

# Statistical Models and Data Analysis

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## Problem Set 3 / Solutions

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### 1. (Complex numbers)

(a) Compute the real and imaginary part of the following expressions:

$$i \quad (3+i) - (5+2i) \quad (3+i)(5+2i) \quad (3+i)/(5+2i) \quad (3+i)^2 \quad 4 e^{i\pi/4} .$$

(b) Compute the modulus and argument of the following expressions:

$$i \quad 2 e^{i\pi/2} \quad (2+2i) \quad (\sqrt{3}-i) \quad \ln(-2) \quad \sqrt{-2} \quad (4 e^{i\pi/4})^5 .$$

(c) Find all complex numbers  $z$  that solve the equations

$$z^2 = i \quad z^3 - 1 = 0 \quad z^4 + 2z^2 + 1 = 0 .$$

### Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (3+i) - (5+2i) = -2 - i \\ z &= (3+i)(5+2i) = 15 - 1 + 8i = 14 + 8i \\ z &= (3+i)/(5+2i) = \frac{3+i}{5+2i} \frac{5-i}{5-i} = \frac{(3+i)(5-i)}{5^2+1^2} = (15+1-3i+5i)/26 = \frac{16}{26} + i\frac{2}{26} = \frac{8}{13} + \frac{1}{13}i \\ (3+i)^2 &= 3^2 + 6i + i^2 = 9 - 1 + 6i = 8 + 6i \\ z &= 4 e^{i\pi/4} = 4 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 2\sqrt{2} + i 2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} i &= \exp(i\pi/2); \quad |i| = 1 \quad \arg(i) = \pi/2 \\ z &= 2+2i \quad |z| = \sqrt{2^2+2^2} = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \arg(z) = \arctan(2/2) = \pi/4 \\ z &= \sqrt{3}-i \quad |z| = \sqrt{\sqrt{3}^2+1^2} = 2 \quad \arg(z) = \arctan(-1/\sqrt{3}) = -\pi/6 \\ z &= \ln(-2) = \ln(2 \exp(i\pi)) = \ln 2 + i\pi \quad |z| = \sqrt{\pi^2 + (\ln 2)^2} \quad \arg(z) = \arctan(\pi/\ln 2) \\ z &= \sqrt{-2} = \sqrt{2 \exp(i\pi)} = \sqrt{2} \exp(i\pi/2) = i\sqrt{2} \quad |z| = \sqrt{2} \quad \arg(z) = \pi/2 \\ z &= (4 e^{i\pi/4})^5 = 4^5 \exp(i5\pi/4) \quad |z| = 4^5 = 1024 \quad \arg(z) = 5\pi/4 \end{aligned}$$

(c) In these questions, we always try to use the polar representation of complex numbers (i.e., modulus + argument of the complex number).

$$z^2 = i = \exp(i[\pi/2 + 2n\pi])$$

true for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , as for integer  $n$ ,  $\exp(i2n\pi) = 1$ . Taking the square root

$$z = \exp(i[\pi/4 + n\pi])$$

Note that  $\exp(i\pi) = -1$ . We have two distinct solutions, namely

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)$$

or

$$z = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)$$

depending on whether  $n$  is even or odd. For the next problem, we need to find the cube root of unity.

$$z^3 = 1 = \exp(i2n\pi)$$

Distinct solutions are

$$z = 1$$

$$z = \exp(i2\pi/3) = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$z = \exp(i4\pi/3) = \cos(4\pi/3) + i\sin(4\pi/3) = -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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The last equation is a quadratic in  $z^2$ :

$$z^4 + 2z^2 + 1 = (z^2 + 1)^2 = 0$$

We have

$$z^2 = -1 = \exp(i(\pi + 2n\pi))$$

with solutions

$$z = \exp(i(\pi/2 + n\pi))$$

Thus, the two distinct solutions are

$$z = i \quad \text{or} \quad z = -i$$

**2.** (Complex functions) Consider  $f(z) = z^2$  for  $z = x + iy$ . Let  $u(x, y) = \text{Re}[f(z)]$  be the real part and  $v(x, y) = \text{Im}[f(z)]$  be the imaginary part of  $f(z)$ . Show that, for this  $f(z)$ , the following hold:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

The symbols  $\partial/\partial x$  and  $\partial/\partial y$  symbolize partial derivatives. For instance,  $\frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y}$  signifies taking the derivative of  $u(x, y)$  with respect to  $y$  while keeping  $x$  constant.

