

problem 1

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

assume X and Y are indep.

1) want $\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X+Y] &= E[(X+Y)^2] - (E[X+Y])^2 \\ &= E[X^2 + Y^2 + 2XY] - (E[X] + E[Y])^2 \\ &= E[X^2] + E[Y^2] + 2E[XY] \\ &\quad - E[X]^2 - E[Y]^2 - 2E[X]E[Y] \\ &\quad (Y, X \text{ indep} \Rightarrow E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]) \\ &= (E[X^2] - E[X]^2) + (E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2) \\ &= \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] \end{aligned}$$

2) want $\text{Var}[XY] = E[X^2]E[Y^2] - E[X]^2E[Y]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[XY] &= E[X^2Y^2] - (E[XY])^2 \\ &= E[X^2]E[Y^2] - (E[X]E[Y])^2 \\ &= E[X^2]E[Y^2] - E[X]^2E[Y]^2 \end{aligned}$$

3) if $E[X] = 0$
want

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[XY] &= \text{Var}[X]E[Y]^2 \\ \text{Var}[XY] &= E[X^2]E[Y^2] - 0^2E[Y]^2 \\ &= (E[X^2] - (E[X])^2)E[Y]^2 \\ &\quad \text{"0"} \\ &= \text{Var}[X]E[Y]^2 \end{aligned}$$

problem 2.

1) Assume $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a convex set and f and g both have C as their domain.

$f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex means that

$$f(\gamma x + (1-\gamma)y) \leq \gamma f(x) + (1-\gamma)f(y)$$

$\forall x, y \in C$ and $\gamma \in [0, 1]$.

$g: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex means that

$$g(\gamma x + (1-\gamma)y) \leq \gamma g(x) + (1-\gamma)g(y) \\ \forall x, y \in C, \gamma \in [0, 1].$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha f(\gamma x + (1-\gamma)y) + \beta g(\gamma x + (1-\gamma)y) \\ & \leq \alpha(\gamma f(x) + (1-\gamma)f(y)) + \beta(\gamma g(x) + (1-\gamma)g(y)) \\ & = \gamma(\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) + (1-\gamma)(\alpha f(y) + \beta g(y)) \\ & \forall x, y \in C, \gamma \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha f + \beta g$ is also convex function on C .

2) Assume $f: C \xrightarrow{\in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbb{R}$ is convex.

want | f is both convex and concave
i.e. f and $-f$ are convex.

Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $x, y \in C$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{consider } f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \\ = \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

(by property of linear map

i.e. if $f(x)$ is linear then

$$f(c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2) = c_1 f(u_1) + c_2 f(u_2)$$

where $u_1, u_2 \in \text{dom}(f)$ $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is convex on C

consider

$$\begin{aligned} -f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) &= -(\alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)) \\ &= \alpha(-f(x)) + (1-\alpha)(-f(y)) \\ &\leq \alpha(-f(x)) + (1-\alpha)(-f(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow -f$ is convex on C

$\Rightarrow f$ is concave on C .

3) if $f(x)$ is a convex func on \mathbb{R}^n
we have

$$f(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$$

where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

consider

$$\begin{aligned} & g(\beta z + (1-\beta)h) \quad \beta \in [0, 1] \quad z, h \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ &= f(W[\beta z + (1-\beta)h] + b) \\ &= f(\beta Wz + (1-\beta)Wh + \beta b + (1-\beta)b) \\ &= f(\beta(Wz + b) + (1-\beta)(Wh + b)) \\ &\leq \beta f(Wz + b) + (1-\beta)f(Wh + b) \\ &= \beta g(z) + (1-\beta)g(h) \\ &\Rightarrow g \text{ is convex on } \mathbb{R}^m \end{aligned}$$

problem 3

1) consider $g(t) = f(tx + (1-t)y)$

we have $g(1) = g(0) + g'(0) + \frac{1}{2}g''(\beta)$ ①

$$g(1) = f(x)$$

$$g(0) = f(y)$$

$$g'(0) = \frac{d}{dt} f(tx + (1-t)y) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= f'(tx + (1-t)y)(x-y) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= f'(y)(x-y) = \nabla f(y)(x-y)$$

$$g''(\beta) = \frac{d^2}{d\beta^2} (f(\beta x + (1-\beta)y))$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\beta} (f'(\beta x + (1-\beta)y)(x-y))$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\beta} ((x-y)^T f'(\beta x + (1-\beta)y))$$

(To match the dimension

i.e. $\nabla f(y)$ is $n \times 1$ to get a result in \mathbb{R} , we need $(x-y)^T (1 \times n)$).

