

# CS7641 A Homework 1

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## 1 Linear Algebra

### 1.1 Determinant and Inverse of Matrix

Given matrix  $M$ :

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} r & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & r \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Determinant of  $M$ .

We know that the determinant of a 3x3 matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

is given by:

$$|A| = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

Substituting the values for matrix  $M$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} |M| &= r \times 3 \times 3 + 6 \times r \times 4 + 0 \times 2 \times 7 - r \times r \times 7 - 6 \times 2 \times 3 - 0 \times 3 \times 4 \\ &= 9r + 24r - 7r^2 - 36 \\ &= -7r^2 + 33r - 36 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We know that a matrix  $M$  is singular or non-invertible if its determinant is 0. Thus, equating the value of determinant of  $M$  to zero, we get:

$$|M| = 0$$

$$-7r^2 + 33r - 36 = 0$$

$$7r^2 - 33r + 36 = 0$$

$$7r^2 - 21r - 12r + 36 = 0$$

$$7r(r - 3) - 12(r - 3) = 0$$

$$(7r - 12)(r - 3) = 0$$

Thus,  $M^{-1}$  does not exist for  $r = 12/7$  and  $r = 3$ . For these values of  $r$ , the matrix  $M$  is not full-rank, as a matrix has to be full-rank for its inverse to exist. Thus,  $rank(A) < 2$ . This also means that  $M$  is singular for these values of  $r$ .

(c) Calculating  $M^{-1}$ :

For  $r = 4$ , matrix  $M$  becomes:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of  $M$  upon substituting the value of  $r$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |M| &= -7r^2 + 33r - 36 \\ &= -7 \times 16 + 33 \times 4 - 36 \\ &= -16 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we will find the classical adjoint of  $M$ .

$$((adj(M))_{ij}) = (-1)^{i+j} |M_{\setminus j, \setminus i}|$$

$$adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} \det \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\det \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \det \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \det \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\det \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ \det \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & -\det \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & \det \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} (9 - 28) & -(18 - 0) & (24 - 0) \\ -(6 - 16) & (12 - 0) & -(16 - 0) \\ (14 - 12) & -(28 - 24) & (12 - 12) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} -19 & -18 & 24 \\ 10 & 12 & -16 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we know that:

$$M^{-1} = adj(M)/|M|$$

Substituting the values of  $adj(M)$  and  $|M|$ , we get:

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 19/16 & 9/8 & -3/2 \\ -5/8 & -3/4 & 1 \\ -1/8 & 1/4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

To check if our inverse is correct, we will verify if  $MM^{-1} = I$ . For simplicity of calculation, we will divide by the value of  $|M|$  at the end, so that we do not have to deal with fractions.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -19 & -18 & 24 \\ 10 & 12 & -16 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} / 16 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (4 \times 19 - 10 \times 6) & (4 \times 18 - 12 \times 6) & (-4 \times 24 + 6 \times 16) \\ (2 \times 19 - 3 \times 10 - 4 \times 2) & (2 \times 18 - 3 \times 12 - 4 \times 4) & (-2 \times 24 + 3 \times 16) \\ (4 \times 19 - 7 \times 10 - 3 \times 2) & (4 \times 18 - 7 \times 12 + 3 \times 4) & (-4 \times 24 + 7 \times 16) \end{bmatrix} / 16 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (76 - 60) & (72 - 72) & (-96 + 96) \\ (38 - 30 - 8) & (36 - 36 + 16) & (-48 + 48) \\ (76 - 70 - 6) & (72 - 84 + 12) & (-96 + 112) \end{bmatrix} / 16 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} / 16 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the inverse is correct.

- (d) Determinant of  $M^{-1}$  for  $r = 4$ :  
 For  $r = 4$ , we know that

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 19/16 & 9/8 & -3/2 \\ -5/8 & -3/4 & 1 \\ -1/8 & 1/4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Substituting the values for matrix  $M^{-1}$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} |M^{-1}| &= 19/16 \times 3/4 \times 0 - 9/8 \times 1 \times 1/8 + 3/2 \times 5/8 \times 1/4 - 19/16 \times 1 \times 1/4 + 9/8 \times 5/8 \times 0 + 19/16 \\ &= -9/64 + 15/64 - 19/64 + 9/64 \\ &= -4/64 \\ &= -1/16 \end{aligned}$$

This could also have been proved by the property of determinants that:

$$|A^{-1}| = 1/|A|$$

## 1.2 Characteristic Equation

Given:

$$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$$

where  $x$  is a non-zero eigenvector and  $\lambda$  is eigenvalue of  $A$ .

