Data C100/200, Midterm

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Instructions:

This exam consists of **66 points** spread out over **7 questions** and the Honor Code certification. The exam must be completed in **110 minutes** unless you have accommodations supported by a DSP letter.

Note that you should **select one choice** for questions with **circular bubbles**. There is always at least one correct answer. Please **fully** shade in the circle to mark your answer. For all math questions, **please simplify your answer**. Please also **show your work** if a large box is provided. For all coding questions, you may use commas and/or one or more function calls in each blank.

For all Python questions, you may assume Pandas has been imported as pd, NumPy has been imported as np, the Python RegEx library has been imported as re.

You MUST write your Student ID number at the top of each page.

Honor Code [1 Pt]:

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1 Using Data to Learn Who Asked [5 points]

DATA C100 staff just finished hosting a hackathon that was open to the general public. They collected a dataset, participant_info, containing all hackathon participants' information.

Each participant gets exactly one row describing them in the dataset, with the following columns:

- participant_id: The participant's ID. Each participant has a randomly assigned unique ID. Each row of the dataset corresponds to one unique participant ID. (type = numpy.int64)
- first_name: The first name of the participant. (type = str)
- last_name: The last name of the participant. (type = str)
- project_topic: The project topic that the participant is interested in. Project topics can be one of: "AI", "Education", or "Health". (type = str)

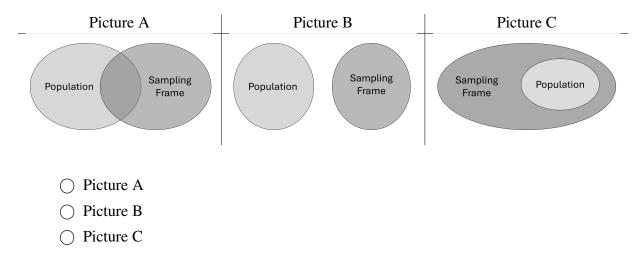
A sample of participant_info is shown below:

	participant_id	first_name	last_name	project_topic
0	4	James	Geronimo	AI
1	14	Yewen	Xu	Health
2	17	Julianna	Lee	AI
3	18	Vladyslav	Shevkunov	Health
4	19	Ella	Hammond	Education

Note: You can assume that at least one but not all UC Berkeley students and at least one non-UC Berkeley student participated in this hackathon.

- (a) [1 Pt] Select the correct statement regarding the dataset participant_info from the following choices:
 - The column participant_id can serve as a primary key for this dataset.
 - O There exist several columns that can serve as unique identifiers of each row, such as participant_id or first_name.
 - If 30% of the data from project_topic column is missing, it would be best to drop rows with missing values rather than imputing them.
 - O The granularity of this dataset is such that each row represents one unique project topic.

- (b) [1 Pt] Xiaorui is interested in learning what hackathon participants think about the dinner food quality. He distributed a survey about dinner food quality to participants when he happened to be on campus from 8 pm to 9 pm, right after the dinner event. Which of the following is an accurate description of this sampling method?
 - The sampling method guarantees a representative sample of its population.
 - The sampling method guarantees to prevent response bias from its respondents.
 - \bigcirc This method is an instance of convenience sampling.
 - This method is an instance of simple random sampling with replacement.
- (c) [1 Pt] Xiaorui changes the sampling method for the survey described in the previous subpart. This time, he distributed this survey to all UC Berkeley students the day after the dinner event. Which of the following pictures best describes the relationship between the sampling frame and the population of this survey?



- (d) [1 Pt] Suppose we want to use a visualization to capture the exact number of participants involved in each project topic. Which of the following is a suitable type of visualization?
 - ⊖ Hexplot
 - Contour Plot
 - ⊖ Barplot
 - ⊖ Histogram
- (e) [1 Pt] Evaluate the correctness of each of the following descriptions regarding participant_info dataframe.
 - True False The variable participant_id is a quantitative variable.
 - True False The variable project_topic is a qualitative ordinal variable.

