

1. A palindromic number reads the same both ways. Find the largest 13 digit palindromic **prime** number.
2. A number is 'sevenfold' if it contains the sequence of 7 consecutive 7's (for instance 1237777777 is sevenfold, and 77077077077 is not). What is the number of 10-digits sevenfold prime numbers?
3. Assume we sample (uniformly at random, with replacement)  $n = 130$  times from a set  $\{A, C, G, T\}$ . What is the expected number of occurrences of the pattern ACA? Note that overlapping is allowed, e.g., ACACA contains two overlapping occurrences of the pattern.
4. For some dataset  $(x_1, Y_1), (x_2, Y_2), \dots, (x_n, Y_n)$  it seems reasonable to assume that the regression line passes through the origin of the coordinate system. Thus the model becomes

$$Y_i = \beta x_i + U_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  are independent random variables with zero expectation and finite variance.

(i) Find the least squares estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  of  $\beta$ .

(ii) For the dataset:

$(1.50, 8.034), (3.45, 18.099), (5.46, 30.378), (7.20, 39.737), (8.45, 42.570),$

$(14.00, 73.951), (10.05, 52.818), (7.34, 38.973), (2.68, 17.373), (9.49, 50.426)$

give the value of least squares estimator  $\hat{\beta}$ .

5. Take a sequence of 1000 pseudo-random numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_{1000}$  generated using the recurrence

$$\begin{cases} x_0 &= 0 \\ x_i &= (x_{i-1} \cdot 1664525 + 1013904223) \bmod 2^{32}, i = 1, \dots, 1000 \end{cases}$$

Let  $y_i = \frac{x_i}{2^{32}}$  such that  $y_i$  are within  $[0, 1)$ .

We will quantize these numbers by rounding them to a number from the set  $Z = \{0, 0.1, 0.2, \dots, 1.0\}$ . Let  $z_i$  be the quantized value. The quantization error is defined to be the difference  $y_i - z_i$ .

- (a) suppose that each point  $i$  is quantized independently from the other ones, by setting  $z_i$  to the element of set  $Z$  that is closest to  $y_i$ . Find the root mean square error (RMSE), i.e.  $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{1000} (z_i - y_i)^2}$ .
- (b) now suppose we want to limit the number of changes of value in the sequence  $z_i$ : the quantization of point  $i$  is no longer performed independently from other points
- Assume that the value of  $z_i$ 's can only change once, i.e. there is a  $k$  such that  $z_1 = z_2 = \dots = z_k$  and  $z_{k+1} = z_{k+2} = \dots = z_{1000}$  and  $z_k \neq z_{k+1}$ . Find the error of the optimal quantization in this case.
  - Assume that the quantized sequence can change exactly 10 times, find the error of the optimal quantization. What is the runtime complexity of your algorithm?
  - Assume the quantized sequence can change exactly 333 times, now the optimal quantization is quite expensive to find (how expensive is the computation of the exact solution?), find a good quantization with possible low RMSE that abides by the constraint and explain how your heuristic algorithm works and what its computational complexity is.