A Matlab Program to Calculate the Maximum Entropy Distributions

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INTRODUCTION

Shannon (1948) indicated how maximum entropy (ME) distributions can be derived by a straightforward application of the calculus of variations technique. He defined the entropy of a probability density function \( p(x) \) as

\[
H = - \int p(x) \ln p(x) \, dx
\]  

(1)

Maximizing \( H \) subject to various side conditions is well–known in the literature as a method for deriving the forms of minimal information prior distributions; e.g. Jaynes (1968) and Zellner (1977). Jaynes (1982) has extensively analyzed examples in the discrete case, while in Lisman and Van Znylen (1972), Rao (1973) and Gokhale (1975), Kagan, Linjik continuous cases are considered. In the last case, the problem, in its general form, is the following

maximize \( H = - \int p(x) \ln p(x) \, dx \)

subject to \( \mathbb{E} \{ \phi_n(x) \} = \int \phi_n(x) p(x) \, dx = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N \)  

(2)

where \( \mu_0 = 1, \phi_0(x) = 1 \) and \( \phi_n(x), n = 0, \ldots, N \) are \( N \) known functions, and \( \mu_n, n = 0, \ldots, N \) are the given expectation data. The classical solution of this problem is given by

\[ p(x) = \exp \left[ - \sum_{n=0}^{N} \lambda_n \phi_n(x) \right] \]  

(3)

The \( (N+1) \) Lagrangian parameters \( \lambda = [\lambda_0, \ldots, \lambda_n] \) are obtained by solving the following set of \( (N+1) \) nonlinear equations

\[ G_n(\lambda) = \int \phi_n(x) \exp \left[ - \sum_{n=0}^{N} \lambda_n \phi_n(x) \right] \, dx = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N \]  

(4)
The distributions defined by (3) form a great number of known distributions which are obtained by choosing the appropriate \( N \) and \( \phi_n(x), n = 0, \ldots, N \). In general \( \phi_n(x) \) are either the powers of \( x \) or the logarithm of \( x \). See Mukhrejee and Hurst (1984), Zellner (1988), Mohammad–Djafari (1990) for many other examples and discussions. Special cases have been extensively analyzed and used by many authors. When \( \phi_n(x) = x^n, n = 0, \ldots, N \) then \( \mu_n, n = 0, \ldots, N \) are the given \( N \) moments of the distribution. See, for example, Zellner (1988) for a numerical implementation in the case \( N = 4 \).

In this communication we propose three programs written in MATLAB to solve the system of equations (4). The first is a general program where \( \phi_n(x) \) can be any functions. The second is a special case where \( \phi_n(x) = x^n, n = 0, \ldots, N \). In this case the \( \mu_n \) are the geometrical moments of \( p(x) \). The third is a special case where \( \phi_n(x) = \exp(-jn\omega x), n = 0, \ldots, N \). In this case the \( \mu_n \) are the trigonometrical moments (Fourier components) of \( p(x) \). We give also some examples to illustrate the usefulness of these programs.

**PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD**

We have seen that the solution of the standard ME problem is given by (3) in which the Lagrange multipliers \( \lambda \) are obtained by solving the nonlinear equations (4). In general, these equations are solved by the standard Newton method which consists of expanding \( G_n(\lambda) \) in Taylor’s series around trial values of the lambda’s, drop the quadratic and higher order terms, and solve the resulting linear system iteratively. We give here the details of the numerical method that we implemented. When developing the \( G_n(\lambda) \) in equations (4) in first order Taylor’s series around the trial \( \lambda^0 \), the resulting linear equations are given by

\[
G_n(\lambda) \cong G_n(\lambda^0) + (\lambda - \lambda^0)^t [\text{grad} G_n(\lambda)]_{(\lambda=\lambda^0)} = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N \quad (5)
\]

