

The method of maximum likelihood gives the same parameter estimates as the method of least squares for any measurement noise distribution.

1 / 1 point

True

False

Correct

Correct! The noise must be from the Gaussian family.

2.

Question 2

The product of several Gaussian PDFs with identical variances is also Gaussian.

1 / 1 point

True

False

Correct

Correct! We used this fact to derive the connection between maximum likelihood and least squares.

3.

Question 3

The least squares criterion is robust to outliers.

1 / 1 point

True

False

Correct

Correct! Least squares is particularly sensitive to outliers due to the use of squared errors!

4.

Question 4

For a scalar Gaussian random variable, what is the form of the full log likelihood function?

1 / 1 point

$$-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu)^2$$

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$$\log(2\pi) -$$

$$\log(\sigma$$

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$$) -$$

2

$$(x - \mu)$$

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$$-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu)^2$$

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$$\log(2\pi) +$$

$$\log(\sigma) -$$

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$$(x - \mu)$$

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Correct

Correct!

5.

Question 5

True or False,

$$\mathrm{argmin}_{x \sim} f(x) = \mathrm{argmax}_{x \sim} f(-x)$$

argmin

$f(x)=\operatorname{argmax}$

$f(-x)$.

1 / 1 point

True

False

Correct

Correct!

$\operatorname{argmin}_{\tilde{x}} f(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{x}} -f(x)$

argmin

$f(x)=\operatorname{argmax}$

$-f(x)$.