My understanding of this proof follows from the Linear Algebra Review and Reference document that was a class reading ([Linear Algebra Overview](#)).

We are given:

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

This can be written as:

$$Ax - \lambda x = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

Since  $\lambda$  is a scalar, it is multiplied by identity matrix  $I$  so that its dimensions are the same as matrix  $A$ . The above equation has a non-zero solution to  $x$  if and only if  $(A - \lambda I)$  has linearly dependent columns. When a matrix has linearly dependent columns, it means that it is non-invertible, or singular. We know that a matrix is singular when its determinant is zero. Thus, the above equation has a non-zero solution to  $x$  if and only if  $|(A - \lambda I)| = 0$ .

This can also be proved by contradiction. If  $(A - \lambda I)$  was invertible, we could've said:

$$(A - \lambda I)^{-1}(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$Ix = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

This is a contradiction since the first equation states that  $x \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not invertible, which means that its determinant  $|(A - \lambda I)|$  is 0.

Hence, proved!

### 1.3 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Given matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x & 3 \\ 1 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Eigenvalues of  $A$  as a function of  $x$ :

Let  $\lambda$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ . We know that:

$$|(A - \lambda I)| = 0$$

Substituting the value of matrix  $A$ , we get:

$$\left| \begin{bmatrix} x & 3 \\ 1 & x \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (x - \lambda) & 3 \\ 1 & (x - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(x - \lambda)^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + x^2 - 2x\lambda - 3 = 0$$

Using the equation for finding roots of a quadratic equation, we get:

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$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= (2x + \sqrt{4x^2 - 4x^2 + 12})/2 \\ &= x + \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

•

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= (2x - \sqrt{4x^2 - 4x^2 + 12})/2 \\ &= x - \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = x + \sqrt{3}$  and  $\lambda = x - \sqrt{3}$ .

(b) Normalized eigenvectors of matrix  $A$ :

To find the eigenvectors of  $A$ , we substitute the values of  $\lambda$  we found in the previous question in the equation

$$(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

For  $\lambda_1 = x + \sqrt{3}$ , we get:

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} x & 3 \\ 1 & x \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x + \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & x + \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{3} & 3 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ q_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives us:

$$p_1 = \sqrt{3}q_1$$

For normalized vectors,

$$p_1^2 + q_1^2 = 1$$

This means that

$$q_1 = \pm 1/2$$

and

$$p_1 = \pm \sqrt{3}/2$$

Similarly, for  $\lambda_2 = x - \sqrt{3}$ , we get:

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} x & 3 \\ 1 & x \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x - \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & x - \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 3 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_2 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives us:

$$p_2 = -\sqrt{3}q_2$$

For normalized vectors,

$$p_2^2 + q_2^2 = 1$$

This means that

$$q_2 = \pm 1/2$$

and

$$p_2 = \mp \sqrt{3}/2$$

Hence, the normalized eigenvectors for matrix  $A$  are:

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## 2 Expectation, Co-variance and Independence

Given,  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are three different random variables.  $X$  obeys a Bernouli Distribution. The probability distribution function is

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & x = c \\ 0.5 & x = -c. \end{cases}$$

$c$  is a constant here.  $Y$  obeys a standard Normal (Gaussian) distribution, which can be written as  $Y \sim N(0, 1)$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Meanwhile,  $Z = XY$ .

(a) Given,

$$Z = XY$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z < z) &= P(XY < z) \\ &= P(Y < z|X = c)P(X = c) + P(-Y < z|X = -c)P(X = -c) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, and the values of probabilities of  $X$  at these values is given, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z < z) &= P(Y < z|X = c)P(X = c) + P(-Y < z|X = -c)P(X = -c) \\ &= 0.5 \times P(Y < z) + 0.5 \times P(Y > -z) \\ &= 0.5(P(Y < z) + P(Y > -z)) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Y$  has normal distribution with mean 0, we know that it is symmetric about the y-axis. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z < z) &= 0.5(P(cY < z) + P(cY > -z)) \\ &= 0.5(2 \times P(cY < z)) \\ &= P(cY < z) \\ &= cY \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Z$  also follows a Normal distribution.