Noting the vectors \( \delta \) and \( v \) by

\[
\delta = \lambda - \lambda^0 \\

v = [\mu_0 - G_0(\lambda^0), \ldots, \mu_N - G_N(\lambda^0)]^t
\]

and the matrix \( G \) by

\[
G = \begin{bmatrix}
  g_{nk}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  \frac{\partial G_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda_k}
\end{bmatrix}_{(\lambda=\lambda^0)} \quad n, k = 0, \ldots, N \quad (6)
\]

then equations (5) become

\[
G \delta = v \quad (7)
\]
This system is solved for \( \delta \) from which we drive \( \lambda = \lambda^0 + \delta \), which becomes our new initial vector \( \lambda^0 \) and the iterations continue until \( \delta \) becomes appropriately small. Note that the matrix \( G \) is a symmetric one and we have

\[
g_{nk} = g_{kn} = -\int \phi_n(x) \phi_k(x) \exp \left[ -\sum_{n=0}^{N} \lambda_n \phi_n(x) \right] dx \quad n, k = 0, \ldots, N \tag{8}
\]

So in each iteration we have to calculate the \( N(N-1)/2 \) integrals in the equation (8).

The algorithm of the general Maximum Entropy problem is then as follows:

1. Define the range and the discretization step of \( x \) (\( x_{\text{min}}, x_{\text{max}}, \text{dx} \)).
2. Write a function to calculate \( \phi_n(x), n = 0, \ldots, N \) (\( \text{fin}_x \)).
3. Start the iterative procedure with an initial estimate \( \lambda^0 \) (\( \text{lambda0} \)).
4. Calculate the \( (N+1) \) integrals in equations (4) and the \( N(N-1)/2 \) distinct elements \( g_{nk} \) of the matrix \( G \) by calculating the integrals in the equations (8) (\( G_n, g_{nk} \)).
5. Solve the equation (7) to find \( \delta \) (\( \text{delta} \)).
6. Calculate \( \lambda = \lambda^0 + \delta \) and go back to step 3 until \( \delta \) becomes negligible.

The calculus of the integrals in equations (4) and (8) can be made by a univariate Simpson’s method. We have used a very simplified version of this method.

**Case of geometrical moments**

Now consider the special case of moments problem where \( \phi_n(x) = x^n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N \). In this case equations (3), (4) and (8) become

\[
p(x) = \exp \left[ -\sum_{m=0}^{N} \lambda_m x^m \right] \tag{9}
\]

\[
G_n(\lambda) = \int x^n \exp \left[ -\sum_{m=0}^{N} \lambda_m x^m \right] dx = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N \tag{10}
\]

\[
g_{nk} = g_{kn} = -\int x^n x^k \exp \left[ -\sum_{m=0}^{N} \lambda_m x^m \right] dx = -G_{n+k}(\lambda) \quad n, k = 0, \ldots, N \tag{11}
\]

This means that the \( [(N + 1) \times (N + 1)] \) matrix \( G \) in equation (7) becomes a symmetric Hankel matrix which is entirely defined by \( 2N + 1 \) values \( G_n(\lambda), n = 0, \ldots, 2N \). So the algorithm in this case is the same as in the precedent one with two simplifications

1. In step 2 we do not need to write a separate function to calculate the functions \( \phi_n(x) = x^n, n = 0, \ldots, N \).
2. In step 4 the number of integral evaluations is reduced, because the elements $g_{nk}$ of the matrix $G$ are related to the integrals $G_n(\lambda)$ in equations (10). This matrix is defined entirely by only $2N + 1$ components.

**Case of trigonometrical moments**

Another interesting special case is the case where the data are the Fourier components of $p(x)$

$$E\{\exp(-jn\omega_0 x)\} = \int \exp(-jn\omega_0 x) p(x) \, dx = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N,$$

(12)

where $\mu_n$ may be complex-valued and has the property $\mu_{-n} = \mu_n$. This means that we have the following relations

$$\phi_n(x) = \exp(-jn\omega_0 x), \quad n = -N, \ldots, 0, \ldots N,$$

(13)

$$p(x) = \exp\left[-\text{Real}\sum_{n=0}^{N} \lambda_n \exp(-jn\omega_0 x)\right],$$

(14)

$$G_n(\lambda) = \int \exp(-jn\omega_0 x) p(x) \, dx, \quad n = 0, \ldots, N,$$

(15)

$$g_{nk} = \begin{cases} -G_{n-k}(\lambda) & \text{for } n \geq k, \\ -G_{n+k}(\lambda) & \text{for } n < k \end{cases} \quad n, k = 0, \ldots, N,$$

(16)

so that all the elements of the matrix $G$ are related to the discrete Fourier transforms of $p(x)$. Note that $G$ is a Hermitian Toeplitz matrix.

