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**ECE 597: Probability, Random Processes, and Estimation**  
*Exam #1*

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1) Assume we have the joint density

$$f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y) = \frac{1}{3}(xy+1) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2$$

**Note:** The ranges of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  are different

- Determine the marginal density  $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)$
- Determine the marginal density  $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$
- Are  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  independent? Why or why not?
- Determine  $E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]$  (note that this will be a function of  $y$ )

$$a) f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = \int_0^2 f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y) dy = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^2 (xy+1) dy = \frac{1}{3} \left[ x \frac{y^2}{2} + y \right]_0^2 = \frac{1}{3} [2x+2] = f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)$$

$$b) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = \int_0^1 f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 (xy+1) dx = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} y + x \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{y}{2} + 1 \right] = f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$$

c)  $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) \neq f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y)$  so not independent

$$d) E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}] = \int_0^1 x f_{\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}}(x|y) dx = \int_0^1 x \frac{f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y)}{f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)} dx = \int_0^1 x \frac{\frac{1}{3}(xy+1)}{\frac{1}{3}(\frac{y}{2}+1)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{y}{2}+1} \int_0^1 (x^2 y + x) dx = \frac{1}{\frac{y}{2}+1} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} y + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\frac{y}{3} + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{y}{2} + 1} = E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]$$

2) Assume we have an experiment where the random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  is assumed to follow an Erlang density, i.e.,

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = \theta^2 x e^{-\theta x} \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

Assume we perform the experiment  $n$  times with outcomes  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , What is the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  based on these observations?

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\mathbf{X}_i}(x_i) = \theta^{2n} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$\ln(L) = 2n \ln(\theta) + \ln \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln(L)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{2n}{\theta} + 0 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{2n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

3) Assume  $\underline{X}$  and  $\underline{Y}$  are random vectors, not necessarily of the same size. Assume also that  $K_{\underline{X}\underline{X}}$ ,  $K_{\underline{W}\underline{W}}$  and  $K_{\underline{W}\underline{X}}$  are known. Now we make a new random vector

$$\underline{Y} = A\underline{X} + B\underline{W} + \underline{C}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constant matrices (not necessarily of the same size), and  $\underline{C}$  is a constant vector. Determine an expression for  $K_{\underline{Y}\underline{Y}}$  in terms of these known quantities **ONLY**. Do **not** assume the means are zero.

Hint:  $(FG)^T = G^T F^T$

$$K_{\underline{Y}\underline{Y}} = E\left\{[\underline{Y} - \underline{\mu}_Y][\underline{Y} - \underline{\mu}_Y]^T\right\} \quad \underline{\mu}_Y = A\underline{\mu}_X + B\underline{\mu}_W + \underline{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Y} - \underline{\mu}_Y &= (A\underline{X} + B\underline{W} + \underline{C}) - (A\underline{\mu}_X + B\underline{\mu}_W + \underline{C}) \\ &= A(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X) + B(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\underline{Y}\underline{Y}} &= E\left\{[A(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X) + B(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)][A(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X) + B(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)]^T\right\} \\ &= E\left\{[A(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X) + B(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)][(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X)^T A^T + (\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)^T B^T]\right\} \\ &= A E[(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X)(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X)^T] A^T + A E[(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X)(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)^T] B^T \\ &\quad + B E[(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)(\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}_X)^T] A^T + B E[(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)(\underline{W} - \underline{\mu}_W)^T] B^T \end{aligned}$$

$$= AK_{\underline{X}\underline{X}}A^T + AK_{\underline{W}\underline{X}}^T B^T + BK_{\underline{W}\underline{X}}A^T + BK_{\underline{W}\underline{W}}B^T = K_{\underline{Y}\underline{Y}}$$

The two formulas may (or may not) be useful in the following problem.

The general formula for a multidimensional Gaussian density is

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} [\det(K_{\mathbf{XX}})]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T K_{\mathbf{XX}}^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) \right\}$$

The inverse of a 2 x 2 matrix is given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

4) Assume the random vector  $\mathbf{X} = [X_1 \ X_2]^T$  has the Gaussian density given by

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{3}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} [2x_1^2 + 2x_1(x_2 - 1) + 2(x_2 - 1)^2] \right\}$$

Determine  $\underline{\mu}$  and  $K_{\mathbf{XX}}$

$$\underline{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ by inspection}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T A (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & (x_2 - 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & (x_2 - 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ax_1 + b(x_2 - 1) \\ bx_1 + c(x_2 - 1) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} [ax_1^2 + bx_1(x_2 - 1) + bx_1(x_2 - 1) + c(x_2 - 1)^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{a}{2} x_1^2 + b x_1 (x_2 - 1) + \frac{c}{2} (x_2 - 1)^2 = \frac{2}{3} x_1^2 + \frac{2}{3} x_1 (x_2 - 1) + \frac{2}{3} (x_2 - 1)^2 \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a}{2} &= \frac{2}{3} & a &= \frac{4}{3} \\ b &= \frac{2}{3} & \frac{c}{2} &= \frac{2}{3} & c &= \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} & K_{\mathbf{XX}} &= A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\frac{16}{9}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} \\ & & &= \frac{3}{4} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = K_{\mathbf{XX}} \end{aligned}$$

5) Assume  $\underline{X}$  is a zero mean random Gaussian vector with

$$K_{\underline{X}\underline{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine a transformation matrix  $A$  and vector  $\underline{b}$  such that

$$\underline{Y} = A\underline{X} + \underline{b}$$

and

$$K_{\underline{Y}\underline{Y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\mu}_{\underline{Y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_{\underline{X}\underline{X}} - \lambda \underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(K_{\underline{X}\underline{X}} - \lambda \underline{I}) = (3-\lambda)^2 - 1 = 9 - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a = -1 \\ b = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \underline{\phi}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 4 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a = 1 \\ b = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \underline{\phi}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$A = \underline{\Lambda}_{\underline{X}\underline{X}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \underline{U}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = A$$