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Problem 1

[Your potential is A, please work it!]

$$(a) M_X(\lambda) = E[e^{\lambda X}]$$

$$e^{\lambda X} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda X)^k}{k!} \quad (\text{power series})$$

$$M_X(\lambda) = E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k X^k}{k!}\right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} E[X^k]$$

By Markov's inequality
 $P(X > u) = P(e^{ux} > e^{lu}) \leq e^{-lu} M_X(l)$

taking the infimum over $\lambda > 0$

$$P(X > u) \leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-lu} M_X(\lambda)$$

expanding the MGF in the bound:

$$\inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-lu} M_X(\lambda) = \inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-lu} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} E[X^k]$$

choosing $\lambda = \frac{t}{u}$, we simplify $e^{-lu} = e^{-\frac{tu}{u}} = e^{-t}$
what you're choosing here is k , not λ . (why?)
and since $k!$ is in the denominator, for large k

$$\Rightarrow e^{-t} \frac{t^k}{k!} u^{-k} E[X^k] \approx E[X^k] u^{-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k! &\approx \sqrt{2\pi k} \left(\frac{k}{e}\right)^k \\ \Rightarrow \frac{t^k}{k!} &\approx e^{tk-tk} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{\lambda > 0} M_X(\lambda) e^{-lu} \geq \inf_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} E[X^k] u^{-k}$$

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Great!

This is not what I asked to prove - the result is weaker - but your argument is basically correct
→ bonus points for nonstandard thinking!

(b)

$$\text{MGF: } M_X(\lambda) = E[e^{\lambda X}]$$

$$E[e^{\lambda X}] = E[e^{-\lambda X}]$$

since X is symmetric, $E[e^{\lambda X}] = E[e^{-\lambda X}]$

$$\Rightarrow M_X(\lambda) = E\left[\frac{e^{\lambda X} + e^{-\lambda X}}{2}\right]$$

$$\text{power series: } e^{\lambda X} + e^{-\lambda X} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2k} X^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

$$\text{taking expectations: } M_X(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2k}}{(2k)!} E[X^{2k}]$$

since X is symmetric, all odd moments vanish ($E[X^k] = 0$ for all odd k)

Yup

From Markov's inequality and Chernoff's method

$$P(X > u) = P(e^{\lambda X} > e^{\lambda u}) \leq e^{-\lambda u} M_X(\lambda)$$

taking infimum over $\lambda > 0$

$$P(X > u) \leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-\lambda u} M_X(\lambda)$$

since X is symmetric, using 2-sided bound:

$$P(|X| > u) = P(X > u) + P(X < -u) = 2P(X > u)$$

$$P(|X| > u) \leq 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} e^{-\lambda u} M_X(\lambda),$$

moment-based bound:
 $P(|X| > u) \leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \frac{E[X^{2k}]}{u^{2k}}$
(sharper alternative)

expanding the MGF bound

$$e^{-\lambda u} M_X(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda u} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2k}}{(2k)!} E[X^{2k}]$$

$$\text{choosing } \lambda = \frac{2k}{u}, \quad \frac{(2k)^{2k}}{(2k)!} \approx e^{2k} (2k)^{-2k}$$

symmetry

taking infimum over k

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{\lambda > 0} M_X(\lambda) e^{-\lambda u} \geq \frac{1}{2} \inf_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} E[X^{2k}] u^{-2k}$$

Problem 2

(a) X : random variable

applying Young's inequality :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^T b \rangle &\leq \|a\|_p \|b\|_q \\ tX = \langle t \cdot X \rangle &\leq \|t\|_p \|X\|_q \\ E[e^{tx}] &\leq E[e^{\|t\|_p \|X\|_q}] \end{aligned}$$

Not so easy:

$$\begin{cases} \|t\|_p = t & \text{for any } t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \|X\|_q = |X| & X \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$$K_X(t) = \log E[e^{tx}] \leq \log E[e^{\|t\|_p \|X\|_q}]$$

$\Rightarrow K_X(t)$ convex

other way of solving using Jensen's inequality

$$K_X(\lambda t_1 + (1-\lambda)t_2) = \log E[e^{(\lambda t_1 + (1-\lambda)t_2)x}]$$

$$e^{(\lambda t_1 + (1-\lambda)t_2)x} \leq \lambda e^{t_1 x} + (1-\lambda)e^{t_2 x}$$

wrong implication

$$\log E[e^{\lambda t_1 x + (1-\lambda)t_2 x}] \leq \lambda \log(E[e^{t_1 x}] + (1-\lambda) \log E[e^{t_2 x}])$$

