

1. Let  $f_x(t)$  be symmetric about 0. Prove that  $\mu$  is the expected value of a sample distributed according to  $f_{x-\mu}(t)$ .

*Solution.*

Since  $f_x(t)$  is symmetric about 0,  $f_x(t)$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} E[(x - \mu)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t f_{x-\mu}(t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t f_x(t - \mu) dt \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = t - \mu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[(x - \mu)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u + \mu f_x(u) du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{u f_x(u)}_{\text{odd}} du + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mu f_x(u) du \\ &= 0 + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_x(u) du \\ &= \mu \end{aligned}$$

2. The complimentary cumulative distribution function is defined as  $Q_x(x) = 1 - F_x(x)$ , or more explicitly in the zero mean, unit variance Gaussian distribution case as

$$Q_x(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) dt.$$

Show that

$$Q_x(x) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}x} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right).$$

Hint: use integration by parts on  $Q_x(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}t} t \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) dt$ . Also explain why the approximation improves  $x$  as increases.

*Solution.*

Recall integration by parts:  $\int_a^b f(t)g'(t)dt = f(t)g(t)|_a^b - \int_a^b f'(t)g(t)dt$ .

Let  $g'(t) = t \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right)$  and  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}t}$

$$Q_x(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}t} t \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) \Big|_x^\infty - \underbrace{\int_x^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) dt}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty} \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_x^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2\right) dt$  goes to zero as  $x$  goes to infinity, the approximation improves as  $x$  increases.

3. The probability density function for a two dimensional random vector is defined by

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} Ax_1^2 x_2 & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \text{ and } x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine  $F_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$  and the value of  $A$ .
- (b) Determine the marginal density  $f_{x_2}(x)$ .
- (c) Are  $f_{x_1}(x)$  and  $f_{x_2}(x)$  independent? Show why or why not.

*Solution.*

- (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{x_1, x_2}(\infty, \infty) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x_1} Ax_1^2 x_2 dx_2 dx_1 \\
 &= \int_0^1 Ax_1^2 \frac{x_2^2}{2} \Big|_0^{1-x_1} dx_1 \\
 &= \int_0^1 Ax_1^2 \frac{(1-x_1)^2}{2} dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{A}{2} \int_0^1 (x_1^4 - 2x_1^3 + x_1^2) dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{A}{60} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Therefore,  $A = 60$ . Defining  $F_{x_1, x_2}(u, v) = Pr(x_1 \leq u, x_2 \leq v)$ , we have

- $x_1 < 0$  or  $x_2 < 0$ , then  $F(x_1, x_2) = 0$ .

- $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$  and  $x_1 + x_2 \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2) &= \int_0^{x_1} \int_0^{x_2} 60u^2v dv du \\ &= 10x_1^3x_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $0 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 1$  and  $x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2) &= 1 - \int_0^{1-x_2} \int_{x_2}^{1-u} 60u^2v dv du - \int_{x_1}^1 \int_0^{1-u} 60u^2v dv du \\ &= 10x_2^2 - 20x_2^3 + 15x_2^4 - 4x_2^5 + 10x_1^3 - 15x_1^4 + 6x_1^5 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

- $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$  and  $x_2 \geq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2) &= 1 - \int_{x_1}^1 \int_0^{1-u} 60u^2v dv du \\ &= 10x_1^3 - 15x_1^4 + 6x_1^5 \end{aligned}$$

- $0 \leq x_2 \leq 1$  and  $x_1 \geq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2) &= 1 - \int_0^{1-x_2} \int_{x_2}^{1-u} 60u^2v dv du \\ &= 10x_2^2 - 20x_2^3 + 15x_2^4 - 4x_2^5 \end{aligned}$$

- $x_1, x_2 \geq 1$ , then  $F(x_1, x_2) = 1$ .

So

$$F(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_1 < 0 \text{ or } x_2 < 0 \\ 10x_1^3x_2^2 & x_1, x_2 \geq 0, x_1 + x_2 \leq 1 \\ 10x_2^2 - 20x_2^3 + 15x_2^4 - 4x_2^5 + 10x_1^3 - 15x_1^4 + 6x_1^5 - 1 & 0 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 1, x_1 + x_2 \geq 1 \\ 10x_1^3 - 15x_1^4 + 6x_1^5 & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1, x_2 \geq 1 \\ 10x_2^2 - 20x_2^3 + 15x_2^4 - 4x_2^5 & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1, x_1 \geq 1 \\ 1 & x_1, x_2 \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} f_{x_2}(x_2) &= \int_0^{1-x_2} 60x_1^2x_2 dx_1 \\ &= 20x_2(1-x_2)^3 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Since

$$\begin{aligned} f_{x_1}(x_1) &= \int_0^{1-x_1} 60x_1^2 x_2 dx_2 \\ &= 30x_1^2(1-x_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

,  $f_{x_1, x_2}(x_1, x_2) \neq f_{x_1}(x_1)f_{x_2}(x_2)$ . Therefore,  $f_{x_1}(x_1)$  and  $f_{x_2}(x_2)$  are NOT independent.

