

Homework 2: Convergence and Linear Algebra

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.**

- [30 points]** Consider a random variable X with expected values $\mathbf{E}[X] = 7$ and variance $\mathbf{Var}[X] = 2$. We would like to upper bound the probability $\mathbf{Pr}[X < 5]$.
 - Which bound can and cannot be used with what we know about X (Markov, Chebyshev, or Chernoff-Hoeffding), and why?
 - Using that bound, calculate an upper bound for $\mathbf{Pr}[X < 5]$.
 - Describe a probability distribution for X where the other two bounds are definitely not applicable.
- [30 points]** Consider n iid random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n with expected value $\mathbf{E}[X_i] = 20$ and variance $\mathbf{Var}[X_i] = 2$. Assume we also know that each X_i must satisfy $15 \leq X_i \leq 22$. We now want to analyze the random variable of their average $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Assume first that $n = 20$ (the number of random variables).

 - Use the Chebyshev inequality to upper bound $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 21]$.
 - Use the Chernoff-Hoeffding inequality to upper bound $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 21]$.

Now assume first that $n = 200$ (the number of random variables).

 - Use the Chebyshev inequality to upper bound $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 21]$.
 - Use the Chernoff-Hoeffding inequality to upper bound $\mathbf{Pr}[\bar{X} > 21]$.
- [15 points]** Consider the following 2 vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (4, 2, -6, \mathbf{x}) \\ q &= (2, -4, 1, -2) \end{aligned}$$

Report the following:

- Choose the value \mathbf{x} so that p and q are orthogonal.
- Calculate $\|q\|_1$
- Calculate $\|q\|_2^2$

4. [25 points] Consider the following 2 matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & 3 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Report the following:

- (a) $A^T B$
 - (b) AB
 - (c) BA
 - (d) $B + A$
 - (e) Which matrices are invertable? For any that are invertable, report the result.
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Practice questions

5. [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 $\mathbf{Pr}[T \geq 4]$.
6. [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 μ , 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 $\mathbf{Pr}[|\bar{X} - \mu| \geq 0.1] \leq 0.1$.
7. [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.)

8. [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?