**EXAMPLES AND NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS**

To illustrate the usefullness of the proposed programs we consider first the case of the Gamma distribution

$$p(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} x^\alpha \exp(-\beta x), \quad x > 0, \alpha < 1, \beta > 0.$$  

(17)

This distribution can be considered as a ME distribution when the constraints are

$$\begin{align*}
\frac{\int p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx}{\int x p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx} &= 1,
\quad \text{normalization} \quad \phi_0(x) = 1, \\
\frac{\int x p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx}{\int \ln(x) p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx} &= \mu_1,
\quad \phi_1(x) = x, \\
\frac{\int \ln(x) p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx}{\int \ln(x) p(x; \alpha, \beta) \, dx} &= \mu_2,
\quad \phi_2(x) = \ln(x).
\end{align*}$$

(18)

This is easy to verify because the equation (12) can be written as

$$p(x; \alpha, \beta) = \exp\left[-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 x - \lambda_2 \ln(x)\right]$$

where $\lambda_n$ are the roots of the characteristic equation of the Gamma distribution.
with \( \lambda_0 = -\ln \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \), \( \lambda_1 = \beta \) and \( \lambda_2 = -\alpha \).

Now consider the following problem

Given \( \mu_1 \) and \( \mu_2 \) determine \( \lambda_0 \), \( \lambda_1 \) and \( \lambda_2 \).

This can be done by the standard ME method. To do this, first we must define the range of \( x \), \( (x_{\text{min}}, x_{\text{max}}, dx) \), and write a function \( \text{fin}_\lambda \) to calculate the functions \( \phi_0(x) = 1 \), \( \phi_1(x) = x \) and \( \phi_2(x) = \ln x \) (See the function \( \text{fin}_1 \lambda \) in Annex). Then we must define an initial estimate \( \lambda^0 \) for \( \lambda \) and, finally, let the program works.

The case of the Gamma distribution is interesting because there is an analytic relation between \( (\alpha, \beta) \) and the mean \( m = \text{E}\{x\} \) and variance \( \sigma^2 = \text{E}\{(x-m)^2\} \) which is

\[
\begin{cases}
    m = \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\beta} \\
    \sigma^2 = \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\beta^2}
\end{cases}, \quad (19)
\]

or inversely

\[
\begin{cases}
    \alpha = \frac{(\sigma^2 - m^2)}{\sigma^2} \\
    \beta = m/\sigma^2
\end{cases}, \quad (20)
\]

so that we can use these relations to determine \( m \) and \( \sigma^2 \). Note also that the corresponding entropy of the final result is a byproduct of the function. Table (1) gives some numerical results obtained by ME_DENS1 program (See Annex).

| \( \mu_1 \) | \( \mu_2 \) | \( \alpha \) | \( \beta \) | \( m \) | \( \sigma^2 \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0.2000 | -3.0000 | 0.2156 | -3.0962 | 0.2533 | 0.0818 |
| 0.2000 | -2.0000 | -0.4124 | -6.9968 | 0.2019 | 0.0289 |
| 0.3000 | -1.5000 | -0.6969 | -5.3493 | 0.3172 | 0.0593 |

The next example is the case of a quartic distribution

\[
p(x) = \exp \left[ -\sum_{n=0}^{4} \lambda_n x^n \right]. \quad (21)
\]

This distribution can be considered as a ME distribution when the constraints are

\[
\text{E}\{x^n\} = \int x^n p(x) \, dx = \mu_n, \quad n = 0, \ldots, 4 \quad \text{with} \quad \mu_0 = 1. \quad (22)
\]

Now consider the following problem: Given \( \mu_n, n = 1, \ldots, 4 \) calculate \( \lambda_n, n = 0, \ldots, 4 \). This can be done by the ME_DENS2 program. Table (2) gives some numerical results obtained by this program:
These examples show how to use the proposed programs. A third example is also given in Annex which shows how to use the ME_DENS3 program which considers the case of trigonometric moments.

CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we addressed first the class of ME distributions when the available data are a finite set of expectations $\mu_n = E \{ \phi_n(x) \}$ of some known functions $\phi_n(x)$, $n = 0, \ldots, N$. We proposed then three Matlab programs to solve this problem by a Newton–Raphson method in general case, in case of geometrical moments data where $\phi_n(x) = x^n$ and in case of trigonometrical moments where $\phi_n(x) = \exp (-jn\omega_0x)$. Finally, we gave some numerical results for some special examples who show how to use the proposed programs.