($\log(\cdot)$ is concave, not convex!)

$$K_X(\lambda t_1 + (1-\lambda)t_2) \leq \lambda K_X(t_1) + (1-\lambda)K_X(t_2)$$

$\Rightarrow K_X(t)$ convex



Problem 3

(a) $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$ is the pdf of $N(0, 1)$

$$\Phi(u) = \int_u^\infty \phi(t) dt$$

substituting $\phi(t) = -\frac{\phi'(t)}{t}$ and using integration by parts

$$u = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow du = -\frac{1}{t^2} dt$$

$$dv = \phi'(t) \Rightarrow v = -\phi(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(u) = \int_u^\infty \phi(t) dt = \int_u^\infty -\frac{\phi'(t)}{t} dt = \left[-\frac{\phi(t)}{t} \right]_u^\infty - \int_u^\infty \frac{\phi(t)}{t^2} dt$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $-\frac{\phi(t)}{t} = 0$, we get

$$\Phi(u) = \frac{\phi(u)}{u} - \underbrace{\int_u^\infty \frac{\phi(t)}{t^2} dt}_{> 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(u) \leq \frac{\phi(u)}{u} > 0$$

applying integration by parts again

$$\frac{\Phi(u)}{u} - \int_u^\infty -\frac{\phi'(t)}{t^3} dt = \frac{\phi(u)}{u} + \left[\frac{\phi(t)}{t^3} \right]_u^\infty - \int_u^\infty -\frac{3\phi(t)}{t^4} dt$$

$$= \frac{\phi(u)}{u} - \frac{\phi(u)}{u^3} + \int_u^\infty \frac{3\phi(t)}{t^4} dt$$

since $\int_u^\infty \frac{3\phi(t)}{t^4} dt > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(u) \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^3} \right) < P[u \geq u] - \Phi(u)$$

$$\Phi(u) \geq \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^3} \right) \phi(u)$$



(b) Applying the same trick again as in part (a)

$$\text{to } \int_u^\infty \frac{3\phi(t)}{t^u} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_u^\infty -\frac{3\phi'(t)}{t^u} dt = \left[-\frac{3\phi(t)}{t^u} \right]_u^\infty - \int_u^\infty \frac{15\phi(t)}{t^{u+1}} dt$$

$$= \frac{3\phi(u)}{u^u} - \int_u^\infty \frac{15\phi(t)}{t^{u+1}} dt$$

since $-\int_u^\infty \frac{15\phi(t)}{t^{u+1}} dt < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Phi}(u) \leq \bar{\Phi}(u) \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^3} + \frac{3}{u^5} \right)$$

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3.2) $\underline{\Phi}(u) = \int_{-\infty}^u \phi(t) dt$
 where $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2}$

since the normal distribution is symmetric around 0,

$$\bar{\Phi}(u) = \frac{1}{2} + \int_0^\infty \phi(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \bar{\Phi}(u) = \int_u^\infty \phi(t) dt$$

Gaussian tail probability

$$\frac{1}{2} - \underline{\Phi}(u) = \int_u^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

substitute: $t = u + x \quad dt = dx$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \underline{\Phi}(u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(u+x)^2/2} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \underline{\Phi}(u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-ux} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

when $x=0, u=0$
 for integral bounds

$$\frac{1}{2} - \Phi(u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(-u)^k}{k!} \int_0^\infty x^k e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

gamma

$\frac{(k-1)/2 < \frac{(k+1)}{2}}$

for odd k : $\zeta(n+1) = n!$

for $k = 2m+1 \Rightarrow \zeta(\frac{2m+1}{2}) = \zeta(m+1) = m!$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty x^k e^{-x^2/2} dx = 2^{\frac{(k-1)}{2}} \frac{k!}{2^{(k+1)/2} (k+1)} = \frac{k!}{2^{k/2} (k+1)}$$

substitute back

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \Phi(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^k u^{2k+1}}{2^k k! (2k+1)}$$

You need equality, not inequality



Problem 4

$$(a) I = 1_{\{X \geq (1-t)E[X]\}} \rightarrow \text{indicator function}$$

$$XI \geq (1-t)E[X]I$$

$$E[XI] \geq (1-t)E[X]E[I]$$

since I indicator function lead to the upper bound on P .