**Solution:**

(a) We will try to show that this holds generally for analytic  $f(z)$ .

$$f(z) = f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$$

We have two identities:

$$f'(z) \frac{dz}{dx} = f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$
$$f'(z) \frac{dz}{dy} = i f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

Let's multiply

$$if'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

by  $-i$ . We obtain

$$f'(z) = -i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

which we contrast with

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Identifying the real parts in both equations and the imaginary parts in both equations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

These are known as the Cauchy relations. One reason why analytic (complex) functions are important can be seen by taking further partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= -\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} \end{aligned}$$

Add these two equations together, and we have

$$\nabla^2 u = 0$$

and, likewise,  $\nabla^2 v = 0$ . Hence  $u$  and  $v$  solve Poisson's equation  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ .

### 3. (Complex numbers and matrices)

Consider the real matrices

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Show that for all matrices  $A = x_1 E + y_1 I$  and  $B = x_2 E + y_2 I$ , the following matrices  $C$  can be expressed as  $C = x_3 E + y_3 I$  and give the corresponding expressions for  $x_3$  and  $y_3$ !

$$C = A + B \quad C = AB \quad C = BA \quad C = A^{-1} B \quad C = \exp[A] \exp[-B]$$

Note that the inverse of a 2x2 matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  equals

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

as long as  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

The exponential of a matrix  $M$  is defined as

$$\exp[M] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{M^n}{n!}$$

where  $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots 2 \cdot 1$ , which is called the factorial of  $n$ .

Try to interpret these results in terms of complex numbers.

**Solution:**

(a) First remark

$$I.I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -E$$

Second (trivial) remark:  $E$  is the identity matrix. In other words

$$E.A = A$$

for any matrix  $A$ . Hence, with  $A = x_1 E + y_1 I$  and  $B = x_2 E + y_2 I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} C &= A + B = (x_1 + x_2)E + (y_1 + y_2)I \\ C &= AB = (x_1 E + y_1 I)(x_2 E + y_2 I) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2)E + (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)I \end{aligned}$$

Note that, if we write out this product

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 & x_2 y_1 + x_1 y_2 \\ -x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2 & x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This happens to be symmetric under the interchange of  $x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2; y_1 \leftrightarrow y_2$ , so

$$C = BA = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2)E + (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)I = AB$$

$$C = BA = AB = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re}(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) & \operatorname{Im}(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) \\ -\operatorname{Im}(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) & \operatorname{Re}(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Note that, **in general**, for matrices  $A$  and  $B$  not defined as above in terms of  $E$  and  $I$ ,  $AB \neq BA$ .

(b) Now, for  $A = x_1 E + y_1 I$ ,

$$\det A = \det \left[ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ -y_1 & x_1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = x_1^2 + y_1^2$$

and we have

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} (x_1 E - y_1 I)$$

Hence,

$$A^{-1}B = \frac{1}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} ((x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2)E + (x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1)I)$$

(c) This one can be tricky. Either one uses the fact that  $E$  and  $I$  commute, or one diagonalizes (the more generic method).

First, keep in mind that

$$\exp(A)\exp(-B) = \exp \left\{ A - B - \frac{1}{2}[A, B] + \frac{1}{12}(-[A, [A, B]] + [B, [B, A]]) + \dots \right\}$$

which is known as the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula, for which we used the shorthand

$$[A, B] = AB - BA,$$

also known as the commutator of  $A$  and  $B$ . But, as

$$[E, I] = 0,$$

then, if we have  $A = x_1 E + y_1 I$  and  $B = x_2 E + y_2 I$ ,

$$\exp(A)\exp(-B) = \exp(A - B)$$

as all the commutators are zero. So, therefore,

$$\exp(A)\exp(-B) = \exp((x_1 - x_2)E + (y_1 - y_2)I)$$

Now, apply the rule from eq 1.

$$\exp((x_1 - x_2)E + (y_1 - y_2)I) = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \exp(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2)) & \operatorname{Im} \exp(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2)) \\ -\operatorname{Im} \exp(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2)) & \operatorname{Re} \exp(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2)) \end{pmatrix}$$

Using  $\exp(x + iy) = \exp(x) [\cos(y) + i \sin(y)]$ ,

$$\exp((x_1 - x_2)E + (y_1 - y_2)I) = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(x_1 - x_2) \cos(y_1 - y_2) & \exp(x_1 - x_2) \sin(y_1 - y_2) \\ \exp(x_1 - x_2) \sin(y_2 - y_1) & \exp(x_1 - x_2) \cos(y_1 - y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

But this is not a valid approach to solving the general problem. Because it's instructive, let's review the general approach. Start with

$$A = x_1 E + y_1 I = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ -y_1 & x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 - \lambda & y_1 \\ -y_1 & x_1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Working out the determinant,

$$\lambda^2 - 2x_1\lambda + x_1^2 + y_1^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2x_1 \pm \sqrt{4x_1^2 - 4(x_1^2 + y_1^2)}}{2}$$

$$= x_1 \pm i y_1$$

Now we can compute the eigenvectors

$$(A - \lambda I) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mp i y_1 & y_1 \\ -y_1 & \mp i y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

