y) = (-0.15x + 0.28y, 0.26x + 0.24y + 0.44).$$

Starting at (0, 0), generate a sequence of 90000 points in the (x, y) plane by applying one of the above transformation functions to the previously generated point, where the transformation function shall be randomly selected such that f_1 , f_2 , f_3 , f_4 have a probability of being selected of $p_1 = 0.01$, $p_2 = 0.85$, $p_3 = 0.07$, $p_4 = 0.07$, respectively. Plot the randomly generated sequence of points using green dots with a marker size of 0.05 and with an equal aspect ratio.

[30 marks]

Question 3

Load the provided NumPy file gb-alt.npy, consisting of mean altitudes of 10 km x 10 km squares of the UK. By making use of the module skimage, you should also infer the coastline's contour by finding the contour of height zero metres. Plot a map of the UK with *imshow* and the nearest interpolation technique, along with a colorbar depicting the height above sea level (in m) with the terrain colormap. In this plot further include the coastline contour (depicted in red). Your plot shall be similar to the map illustrated in Fig. 2.

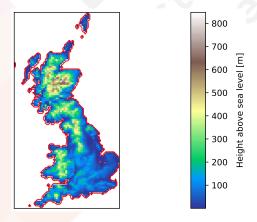


Figure 2: Map of the UK along with its coastline contour generated from the provided file.

By assuming a sea-level rise of [1, 2, 10] m, reproduce your map of the UK by excluding those points which have been submerged for each sea-level rise using the coastline contour of the original map of the UK. By further assuming that the area (in km²) could be computed by multipliying the sum of all the unsubmerged points on the map by 100, for each sea-level rise map calculate the percentage of the unsubmerged area of the UK with respect to the original unsubmerged area of the UK. Show the latter mentioned percentage in the title of your respective figures. All the generated figures shall also be submitted in your coursework submission.

[50 marks]



Part II

This part of the assignment shall be submitted prior to the second submission date as indicated on Moodle.

Scenario

You are approached by a research institute to design and prototype a desktop application prototype for the statistical analysis of forthcoming data sets, using the Fisher matrix formalism. The user would specify the path of a text file containing a covariance matrix, and another file specifying the model parameters along with their corresponding fiducial values. The system would return error ellipses of two specified parameters as a figure within the desktop application, and a statistical report is saved to a text file. You are to build a selection of prototypes that eventually lead to a software artefact.

Section A

In this section, you will be creating the preliminary prototypes that would facilitate the programming of prototypes in Section B.

1. Prepare an initial **acceptance document** (two pages maximum) where you present your understanding of the problem in the form of user stories, constraints, and the list of prototypes that will be delivered.

[5 marks]

2. Create **two** variations of how the problem can be solved by illustrating each variation with a **hand-drawn storyboard** that has at least **eight frames** and a maximum of **sixteen frames**.

[5 marks]

3. Create two hand-drawn sketches of the desktop interface, and for each create one office-stationary based prototype by making use of post-it notes, blank A4 papers and medium markers. For each prototype, create variations by moving components around and photographic changes/variations.

[5 marks]

4. After choosing the best option, proceed to building a **PowerPoint mock-up** of the interface and its logical flow.

[5 marks]

Section B

In this section, you will be creating a high-fidelity prototype using Python together with a selection of scripts. You will also be developing a code to obtain the confidence ellipses and apply marginalization on a number of parameters describing a cosmological model of our Universe.

1. Create a **plan** for the development of the prototyped application. This plan should include a brief overview of libraries that can be possibly used together with their pros and cons. This overview should consider both visual and technical attributes.



[5 marks]

2. Design a **flow-chart** of the final application.

[10 marks]

3. Use a standard Python GUI framework (Tkinter) to create an **interface** for this program based on your work in Section A.