$$E[XI] = E[X|X \geq (1-t)E[X]]P(X \geq (1-t)E[X])$$

$$E[XI] \geq (1-t)E[X]P(X \geq (1-t)E[X]) +$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz: $E[XI]^2 \leq E[X^2]E[I]$

since $E[I] = P(X \geq (1-t)E[X])$ this is correct $E[I^2] = E[I]$
for indicator function

$$E[XI]^2 \leq E[X^2]P(X \geq (1-t)E[X])$$

$$\Rightarrow ((1-t)E[X]P(X \geq (1-t)E[X]))^2 \leq E[X^2]P(X \geq (1-t)E[X])$$

dividing both sides by $E[X^2]$

↓ results 'not what you get'

$$\left((1-t)^2 \frac{(E[X])^2}{E[X^2]} \right)^{-1} \geq P(X \geq (1-t)E[X])$$

let set $t = 1-t$

$$P(X \geq (1-t)E[X]) \geq t^2 \frac{(E[X])^2}{E[X^2]}$$

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(See my solution - or come to discuss in the office hrs.)

$$(b) \text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X^2] = \text{Var}(X) + [E(X)]^2$$

we know, $P(X > (1-t)E[X]) \geq t^2 \frac{[E(X)]^2}{E[X^2]}$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > (1-t)E[X]) \geq t^2 \frac{[E[X]]^2}{[E[X]]^2 + \text{Var}(X)}$$

$$[E(X)]^2 + \text{Var}(X) = t^2 [E(X)]^2 + \text{Var}(X)$$

$$+ (1-t^2) [E(X)]^2$$

taking the worst case scenario where the variance expression has the largest impact, we bound:

$$[E(X)]^2 + \text{Var}(X) = t^2 [E(X)]^2 + \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > (1-t)E[X]) \geq t^2 \frac{[E(X)]^2}{t^2 [E(X)]^2 + \text{Var}(X)}$$

an example is the Bernoulli random variable:

$$X = \begin{cases} a & \text{w/ probability } p \\ 0 & \text{w/ probability } 1-p \end{cases}$$

here, $E[X] = pa$, $E[X^2] = pa^2$, $\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)a^2$

Yes, in the limit $t \rightarrow 0$, (b) reduces to (a). (a)
But for any $t > 0$ (b) is stronger.

(c) from Polya-Zygmund:

$$P(X > (1-t)E[X]) \geq \frac{(E[X^{\bar{I}}])^t}{E[X^2] P(X > (1-t)E[X])}$$

Hölder's inequality:

$$E[UV] \leq (E[|U|^p])^{1/p} (E[|V|^q])^{1/q}$$

$$U = X, V = \bar{I} = \mathbf{1}_{\{X > (1-t)E[X]\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[V^q] = P(X > (1-t)E[X])$$

$$\text{applying Hölder: } E[X^{\bar{I}}] \leq (E[|X|^p])^{1/p} (P(X > (1-t)E[X]))^{1/q}$$

\Rightarrow raising both sides to p :

$$E[X^{\bar{I}}]^p \leq E[|X|^p] \cdot (P(X > (1-t)E[X]))^{p/q}$$

$$\text{since } p/q = \frac{p-1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X^{\bar{I}}]^p \leq E[|X|^p] \cdot (P(X > (1-t)E[X]))^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

using the bound: $E[X^{\bar{I}}] \geq (1-t)E[X^p] P(X > (1-t)E[X])$:

$$((1-t)E[X] P(X > (1-t)E[X]))^p \leq E[|X|^p] \cdot (P(X > (1-t)E[X]))^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

dividing both sides by $E[$



Modulo the $\frac{p-1}{p}$ instead of $p-1$, this would work

if (a) did (You need to adjust solution in the same way as in (a).) So, I didn't penalize here.