So that the corresponding eigenvalue/eigenvector combinations

$$\lambda_1 = x_1 + i y_1 \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = x_1 - i y_1 \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define the matrix

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that we haven't normalized the eigenvectors to unit length. We have the inverse

$$V^{-1} = \frac{1}{2i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have

$$V^{-1}AV = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, let's take

$$A^n = VV^{-1}AVV^{-1}AV \dots V^{-1}AVV^{-1}$$

$$= V(V^{-1}AV) \dots (V^{-1}AV)V^{-1}$$

$$= V\Lambda \dots \Lambda V^{-1}$$

$$= V\Lambda^n V^{-1}$$

$$= V \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n \end{pmatrix} V^{-1}$$

In general, if  $f(x)$  is a function that has a convergent power series representation, then

$$f(A) = V \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & 0 \\ 0 & f(\lambda_2) \end{pmatrix} V^{-1}$$

Let's apply this to the case at hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \exp(A) &= \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1 + iy_1) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1 - iy_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} i & -i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2i} \exp(x_1 + iy_1) & \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1 + iy_1) \\ -\frac{1}{2i} \exp(x_1 - iy_1) & \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1 - iy_1) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1) (\exp(iy_1) + \exp(-iy_1)) & -\frac{1}{2i} \exp(x_1) (\exp(iy_1) - \exp(-iy_1)) \\ \frac{1}{2i} \exp(x_1) (\exp(iy_1) - \exp(-iy_1)) & \frac{1}{2} \exp(x_1) (\exp(iy_1) + \exp(-iy_1)) \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \exp(x_1) \cos(y_1) & -\exp(x_1) \sin(y_1) \\ \exp(x_1) \sin(y_1) & \exp(x_1) \cos(y_1) \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = x_1 E + y_1 I$$

$$A^2 = (x_1^2 - y_1^2) E + 2x_1 y_1 I$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^3 &= [x_1(x_1^2 - y_1^2) - 2x_1 y_1^2] E + [2x_1^2 y_1 + y_1(x_1^2 - y_1^2)] I \\
 &= (x_1^3 - 3x_1 y_1^2) E + (3x_1^2 y_1 - y_1^3) I
 \end{aligned}$$

4. (Quaternions) Consider the two complex 2x2 matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & \zeta_1 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} z_2 & \zeta_2 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_2 & \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that the matrices

$$C = A + B \quad C = AB \quad C = AB - BA \quad C = A^{-1}$$

have the same shape  $C = \begin{pmatrix} z_3 & \zeta_3 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_3 & \bar{z}_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and give expressions for  $z_3$  and  $\zeta_3$ .

Let's consider the three quaternions

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that  $I^2 = J^2 = K^2 = IJK = -1$ .

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + B &= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & \zeta_1 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} z_2 & \zeta_2 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_2 & \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 + z_2 & \zeta_1 + \zeta_2 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{\zeta}_2 & \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AB &= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & \zeta_1 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_2 & \zeta_2 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_2 & \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 z_2 - \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_2 & z_1 \zeta_2 + \zeta_1 \bar{z}_2 \\ -z_2 \bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{z}_1 \bar{\zeta}_2 & -\bar{\zeta}_1 \zeta_2 + \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$AB - BA = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_2 \bar{\zeta}_1 - \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_2 & -\zeta_2 \bar{z}_1 + \zeta_1 \bar{z}_2 + \zeta_2 z_1 - \zeta_1 z_2 \\ z_1 \zeta_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2 \bar{z}_1 - z_2 \bar{\zeta}_1 + \bar{\zeta}_1 \bar{z}_2 & \zeta_1 \zeta_2 - \zeta_2 \bar{\zeta}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{z}_1 & -\zeta_1 \\ \bar{\zeta}_1 & z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $N = z_1 \bar{z}_1 + \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_1$ . To verify this claim, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & \zeta_1 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{z}_1 & -\zeta_1 \\ \bar{\zeta}_1 & z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \bar{z}_1 + \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_1 & -z_1 \zeta_1 + \zeta_1 z_1 \\ -\bar{\zeta}_1 \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_1 \bar{\zeta}_1 & +\bar{\zeta}_1 \zeta_1 + \bar{z}_1 z_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \bar{z}_1 + \zeta_1 \bar{\zeta}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & +\bar{\zeta}_1 \zeta_1 + \bar{z}_1 z_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$I^2 = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (-i)^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i^2 & 0 \\ 0 & i^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} IJK &= (IJ)K = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = K^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned} IJK &= I(JK) = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = I^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In passing, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} IJ &= K \\ JK &= I \\ KI &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = J \end{aligned}$$

Note that we keep the product  $IJ$ ,  $JK$ , and  $KI$  in cyclic order. Otherwise, we get a sign change in the formulae above.