- We know that the expectation of product of two independent random variables is calculated as:

$$E[XY] = E[X] \times E[Y]$$

Calculating  $E[X]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= 0.5 \times c + 0.5 \times (-c) \\ &= 0.5c - 0.5c \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z] &= E[XY] \\ &= E[X]E[Y] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- We know that the variance of product of two independent random variables is calculated as:

$$Var(XY) = Var(X)Var(Y) + Var(X)E^2[Y] + Var(Y)E^2[X]$$

Now, we know that  $E[X] = 0$  (from previous part),  $E[Y] = 0$  (given) and  $Var(Y) = 1$  (given).

Calculating the other terms:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(X) &= E[(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= E[X^2] \\ &= \sum_x x^2 \times p(x) \\ &= 0.5c^2 + 0.5c^2 \\ &= c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these values, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(XY) &= Var(X)Var(Y) + Var(X)E^2[Y] + Var(Y)E^2[X] \\ &= c^2 \times 1 + c^2 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 \\ &= c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Var(Z) = c^2$ .

- (b) Choosing  $c$  such that  $Y$  and  $Z$  are uncorrelated (which means  $Cov(Y, Z) = 0$ ):

We have,

$$Cov(Y, Z) = E[YZ] - E[Y]E[Z]$$

We know that  $Z = XY$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Making use of these facts, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(Y, Z) &= E[YZ] - E[Y]E[Z] \\ &= E[Y.XY] - E[Y]E[XY] \\ &= E[Y^2]E[X] - E[Y]^2E[X] \\ &= 0 - 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $Cov(Y, Z)$  is still 0. Thus,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are uncorrelated and this does not depend on values of  $c$ .

(c) Finding whether  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent:

Since  $Y$  is a Normal variable with mean 0, we know that the probability  $P(Y \in (-1, 0))$  can be calculated as the area under the curve between  $-1$  and  $0$ , which will be  $> 0$ .

Similarly, since  $Z$  is also a Normal variable, as proved in part a),  $P(Z \in (2c, 3c))$  is also  $> 0$ .

However, since  $y \notin (-1, 0)$ ,  $P(Y)=0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y, Z) &= P(Z|Y)P(Y) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $Y$  and  $Z$  were independent, the joint probability  $P(Y, Z)$  would have been equal to  $P(Y) * P(Z)$ , which would've been non-zero, since we find that both  $P(Z)$  and  $P(Y)$  are non-zero. However, since the joint probability  $P(Y, Z) = 0$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are not independent.

### 3 Optimization

Given, optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y} \quad & f(x,y) = 2x^2 + 3xy \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_1(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + y \leq 4 \\ & g_2(x,y) = -y \leq -2 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Lagrange function:

For the given optimization problem, the Lagrange function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x,y) &= 2x^2 + 3xy - \lambda_1\left(\frac{x^2}{2} + y - 4\right) - \lambda_2(-y + 2) \\ \lambda_1 &> 0, \lambda_2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) KKT conditions:

The KKT conditions for the given optimization problem are:

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x = 0$$

•

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$

•

$$\lambda_1 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} + y - 4 \right) = 0$$

•

$$\lambda_2 (-y + 2) = 0$$

(c) Solving for 4 possibilities formed by each constraint being active or inactive:

- Both constraints active:

This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2}{2} + y &= 4, \lambda_1 > 0 \\ y &= 2, \lambda_2 > 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the value of  $y$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \sqrt{2(4 - y)} \\ &= \sqrt{4} \\ &= \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

– Considering  $x = 2$ , from the KKT conditions we get:

$$\begin{aligned}4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x &= 0 \\ 8 + 6 - 2\lambda_1 &= 0 \\ \lambda_1 &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Using the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $\lambda_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 &= 0 \\ 6 - 7 + \lambda_2 &= 0 \\ \lambda_2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Since the values of  $x, y, \lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  satisfy our constraints, we get a candidate point:

$$(x, y) = (2, 2)$$

– Considering  $x = -2$ , from the KKT conditions we get:

$$\begin{aligned}4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x &= 0 \\ -8 + 6 + 2\lambda_1 &= 0 \\ \lambda_1 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Using the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $\lambda_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 &= 0 \\ -6 - 1 + \lambda_2 &= 0 \\ \lambda_2 &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Since the values of  $x, y, \lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  satisfy our constraints, we get a candidate point:

$$(x, y) = (-2, 2)$$

- Constraint 1 active and Constraint 2 inactive:

This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2}{2} + y &= 4, \lambda_1 > 0 \\ y &> 2, \lambda_2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the value of  $\lambda_2$ , from the KKT conditions, we get:

$$3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$3x - \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\lambda_1}{3}$$

This gives us:

$$y = 4 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$y = 4 - \frac{\lambda_1^2}{18}$$

Using this to find  $\lambda_1$ , we get:

$$4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x = 0$$

$$\frac{4\lambda_1}{3} + 12 - \frac{\lambda_1^2}{6} - \frac{\lambda_1^2}{3} = 0$$

Solving for  $\lambda_1$ , we get:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{58}}{3}$$

$$x = 2.137$$

$$y = 1.717$$

Since the value of  $y$  is supposed to be  $> 2$ , we have a contradiction.

- Constraint 1 inactive and Constraint 2 active:

This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2}{2} + y &< 4, \lambda_1 = 0 \\ y &= 2, \lambda_2 > 0\end{aligned}$$

Using the value of  $\lambda_1$  and  $y$ , from the KKT conditions, we get:

$$4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-3}{2}$$

Using the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $\lambda_1$ , we get:

$$3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$



$$\lambda_2 = \frac{9}{2}$$

Since the values of  $x, y, \lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  satisfy our constraints, we get a candidate point:

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, 2\right)$$

- Both constraints are inactive:

This gives us:

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + y < 4, \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$y > 2, \lambda_2 = 0$$

Using the value of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , from the KKT conditions, we get:

$$3x - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

Solving for  $y$ . we get:

$$4x + 3y - \lambda_1 x = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

This does not satisfy our constraint  $y > 2$ , hence this cannot be considered a candidate point.

(d) All candidate points:

The candidate points for our optimization problem are:

•

$$(x, y) = (2, 2)$$

•

$$(x, y) = (-2, 2)$$

•

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, 2\right)$$

(e) Checking for maximality and sufficiency:

To check for maximality, we will evaluate the function  $f(x, y)$  at each of our candidate points.

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$$(x, y) = (2, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 2x^2 + 3xy \\ &= 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 2 \times 2 \\ &= 8 + 12 \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

•

$$(x, y) = (-2, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 2x^2 + 3xy \\ &= 2 \times 4 - 3 \times 2 \times 2 \\ &= 8 - 12 \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

•

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{-3}{2}, 2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 2x^2 + 3xy \\ &= 2 \times \frac{9}{4} - 3 \times \frac{3}{2} \times 2 \\ &= -\frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We see that the candidate point  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$  maximizes our function. To check for sufficiency, we will see if the Lagrange function  $L(x, y)$  is concave at this point. For this candidate point, we had found the values of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  to be:

$$\lambda_1 = 7$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1$$

Using these values, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= 2x^2 + 3xy - \lambda_1\left(\frac{x^2}{2} + y - 4\right) - \lambda_2(-y + 2) \\ &= 2x^2 + 3xy - 7\left(\frac{x^2}{2} + y - 4\right) - (-y + 2) \\ &= 2x^2 + 3xy - 7\frac{x^2}{2} - 7y + 28 + y - 2 \\ &= -\frac{3x^2}{2} + 3xy - 6y + 26 \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficient of  $x^2$  is negative, we can see that this will be a concave graph. Hence, our candidate point of  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$  is sufficiently the optimal solution.

## 4 Maximum Likelihood

### 4.1 Discrete Example

Suppose we have two types of coins, A and B. The probability of a Type A coin showing heads is  $\theta$ . The probability of a Type B coin showing heads is  $2\theta$ . Here, we have a bunch of coins of either type A or B. Each time we choose one coin and flip it. We do this experiment 10 times and the results are shown in the chart below.