Problem 5

$$(a) \text{ For } X \sim \chi^2_2 \Rightarrow \text{MGF : } M_2(t) = E[e^{tx}] \\ = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\text{with } X = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 \text{ and } Z_i \sim N(0,1)$$

chi-square density function for 2 degrees of freedom: $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2}$, $x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow M_2(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2} dx \\ = \int_0^\infty e^{x(t-1/2)} dx$$

the integral above converges if $t < 1/2$
since $\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ for $\lambda > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{in this case, } \lambda = \frac{1}{2} - t$$

$$\Rightarrow M_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} - t} = \frac{1}{1-2t}, t < \frac{1}{2} \quad (+)$$

using polar coordinates

$$\text{since } X = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2, Z_1 = r \cos \theta, Z_2 = r \sin \theta$$

$$P.d.f : f_{Z_1, Z_2}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-(z_1^2+z_2^2)/2}$$

the Jacobian of the transformation is r

$$\Rightarrow f_{r, \theta}(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-r^2/2} \cdot r$$

$$X = r^2 \Rightarrow M_2(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tr^2} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta \right) r e^{-r^2/2} dr$$

integral over
 $\theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow M_2(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tr^2} r e^{-r^2/2} dr$$

$$\text{gamma function: } \int_0^\infty x^{v-1} e^{-\lambda x^p} dx = \frac{\Gamma(v/p)}{\lambda^{v/p}}, \lambda > 0$$

$$p=2, v=2, \lambda = \frac{1}{2} - t$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty r e^{-(1/2-t)r^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-t}}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_2(t) = \frac{1}{1-2t}, t < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$M_{2d}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{2d} M_{2i}(t)$$

$$M_{2i}(t) = (1-2t)^{-1/2}, t < \frac{1}{2}$$

since we have $2d$ independent square normal variables,

$$M_{2d}(t) = (1-2t)^{-2d/2}$$

$$M_{2d}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^d}, t < \frac{1}{2}$$

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(b)

$$X \sim \chi^2_{2d}, \text{ Chernoff's: } P(X > \kappa) = P(e^{tX} > e^{t\kappa}) \leq E[e^{tX}] e^{-t\kappa}$$

$$P(X > \kappa) \leq \inf_{t < \frac{1}{2}} \frac{e^{-t\kappa}}{(1-2t)^d}$$

$$\text{from (a), } M_{2d}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^d}, t < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > \kappa) \leq \inf_{t < \frac{1}{2}} \frac{e^{-t\kappa}}{(1-2t)^d}$$

$$\log P(X > \kappa) \leq \inf_{t < \frac{1}{2}} (-t\kappa - d \log(1-2t))$$

$$\text{to find opt } t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = -\kappa + \frac{2d}{1-2t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\kappa - 2d}{2\kappa}$$

$$\log P(X > \kappa) = d \log\left(\frac{\kappa}{2d}\right) - \frac{\kappa - 2d}{2}$$

$$P(X > \kappa) = \exp(d \log\left(\frac{\kappa}{2d}\right) - \frac{\kappa - 2d}{2})$$

$$z = \kappa - 2d, \kappa = 2d + z$$
$$\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) = \exp(d \log\left(\frac{2d+z}{2d}\right) - \frac{z}{2})$$

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→ I asked to prove this first ...

bonus

(c) hint \Rightarrow $\log(1+u) \leq u - \frac{1}{4} \min\{u, u^2\}$, $\forall u > 0$

from (b) $\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(d \log(\frac{2d+z}{2d}) - \frac{z^2}{2})$

let's set: $u = z/2d \Rightarrow 1+u = \frac{2d+z}{2d}$
 $du = \frac{z}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(d \log(1+u) - \frac{z^2}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(d \log(1+u) - du)$$

$$d \log(1+u) \leq d(u - \frac{1}{4} \min\{u, u^2\})$$

expanding and rearranging

$$d \log(1+u) - du \leq -\frac{1}{4} \min\{u, u^2\}$$

plugging in the expression for u : $u = z/2d$

$$\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(-\frac{d}{4} \min\{\frac{z}{2d}, \frac{z^2}{4d^2}\})$$

$$P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(-\min\{\frac{z}{8}, \frac{z^2}{16d}\})$$

case 1: if $z > 2d \Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(-\frac{z}{8})$

case 2: if $0 \leq z \leq 2d \Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \exp(-\frac{z^2}{16d})$

$$\Rightarrow P(X - 2d > z) \leq \begin{cases} \exp(-\frac{z^2}{16d}), & 0 \leq z \leq 2d \\ \exp(-\frac{z}{8}), & z > 2d \end{cases}$$

using C.ii

setting $P(X-2d > z) = \delta$
 $\Rightarrow \delta = \exp(-\min\{\frac{z^2}{16d}, \frac{z}{8}\})$

