

## Homework 1

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**Problem 1.** (1 pt) Consider two random vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  having Gaussian distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_x, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x)$  and  $p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_z, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_z)$ . Consider random vector  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}$ . Derive mean and covariance of  $p(\mathbf{y})$ . What is the covariance of  $\mathbf{y}$  if you assume that  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  are independent?

**Problem 2.** ( $0.5+0.5+1.5+0.5 = 3$  pts) Consider a  $D$ -dimensional Gaussian random variable  $\mathbf{x}$  with distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  in which the covariance  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is known. Given a set of  $N$  i.i.d. observations  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0)$ . [Hint: you may directly use results from Bishop]

1. Write down the likelihood of the data  $p(\mathcal{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ ;
2. Write down the form of the posterior  $p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0)$  (you do not need to normalize the probability distribution by calculating the evidence).
3. Show that  $p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathcal{X}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0)$  is a Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_N, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)$  and find the values of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_N$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N$  (hint: use "completing the square")
4. Derive the maximum a posteriori solution for  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ;

**Problem 3.** ( $0.5 + 0.5 + 0.5 = 1.5$  pts) Tossing a biased coin with probability that it comes up heads is  $\mu$ . [Hint: you may use results from Bishop]  $\xrightarrow{\text{Sec 2.1}}$

1. We toss the coin 3 times and it all comes up with heads. How likely is that in the next toss, the coin comes up with head according to MLE?
2. Suppose that the prior  $\mu \sim \text{Beta}(\mu|a, b)$ . What is the probability that the coin comes up with head in the 4th toss?  $\xrightarrow{\text{only distrib. That is in an interval } [0, 1]}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{good for prob. priors}}$
3. Suppose that we observe  $m$  times that the coin lands heads and  $l$  times that it lands tails. Show that the posterior mean  $E[\mu|\mathcal{D}]$  (see Bishop 2.19) lies between the prior mean and  $\mu_{\text{MLE}}$ .

**Problem 4.** ( $2 + 1 + 0.5 = 3.5$  pts) Consider the following distributions:

(i)  $\text{Pois}(k|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{P}(x=1|\mathcal{D}) \Rightarrow \int P(x=1|\mathcal{D}, \mu) P(\mu)} \\ \xrightarrow{③ \hookrightarrow E[\mu|\mathcal{D}]}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Gam}(\tau|a,b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \tau^{a-1} e^{-b\tau}$$

$$(iii) \text{ Cauchy}(x|\gamma, \mu) = \frac{1}{\pi\gamma} \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{x-\mu}{\gamma})^2}$$

$$(iv) \text{ vonMises}(x|\kappa, \mu) = \frac{1}{2\pi I_0(\kappa)} e^{\kappa \cos(x-\mu)}$$

Answer the following questions:

1. Are the above distributions members of an exponential family. If yes, then (a) cast them in exponential form (Bishop eq. 2.194) with a minimum numbers of parameters, (b) derive their sufficient statistics.
2. Derive the first moment about zero (i.e. the mean) and the second moment about the mean (i.e. the variance) of the distributions (i) and (ii).
3. Does the Poisson distribution have a conjugate prior? Derive the conjugate prior, if the answer is "yes".

**Problem 5\***. (1 pt) Derive mean, covariance, and mode of multivariate Student's t-distribution.

Q1.

Linearity of expectations :  $\mu_y = \mu_x + \mu_z$

variance  $[y] = E[y^2] - E[y]^2$

in case of multivariate :  $E[yy^T] = E[y]E[y]^T$

$E[(y - E[y])(y - E[y])^T] = \text{cov}[y]$

Q2.

completing the square :

$$\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}_{\text{const.}} + \underbrace{x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu}_{\text{linear.}} + \underbrace{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu}_{\text{const.}}\right)$$

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$$x^T \Sigma^{-1} x$$

$$x^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu$$

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**Q1.**

From linearity of expectations, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} E[y] &= E[x+z] \\ &= E[x] + E[z] \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_y = \mu_x + \mu_z} \end{aligned}$$