Coin Type	Result
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Tail
A	Head
A	Head
B	Head
B	Head
B	Head

(a) Likelihood of the result given  $\theta$ :

Since the probability of picking up either coin for a flip is equal, we have

$$P(A) = P(B) = 0.5$$

Since all the events are independent of each other, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(R|\theta) &= \prod_i f_{x_i}(x : \theta) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \times (1 - \theta)^5 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times \theta^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \times (2\theta)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 \times (1 - \theta)^5 \times \theta^5 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Maximum likelihood estimation for  $\theta$ :

To find the maximum likelihood estimation of  $\theta$ , we need to find the value of  $\theta$  such that:

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$$

and

$$\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta} < 0$$

Calculating  $\frac{dL}{d\theta}$  using the product rule of differentiation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dL}{d\theta} &= \frac{d((\frac{1}{2})^7 \times (1-\theta)^5 \times \theta^5)}{d\theta} \\ &= (\frac{1}{2})^7 \times \frac{d((1-\theta)^5 \times \theta^5)}{d\theta} \\ &= (\frac{1}{2})^7 \times (-5(1-\theta)^4\theta^5 + 5(1-\theta)^5\theta^4) \\ &= 5 \times (\frac{1}{2})^7 \times \theta^4(1-\theta)^4(1-2\theta)\end{aligned}$$

For  $\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$ , we get the possible values of  $\theta$  as  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\theta = 1$  and  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ .  
Now, to find the  $\theta$  that maximizes the likelihood estimation, we will find the values of  $\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta}$  for each of these values. we find that:

For  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta} = 0$

For  $\theta = 1$ ,  $\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta} = 0$

For  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta} = -\frac{5}{2^{14}}$

Since  $\frac{d^2L}{d^2\theta} < 0$  for  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , the maximum likelihood estimation for  $\theta$  is 0.5.

## 4.2 Normal distribution

Suppose that we observe samples of a known function  $g(t) = t^3$  with unknown amplitude  $\theta$  at (known) arbitrary locations  $t_1, \dots, t_N$ , and these samples are corrupted by Gaussian noise. That is, we observe the sequence of random variables

$$X_n = \theta t_n^3 + Z_n, \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

where the  $Z_n$  are independent and  $Z_n \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$

(a) Log likelihood function:

$$\ell(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_N) = \log f_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N; \theta) = \log(f_{X_1}(x_1; \theta) f_{X_2}(x_2; \theta) \cdots f_{X_N}(x_N; \theta))$$

The  $X_n$  are independent (as the last equality is suggesting) but not identically distributed (they have different means)

Given,

$$X_n = \theta t_n^3 + Z_n, \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

We can write,

$$Z_n = X_n - \theta t_n^3, \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

where,  $Z_n \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Thus, we get:

$$f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Using this to calculate log likelihood, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_N) &= \log f_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N; \theta) \\ &= \log(f_{X_1}(x_1; \theta) f_{X_2}(x_2; \theta) \cdots f_{X_N}(x_N; \theta)) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \\ &= N \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ((x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2) \\ &= N \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N ((x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2) \end{aligned}$$

(b) MLE for  $\theta$ :

To calculate the maximum likelihood estimation for  $\theta$ , we need to find the value of  $\theta$  for which

$$\frac{d\ell(\theta)}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\ell(\theta)}{d\theta} &= \frac{d(N \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N ((x_i - \theta t_i^3)^2))}{d\theta} \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N 2(x_i - \theta t_i^3)t_i^3\end{aligned}$$

Equating this to 0, we get:

$$\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N 2(x_i - \theta t_i^3)t_i^3 = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta t_i^3)t_i^3 = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i t_i^3 - \sum_{i=1}^N \theta t_i^6 = 0$$

$$\theta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i t_i^3}{\sum_{i=1}^N t_i^6}$$

Thus, the maximum likelihood estimation for  $\theta$  is

$$\theta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i t_i^3}{\sum_{i=1}^N t_i^6}$$



### 4.3

The C.D.F of independent random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is

$$P(X_i \leq x | \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ (\frac{x}{\beta})^\alpha, & 0 \leq x \leq \beta \\ 1, & x > \beta \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$ .