4. Consider the two independent marginal distributions

$$f_{x_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{x_2}(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let  $A$  be the event  $x_1 \leq x_2$ .

- (a) Find and sketch  $f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})$ .
- (b) Determine  $Pr\{A\}$ .
- (c) Determine  $f_{\mathbf{x}|A}(\mathbf{x}|A)$ . Are the components independent, i.e., are  $f_{x_1|A}(x|A)$  and  $f_{x_2|A}(x|A)$  independent?

*Solution.*

(a) Since two marginal distributions are independent,

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(X) &= f_{x_1}(x_1)f_{x_2}(x_2) \\ &= \begin{cases} 2x_2 & 0 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(A) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x_2} 2x_2 dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int_0^1 2x_2^2 dx_2 \\ &= \left. \frac{2x_2^3}{3} \right|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X|A}(X|A) &= \frac{f_X(X)}{Pr(A)} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 3x_2 & 0 \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{x_1|A}(x_1|A) &= \int_{x_1}^1 3x_2 dx_2 \\
 &= \left. \frac{3x_2^2}{2} \right|_{x_1}^1 \\
 &= \frac{3(1-x_1)^2}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{x_2|A}(x_2|A) &= \int_0^{x_2} 2x_2 dx_1 \\
 &= 2x_2^2, \quad 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$f_{X|A}(X|A) \neq f_{x_1|A}(x_1|A)f_{x_2|A}(x_2|A)$ . Therefore,  $f_{x_1|A}(x_1|A)$  and  $f_{x_2|A}(x_2|A)$  are NOT independent.

5. The entropy  $\mathcal{H}$  for a random vector is defined as  $-E\{\ln f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})\}$ . Show that for the complex Gaussian case

$$\mathcal{H} = N(1 + \ln \pi) + \ln |\mathbf{C}_x|.$$

Determine the corresponding expression when the vector is real.

*Solution.*

The complex Gaussian p.d.f. is

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\pi^N |\mathbf{C}_x|} \exp[-(\mathbf{x} - m_x)^H \mathbf{C}_x^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - m_x)]$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H} &= -E\{\ln f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x})\} \\
 &= E[(\mathbf{x} - m_x)^H \mathbf{C}_x^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - m_x)] + N \ln \pi + \ln |\mathbf{C}_x|
 \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[(\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}})^H \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}})] &= E[\text{trace}((\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}})^H \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}}))] \\
 &= \text{trace}(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} E[(\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x} - m_{\mathbf{x}})^H]) \\
 &= \text{trace}(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}) \\
 &= \text{trace}(\mathbf{I}) = N
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H} &= N + N \ln \pi + \ln |\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}| \\
 &= N(1 + \ln \pi) + \ln |\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}|
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when the vector is real

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}N(1 + \ln(2\pi)) + \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}|$$

6. Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 3u - 4v \\
 y &= 2u + v
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are unit mean, unit variance, uncorrelated Gaussian random variables.

- (a) Determine the means and variances of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (b) Determine the joint density of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (c) Determine the conditional density of  $y$  given  $x$ .

*Solution.*

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x) &= E(3u - 4v) \\
 &= 3E(u) - 4E(v) \\
 &= 3 - 4 \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(y) &= E(2u + v) \\
 &= 2E(u) + E(v) \\
 &= 2 + 1 \\
 &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x^2 &= E(x^2) - E^2(x) \\ &= E[(3u - 4v)^2] - 1 \\ &= 25\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_y^2 &= E(y^2) - E^2(y) \\ &= E[(2u + v)^2] - 9 \\ &= 5\end{aligned}$$

(b) Note

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}f_{x,y}(x, y) &= \frac{f_{u,v}(\mathbf{A}^{-1}[x, y]^T)}{\text{abs } |\mathbf{A}|} \\ &= \frac{1}{11} f_{u,v}((x + 4y)/11, (-2x + 3y)/11) \\ &= \frac{1}{22\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{x + 4y}{11} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2x + 3y}{11} - 1\right)^2\right]\right)\end{aligned}$$