In case of multi-variate distributions : ( $x$  &  $z$  dependent)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}[y] &= E[yy^T] - E[y]E[y^T] \\ &= E[(x+z)(x+z)^T] - E[x+z]E[(x+z)^T] \\ &= E[xx^T + xz^T + zx^T + zz^T] - (E[x] + E[z])(E[x^T] + E[z^T]) \\ &= E[xx^T] + E[zx^T] + E[zx^T] + E[zz^T] - (\mu_x + \mu_z)(\mu_x + \mu_z)^T \\ &\because \text{we do not know if } x \text{ and } z \text{ are i.i.d, we can not solve this further.} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \Leftarrow \text{Ans.} \end{aligned} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

In case of multi-variate distributions : ( $x$  &  $z$  independent)

we can expand  $\textcircled{1}$  as :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}[y] &= E[xx^T] + E[x]E[z^T] + E[z]E[x^T] + E[zz^T] - (E[x] + E[z])(E[x^T] + E[z^T]) \\ &= E[xx^T] - E[x]E[x^T] + E[zz^T] - E[z]E[z^T] \\ &= \text{cov}[x] + \text{cov}[z] \\ &\Leftarrow \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Q2.**

$$\textcircled{1} \quad p(x|\mu, \varepsilon) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i|\mu, \varepsilon) = \prod_{i=1}^n N(x_i|\mu, \varepsilon) \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad p(\mu|x, \varepsilon, \mu_0, \varepsilon_0) = \frac{p(x|\mu, \varepsilon) \cdot p(\mu|\mu_0, \varepsilon_0)}{p(x)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n N(x_i|\mu, \varepsilon) \cdot N(\mu|\mu_0, \varepsilon_0)}{p(x)} \quad \text{where, } p(x) = \int p(x|\mu, \varepsilon) \cdot p(\mu|\mu_0, \varepsilon_0) d\mu \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad p(\mu|x, \varepsilon, \mu_0, \varepsilon_0) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n N(x_i|\mu, \varepsilon) \cdot N(\mu|\mu_0, \varepsilon_0)}{p(x)}$$

Focussing on just the 'exp.' part of  $N(\cdot)$ ,

$$= \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \varepsilon^{-1} (x_i - \mu) + (\mu - \mu_0)^T \varepsilon_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0) \right)$$

On expanding the terms we get,

$$= \exp \left( \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}_i}_{\text{constant}} - 2 \mu^\top \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{x}_i + N \mu^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mu \right) + \left( \underbrace{\mu^\top \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu - 2 \mu_0^\top \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu + \mu_0^\top \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0}_{= N \bar{x} (\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \mathbf{x}_i)} \right)$$

$$= \exp \left( \mu^\top (N \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma_0^{-1}) \mu - \mu^\top (N \Sigma^{-1} \bar{x} + \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0) - (N \Sigma^{-1} \bar{x} + \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0)^\top \mu \right)$$

$$\text{let } A = N \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma_0^{-1} \quad \& \quad B = N \Sigma^{-1} \bar{x} + \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0$$

$$= \exp \left( \mu^\top A \mu - \mu^\top B - B^\top \mu \right)$$

$$= \exp \left( \mu^\top A \mu - \mu^\top B - B^\top \mu + \underbrace{B^\top A^{-1} B}_{\text{indep. of } \mu} \right)$$

$$= \exp \left( \mu^\top A \mu - \mu^\top A A^{-1} B - B^\top A^{-1} B + B^\top A^{-1} A A^{-1} B \right) \quad [\text{using } I = A A^{-1} = A^{-1} A]$$

Thus, using completing the square we get,

$$\Sigma_n = A^{-1}, \quad \mu_n = A^{-1} B$$

$$\text{ie, } \boxed{\begin{aligned} \Sigma_n &= (N \Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma_0^{-1})^{-1} \\ \mu_n &= \Sigma_n (N \Sigma^{-1} \bar{x} + \Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0) \end{aligned}}$$

/// Ans.