2 Submitting pandas Code at 11:59:59 PM [16 points]

To assess the traffic that the hackathon website observed during the hackathon, Sarah collected the dataset, portal_traffic, with the following columns:

- visitor_id: The ID of the website visitor. Hackathon participants have an ID that begins with "100", and judges have an ID that begins with "101". A visitor is either a hackathon participant or a judge, but not both. (type = str)
- hour_of_visit: The hour that the user activity occurred at; Values must be an integer within [0,23]. (type = np.float32)
- activity: The activity of the visit. The activity can be one of: "submit", "visit", or "grade". (type = str)

A sample of portal_traffic is shown below:

	visitor_id	nour_or_visit	activity
0	101-Sammie-10053	4.0	grade
1	100-James-10258	NaN	submit
2	101-Willy-12930	8.0	visit
3	101-Nehal-12100	2.0	visit
4	100-Brie-11003	19.0	visit

visitor_id hour_of_visit activity

(a) [2 Pts] Shreya wants to create a DataFrame called portal_traffic_filtered, such that there are only records from hackathon participants in portal_traffic. The resulting portal_traffic_filtered should include all columns from portal_traffic for such activities. Write one line of pandas code that achieves this task.

You should use at least one of the following variables when constructing your solution:

```
mask_1 = portal_traffic["visitor_id"].str.contains("100")
mask_2 = portal_traffic["visitor_id"].str.startswith("100")
mask_3 = portal_traffic["visitor_id"].str[:3].isin(["100"])
```

(b) [1.5 Pts] Malavikha wants a DataFrame of only entries with the activity "visit" and the columns visitor_id and hour_of_visit. She decides to do this by running the following code:

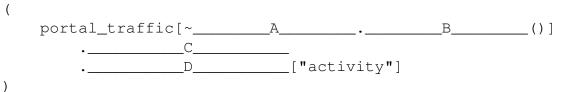
For each option below, determine whether filling it into blank A outputs the desired DataFrame:

- O True O False df.loc[is_visit, [0, 1]]
 O True O False df[is_visit].iloc[:, [0, 1]]
 O True O False df[is_visit][["visitor_id", "hour_of_visit"]]
- (c) Using portal_traffic, help Abby create a histogram with 24 bins for the count of visits per hour. Make the **title** of the resulting plot visits_per_hour. Assume that all missing entries are already dropped from the hour_of_visit column within the following code.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt._____A____(
    portal_traffic["hour_of_visit"].dropna(), bins=24
)
plt._____B____
```

- (i) [0.5 Pts] Fill in blank A:
- (ii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank B:

(d) Using portal_traffic, fill in the blanks to filter out the missing entries from the hour_of_visit column, and create a Series that contains the count of activities for each hour from hour_of_visit. Assume no missing entries are in the activity column.



- (i) [1 Pts] Fill in blank A:
- (ii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank B by selecting the correct choice below:
 - () isnull
 - 🔿 dropna
 - 🔘 fillna
- (iii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank C:
- (iv) [1 Pts] Fill in blank D:

(e) Fill in the blanks below to create less_than_three_grade, a DataFrame containing only rows where its corresponding hour_of_visit has less than 3 grade activities.

```
def less_than_three_grading(df):
    return df[df["activity"]=="grade"].____A____
less_than_three_grade = (
    portal_traffic.groupby(____B___).___C____)
```

- (i) [1 Pts] Fill in blank A:
- (ii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank B:
- (iii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank C:

(f) Claire wants to impute the missing entries of hour_of_visit with the mode of its same activity category.

For example, if any row with activity "grade" has a missing value for hour_of_visit, the missing values should be replaced by the mode of hour_of_visit for "grade" activities. Fill in the blanks to accomplish this.

