

## Problem Set 1

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- Collaboration, discussion, and working in teams to solve problems is strongly encouraged.
- To test your understanding, write the solution to each problem in your own words without referring to a friend, text, or class notes.
- You can solve the programming problems in teams of three. One submission per team suffices. Indicate team members.

**Problems:**

1. Show that for any index set  $\Delta$ , the function  $V : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$x \mapsto V(x) = \inf_{\delta \in \Delta} [a_{\delta}x + b_{\delta}]$$

is a concave function.

2. Let  $V : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave function. Show the following.
  - $f$  is continuous in the open set  $(0, 1)$ .
  - Left and right derivatives exist at every point in  $(0, 1)$ .
3. Show that the minimum Bayes risk  $V(\pi_0)$  is continuous at the end-points 0 and 1, that it has a right derivative at 0 and a left derivative at 1. Find the slopes. (*Hint:* Write out  $V(\pi_0)$ . For the right derivative at 0, use  $p_1(y) \leq \tau(\pi_0)p_0(y)$  for the decision region for  $H_0$ , where  $\tau(\pi_0)$  is  $O(\pi_0)$  as  $\pi_0$  approaches 0).
4. Problem 2 in Section II.F.
5. Problem 11 in Section II.F.
6. Problem 16 in Section II.F.
7. Write a program in matlab to generate a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 1 using only the function `rand` that generates a uniform random variable between  $[0, 1]$ . (*Hints:* It is easier to generate two such Gaussians. What is the distribution of  $R^2 = X_1^2 + X_2^2$ ? Of the angle  $\theta = \arctan(X_2/X_1)$ ? How will you generate samples for  $R$  and  $\Theta$  using `rand`? Transform the generated samples into samples for  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Vectorise your code.)
8. Let  $d = (\mu_1 - \mu_0)/\sigma$  in the location testing problem with Gaussian errors. Plot the receiver operating characteristics for  $d = 0$ ,  $d = \infty$  and three other intermediate values of  $d$ . (You can use `erf` or `erfc` or build your  $Q$  function.)