(4)

$\mu_{MAP}$  maximizes the posterior, thus:

$$\mu_{MAP} = \underset{\mu}{\operatorname{argmax}} \ p(\mu | \mathbf{x}, \Sigma, \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

$$= \underset{\mu}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | \mu, \Sigma) p(\mu | \mu_0, \Sigma_0)}{p(\mathbf{x} | \Sigma)}$$

$$= \underset{\mu}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left[ \log p(\mathbf{x} | \mu, \Sigma) + \log p(\mu | \mu_0, \Sigma_0) - \underbrace{\log p(\mathbf{x} | \Sigma)}_{\text{does not depend on } \mu, \text{ so drop.}} \right]$$

does not depend on  $\mu$ , so drop.

Differentiating and setting to 0 :

$$\log p(\mu | \mathbf{x}, \Sigma, \mu_0, \Sigma_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log N(\mathbf{x}_i | \mu, \Sigma) + \sum_{i=1}^N \log N(\mu | \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

$$= \log \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{-1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) + \log \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\Sigma_0|^{1/2}} \right) + \frac{-1}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p(\mu | \mathbf{x}, \Sigma, \mu_0, \Sigma_0) = -\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu) - \Sigma_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0) \quad [\text{constant terms drop off}]$$

$$-\sum \xi^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i - N \sum \mu - \sum \xi_0 \mu + \sum \xi_0 \mu_0 = 0 \quad [\text{expanding}]$$

$$\mu (N \sum \xi^{-1} + \xi_0^{-1}) = \sum \xi^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + \sum \xi_0^{-1} \mu_0 \quad [\text{collecting terms}]$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\mu_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{\sum \xi^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + \sum \xi_0^{-1} \mu_0}{N \sum \xi^{-1} + \xi_0^{-1}}} \\ \equiv \text{Ans.}$$

Q3.

① Since all the observed variables have given 'heads', the MLE will assign it a probability of 1. As a result, probability of observing 'tails' = 0.

i.e.,  $\mu = 1$

Hence, probability of observing heads in the next toss  $= 1$   
 $\equiv \text{Ans.}$

Mathematically we can see that as:

$$\text{likelihood: } p(x|\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mu^{x_i} (1-\mu)^{1-x_i}$$

$$\ln p(x|\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \ln \mu + (1-x_i) \ln (1-\mu)$$

Differentiating w.r.t  $\mu$  & setting to 0:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\ln p(x|\mu)) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\mu} - \frac{1-x_i}{1-\mu} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(1-\mu) - (1-x_i)\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \mu$$

In our case,  $N=3$  and  $x=\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} = \{1, 1, 1\}$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 = 1$$

$\equiv \text{Ans.}$

② Posterior dist. of  $\mu$  under a Beta prior is:

$$p(\mu | x, a, b) \propto p(x | \mu, a, b) p(\mu | a, b)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(m+a+b)}{\Gamma(m+a)\Gamma(b)}}_{\text{normalizing factor}} \underbrace{\mu^{a-1} (1-\mu)^{b-1}}_{\text{prior}} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^N \mu^{x_i} (1-\mu)^{1-x_i}}_{\text{likelihood}}$$

$$\ln p(\mu | x, a, b) = c + (a-1)\ln \mu + (b-1)\ln(1-\mu) + \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \ln \mu + (1-x_i) \ln(1-\mu)$$

Differentiating w.r.t  $\mu$  & setting to 0:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ln p(\mu | x, a, b) = c + \frac{a-1}{\mu} + \frac{b-1}{1-\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\mu} + \frac{(1-x_i)}{1-\mu} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-1)(1-\mu) + (b-1)\mu + \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(1-\mu) + (1-x_i)\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-1)(1-\mu) + (b-1)\mu + \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a\mu - 1 + \mu + b\mu - \mu + 3 - \mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{a+2}{a+b+1}$$

$\equiv$  AWD.

③  $\mu_{\text{MLE}} = 1 = \frac{m}{m+l}$

prior mean =  $\frac{a}{a+b}$  [i.e.,  $E[\mu]$  of beta distribution]

posterior mean =  $\frac{m+a}{m+a+l+b}$   $E[\mu|D] = \int_0^1 \mu p(\mu|D) d\mu$

$$\frac{a}{a+b} \leq \frac{m+a}{m+a+l+b} < \frac{m+a}{m+b} \quad [\because m, a, b, l \geq 0]$$

$\equiv$  AWD.