```
modes_of_each_group = (
    portal_traffic.groupby_____A______
    .agg(lambda series: series.value_counts().index[0])
)
replacement_values = modes_of_each_group[
    portal_traffic[portal_traffic["hour_of_visit"].isna()]["activity"]
].values
portal_traffic.loc[
    _____B___.__C___(), _____
] = replacement_values
```

Hint: Below is modes_of_each_group, a Series where each row corresponds to the mode of hour_of_visit for each activity category. Note that the following values are for the entire portal_traffic dataframe:

- activity grade 13.0 submit 2.0 visit 8.0 Name: hour_of_visit, dtype: float64
- (i) [1 Pts] Fill in blank A:
- (ii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank B:
- (iii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank C:
- (iv) [1 Pts] Fill in blank D:

3 How The Tables Have Turned...[14 points]

To learn more about hackathon participants, Sarika collected another dataset called other_info with the following columns:

- participant_id: The participant's ID. Each participant has a randomly assigned unique ID. Each row of the dataset corresponds to one unique participant ID. (type = numpy.int64)
- age: The age of the participant. (type = np.int64)
- level_of_profession: Level of profession of the participant. (type = str)
- email_address: The email address of the participant. (type = str)

A sample of other_info is shown below:

	participant_id	age	level_of_profession	email_address
0	4	20	undergrad	james.geronimo@berkeley.edu
1	14	23	undergrad	yewen.xu@berkeley.edu
2	17	30	newgrad	julianna.lee@dataChundred.net
3	18	20	newgrad	vladyslav.shevkunov@dataChundred.net
4	19	25	newgrad	ella.hammond@dataChundred.net

(a) [1 Pt] Fill in the blank to create a Series with participants' email suffixes.

Note: The suffix of an email address is any text that comes after the first appearance of the character "@". For example, the suffix of "john.doe@berkeley.edu" is "berkeley.edu".

email_suffix = other_info["email_address"].____A___.str[1]

Fill in blank A:

(b) Recall the dataset used in question 1, participant_info. For reference, a sample of this dataset is shown again below:

	participant_id	first_name	last_name	project_topic
0	4	James	Geronimo	AI
1	14	Yewen	Xu	Health
2	17	Julianna	Lee	AI
3	18	Vladyslav	Shevkunov	Health
4	19	Ella	Hammond	Education

where the participant_id column in participant_info matches the participant_id column in other_info.

Fill in the blanks to produce <code>sorted_merged_info</code>, a <code>DataFrame</code> where each row represents one participant with information from both <code>participant_info</code> and <code>other_info</code>. In addition, <code>sorted_merged_info</code> should be sorted by the last letter of the participant's first name in descending order and contain a new column <code>last_letter</code>.

