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Homework 1

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Problem 1

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad P(\text{CS student}) &= P(S1) * P(\text{CS}|S1) + P(S2) * P(\text{CS}|S2) + P(S3) * P(\text{CS}|S3) \\ &= 0.2 * \frac{6}{20} + 0.2 * \frac{10}{20} + 0.6 * \frac{6}{20} \\ &= 0.34 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad P(S3|\text{STAT}) &= \frac{P(\text{STAT}|S3) * P(S3)}{P(\text{STAT})} \\ P(\text{STAT}) &= P(S1) * P(\text{STAT}|S1) + P(S2) * P(\text{STAT}|S2) + P(S3) * P(\text{STAT}|S3) \\ &= 0.2 * \frac{8}{20} + 0.2 * \frac{10}{20} + 0.6 * \frac{6}{20} = 0.36 \\ P(\text{STAT}|S3) &= \frac{6}{20} \\ P(S3) &= 0.6 \\ P(S3|\text{STAT}) &= \frac{0.6 * \frac{6}{20}}{0.36} = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

$$1) \quad \text{Because this is a normal distribution, the likelihood function is } P(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{n=1}^N N(x_n|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{Which, expanded, is } P(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x_n-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

2) Taking the log of that function, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(P(x|\mu, \sigma^2)) &= \prod_{n=1}^N \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x_n-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\ln\left((2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \ln\left(e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x_n-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \ln\left((2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x_n-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 * \ln(e) \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

To calculate both parameters, we take the derivative with respect to mu and sigma, and set them equal to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\mu} \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} * -1 \sum_{n=1}^N 2(x_n - \mu) \\ 0 &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - N * \mu \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{ML} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \\
\frac{d}{d\sigma^2} \left( -\frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{2\pi N}{2} * \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} - \frac{-1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \\
&= -\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( -N + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) \\
0 &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( -N + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) \\
N &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \\
\sigma_{ML}^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Now, using the data points from the problem, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^N x_n &= 1409 \\
\mu_{ML} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n = \frac{1}{10} (1409) = 140.9 \\
\sigma_{ML}^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - 140.9)^2 = \frac{1}{10} * 3466.9 = 346.69
\end{aligned}$$

### Problem 3

- 1) The likelihood function of this dataset is  $P(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{10} P(X_n) = \left(\frac{2q}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{q}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{2(1-q)}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1-q}{3}\right)^2$

$$P(x) = \frac{4q^5 * 8(1-q)^5}{3^{10}}$$

- 2) Taking the log of this function, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\log P(x) &= \log(4q^5 * 8(1-q)^5) - \log(3^{10}) \\
&= \log 4 + \log(q^5) + \log 8 + \log(1-q)^5 - \log(3^{10}) \\
&= \log 4 + 5\log(q) + \log 8 + 5\log(1-q) - \log(3^{10}) \\
\frac{d}{dq} (\log 4 + 5\log(q) + \log 8 + 5\log(1-q) - \log(3^{10})) &= \frac{5}{q} - \frac{5}{1-q} \\
0 &= \frac{5}{q} - \frac{5}{1-q} = \frac{5(1-q) - 5q}{q(1-q)} = \frac{5 - 10q}{q(1-q)} \\
10q &= 5 \rightarrow q = \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

### Problem 4

Using Bayes theorem, the posterior distribution for  $w$ ,  $p(w|x, y, \alpha, \beta)$ , is proportional to  $p(y|x, w, \beta) * p(w|\alpha)$ , where:

$$p(y|x, w, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N N(y_n | f(x_n, w), \beta^{-1}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta^{-1}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_n - f(x_n, w)}{\beta^{-1}} \right)^2}$$

$$p(w|\alpha) = \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{M+1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} w^T w}$$

Combining these two together we obtain:

$$p(w|x, y, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta^{-1}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y_n - f(x_n, w)}{\beta^{-1}} \right)^2} * \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{M+1}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} w^T w}$$

Taking the negative log of this whole expression, assuming that  $M+1 \approx N$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} -\ln p(w|x, y, \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi\beta^{-1} + \frac{1}{2\beta^{-1}} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 - \ln \left( \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{N}{2}} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} w^T w} \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi\beta^{-1} + \frac{1}{2\beta^{-1}} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 - \left( \frac{N}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi + \ln \left( e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} w^T w} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi\beta^{-1} + \frac{1}{2\beta^{-1}} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 - \left( \frac{N}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{\alpha * w^T w}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{N}{2} \ln \beta + \frac{1}{2\beta^{-1}} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 - \frac{N}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi + \frac{\alpha w^T w}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Canceling out terms yields:

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \ln \beta + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 - \frac{N}{2} \ln \alpha + \frac{\alpha w^T w}{2}$$

As the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  do not change, minimizing this function involves the second and fourth terms in this expression. Thus, this is equal to minimizing the regularized sum of squares error function, which is:

$$\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (f(x_n, w) - y_n)^2 + \frac{\alpha w^T w}{2}$$