Q4.

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general form of exponential family .

$$p(x|\eta) = h(x) g(\eta) \exp\{\eta^T u(x)\}$$

We will try to reduce the following distributions to this form

1) Pois( $k|\lambda$ ) =  $\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \lambda^k \cdot \exp(-\lambda)$

Hence,  $h(k) = \frac{1}{k!}$ ,  $\eta = \log \lambda \rightarrow \lambda = e^\eta$ ,  $u(k) = k$ ,  $g(\eta) = \frac{e^\eta}{k!}$   
 $\not\equiv$  Ans.

2) Gamma( $\tau|a,b$ ) =  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \tau^{a-1} e^{-b\tau}$   
 $= \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} e^{(a-1)\log \tau - b\tau}$

Hence,  $\begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-1 \\ -b \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1(\eta_1) \\ u_2(\eta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \log \tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$   
 $h(\tau) = 1$ ,  $g(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)}$   
 $\not\equiv$  Ans.

3) Cauchy( $x|\gamma, \mu$ ) is not part of the exponential family .

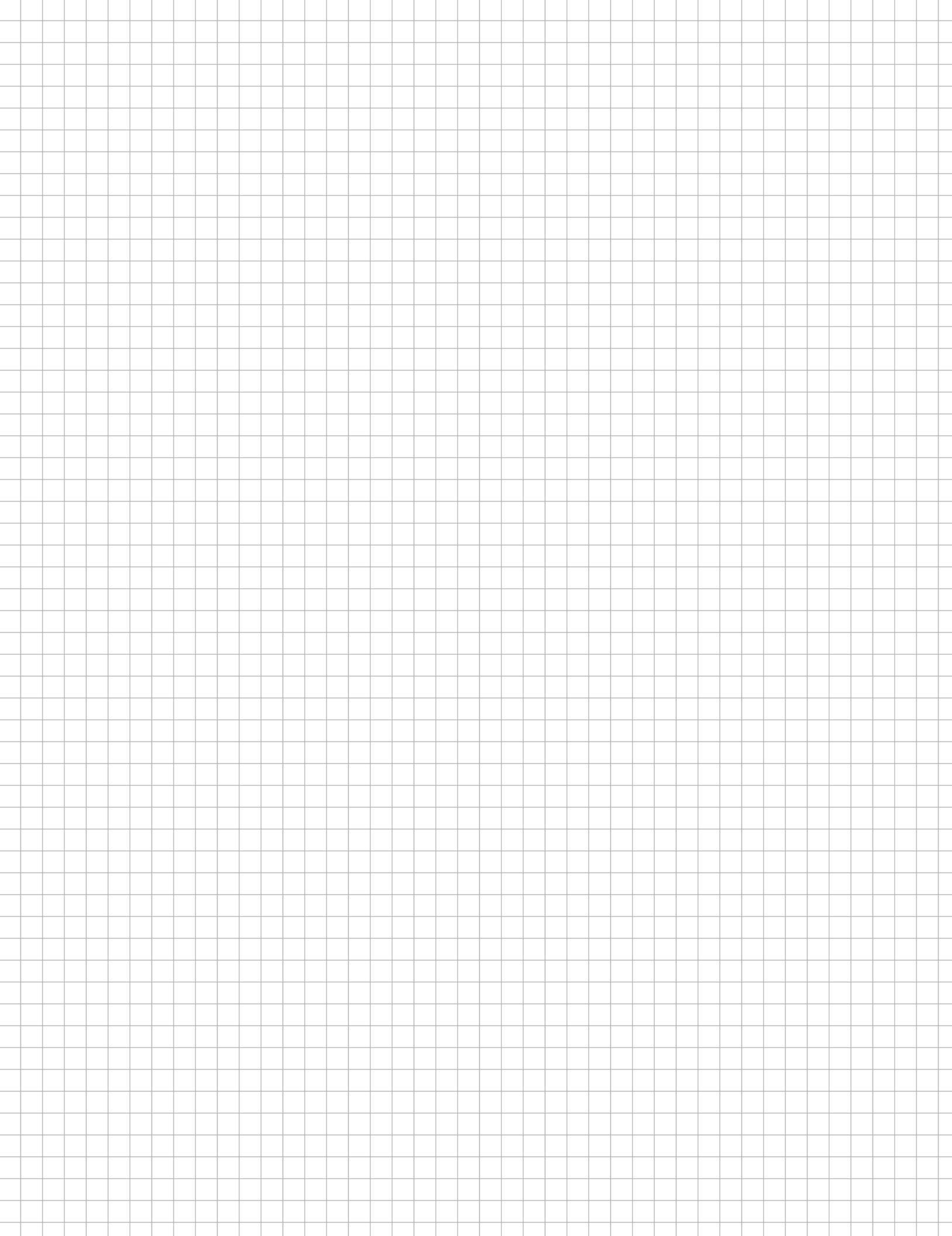
4) VonMises( $x|\kappa, \mu$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2\pi I_0(\kappa)} e^{\kappa \cos(x-\mu)}$