$$\Rightarrow H(y_\beta)$$

$$= (x-y)^T \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 1 \times n}}{f''} \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ n \times n}}{(\beta x + (1-\beta)y)} \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ n \times 1}}{(x-y)} = |x| \checkmark$$

$$= (x-y)^T H(y_\beta) (x-y).$$

so $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = f(y) + \nabla f(y)(x-y) + \frac{1}{2}(x-y)^T H(y_\beta)(x-y)$$

where $y_\beta = \beta x + (1-\beta)y$, $\beta \in [0, 1]$,
(since β is arbitrary)

2) Assume f smooth in \mathbb{R}^n and $v^T H v \geq 0$
 $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Then by previous result,

$$f(x) = f(y) + \nabla f(y)(x-y) + \frac{1}{2}(x-y)^T H(y_\beta)(x-y)$$

≥ 0 by assumption.

$$\geq f(y) + \nabla f(y)(x-y)$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is convex on \mathbb{R}^n by Lemma in the class.

$$3) \quad f(x) = g(h(x)) \quad f: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (1 \times n \text{ matrix})$$

$$f'(x) = \underset{(1 \times 1)}{g'(h(x))} \underset{k \times 1}{h'(x)} = g'(h(x)) (\nabla h(x))^T$$

$$= k \times 1$$

$$f''(x) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1 \times 1}}{g''(h(x))} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ k \times 1}}{(\nabla h(x))} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1 \times k}}{h'(x)}^T + \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ 1 \times 1}}{g'(h(x))} \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ k \times k}}{h''(x)}$$

$$= g''(h(x)) (\nabla h(x))^T \nabla h(x) + g'(h(x)) \nabla^2 h(x)$$

$$4) \quad g(y) = \log y \quad h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k e^{x_i}$$

$$f(x) = f(h(x)) = \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^k e^{x_i}\right)$$

$$g(h(x)) = \frac{1}{h(x)} \quad g''(h(x)) = \frac{-1}{h^2(x)}$$

$$\nabla h(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ e^{x_2} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\nabla h(x))^T = (e^{x_1} \ e^{x_2} \ \dots \ e^{x_k})$$

$$\nabla^2 h(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{x_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

(since e^{x_i} only involves the variable x_i)

$$\frac{\partial h(x)}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i$$

combine

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f(x) = -\frac{1}{h^2(x)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} (e^{x_1} \ \dots \ e^{x_k}) + \frac{1}{h(x)} \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{x_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

by previous result,

$$5) \quad \text{Let } v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

for the $\nabla^2 f$ in 4), consider

$$\textcircled{1} \quad v^T \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} (e^{x_1} \ \dots \ e^{x_k}) v$$

$$= \left((v_1 \ \dots \ v_k) \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} \right) \left((e^{x_1} \ \dots \ e^{x_k}) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k v_i e^{x_i} \right)^2$$

$$② \quad v^T \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} v$$

$$= v^T \left(\begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{x_k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (v_1 \dots v_k) \begin{pmatrix} e^{x_1} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_k} v_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 e^{x_i}$$

and result in 4)

combine ①, ② we get

$$v^T H(x) v = - \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i e^{x_i} \right)^2}{h^2(x)} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 e^{x_i}}{h(x)}$$

6) use Cauchy - Schwarz inequality

$$\text{i.e. } (\sum a_i b_i)^2 \leq \sum a_i^2 \sum b_i^2$$

$$\text{for } \left(\sum_{i=1}^k v_i e^{x_i} \right)^2 \quad \text{Let } a_i = e^{x_i} \quad b_i = v_i e^{x_i}$$

$$\text{then } \left(\sum_{i=1}^k v_i e^{x_i} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^k e^{x_i} \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 e^{x_i}$$

$$\leq h(x) \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 e^{x_i} \quad ①$$

$$\text{Also, since } h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k e^{x_i} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

so we have $\frac{1}{h(x)} > 0$

Then

$$v^T H(x) v = \frac{-\left(\sum v_i e^{x_i} \right)^2}{h^2(x)} + \frac{\sum v_i^2 e^{x_i}}{h(x)}$$

$$= \frac{-\left(\sum v_i e^{x_i} \right)^2}{h^2(x)} + \frac{h(x) \sum v_i^2 e^{x_i}}{h^2(x)} \geq 0,$$

by ①

7) Since $v^T \nabla^2 f(x) v \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^k$
 by 2), we get $f(x)$ convex on \mathbb{R}^k .

8) Since $f(x) = \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^k e^{x_i}\right)$ is convex, on \mathbb{R}^k
 then define

$g(x) = f(Wx + b)$ is convex on \mathbb{R}^d

i.e. $w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_k \end{pmatrix}$ where $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ i.e. $\dim W = k \times d$

$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_k \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ($\dim b = k \times 1$)

$\dim X = |dx| \quad g(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$

so define $f(\theta) = g(x) = \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^k e^{w_i x + b_i}\right)$

where $\theta = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_k \\ b_k \end{pmatrix}$ is convex on \mathbb{R}^n
 where $n = k(d+1)$