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ANNEX A

function [lambda,p,entr]=me_dens1(mu,x,lambda0)

% ME_DENS1
% [LAMBDA,P,ENTR]=ME_DENS1(MU,X,LAMBDA0)
% This program calculates the Lagrange Multipliers of the ME
% probability density functions p(x) from the knowledge of the
% N constraints in the form:
% \( E\{f_0(x)\}=\mu(n) \), n=0:N with \( f_0(x)=1, \mu(0)=1. \)
% \( \mu \) is a table containing the constraints \( \mu(n), n=1:N. \)
% \( X \) is a table defining the range of the variation of \( x. \)
% \( \text{LAMBDA0} \) is a table containing the first estimate of the \( \text{LAMBDA} \).
% (This argument is optional.)
% \( \text{LAMBDA} \) is a table containing the resulting Lagrange parameters.
% \( F \) is a table containing the resulting pdf \( p(x). \)
% \( \text{ENTR} \) is a table containing the entropy values at each
% iteration.

mu=mu(:); mu=[1;mu]; % add \( \mu(0)=1 \)
x=x(:); lx=length(x); % x axis
axmin=x(1); axmax=x(lx); dax=x(2)-x(1);

if(nargin == 2) % initialize \( \text{LAMBDA} \)
lambda=zeros(size(mu)); % This produces a uniform
lambda(1)=log(axmax-axmin); % distribution.
else
lambda=lambda0(:);
end
N=length(lambda);

fin=fin1_x(x); % \text{fin1}_x(x) is an external
% function which provides \( f_0(x) \).
iter=0;
while 1 % start iterations
iter=iter+1;
 disp('---------------'); disp(['\text{iter}=\text{',num2str(iter),'}']);

p=exp(-fin*lambda); % Calculate \( p(x) \)
plot(x,p); % plot it

G=zeros(N,1); % Calculate Gn
for n=1:N
G(n)=dax*sum(fin(:,n).*p);
end

entr(iter)=lambda'*G(1:N); % Calculate the entropy value
disp(['\text{Entropy}=\text{',num2str(entr(iter)),'}']);

gnk=zeros(N,N); % Calculate \( g_{nk} \)
gnk(1,:)=-G'; gnk(:,1)=-G; % first line and first column
for i=2:N % lower triangle part of the
for j=2:i % matrix \( G \)
 gnk(i,j)=-dax*sum(fin(:,j).*fin(:,i).*p);
end
end
for i=2:N % upper triangle part of the
 for j=i+1:N % matrix \( G \)
 gnk(i,j)=gnk(j,i);
end
end

v=mu-G; % Calculate \( v \)
delta=gnk(v); % Calculate \( \delta \)
lambda=lambda-delta; % Calculate \( \lambda \)
eps=1e-6; % Stopping rules
if(abs(delta./lambda)<eps), break, end
if(abs(entr(iter)-entr(iter-1))/entr(iter)<eps),break, end
end

p=exp(-fin*lambda); % Calculate the final \( p(x) \)
plot(x,p); % plot it
entr=entr(iter);
disp('----- END -------')
%% This script shows how to use the function ME_DENS1 in the case of the Gamma distribution. (see Example 1.)
xmin=0.0001; xmax=1; dx=0.01; % define the x axis
x=(xmin:dx:xmax)';
mu=[0.3,-1.5]'; % define the mu values
[lambda,p,entr]=me_dens1(mu,x);
alpha=-lambda(3); beta=lambda(2);
m=(1+alpha)/beta; sigma=m/beta;
disp([mu' alpha beta m sigma entr(length(entr))]);

function fin=fin1_x(x);
% This is the external function which calculates
% the fin(x) in the special case of the Gamma distribution.
% This is to be used with ME_dens1.
M=3;
fin=zeros(length(x),M);
fin(:,1)=ones(size(x));
fin(:,2)=x;
fin(:,3)=log(x);
return
function [lambda,p,entr]=me_dens2(mu,x,lambda0)

