

# Machine Learning: Exercise Sheet 2

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## Exercise 1

$$(a) \quad p(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda \eta e^{-\lambda x - \eta y} dy = \lambda \eta e^{-\lambda x} \left( -\frac{1}{\eta} e^{-\eta y} \right) \Big|_0^{+\infty} \\ = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$p(y) = \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda \eta e^{-\lambda x - \eta y} dx = \eta e^{-\eta y}$$

$$\therefore p(x)p(y) = \lambda \eta e^{-\lambda x - \eta y} = p(x, y)$$

$\therefore x$  and  $y$  are independent.

$$(b) \quad \ell(\lambda) = \ln p(D|\lambda) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i, y_i|\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln p(x_i, y_i|\lambda) \\ = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln(\lambda \eta e^{-\lambda x_i - \eta y_i}) = N \ln(\lambda \eta) - \sum_{i=1}^N (\lambda x_i + \eta y_i) \\ = N \ln(\lambda \eta) - N \lambda \bar{x} - N \eta \bar{y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = N \frac{1}{\lambda \eta} \cdot \eta - N \bar{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$$

$$(c) \quad \text{when } \eta = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \text{ we have } p(x, y) = \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x - \frac{1}{\lambda} y} = e^{-\lambda x - \frac{y}{\lambda}}$$

$$\ell(\lambda) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\lambda x_i - \frac{y_i}{\lambda}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( -\lambda x_i - \frac{y_i}{\lambda} \right) = -\lambda N \bar{x} - \frac{N \bar{y}}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = -N \bar{x} + \frac{N \bar{y}}{\lambda^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}}}$$

(d) when  $y = 1 - \lambda$ , we have  $p(x, y) = \lambda(1-\lambda)e^{-\lambda x - (1-\lambda)y}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\lambda) &= \ln \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda(1-\lambda) e^{-\lambda x_i - (1-\lambda)y_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln[\lambda(1-\lambda)] - \sum_{i=1}^N [\lambda x_i + (1-\lambda)y_i] \\ &= N \ln[\lambda(1-\lambda)] - N\lambda\bar{x} - N(1-\lambda)\bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{N}{\lambda} - \frac{N}{1-\lambda} - N\bar{x} + N\bar{y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{x} - \bar{y})\lambda^2 - (\bar{x} - \bar{y} + 2)\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{(\bar{x} - \bar{y} + 2) + \sqrt{(\bar{x} - \bar{y})^2 + 4}}{2(\bar{x} - \bar{y})}$$

Exercise 2:

(a).  $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$  where  $y = X\beta + \varepsilon$

$$\therefore \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (X\beta + \varepsilon) = \beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon$$

since  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,

$\hat{\beta}$  also follows a Gaussian distribution, with

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\beta}) &= E(\beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon) = \beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E(\varepsilon) \\ &= \beta + 0 = \beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = E[\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})][\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta})]^T$$

$$= E[\hat{\beta} - \beta][\hat{\beta} - \beta]^T$$

$$= E[(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \varepsilon \varepsilon^T X (X^T X)^{-1}]$$

$$= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E(\varepsilon \varepsilon^T) X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \sigma^2 X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}$$

(b) In most of the practical applications, not all the  $\beta_s$  are important in modeling  $y$ , if we know the distribution instead of just the estimate itself of  $\beta$ , then we can delete some  $\beta_s$  that are not significantly important under the significance level, which is very useful in variable selection in a regression model.

(c).  $\because \hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X^T X)^{-1})$

$\hat{y}_* = X_*^T \hat{\beta}$  also follows a Gaussian distribution.

$$E(\hat{y}_*) = X_*^T \beta$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{y}_*) = \text{Var}(X_*^T \hat{\beta}) = X_*^T [\sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}] X_*$$

$$\text{Therefore } \hat{y}_* \sim N(X_*^T \beta, \sigma^2 X_*^T (X^T X)^{-1} X_*)$$

(d). If we know the distribution of  $\hat{y}_*$ , we can compare it with the real data, if the two differs quite a lot, then this model would not be appropriate for modeling my data. Therefore knowing the distribution could be helpful to decide whether the model is justifiable to your real data.