$$\log \delta = -\min\{\frac{z^2}{16d}, \frac{z}{8}\}$$

$$\min\{\frac{z^2}{16d}, \frac{z}{8}\} = -\log \delta$$

for $0 \leq z \leq 2d \Rightarrow \frac{z^2}{16d} = -\log \delta$

$$z = \sqrt{16d \log 1/\delta}$$

for $z > 2d \Rightarrow \frac{z}{8} = -\log \delta$
 $\frac{z}{8} = 8 \log 1/\delta$

$$z \leq \max\{\sqrt{16d \log 1/\delta}, 8 \log 1/\delta\}$$

$$z \leq \sqrt{16d \log 1/\delta} + 8 \log 1/\delta$$

$$z \leq \sqrt{C d \log 1/\delta} + c \log 1/\delta$$

$$C = 16, c = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow z \leq \sqrt{16d \log 1/\delta} + 8 \log 1/\delta$$

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Problem 6

$$(a) \hat{\mu} = s X$$

since $X \sim N(\mu, I_d) \Rightarrow X = \mu + Z$

and $Z \sim N(0, I_d)$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = s X = s(\mu + Z) = s\mu + sZ$$

the risk is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} E\|sX - \mu\|^2 &= E\|s\mu + sZ - \mu\|^2 \\ &= E\|(s-1)\mu + sZ\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

using: $E\|A+B\|^2 = \|A\|^2 + E\|B\|^2 + 2E\langle A, B \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow (s-1)^2\|\mu\|^2 + s^2 E\|Z\|^2 + 2(s-1)sE\langle \mu, Z \rangle$$

since Z is mean-zero and independent of μ

$$\Rightarrow E\langle \mu, Z \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \text{last term vanishes}$$

since $Z \sim N(0, I_d)$ and $E\|Z\|^2 = d$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Risk}(\hat{\mu}) = (s-1)^2\|\mu\|^2 + s^2d$$

case 1 : $s > 1 \Rightarrow$ the risk function is strictly increasing in s for $s > 1$. choosing $s = 1$ gives a lower risk.

\Rightarrow any estimator with $s > 1$ is dominated by the MLE $\hat{\mu} = X$

case 2 : $s < 0$

$$\text{risk}_k(|s|X) = (|s|-1)^2 \|\mu\|^2 + |s|^2 d$$

$|s| > s$ when $s < 0 \Rightarrow$ risk is always lower for $|s|X$ compared to sX

\Rightarrow any estimator with $s < 0$ is dominated by its positive counterpart $|s|X$. Correct +

(b) derivative with respect to s :

$$\frac{d}{ds} [(s-1)^2 \|\mu\|^2 + s^2 d] = 2(s-1) \|\mu\|^2 + 2sd$$

$$2(s-1) \|\mu\|^2 + 2sd = 0$$

$$(s-1) \|\mu\|^2 + sd = 0$$

$$s \|\mu\|^2 - \|\mu\|^2 + sd = 0$$

$$s(d + \|\mu\|^2) = \|\mu\|^2$$

$$s^* = \frac{\|\mu\|^2}{d + \|\mu\|^2} = 1 - \frac{d}{d + \|\mu\|^2}$$

Yes +

(c) an estimator has to be a function of the observed data X buts* depends on $\|\mu\|^2$ which is an unknown quantity.

modified estimator: $\left(1 - \frac{d}{\|X\|^2}\right)X$

$1 - \frac{d}{\|X\|^2} \Rightarrow$ ensures that the shrinkage effect depends on magnitude of X
 \Rightarrow when $\|X\|^2$ is large, the shrinkage factor is close to 1
when $\|X\|^2$ is small, the shrinkage factor is significantly less than 1, pulling the estimator towards the origin.