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i) Poisson : (Using Bishop 2.226)

$$\begin{aligned} E[u(x)] &= -\nabla_\eta \ln g(\eta) \\ &= -\nabla_\eta \ln(e^{-\lambda}) \\ &= +\nabla_\eta (\lambda) \\ &\equiv \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[u(x)] &= E^2[u(x)] = -\nabla_\eta^2 \ln g(\eta) \\ &= \nabla_\eta^2 (\lambda) \\ &= \lambda \\ &\equiv \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$



Q5.

mean :student-t distribution (with the constant term expressed as ' $x'$ ) :

$$f(x) = c \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{(n+1)}{2}}$$

where  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$

By definition :

$$\begin{aligned} E[x] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 x f(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

using change of variable :  $t = -x$  for first integral

$$= - \int_0^0 (-t) f_x(-t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^0 t f_x(-t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_0^0 t f_x(-t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_0^{\infty} x f(-x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

[exchanging bounds of integral]

[trivial change of variable :  $x = t$ ][ $\because f(x)$  is an even func., thus  $f(x) = f(-x)$ ]

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore E[x] = 0$$

Ans.

variance :

By definition :

$$\text{var}[x] = E[x^2] - E[x]^2$$

where, we have derived above that  $E[x] = 0$ .  $\therefore E[\underline{x}]^2 = 0$ 

$$E[x^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 x^2 f(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= - \int_0^0 t^2 f_x(-t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

[change of variable :  $x = -t$ ]

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^\infty t^2 f_x(-t) dt + \int_0^\infty x^2 f_x(x) dx \\
&= \int_0^\infty x^2 f_x(-x) dx + \int_0^\infty x^2 f_x(x) dx \quad [\text{change of variable : } x=t] \\
&= 2 \int_0^\infty x^2 f(x) dx \quad [ \because f(x) \text{ is an even func., thus } f(x) = f(-x) ]
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the definition of  $f(x)$ :

$$= 2c \int_0^\infty x^2 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{\frac{(n+1)}{2}} dx$$

$$\text{Using change of variables : } t = \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-1}$$

$$1 + \frac{x^2}{n} = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow x^2 = n\left(\frac{1}{t} - 1\right)$$

$$x = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{t} - 1\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2} t^{-3/2} \Rightarrow dx = -\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2} t^{-3/2} dt$$

$$= n\sqrt{n} c \int_0^1 t^{\frac{n-2}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$= n\sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{n-2}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \quad [\text{Substituting } c]$$

Here, the part inside integral is of the form of gamma function:

$$\int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} = \frac{\Gamma(p) \Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)}$$

$$\text{where, } p = \frac{n-1}{2}, \quad q = \frac{3}{2}$$

Thus,

$$= n \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{n \Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$$

$$= n \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) \frac{2}{n-2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \quad [\text{using } \Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x-1)(x-1)]$$

$$\therefore E[x^2] = \frac{n}{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{var}[x] = E[x^2] - E[x]^2$$
$$= \frac{n}{n-2} - 0$$
$$= \frac{n}{n-2}$$

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