

Homework - 2

② a)

$$z = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$E_i(z) = E[z | x_1, \dots, x_i]$$

$$\Delta_i = E_i(z) - E_{i-1}(z)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i = E_n(z) - E_{n-1}(z) + E_{n-1}(z) - E_{n-2}(z) \\ \vdots \\ E_1(z) - E(z)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i = z - E(z)$$

$$\text{Var}(z) = E[(z - E(z))^2] \quad (\text{definition variance})$$

$$= E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i\right)^2\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 + \sum_{j>i} \Delta_i \Delta_j\right]$$

(breaking the internal term)

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2\right] + E\left[\sum_{j>i} \Delta_i \Delta_j\right]$$

(linearity of expectation)

$$E\left[\sum_{j>i} \Delta_i \Delta_j\right] = E\left[\sum_{j>i} (E[z | x_1, \dots, x_i] - E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}]) \cdot (E[z | x_1, \dots, x_j] - E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}])\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{j>i} E[\Delta_i \Delta_j | x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}]\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{j>i} \Delta_i (E[E(z | x_1, \dots, x_j) | x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}] - E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}])\right]$$

$$= E \left[\sum_{j > i} \Delta_i (E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}] - E[z | x_1, \dots, x_j]) \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Var}(z) = E \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i^2 \right]$$

② (b) $\Delta_i^2 = E_i[z] - E_{i-1}(z)$

$$= E_i[z] - E[E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n] | x_1, \dots, x_i]$$

$$[E[E[z | AB] | A] = E[z]]$$

$$= E_i[z - E[z | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n]]$$

$$= E_i[z - E^i[z]] \quad (\text{using given variable})$$

$$\Delta_i^2 = [E_i[z - E^i[z]]]^2$$

using Jensen's inequality

$$\Delta_i^2 \leq E_i[(z - E^i[z])^2]$$

① from Jensen's inequality

$$\text{Var}(z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n E_i[(z - E^i[z])^2]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n E_i[\text{Var}_i(z)]$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[E \left[\left(\frac{d}{dx_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) \right)^2 \right] \right]$$

(from Gaussian power inequality)

$$\text{Var}_i(z) \leq \mathbb{E}[(f'(x_i))^2]$$

given from the bounded difference property $\nabla_i = c_i$ for $i \in [1, n]$

$$\text{Var}(z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[c_i^2 f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)^2 | x^{-i} \right] \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[c_i^2 \text{Var}_i(x) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[c_i^2 p_i (1-p_i) \right]$$

$$\left(\text{Var}_{x_i} = p_i (1-p_i) \right)$$

Bernoulli
distribution
fixing everything
other than x_i

$$\text{Var}(z) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 p_i (1-p_i)$$