

Class Exercises. Set 1. Probability and Statistics

1. In Python, simulate the sum of two random variables, X and Y , both uniformly distributed between 0 and 1.
2. Assume that X is distributed according to the Gaussian density with mean $\mu_X = 0$ and variance $\sigma_X^2 = 1$; Y is distributed according to the Gaussian density with mean $\mu_Y = 1$ and variance $\sigma_Y^2 = 1$.
 - a) What is the probability density function f_X at $X = 0$?
 - b) What is the probability density function f_Y at $Y = 0$?
 - c) Assume the distribution $P(Z=z) = 0.5P(X = z) + 0.5P(Y = z)$ known as mixture (i.e., 1/2 of the time points are generated by the X process and 1/2 of the time by the Y process). If $Z = 0$, what is the probability that the X process generated this data point?
3. In Python, simulate the mixture of two random variables, X and Y , X uniformly distributed between 0 and 1 and Y uniformly distributed between 4 and 6. The mixing coefficients are 0.4 and 0.6 respectively. Play with different values for the mixing coefficients.
4. To estimate the probability of getting heads, p , on the throw of a coin, we repeat the experiment n times, independently, and we count the number of successes (heads), Y . If X is a random variable with

$$\begin{cases} X = 1, & \text{if head} \\ X = 0, & \text{if tails} \end{cases}$$

then $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Consider the following two estimators of p : $\hat{P}_1 = Y/n$ e $\hat{P}_2 = (Y + 1)/(n + 2)$.

- (a) Check if \hat{P}_1 and \hat{P}_2 are unbiased estimators of p .
 - (b) Compute the mean-square error (MSE) of the estimators \hat{P}_1 and \hat{P}_2 . Confirm that the MSE of \hat{P}_2 is less than the MSE of \hat{P}_1 when the true (but unknown in practice) p is equal to 0.5.
5. Load the height/weight data using `data = np.genfromtxt('heightWeightData.txt', delimiter=',')`. The first column is the class label (1=male, 2=female), the second column is height, the third weight.
 - a) Write a Python script to fit a Gaussian model to each class using all the data for training. What's the training error?
 - b) Repeat a) imposing the same covariance matrix for both classes.
 - c) Repeat a) imposing the diagonal covariance matrices.