(a) P.D.F of above independent random variables:

The PDF of random variable  $X$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} p(X) &= \frac{dP(X)}{dx} \\ &= \begin{cases} \alpha(\frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^\alpha}), & 0 \leq x \leq \beta \\ 0, & x > \beta \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(b) MLEs of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ :

To calculate the MLEs of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we first find the likelihood function.

$$\begin{aligned} L(X|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^N f_{x_i}(x : \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \alpha \left( \frac{x_i^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^\alpha} \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^N}{\beta^{N\alpha}} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\alpha-1} \end{aligned}$$

From this, we get the log likelihood function to be:

$$\begin{aligned} l(X) &= \log L(X) \\ &= \log \left( \frac{\alpha^N}{\beta^{N\alpha}} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\alpha-1} \right) \\ &= \log \frac{\alpha^N}{\beta^{N\alpha}} + \log \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\alpha-1} \\ &= \log \frac{\alpha^N}{\beta^{N\alpha}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i^{\alpha-1} \\ &= N \log \alpha - N\alpha \log \beta + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i \end{aligned}$$

Now, to find the MLE of  $\alpha$ ,

$$\frac{dl(X)}{d\alpha} = 0$$

Substituting the value of  $l(X)$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dl(X)}{d\alpha} &= \frac{d(N \log \alpha - N\alpha \log \beta + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i)}{d\alpha} \\ &= \frac{N}{\alpha} - N \log \beta + \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i \end{aligned}$$

Equating this to 0, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{\alpha} - N \log \beta + \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i &= 0 \\ \frac{N}{\alpha} &= N \log \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{N}{N \log \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i}$$

For the MLE for  $\beta$ , if we look at the likelihood function,

$$L(X|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha^N}{\beta^{N\alpha}} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{\alpha-1}$$

We notice that  $\beta$  is in the denominator, hence, the likelihood is maximum when  $\beta$  is minimum. Since  $x$  ranges from  $0 \leq x \leq \beta$ ,  $\beta$  is minimum when  $x$  is maximum. Thus, the MLE for  $\beta$  is:

$$\beta = X_n$$

Therefore, the MLEs for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{N}{N \log \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \log x_i}$$

$$\beta = X_n$$

## 5 Information Theory

### 5.1 Marginal Distribution

Given joint probability distribution of two binary random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ :

- (a) Marginal distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively.  
From the given joint distribution of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , the marginal distribution of  $X$  can be calculated using the formula:

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Thus, the marginal distribution of  $X$  is:

$\mathbf{x}$	$f_X(x)$
0	$2/3$
1	$1/3$

Similarly, the marginal distribution of  $Y$  can be calculated using the formula:

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_x f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Thus, the marginal distribution of  $Y$  is:

$\mathbf{y}$	$f_Y(y)$
1	$1/3$
2	$2/3$

- (b) Mutual information for the joint probability distribution:  
 The mutual information between 2 random variables can be calculated using the formula

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y) \\ = \sum_{x,y} p(x, y) \log_2 \frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)}$$

Substituting the values from the marginal distribution tables and the joint probability distribution table, we get:

$$I(X, Y) = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{3}{2} \\ = \frac{1}{3} (\log_2 \frac{3}{2} + \log_2 \frac{3}{4} + \log_2 \frac{3}{2}) \\ = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{27}{16}$$

## 5.2 Mutual Information and Entropy

Given the dataset,

We want to decide whether an individual working in an essential services industry should be allowed to work or self-quarantine. Each input has four features  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ : Age, Immunity, Travelled, Underlying Conditions. The decision (quarantine vs not) is represented as  $Y$ .

(a) Entropy  $H(Y)$ :

To find the entropy of  $Y$ , we will first find out the marginal distribution of  $Y$  using the formula

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_x f_{X,Y}(x, y)$$

Thus, the marginal distribution of  $Y$  is:

$\mathbf{y}$	$f_Y(y)$
yes	$4/7$
no	$3/7$

Now, the entropy of  $Y$  can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y) &= \sum p(Y) I(Y) \\ &= - \sum_k p(Y = k) \log_2 p(Y = k) \\ &= - \left( \frac{4}{7} \log_2 \frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \log_2 \frac{3}{7} \right) \\ &= -(-0.463 - 0.523) \\ &= 0.986 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Conditional entropy  $H(Y|x_1)$ ,  $H(Y|x_4)$ , respectively:

- Calculating  $H(Y|x_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(Y|x_1) &= \sum_x p(x_1) H(Y|X = x_1) \\
 &= \sum_{x,y} p(x_1, y_i) \log_2 \frac{p(x_1)}{p(x_1)p(y)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{14} \log_2 5 + \frac{4}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{14} (\log_2 5 + 4 \log_2 \frac{5}{4} + 3 \log_2 \frac{5}{3} + 2 \log_2 \frac{5}{2}) \\
 &= 0.604
 \end{aligned}$$

- Calculating  $H(Y|x_4)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(Y|x_4) &= \sum_x p(x_4) H(Y|X = x_4) \\
 &= \sum_{x,y} p(x_4, y_i) \log_2 \frac{p(x_4)}{p(x_4)p(y)} \\
 &= \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{8}{5} + \frac{3}{14} \log_2 2 + \frac{3}{14} \log_2 \frac{8}{3} + \frac{3}{14} \log_2 2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{14} (6 + 5 \log_2 \frac{8}{5} + 3 \log_2 \frac{8}{3}) \\
 &= 0.973
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Mutual information  $I(x_1, Y)$  and  $I(x_4, Y)$  :

- Calculating mutual information  $I(x_1, Y)$ :

$$I(x_1, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x_1)$$

Substituting the values of  $H(Y)$  and  $H(Y_{x_1})$  from parts a) and b) respectively, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} I(x_1, Y) &= H(Y) - H(Y|x_1) \\ &= -\left(\frac{4}{7} \log_2 \frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \log_2 \frac{3}{7}\right) - \frac{1}{14}(\log_2 5 + 4 \log_2 \frac{5}{4} + 3 \log_2 \frac{5}{3} + 2 \log_2 \frac{5}{2}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{14}(8 \log_2 \frac{4}{7} + 6 \log_2 \frac{3}{7} + \log_2 5 + 4 \log_2 \frac{5}{4} + 3 \log_2 \frac{5}{3} + 2 \log_2 \frac{5}{2}) \\ &= 0.382 \end{aligned}$$

- Calculating mutual information  $I(x_4, Y)$ :

$$I(x_4, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|x_4)$$

Substituting the values of  $H(Y)$  and  $H(Y_{x_4})$  from parts a) and b) respectively, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} I(x_1, Y) &= H(Y) - H(Y|x_1) \\ &= -\left(\frac{4}{7} \log_2 \frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \log_2 \frac{3}{7}\right) - \frac{1}{14}(6 + 5 \log_2 \frac{8}{5} + 3 \log_2 \frac{8}{3}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{14}(8 \log_2 \frac{4}{7} + 6 \log_2 \frac{3}{7} + 6 + 5 \log_2 \frac{8}{5} + 3 \log_2 \frac{8}{3}) \\ &= 0.013 \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $x_1$  has higher mutual information, it is more informative.



(d) Joint entropy  $H(Y, x_3)$ :

Joint entropy  $H(Y, x_3)$  can be calculated by using the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y, x_3) &= \sum_{y, x_3} P(Y, X_3) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(Y, x_3)} \\ &= - \sum_{y, x_3} P(Y, X_3) \log_2 P(Y, x_3) \\ &= - \left( \frac{4}{14} \log_2 \frac{4}{14} + \frac{3}{14} \log_2 \frac{3}{14} + \frac{2}{14} \log_2 \frac{2}{14} + \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14} \right) \\ &= - \frac{1}{14} \left( 4 \log_2 \frac{4}{14} + 3 \log_2 \frac{3}{14} + 2 \log_2 \frac{2}{14} + 5 \log_2 \frac{5}{14} \right) \\ &= 1.924 \end{aligned}$$

### 5.3 Entropy Proofs

- (a) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Proof that  $H(X|Y) = H(X)$ :  
Given,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. We know that:

$$H(X|Y) = - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x|y)$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$$

and

$$p(x|y) = p(x)$$

Substituting these values in the equation above:

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y) &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x|y) \\ &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x)p(y) \log p(x) \\ &= - \sum_x \left( \sum_y p(y) \right) p(x) \log p(x) \end{aligned}$$

Sum over all probabilities of  $y = 1$ . Therefore, the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} H(X|Y) &= - \sum_x \left( \sum_y p(y) \right) p(x) \log p(x) \\ &= - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) \\ &= H(X) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved!

