

1. Verify the Hubbard-Stratonovich transform,

$$e^{\frac{b^2}{2}} = \int Dt e^{bt}$$

where $Dx = \exp(-t^2/2)/\sqrt{2\pi}$ is the standard Gaussian measure.

2. Consider the Bernoulli distribution,

$$(1) \quad p(x) = \begin{cases} m, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1 - m, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Calculate its moment and cumulant generating functions.

3. Consider an Erdős-Rényi network of N neurons with a connection matrix \mathbf{J} . Each neuron j projects to each neuron i with probability m . The existence of each connection is independent of the others. Since each neuron receives on average mN inputs, we will scale the connection strengths by N : each nonzero element of \mathbf{J} is equal to \bar{J}/N . That is,

$$(2) \quad p(\mathbf{J}) = \prod_{i,j} p(J_{ij}),$$

$$p(J_{ij}) = \begin{cases} m, & \text{if } x = \bar{J}/N \\ 1 - m, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Calculate the first three cumulants of the distribution of synaptic weights.

(b) Repeat that calculation with synaptic weights scaling like $1/\sqrt{N}$ instead of $1/N$.

4. Complete the Gardner capacity calculation. Recall that the saddle point equation for the replica overlap leads to

$$(3) \quad \alpha \int Dt \left(\int_u^\infty dz e^{-z^2/2} \right)^{-1} e^{-u^2/2} \frac{t + \kappa\sqrt{q}}{2\sqrt{q}(1-q)^{3/2}} = \frac{q}{1-q}$$

where $\alpha = P/N$ is the capacity, $Dt = \exp(-t^2/2)/\sqrt{2\pi}$, and $u = (\kappa + t\sqrt{q})/\sqrt{1-q}$. Using this, compute the critical capacity

$$(4) \quad \alpha_c \equiv \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \alpha = \left(\int_{-\kappa}^\infty Dt (t + \kappa)^2 \right)^{-1}.$$

Hint: write Eq. 3 in the form $\alpha = q/F(q; \kappa)$ and apply L'Hôpital's rule.

5. Verify the Gardner calculation for the critical capacity of a binary perceptron by comparing the analytical result for the critical capacity against simulations with varying margins. For simulations, use the Margin Perceptron with output:

$$(5) \quad y = \begin{cases} 1, & \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{x} / \|\mathbf{J}\| \geq \kappa/2 \\ 0, & \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{x} / \|\mathbf{J}\| \leq -\kappa/2 \end{cases}$$

trained with the standard Perceptron learning algorithm where, if $\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{x} / \|\mathbf{J}\| \in (-\kappa/2, \kappa/2)$, the pattern \mathbf{x} automatically produces an error.