

Machine Learning Assignment 20

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A: Using integration, show that this is a valid distribution, i.e. all the probability integrates to 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} p(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 p(x) dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2x} dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx &= \\ -e^{-2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} + 0 &= \\ \left(\frac{1}{-e^{2\infty}} \right) - (-e^0) &= \\ -(-1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

B: Given that $X \sim p_2$, compute $P(0 \leq X \leq 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 p(x) dx &= \\ \int_0^1 2e^{-2x} dx &= \\ -e^{-2x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} &= \\ -e^{-2} - (-1) &= 1 - e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

C: Given that $X \sim p_2$, compute $E[X]$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x)dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} xp(x)dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 xp(x)dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot 2e^{-2x}dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 x \cdot 0dx &= \\ \left(-\frac{2xe^{-2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} + 0 &= \\ \left(-\frac{2(\infty)e^{-2\infty} + e^{-2\infty}}{2} \right) - \left(-\frac{2(0)e^0 + e^0}{2} \right) &= \\ 0 + \frac{1}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

D: Given that $X \sim p_2$, compute $\text{Var}[X]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[(X - \frac{1}{2})^2] \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 p(x)dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 p(x)dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 p(x)dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot 2e^{-2x}dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot 0dx &= \\ \int_0^{\infty} 2xe^{-2x} + 2x^2e^{-2x}dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 0dx &= \\ \left(-\frac{4x^2e^{-2x} + e^{-2x}}{4} \right) + 0 \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} &= \\ \left(-\frac{4(\infty)^2e^{-2(\infty)} + e^{-2(\infty)}}{4} \right) - \left(-\frac{4(0)^2e^0 + e^0}{4} \right) &= \\ 0 + \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$