% ME_DENS2
% \[ \text{[LAMBDA,P,ENTR]}=\text{ME}_2(\text{MU},X,\text{LAMBDA}) \]
% This program calculates the Lagrange Multipliers of the ME
% probability density functions \( p(x) \) from the knowledge of the
% \( N \) moment constraints in the form:
% \( E\{x^n\}=\mu(n) \quad n=0:N \) with \( \mu(0)=1 \).
% \( X \) is a table defining the range of the variation of \( x \).
% LAMBDA0 is a table containing the first estimate of the LAMBDA values.
% \( \mu \) is a table containing the resulting Lagrange parameters.
% \( P \) is a table containing the resulting pdf \( p(x) \).
% \( \text{ENTR} \) is a table containing the entropy values at each
% iteration.
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% Date: 10-01-1991

mu=mu(:); mu=[1;mu]; % add \( \mu(0)=1 \)
x=x(:); lx=length(x); % x axis
xmin=x(1); xmax=x(lx); dx=x(2)-x(1);

if(nargin == 2) % initialize LAMBDA
lambda=zeros(size(mu)); % This produces a uniform
lambda(1)=log(xmax-xmin); % distribution.
else
lambda=lambda0(:);
end
N=length(lambda);

M=2*N-1; % Calcul de \( \text{fin}(x)=x^n \)
fin=zeros(length(x),M); % fi \( n=0:N \)
for n=2:M
fin(:,n)=x.*fin(:,n-1);
end

iter=0;
while 1 % start iterations
iter=iter+1;
disp('---------------'); disp(['iter=',num2str(iter)]);

p=exp(-(fin(:,1:N)*lambda)); % Calculate \( p(x) \)
plot(x,p); % plot it

G=zeros(M,1); % Calculate \( G_n \)
for n=1:M
G(n)=dx*sum(fin(:,n).*p);
end

entr(iter)=lambda'*G(1:N); % Calculate the entropy value
disp(['Entropy=',num2str(entr(iter)])

gnk=zeros(N,N); % Calculate \( G_{nk} \)
for i=1:N % Matrix \( G \) is a Hankel matrix
gnk(:,i)=-G(i:N+i-1);
end
v=mu-G(1:N); % Calculate \( v \)
delta=gnk\v; % Calculate \( \delta \)
lambda=delta; % Calculate lambda
eps=1e-6; % Stopping rules
if(abs(delta./lambda)<eps), break, end
if(iter<2)
eps=abs((entr(iter)-entr(iter-1))/entr(iter))<eps, break, end
end
disp('----- END -------')
end

% ME2
% This script shows how to use the function ME_DENS2
% in the case of the quartic distribution. (see Example 2.)
xmin=-1; xmax=1; dx=0.01; % define the x axis
a=(xmin+ xmax)/2; % define the mu values
mu=[0.1,0.3,0.1,0.15]';
[lambda,p,entr]=me_dens2(mu,x);
disp(['\mu',num2str(lambda),'; \mu=','entr(entr)'])
function [lambda,p,entr]=me_dens3(mu,x,lambda0)
%ME_DENS3
% [LAMBDA,P,ENTR]=ME_DENS3(MU,X,LAMBDA0)
% This program calculates the Lagrange Multipliers of the ME probability density functions p(x) from the knowledge of the Fourier moments values:
% \( E\{\exp\{-j n w_0 x\}\} = \mu(n) \) \( n=0:N \) with \( \mu(0)=1 \).
% \( Mu \) is a table containing the constraints \( \mu(n), n=1:N \).
% \( X \) is a table defining the range of the variation of \( x \).
% \( LAMBDA0 \) is a table containing the first estimate of the LAMBDAs. (This argument is optional.)
% \( P \) is a table containing the resulting pdf \( p(x) \).
% \( ENTR \) is a table containing the entropy values at each iteration.
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mu=mu(:);mu=[1;mu]; % add \( \mu(0)=1 \)
x=x(:);lx=length(x); % x axis
xmin=x(1);xmax=x(lx);dx=x(2)-x(1);
if nargin == 2 % initialize LAMBDA
lambda=zeros(size(mu)); % This produces a uniform distribution.
lambda(1)=log(xmax-xmin);
else
lambda=lambda0(:);
end
N=length(lambda);
M=2*N-1; % Calculate \( fin(x) = \exp\{-j nw_0 x\} \)
fin=fin3_x(x,M); % fin3_x(x) is an external function which provides \( fin(x) \).
iter=0;
while 1 % start iterations
iter=iter+1;
disp('---------------'); disp(['iter=',num2str(iter)]);
%
% Calculate \( p(x) \)
% \( p = \exp\{-real(fin(:,1:N))*real(lambda)+imag(fin(:,1:N))*imag(lambda)\} \)
% plot(x,p); % plot it