(c) Note  $x$  is Gaussian

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \times 5} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2 \times 25}(x + 1)^2\right)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}f_{y|x}(y|x) &= \frac{f_{x,y}(x, y)}{f_x(x)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \times 5}{22\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{x + 4y}{11} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2x + 3y}{11} - 1\right)^2\right] + \frac{1}{2 \times 25}(x + 1)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{22} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{x + 4y}{11} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-2x + 3y}{11} - 1\right)^2 - \frac{1}{25}(x + 1)^2\right]\right)\end{aligned}$$

7. Consider the orthogonal transformation of the correlated zero mean random variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note  $E\{x_1^2\} = \sigma_1^2$ ,  $E\{x_2^2\} = \sigma_2^2$ , and  $E\{x_1x_2\} = \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2$ . Determine the angle  $\theta$  such that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are uncorrelated.

*Solution.*

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = x_1 \cos \theta + x_2 \sin \theta \\ y_2 = -x_1 \sin \theta + x_2 \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(y_1y_2) &= E[(x_1 \cos \theta + x_2 \sin \theta)(-x_1 \sin \theta + x_2 \cos \theta)] \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta E[x_2^2] + (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)E[x_1x_2] - \sin \theta \cos \theta E[x_1^2] \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta(\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2) + (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ &= \sin 2\theta \cdot \frac{(\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2)}{2} + \cos 2\theta \cdot \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \end{aligned}$$

If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are uncorrelated,  $E(y_1y_2) = 0$ . For  $-\pi/2 \leq \theta < \pi/2$ ,

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2}$$

8. The covariance matrix and mean vector for a real Gaussian density are

$$\mathbf{C}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{m}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- (b) Generate a mesh plot of the distribution using MATLAB.
- (c) Change the off-diagonal values to  $-0.5$  and repeat (a) and (b).

*Solution.*

(a) Solve  $|\mathbf{C}_x - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = 0$ .

$$(1 - \lambda)^2 - 0.25 = (\lambda - 0.5)(\lambda - 1.5) = 0$$

Hence, eigenvalues are 0.5 and 1.5. For  $\lambda = 0.5$ , the corresponding eigenvector is  $[1, -1]^T$ . For  $\lambda = 1.5$ , the corresponding eigenvector is  $[1, 1]^T$ .

(c) Eigenvalues are 0.5 and 1.5. For  $\lambda = 0.5$ , the corresponding eigenvector is  $[1, 1]^T$ . For  $\lambda = 1.5$ , the corresponding eigenvector is  $[1, -1]^T$ .

9. Let  $\{x_k(n)\}_{k=1}^K$  be i.i.d. zero mean, unit variance uniformly distributed random variables and set

$$y_K(n) = \sum_{k=1}^K x_k(n).$$

- (a) Determine and plot the pdf of  $y_K(n)$  for  $K = 2, 3, 4$ .
- (b) Compare the pdf's to the Gaussian density.
- (c) Perform the comparison experimentally using MATLAB. That is, generate  $K$  sequences of  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$  uniformly distributed samples. Add the sequences and plot the resulting distribution (histogram). Fit the results to a Gaussian distribution for various  $K$  and  $N$ .

*Solution.*

(a)  $\{x_k(n)\}_{k=1}^K$  are i.i.d. zero mean, unit variance uniformly distributed random variables.

$$f_{x_k}(x_k) = \begin{cases} 1/2a & x_k \in [-a, a] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Since  $E[x_k^2] = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_k^2] &= \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-a}^a x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{x^3}{6a} \Big|_{-a}^a \\ &= \frac{a^2}{3} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \sqrt{3}$$

That is

$$f_{x_k}(x_k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & x_k \in [-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For  $K=2$ ,  $y_2(n) = x_1(n) + x_2(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_{y_2}(x) &= f_{x_1}(x) * f_{x_2}(x) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{x}{12} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & -2\sqrt{3} \leq x < 0 \\ -\frac{x}{12} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 < x \leq 2\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For  $K=3$ ,  $y_3(n) = x_1(n) + x_2(n) + x_3(n) = y_2(n) + x_3(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_{y_3}(x) &= f_{y_2}(x) * f_{x_3}(x) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(x+3\sqrt{3})^2}{48\sqrt{3}} & -3\sqrt{3} \leq x < -\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{3-x^2}{8\sqrt{3}} & -\sqrt{3} \leq x < \sqrt{3} \\ \frac{(x-3\sqrt{3})^2}{48\sqrt{3}} & \sqrt{3} \leq x \leq 3\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$