```
participant_info.loc[:, "last_letter"] = (
    participant_info["first_name"].str.lower()._____A_____
)
sorted_merged_info = participant_info._____B____(
    _____C____ # Feel free to use commas here.
)._____D____
```

- (i) [1 Pts] Fill in blank A:
- (ii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank B:
- (iii) [1 Pts] Fill in blank C:
- (iv) [1 Pts] Fill in blank D:

(c) [1 Pt] Let <code>sorted_merged_info</code> be the correct result of the previous subpart.

Consider this code snippet:

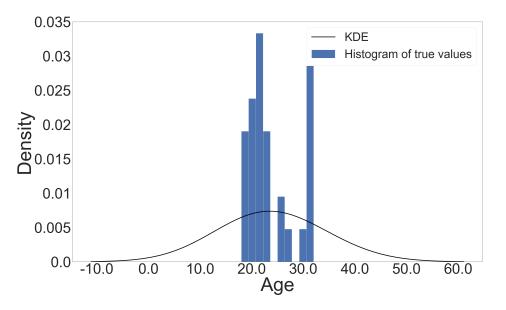
```
sorted_merged_info.pivot_table(
    index="level_of_profession", columns="project_topic",
    values="age", aggfunc="median"
)
```

Which image below is the output of the above code snippet?

		age								
project_topic	level_of_profession									
AI	gradstudent	27.0								
	newgrad	24.0								
	undergrad	20.0								
Education	gradstudent	32.0					project_topic	AI	Education	Health
	newgrad	22.5	level_of_profession	gradstudent	newgrad	undergrad	level_of_profession			
	undergrad	22.0	project_topic				gradstudent	27.0	32.0	32.0
Health	gradstudent	32.0	AI	27.0	24.0	20.0	graustudent	21.0	52.0	52.0
	newgrad	27.0	Education	32.0	22.5	22.0	newgrad	24.0	22.5	27.0
	undergrad	21.0	Health	32.0	27.0	21.0	undergrad	20.0	22.0	21.0
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- O Picture A.
- O Picture B.
- O Picture C.
- (d) [1 Pt] Rose is considering a variety of visualizations to use. For each of the following descriptions regarding visualizations, determine whether it is true or false.
 - True False In contour plots, contour lines represent datapoints with the same density.
 - True False The skew of a histogram refers to the ratio between its peak and number of bins.

(e) [1 Pt] Rose generates the following KDE plot to estimate the distribution of participants' ages:



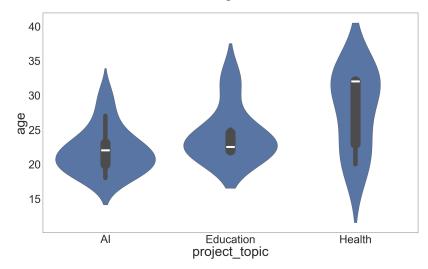
For each of the following descriptions, determine whether it is true or false.

- $\bigcirc \text{ True } \bigcirc \text{ False } \qquad \text{The } \alpha \text{ of this KDE plot is too high, resulting in a high estimated} \\ \text{density for numeric values way below 18.} \end{aligned}$
- True False Based on the histogram, the true distribution of participant age is unimodal.

(f) Angela noticed that side-by-side violin plots could help effectively visualize the variable age across participants of different project topics.

Recall sorted_merged_info, a DataFrame where each row represents one participant with information from both participant_info and other_info.

(i) [2 Pt] Let sorted_merged_info be the correct result of subpart 3(b). Write one line of Python code to recreate the following visualization with the seaborn library:



Assume the following line of code has been run: import seaborn as sns

- (ii) [1 Pts] For each of the following descriptions regarding the violinplots, determine whether it is true or false.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False Violinplots show the mean of each variable's distribution.
 - True False Based on the violinplot, the 75th percentile of age for participants with project topic "Health" is higher than that for participants in project topic "Education".

(g) [3 Pts] Provided three participants' age: (20, 22, 23), use a boxcar kernel of width $\alpha = 2$ to perform KDE. What is the estimated density at age 22.5?

A boxcar kernel is formulated as follows:

$$B_{\alpha}(x, x_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha}, & \text{if } -\frac{\alpha}{2} \le x - x_i \le \frac{\alpha}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Grading will be done based on the work you show in the box below.

Density at age 22.5 = _____

4 **Pur+egex!** [6 points]

To alleviate participants' stress, Aneesh decided to host cat-petting sessions during the hackathon. People provided feedback for this event, and Aneesh is trying to process this text data.

For subparts (a) and (b), you will be provided a table with the following format:

Match all of these below	Match none of these below
✓case 1	Xcase 3
√case 2	Xcase 4

You will be asked to provide patterns that match strings in the left column after the \checkmark and not match strings in the right column after the \varkappa . For example, for the above table, you should provide a pattern that matches case 1 and case 2 but not case 3 and case 4.

- (a) Aneesh decides to do the following RegEx exercises before processing feedback.
 - (i) [2 Pts] In the following blank, write a RegEx pattern that only matches words that contain the substring "cat" and does not contain any uppercase letters or space characters.

Fill in the blank with only the RegEx pattern, **do not make your solution a raw string**. A raw string is in the format of r"_____".

Match all of these below	Match none of these below
✓cats	X Cat
✓concatenate	🗶 CA Tacoma
✓10cats10	X CATcatCAT

(ii) [1 Pts] Assume the correct answer to the previous question is stored in a raw string pat, and cat_responses is a Series of string objects. Write a line of pandas code that replaces any word that matches pat with "dog". (b) [2 Pts] Here is the provided table:

Match all of these below

```
✓total cats petted:60,102,305
✓my cats' names are:amy,baron,carol
✓the current time is 20:59
```

For each of the following RegEx patterns, determine if it is true that they fully match all cases listed in the "Match all of these below" column.

True False .*:\w+(,\w+)*
 True False .*: [A-Za-z\d]+(, [A-Za-z\d]+)*
 True False .*:\w+(,\w+)+
 True False \D*:\w+(,\w+)+

(c) [1 Pt] Given the provided variables:

```
case = "Can you let the mouse go, Jordan?" pattern = r"\setminus w?$"
```

What is the output of the following function call?

