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Exercise 3

- Proposed Solution -

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Solution of Problem 1

Note that for any random variable $\mathbf{Y} = g(\mathbf{X})$ the expectation $E(\mathbf{Y}) = E(g(\mathbf{X}))$ is defined by

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{cases} \sum_i g(\mathbf{x}_i) p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i), & \text{if } \mathbf{X} \text{ is discrete,} \\ \int_{\text{supp}\{\mathbf{X}\}} g(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, & \text{if } \mathbf{X} \text{ is continuous} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Because of the linearity of both operators (sum and integral), it follows that:

a)

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}) &= \sum_i (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}) p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \\ &\stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} \mathbf{A} \sum_i \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{b} \sum_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \\ &\stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} \mathbf{A} E(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbf{b}, \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} E(c_X \mathbf{X} + c_Y \mathbf{Y}) &= \sum_{i,j} (c_X \mathbf{x}_i + c_Y \mathbf{y}_j) p_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} c_X \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) + c_Y \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{independency}}{=} c_X \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) + c_Y \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{separation}}{=} c_X \sum_i \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \sum_j p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) + c_Y \sum_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \sum_j \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{unitary}}{=} c_X \sum_i \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) + c_Y \sum_j \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} c_X E(\mathbf{X}) + c_Y E(\mathbf{Y}), \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}) &= \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{independency}}{=} \sum_i \sum_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{separation}}{=} \left(\sum_i \mathbf{x}_i p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \right)^T \sum_j \mathbf{y}_j p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}_j) \\ &\stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} E(\mathbf{X})^T E(\mathbf{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the covariance $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ between two random variables \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} is defined by $\text{E}([\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}})$ while the covariance matrix of the random variable \mathbf{Z} is given by $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})$ or in simple notation $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z})$. Hence, this leads to

d)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}) &= \text{Cov}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} \text{E}([\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} - \text{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b})][\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} - \text{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b})]^{\text{H}}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \text{E}([\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{b}][\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{b}]^{\text{H}}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{apply brackets}}{=} \text{E}(\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}}\mathbf{A}^{\text{H}}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{a)}}{=} \mathbf{A}\text{E}([\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}})\mathbf{A}^{\text{H}} \\
&\stackrel{\text{definition}}{=} \mathbf{A}\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{A}^{\text{H}},
\end{aligned}$$

e) Similarly to the proof in d)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y}) &= \text{E}([c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y})][c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}}) \\
&= \text{E}([c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y} - c_X\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - c_Y\text{E}(\mathbf{Y})][c_X\mathbf{X} + c_Y\mathbf{Y} - c_X\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - c_Y\text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}}) \\
&= \text{E}([c_X(\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})) + c_Y(\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y}))][c_X(\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})) + c_Y(\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y}))]^{\text{H}}) \\
&= \text{E}(|c_X|^2[\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}} + |c_Y|^2[\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})][\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}} \\
&\quad + c_Xc_Y^{\text{H}}[\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}} + c_Yc_X^{\text{H}}[\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})][\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}}) \\
&= |c_X|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) + |c_Y|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) \\
&\quad + \text{E}(c_Xc_Y^{\text{H}}[\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}} + c_Yc_X^{\text{H}}[\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})][\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}}) \\
&= |c_X|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) + |c_Y|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) \\
&\quad + c_Xc_Y^{\text{H}}\text{E}(\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X}))\text{E}(\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y}))^{\text{H}} + c_Yc_X^{\text{H}}\text{E}(\mathbf{Y} - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y}))\text{E}(\mathbf{X} - \text{E}(\mathbf{X}))^{\text{H}} \\
&= |c_X|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) + |c_Y|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) \\
&\quad + c_Xc_Y^{\text{H}}[\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})][\text{E}(\mathbf{Y}) - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})]^{\text{H}} + c_Yc_X^{\text{H}}[\text{E}(\mathbf{Y}) - \text{E}(\mathbf{Y})][\text{E}(\mathbf{X}) - \text{E}(\mathbf{X})]^{\text{H}} \\
&= |c_X|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) + |c_Y|^2\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}).
\end{aligned}$$

Solution of Problem 2

The multivariate normal (or Gaussian) distribution of a random vector $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ has the following pdf:

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\},$$

where $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_p)^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$, and the parameters: $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \succ 0$.

a) In our case we have that $p = 2$, yielding

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}.$$

We start by calculating the determinant of $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ as $|\Sigma| = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 \rho^2 = \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)$. This leads to $|\Sigma|^{1/2} = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}$ and

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \\ -\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finally, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{bmatrix} (y_1 - \mu_1) & (y_2 - \mu_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2^2 & -\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \\ -\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 & \sigma_1^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (y_1 - \mu_1) \\ (y_2 - \mu_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \begin{bmatrix} (y_1 - \mu_1) & (y_2 - \mu_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2^2 (y_1 - \mu_1) - \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (y_2 - \mu_2) \\ \sigma_1^2 (y_2 - \mu_2) - \rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (y_1 - \mu_1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_2^2 (y_1 - \mu_1)^2 + \sigma_1^2 (y_2 - \mu_2)^2 - 2\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2 (y_1 - \mu_1)(y_2 - \mu_2)}{2\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 (1 - \rho^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \left[\frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(y_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho \frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)(y_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

this gives us the final expression for $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y})$ as

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2(1 - \rho^2)} \left[\frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(y_2 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - 2\rho \frac{(y_1 - \mu_1)(y_2 - \mu_2)}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \right] \right\}.$$

- b) From the definition of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and Σ we directly get $Y_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$ and $Y_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$.
- c) As stated in theorem 3.5 of the lecture's script, the conditional density $f_{Y_1}(y_1|y_2)$ is given by the normal distribution $f_{Y_1}(y_1|y_2) \sim N(\mu_{1|2}, \Sigma_{1|2})$, where $\mu_{1|2}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1|2} &= \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (y_2 - \mu_2) \\ &= \mu_1 + (\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2) (1/\sigma_2^2) (y_2 - \mu_2) \\ &= \mu_1 + \rho \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} (y_2 - \mu_2) \end{aligned}$$

and $\Sigma_{1|2}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{1|2} &= \Sigma_{11} + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \\ &= \sigma_1^2 + (\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2) (1/\sigma_2^2) (\rho \sigma_1 \sigma_2) \\ &= \sigma_1^2 + \rho^2 \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_1^2 (1 - \rho^2). \end{aligned}$$

Solution of Problem 3

We have that $X \sim f_X(x)$ where

$$f_X(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{for } \lambda > 0.$$

- a) From the definition of the log-likelihood function we obtain

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(x_i; \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda - \lambda x_i = n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

with support $x_i \in (0, \infty)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$.

b) In MLE, the estimate $\hat{\lambda}$ is obtained by solving

$$\hat{\lambda} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \ell(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \arg \max_{\lambda} n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

Then, to find the λ that maximizes $\ell(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ we take the partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ell(\mathbf{x}, \lambda)$ and set it to zero. This leads to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ell(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

Therefore, $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ is the MLE of λ .