

## Homework 2: Convergence and Linear Algebra

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**Instructions:** Your answers are due at 2:45, before the beginning of class on the due date. You must turn in a pdf through canvas. I recommend using latex (<http://www.cs.utah.edu/~jeffp/teaching/latex/>) for producing the assignment answers. If the answers are too hard to read you will lose points, entire questions may be given a 0 (e.g. **sloppy pictures with your phone's camera are not ok, but very careful ones are**)

Please make sure your name appears at the top of the page.

You may discuss the concepts with your classmates, but write up the answers entirely on your own. **Be sure to show all the work involved in deriving your answers! If you just give a final answer without explanation, you may not receive credit for that question.**

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1. [50 points] Consider a pdf  $f$  so that a random variable  $X \sim f$  has expected value  $\mathbf{E}[X] = 5$  and variance  $\mathbf{Var}[X] = 100$ . Now consider  $n = 16$  iid random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{16}$  drawn from  $f$ . Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{16} \sum_{i=1}^{16} X_i$ .
  - (a) What is  $\mathbf{E}[\bar{X}]$ ?
  - (b) What is  $\mathbf{Var}[\bar{X}]$ ?
  - (c) What is the standard deviation of  $\bar{X}$ ?
  - (d) Which is larger  $\mathbf{Pr}[X > 6]$  or  $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 6]$ ?
  - (e) Which is larger  $\mathbf{Pr}[X > 3]$  or  $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 3]$ ?

Assume we know that  $X$  is never smaller than 0 and never larger than 20.

- (f) Use the Markov inequality to upper bound  $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 8]$ .
  - (g) Use the Chebyshev inequality to upper bound  $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 8]$ .
  - (h) Use the Chernoff-Hoeffding inequality to upper bound  $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 8]$ .
  - (i) If we increase  $n$  to 100, how will the above three bounds be affected.
2. [20 points] Consider the following 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^9$ :

$$\begin{aligned}v &= (1, 2, 5, 2, -3, 1, 2, 6, 2) \\u &= (-4, 3, -2, 2, 1, -3, 4, 1, -2) \\w &= (3, 3, -3, -1, 6, -1, 2, -5, -7)\end{aligned}$$

Report the following:

- (a)  $\langle v, w \rangle$
- (b) Are any pair of vectors orthogonal, and if so which ones?
- (c)  $\|u\|_2$
- (d)  $\|w\|_\infty$

3. [30 points] Consider the following 3 matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 \\ -8 & 2 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Report the following:

- (a)  $A^T B$
  - (b)  $C + B$
  - (c) Which matrices are full rank?
  - (d)  $\|C\|_F$
  - (e)  $\|A\|_2$
  - (f)  $B^{-1}$
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Practice questions

4. [0 points] Consider two random variables  $C$  and  $T$  describing how many coffees and teas I will buy in the coming week; clearly neither can be smaller than 0. Based on personal experience, I know the following summary statistics about my coffee and tea buying habits:  $\mathbf{E}[C] = 3$  and  $\mathbf{Var}[C] = 1$  also  $\mathbf{E}[T] = 2$  and  $\mathbf{Var}[T] = 5$ .
- (a) Use Markov's Inequality to upper bound the probability I buy 4 or more coffees, and the same for teas:  $\mathbf{Pr}[C \geq 4]$  and  $\mathbf{Pr}[T \geq 4]$ .
  - (b) Use Chebyshev's Inequality to upper bound the probability I buy 4 or more coffees, and the same for teas:  $\mathbf{Pr}[C \geq 4]$  and  $\mathbf{Pr}[T \geq 4]$ .
5. [0 points] Consider a parked self-driving car that returns  $n$  iid estimates to the distance of a tree. We will model these  $n$  estimates as a set of  $n$  scalar random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  taken iid from an unknown pdf  $f$ , which we assume models the true distance plus unbiased noise. (The sensor can take many iid estimates in rapid fire fashion.) The sensor is programmed to only return values between 0 and 20 feet, and that the variance of the sensing noise is 64 feet squared. Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . We want to understand as a function of  $n$  how close  $\bar{X}$  is to  $\mu$ , which is the true distance to the car.
- (a) Use Chebyshev's Inequality to determine a value  $n$  so that  $\mathbf{Pr}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq 1] \leq 0.5$ .
  - (b) Use Chebyshev's Inequality to determine a value  $n$  so that  $\mathbf{Pr}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq 0.1] \leq 0.1$ .
  - (c) Use the Chernoff-Hoeffding bound to determine a value  $n$  so that  $\mathbf{Pr}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq 1] \leq 0.5$ .
  - (d) Use the Chernoff-Hoeffding bound to determine a value  $n$  so that  $\mathbf{Pr}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq 0.1] \leq 0.1$ .
6. [0 points] Let  $X$  be a random variable that you know is in the range  $[-1, 2]$  and you know has expected value of  $\mathbf{E}[X] = 0$ . Use the Markov Inequality to upper bound  $\mathbf{Pr}[X > 1.5]$ ? (Hint: you will need to use a change of variables.)

7. [0 points] Consider a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 7 & 4 \\ -3 & -3 & -6 \\ -8 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Add a column to  $A$  so that it is invertible.
- (b) Remove a row from  $A$  so that it is invertible.
- (c) Is  $AA^T$  invertible?
- (d) Is  $A^T A$  invertible?