```
re.search(pattern, case)[0]
```

Select the correct option from below.

5 Spending a Night in Jupyter [9 points]

It is unhealthy to sleep for less than 8 hours. Regardless, several groups tried working on their projects overnight. Sam collected a dataset to investigate whether the number of hours worked overnight is influential to the project's final grade:

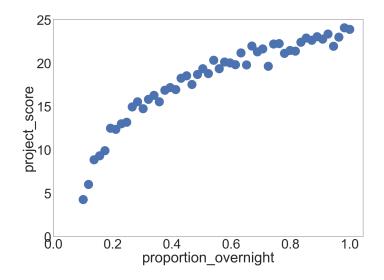
- team_name: The team name of the submitted project. (type = str)
- project_score: The final grade of the submitted project is out of 30 points. It must be a positive value. (type = np.float32)
- hours_spent: Number of hours the team spent on their project. It must be a positive value. (type = np.float32)
- proportion_overnight: The proportion of time spent between 12 AM and 8 AM on their project, between 0 and 1 inclusively. (type = np.float32)

A sample of the dataset is shown below:

	team_name	project_score	hours_spent	proportion_overnight
0	Pandeys	24.0	10.5	0.30
1	Seabirth	<mark>1</mark> 8.0	9.0	0.35
2	Numthon	28.0	11.0	0.27

- (a) [1 Pt] Nikhil wants to use a constant model to predict proportion_overnight. What should Nikhil pay attention to before fitting the constant model? Select the correct description from below:
 - For a constant model, the L1 loss is generally more sensitive to outliers than the L2 loss.
 - For a constant model, the optimal solution to L1 loss is always the mode of the predicted variable's actual values.
 - For a constant model, the optimal solution to L2 loss is always the mean of the predicted variable's actual values.
 - \bigcirc Instead of L1 loss, Nikhil can choose to use a loss function: $\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) = y \hat{y}$.

(b) [2 Pts] Dan builds a linear regression model to predict project_score using the variable proportion_overnight, and made a scatterplot as shown below:



For each of the following combination of transformations, determine whether applying that combination <u>alone</u> would linearize the data:

True O False Applying a cubic root to the proportion_overnight variable, and a logarithmic transformation to the project_score variable.
 True O False Raising the proportion_overnight variable to the third power, and a logarithmic transformation to the project_score variable.
 True O False Applying a cubic root to the proportion_overnight variable, and raising the project_score variable to the second power.
 True O False Raising the proportion_overnight variable to the third power, and raising the project_score variable to the second power.

(c) [2 Pts] We are provided the following view of our dataset:

project_score		hours_spent	
mean	22.0	8.0	
variance	16.0	1.0	

The correlation between $project_score(y)$ and $hours_spent(x)$ is 0.5. Using Simple Linear Regression (SLR), write the model's equation predicting $project_score$ using hours_spent. Grading will be done based on the work you show in the box below.

The model equation:	

(d) [1 Pt] Minoli proposes an alternative loss function for the linear regression problem between project_score (y) and hours_spent (x) as:

$$\mathcal{L}(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = \begin{cases} 3|y_i - \hat{y}_i|, & \text{if } y_i > \hat{y}_i \\ |y_i - \hat{y}_i|, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Select the correct description regarding Minoli's proposed loss function.

- O Minoli's loss function punishes underprediction and overprediction equivalently.
- Minoli's loss function punishes underprediction more than overprediction.
- \bigcirc Minoli's loss function is concave.
- The optimal solution to Minoli's loss function cannot be found.

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{R}}{\mathrm{d}\theta} =$ _____

(e) [3 Pts] Minoli wants to fit a constant model with equation $\hat{y}_i = \theta$, using the loss function \mathcal{L} from part (d). What is the derivative of the following empirical risk function \mathcal{R} with respect to θ ?

$$\mathcal{R}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{L}(y_i, \hat{y}_i)$$

Let y_+ be the count of values y_i where $y_i > \hat{y}_i$, and y_- be the count of y_i where $y_i \le \hat{y}_i$. Express and simplify your final answer in terms of y_+ and y_- . Grading will be done based on the work you show in the box below.

6 Ordinarily, or Legendarily Satisfied? [7 points]

Rayna uses the following dataset to train a linear regression model for hackathon participant satisfaction. All variables in the dataset are integers (type = np.int64) between 0 and 5 inclusively:

- overall: The overall satisfaction of a participant.
- food: The participant's satisfaction regarding the provided food.
- booth: The participant's satisfaction regarding external booths.