(I would simply say that $\|X\|^2 - d$ is an unbiased estimate of $\|\mu\|^2$.)

$$(a) R(\delta) = E_{\mu} \|\hat{\mu}^{\delta} - \mu\|^2$$

$$\hat{\mu}^{\delta} - \mu = \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)X - \mu$$

since $X = \mu + z$ and $z \sim N(0, I_d)$

$$\hat{\mu}^{\delta} - \mu = \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)(\mu + z) - \mu$$

$$\hat{\mu}^{\delta} - \mu = \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)\mu + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z - \mu$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2} - 1\right)\mu + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z$$

$$= \left(-\frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)\mu + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z$$

$$R(\delta) = E \left[\left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)\mu + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z \right]^2$$

$$= E \left[\left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)\mu \right]^2 + \left\| \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z \right\|^2$$

$$+ 2 \left\langle -\frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\mu, \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z \right\rangle$$

since, $\langle \mu, z \rangle = 0 \quad \rightarrow = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R(\delta) = E \left[\left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)\mu \right]^2 + \left\| \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)z \right\|^2$$

$$= E \left[\frac{\delta^2}{\|X\|^4} \|\mu\|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|X\|^2}\right)^2 \|z\|^2 \right]$$

since $\epsilon \parallel z \parallel^2 = d$

$$R(\delta) = E \left[\frac{\delta^2}{\|x\|^4} \|u\|^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|x\|^2}\right)^2 d \right]$$

we want to minimize the quadratic risk

Stein lemma

$$\Rightarrow E[(x_i - u_i)g(x)] = E\left[\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(x)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow E\left[\frac{\delta}{\|x\|^2} \|u\|^2\right] = E\left[\frac{\delta d + \|u\|^2}{\|x\|^2}\right]$$

$$\frac{d}{d\delta} R(\delta) = E\left[\frac{2\delta}{\|x\|^4} \|u\|^2 - 2\left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\|x\|^2}\right) \frac{2}{\|x\|^2}\right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E\left[\frac{2\delta}{\|x\|^4} \|u\|^2\right] = E\left[\frac{2d}{\|x\|^2} - \frac{2\delta d}{\|x\|^4}\right]$$

$$E\left[\frac{2\delta}{\|x\|^4} \|u\|^2 + \frac{2\delta d}{\|x\|^4}\right] = E\left[\frac{2d}{\|x\|^2}\right]$$

$$E\left[\frac{2\delta(d + \|u\|^2)}{\|x\|^4}\right] = E\left[\frac{2d}{\|x\|^2}\right]$$

$$\delta^* = d - 2$$

plugging δ^* back into estimator

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}^{\text{LS}} = \left(1 - \frac{d-2}{\|x\|^2}\right)x$$



Well done!

Problem 7

suppose we already have a valid planar Venn diagram for $n-1$ sets with F_{n-1} faces.

when adding the n th set, it must split every existing region it intersects into two.

since the previous Venn diagram had $F_{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$ faces, adding a new set doubles the number of faces $\Rightarrow F_n = 2F_{n-1} \Rightarrow F_n = 2^n$

Also, each new curve adds at most $2(n-1)$ new regions from Euler, for a planar graph:

$$v - e + f = 2$$

$$v_n - e_n \leq v_{n-1} - e_{n-1}$$
$$F_n \leq 2F_{n-1}$$

$$F_n = 2 + e_n - v_n$$

$$F_{n-1} = 2 + e_{n-1} - v_{n-1}$$

$$F_n \leq 2 + e_{n-1} - v_{n-1} + 2(n-1)$$

$$F_n \leq F_{n-1} + 2(n-1) \rightarrow \text{recursive bound}$$

iterating this gives: $F_n \leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k = \frac{2(n-1)n}{2} = O(n^2)$

$$f_n \leq f_{n-1} + 2(n-1)$$

$$f_{n-1} \leq f_{n-2} + 2(n-2)$$

$$f_{n-2} \leq f_{n-3} + 2(n-3)$$

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each new curve intersects the previous one
at most $2(n-1)$ times.

$$\Rightarrow V_n \leq V_{n-1} + 2(n-1) +$$

for E_n :

each new curve must intersect all previous

$n-1$ curves.

a simple closed curve intersects another

simple closed curve at at least 2 points.

It creates $2(n-1)$ new edges.

However, if the Venn diagram is fully
connected, each intersection divides the
plane into more regions \Rightarrow at least 4
edges per previous sets are needed.

$$\Rightarrow E_n \geq E_{n-1} + 4(n-1) +$$

Well done

$$\text{for } n=3, F_3 = 2^3 = 8$$

$$\text{for } n=4, F_4 = 2^4 = 16$$

$$\text{However, } F_4 \leq F_3 + 2(4-1) \leq 8 + 6 \\ \leq 14$$

\Rightarrow therefore you can't draw a Venn
diagram for $n \geq 5$ by shifting a circle.