[15 marks]

- 4. Implement the following tasks in a well-documented Python script Fisher_Matrix.py:
 - (a) The inverse of the Fisher matrix is the covariance matrix, which for two model parameters x and y, is given by the square matrix:

$$[F]^{-1} = [C] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} ,$$

where σ_x and σ_y denote the 1- σ uncertainties in the parameters x and y, respectively. $\sigma_{xy} = \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y$, with ρ being the correlation coefficient which varies from 0 to 1. **Load** the covariance matrix provided in the file base_w_plikHM_TTTEEE_lowl_lowE_BAO_Riess18_Pantheon.covmat from Moodle, and save it as a 28×28 matrix.

[5 marks]

(b) To calculate a new Fisher matrix marginalized over any variable, simply remove that variable's row and column from the covariance matrix, and take the inverse of that to yield the new Fisher matrix. Thus, if you are interested in the first two parameters of the covariance matrix (refer to the first line of the covariance matrix file), which are omegabh2 $(\Omega_b h^2)$ and omegach2 $(\Omega_c h^2)$, you would remove all the columns and rows of the other parameters from the original covariance matrix, and you end up with a 2×2 covariance matrix. Generate four marginalized covariance matrices and corresponding Fisher matrices for the following parameter combinations:

$$\Omega_b h^2 \text{ vs } \Omega_c h^2,$$
 $\Omega_c h^2 \text{ vs } w,$
 $\ln(A) \text{ vs } n_s,$
 $\tau \text{ vs } w$

Write these matrices to the console in matrix form.

[15 marks]

(c) The confidence ellipse parameters are calculated as follows:

$$a^{2} = \frac{\sigma_{x}^{2} + \sigma_{y}^{2}}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\left(\sigma_{x}^{2} - \sigma_{y}^{2}\right)^{2}}{4} + \sigma_{xy}^{2}},$$

$$b^{2} = \frac{\sigma_{x}^{2} + \sigma_{y}^{2}}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\sigma_{x}^{2} - \sigma_{y}^{2}\right)^{2}}{4} + \sigma_{xy}^{2}},$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_{x}^{2} - \sigma_{y}^{2}},$$



where θ is the anticlockwise angle of the semi-major axis, and the ellipse axis lengths a and b are multiplied by a coefficient α depending on the confidence level we are interested in. For instance, for a 68.3% confidence level we have $\alpha = 1.52$.

Define a function ellipse_params which returns the confidence ellipse's width, height and inclination. This function should allow the user to input σ_x , σ_y , σ_{xy} and the confidence level parameter α . Call the function ellipse_params and **output** to the console the width, height and inclination of the ellipse with $\alpha = 1.52$ for all the above parameter combinations.

[15 marks]

(d) Plot and label the 1- σ ($\alpha = 1.52$) and 2- σ ($\alpha = 2.48$) confidence ellipses for all the above parameter combinations in separate figures. Assume that the center of each ellipse lies at the following fiducial parameter mean values of $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.022$, $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.12$, w = -1, $\ln(A) = -19.94$, $n_s = 0.96$ and $\tau = 0.09$. Mark the center of the ellipses with a red dot. For each figure plot 500 sample points generated from a random Gaussian realization using numpy's random sampling module. For this multivariate Gaussian realization you should assume the center of the ellipses as the mean value of the Gaussian distribution, and the respective covariance matrix. A sample figure is illustrated in Fig. 1. Save each figure separately.

[15 marks]

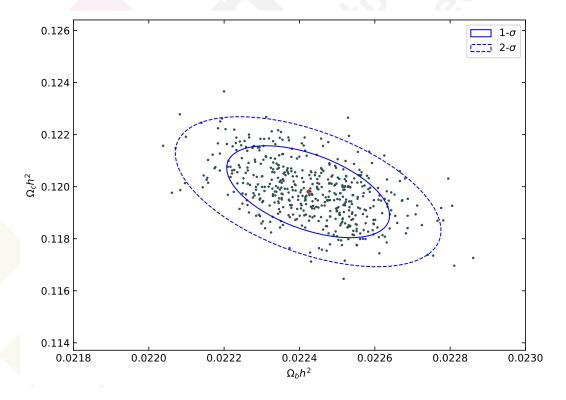


Figure 3: Confidence ellipses