The **full dataset** is shown below:

	overall	food	booth
Datapoint 0	4	2	0
Datapoint 1	2	0	1
Datapoint 2	4	0	0

(a) [2 Pts] Calculate the coefficients of an Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) model to predict overall with all the other features. Do not include a bias column in your design matrix. Grading will be done based on the work you show in the box below.

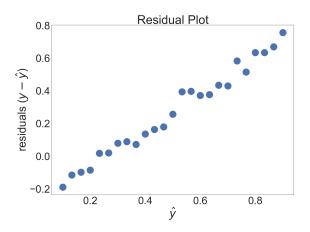
<i>Hint:</i> $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{b} \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\hat{\theta}_{\text{food}} =$, $\hat{\theta}_{\text{booth}} =$

We have now collected more datapoints and will use this larger dataset for the following subparts.

(b) [2 Pts] Rayna processes the dataset before fitting the model. For each suggestion, determine whether it is true or false that Rayna should perform it before applying OLS to the provided dataset.

🔿 True 🔿 False	If the design matrix is an <i>n</i> -by- <i>p</i> matrix, then it must be that $\mathbb{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
⊖ True ⊖ False	Rayna should check if the resulting design matrix has more columns than rows. If so, OLS does not have a unique solution.
⊖ True ⊖ False	We must have $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbb{X}) = 1$ for OLS to have a unique solution.
⊖ True ⊖ False	Rayna should check if the rank of $\mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X}$ is equal to the rank of \mathbb{X} . If so, OLS cannot find a unique solution.

- (c) [2 Pts] Rayna produces the OLS model after some work. For each option, determine whether the option holds true **only if** a **unique** OLS solution exists.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False The dot product of residuals \vec{e} and all features is 0.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False The design matrix X has full column rank.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False For the design matrix $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{X}^T \mathbb{X}$ is invertible.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False For the design matrix X, the equation $X^T X \theta = X^T Y$ holds.
- (d) [1 Pt] Rayna generated a residual plot from her linear regression model, as shown below:



For each of the following descriptions regarding this plot, mark whether it is true or false.

🔿 True 🔿 False

True () False

The above plot shows a trend of overprediction for higher $\hat{\mathbb{Y}}$ values. In an ideal residual plot, there should not be a particular pattern with

In an ideal residual plot, there should not be a particular pattern wi systematic underpredictions or overpredictions.

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7 What is The Optimal Amount of Free Food? [8 points]

We chose not to offer free food to reduce the cost of hosting a hackathon, but maybe that's not the most optimal choice. Jessica tries to answer this concern via an optimization process.

(a) Jessica created the following loss function \mathcal{L} , which describes the overall operational cost of providing free food:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_f, \theta_c, \theta_s) = 25\theta_f \theta_c - \ln(\theta_s)$$

Here, θ_f , θ_c , and θ_s respectively represent the amount of free food, car transportation cost of food, and subsidies for food costs. For this subpart, **grading will be done based on the work you show in the boxes below.**

(i) [3 Pts] Express the gradient for \mathcal{L} in terms of θ_f , θ_c , θ_s . Please simplify your answer.

$$abla \mathcal{L} = ig[$$

(ii) [3 Pts] Ignoring the previous part, Jessica found the following current values for parameters and gradient at iteration t:

$$\theta_f^{(t)} = 0.5, \theta_c^{(t)} = -0.5, \theta_s^{(t)} = 1$$

 $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta_f, \theta_c, \theta_s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}^T$

With a learning rate of $\alpha = 2$, calculate the value of each variable at iteration t + 1 of gradient descent on \mathcal{L} .

$$\theta_{f}^{(t+1)} =$$
 _____, $\theta_{c}^{(t+1)} =$ _____, $\theta_{s}^{(t+1)} =$ _____

- (b) [2 Pts] What possible aspect(s) of gradient descent may lead to a suboptimal solution? For each option, determine whether it is true or false.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False The starting point of the gradient descent algorithm.
 - True False The choice of gradient descent (batch, mini-batch, or stochastic gradient descent).
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False Using a fixed number of iterations.
 - \bigcirc True \bigcirc False The learning rate of gradient descent.

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