- (b) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Proof that  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y)$ :  
 Given,  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. We know that:

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x, y)$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$$

Substituting this value in the equation above:

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y) &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x, y) \log p(x, y) \\ &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x)p(y) \log p(x)p(y) \\ &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x)p(y)(\log p(x) + \log p(y)) \\ &= - \sum_x \sum_y p(x)p(y) \log p(x) - \sum_x \sum_y p(x)p(y) \log p(y) \\ &= - \sum_x \left( \sum_y p(y) \right) p(x) \log p(x) - \sum_y \left( \sum_x p(x) \right) p(y) \log p(y) \end{aligned}$$

Sum over all probabilities of  $y = 1$ . Similarly, sum of all probabilities of  $x = 1$ . Therefore, the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y) &= - \sum_x \left( \sum_y p(y) \right) p(x) \log p(x) - \sum_y \left( \sum_x p(x) \right) p(y) \log p(y) \\ &= - \sum_x p(x) \log p(x) - \sum_y p(y) \log p(y) \\ &= H(X) + H(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved!

- (c) Proof that the mutual information is symmetric, i.e.,  $I(X, Y) = I(Y, X)$  and  $x_i \in X, y_i \in Y$  :

We know that mutual information can be calculated as:

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

$$I(Y, X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

We also know that,

$$H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X) = H(Y) + H(X|Y)$$

From the above equation, we get,

$$H(X|Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X) - H(Y)$$

Using this value of  $H(X|Y)$  in the calculation for mutual information, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} I(X, Y) &= H(X) - H(X|Y) \\ &= H(X) - H(X) - H(Y|X) + H(Y) \\ &= H(Y) - H(Y|X) \\ &= I(Y, X) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved!

## 6

- (a) Given, a random variable  $X$  has a Poisson distribution with mean 8, the expectation  $E[(X + 2)^2]$ :

We know that the variance and mean of a Poisson distribution are equal. Hence, we have:

$$Var(X) = E[X] = 8$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X + 2)^2] &= E[X^2 + 4 + 4X] \\ &= E[X^2] + E[4] + 4E[X] \end{aligned}$$

Using the value of  $E[X]$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X + 2)^2] &= E[X^2] + E[4] + 4E[X] \\ &= E[X^2] + 4 + 4 \times 8 \\ &= 36 + E[X^2] \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know that:

$$Var(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

Substituting the values of  $Var(X)$  and  $E[X]$ , we get,

$$8 = E[X^2] - 8^2$$

$$E[X^2] = 72$$

Thus, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X + 2)^2] &= 36 + E[X^2] \\ &= 36 + 72 \\ &= 108 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) A person decides to toss a fair coin repeatedly until he gets a head. He will make at most 3 tosses. Random variable  $Y$  denotes the number of heads. Variance of  $Y$ :

Given, the person tosses a fair coin repeatedly until he gets a head. Therefore, the possible outcomes of this event are (H), (TH), (TTH) and (TTT). Since the coin is fair, we can calculate the probability of each of these events as:

$$P((H)) = 0.5$$

$$P((TH)) = 0.5 \times 0.5$$

$$P((TTH)) = 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$$

$$P((TTT)) = 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$$

Now,  $Y$  denotes the number of heads. From the possible outcomes, we can see that  $Y$  can either be 0 or 1. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= 0 \times p(Y = 0) + 1 \times p(Y = 1) \\ &= 0 + (0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5) \\ &= 0.875 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y^2] &= 0^2 \times p(Y = 0) + 1^2 \times p(Y = 1) \\ &= 0 + (0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.5 + 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5) \\ &= 0.875 \end{aligned}$$

Now, variance of  $Y$  can be calculated as,

$$\begin{aligned} var(Y) &= E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2 \\ &= 0.875 - 0.875^2 \\ &= 0.109375 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Two random variables X and Y are distributed according to

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} (x+y), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Probability  $P(X+Y \leq 1)$ :

We can calculate  $P(X+Y \leq 1)$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X+Y \leq 1) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (x+y) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 [yx + \frac{y^2}{2}]_0^{1-x} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 ((1-x)x + \frac{(1-x)^2}{2} - 0) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x - x^2 + \frac{(1+x^2-2x)}{2}) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (2x - 2x^2 + 1 + x^2 - 2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (-x^2 + 1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times [-\frac{x^3}{3} + x]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times (\frac{1}{3} + 1 - 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times (\frac{2}{3}) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$