G=zeros(M,1); % Calculate \( G_n \)
for n=1:M
G(n)=dx*sum(fin(:,n).*p);
end

% Calculate \( G_n \) vs \( n \)
for n=1:M
G(n)=sum(fin(:,n).*p);
end

entr(iter)=lambda'*G(1:N); % Calculate the entropy
disp(['Entropy=',num2str(entr(iter))]);

% Calculate \( g_{nk} \)
for k=1:n
for n=1:N % Matrix \( g_{nk} \) is a Hermitian Toeplitz matrix.
gnk(n,k)=G(n-k+1); % lower triangle part
end
end

v=Mu-G(1:N); % Calculate \( v \)
delta=gnsz(n,M,K); % Calculate \( \delta \)
lambda=ldamps(delta); % Calculate \( \lambda \)
s耶穌=ldamps(eps); % Stopping rules
if(abs(delta)/abs(lambda)<耶稣), break, end
if(iter>2)
if(abs(entr(iter)-entr(iter-1))/entr(iter)<耶稣),break, end
end
end

% Calculate \( p(x) \)
% \( p = \exp\{-real(fin(:,1:N))*real(lambda)+imag(fin(:,1:N))*imag(lambda)\} \)
% plot(x,p); % plot it
entr=entr(:);
disp('----- END -------')
This script shows how to use the function ME_DENS3 in the case of the trigonometric moments.

```matlab
 cleaar;clf
 xmin=-5; xmax=5; dx=0.5; % define the x axis
 x=xmin:dx:xmax'; lx=length(x);
 p=(1/sqrt(2*pi))*exp(-.5*(x.*x));% Gaussian distribution
 plot(x,p);title('p(x)')

 M=3; fin=fin3_x(x,M); % Calculate fin(x)
 mu=zeros(M,1); % Calculate mu

 for n=1:M
 mu(n)=dx*sum(fin(:,n).*p);
 end
 w0=2*pi/(xmax-xmin); w=w0*[0:M-1]'; % Define the w axis
 mu=mu(2:M); % Attention : mu(0) is added
 [lambda,p,entr]=me_dens3(mu,x);
 disp([mu;lambda;entr(length(entr))'])
```

```matlab
 function fin=fin3_x(x,M);
 % This is the external function which calculates
 % the fin(x) in the special case of the Fourier moments.
 % This is to be used with ME_DENS3.

 x=x(:); lx=length(x); % x axis
 xmin=x(1); xmax=x(lx); dx=x(2)-x(1);
 fin=zeros(lx,M); %

 for n=2:M
 fin(:,n)=exp(-(n-1)*jw0x);
 end
 return
```

This script shows how to use the function ME_DENS3 in the case of the trigonometric moments.

```matlab
 cleaar;clf
 xmin=-5; xmax=5; dx=0.5; % define the x axis
 x=xmin:dx:xmax'; lx=length(x);
 p=(1/sqrt(2*pi))*exp(-.5*(x.*x));% Gaussian distribution
 plot(x,p);title('p(x)')

 M=3; fin=fin3_x(x,M); % Calculate fin(x)
 mu=zeros(M,1); % Calculate mu

 for n=1:M
 mu(n)=dx*sum(fin(:,n).*p);
 end
 w0=2*pi/(xmax-xmin); w=w0*[0:M-1]'; % Define the w axis
 mu=mu(2:M); % Attention : mu(0) is added
 [lambda,p,entr]=me_dens3(mu,x);
 disp([mu;lambda;entr(length(entr))'])
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```matlab
 function fin=fin3_x(x,M);
 % This is the external function which calculates
 % the fin(x) in the special case of the Fourier moments.
 % This is to be used with ME_DENS3.

 x=x(:); lx=length(x); % x axis
 xmin=x(1); xmax=x(lx); dx=x(2)-x(1);
 fin=zeros(lx,M); %

 for n=2:M
 fin(:,n)=exp(-(n-1)*jw0x);
 end
 return
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