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**Statistical Modelling and Inference**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

*Candidates should attempt **ALL** questions.*

*The maximum marks for the various parts of the questions are indicated.*

*The paper will be marked out of 90.*

- 1 Let  $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$  be a random vector with a multivariate normal distribution, with mean vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & 6 & k \\ 6 & 9 & k \\ k & k & 16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) What is the marginal distribution of  $X$ ? *(2 marks)*
- (b) What is the correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ ? *(2 marks)*
- (c) Let  $U = X + Y$  and  $V = X + Z$ .
- (i) Find the mean vector and covariance matrix of  $U$  and  $V$ . *(6 marks)*
- (ii) For what value of  $k$  are  $U$  and  $V$  independent? For this value of  $k$ , what is the variance of  $V$ ? *(3 marks)*

- 2 Let  $X$  be a random variable with probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+1}{2} & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Let  $Y = \sin^{-1}(X)$ . Find the probability density function of  $Y$ . *(4 marks)*
- (b) Let  $Z = X^2$ . Find the probability density function of  $Z$  *(5 marks)*

- 3 Let  $S$  be the square  $\{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$  and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with joint probability density function given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{5}(x + y^2) & (x, y) \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the marginal probability density function of  $Y$ . *(3 marks)*
- (b) Find the conditional probability density function of  $X$ , given that  $Y = y$ , assuming  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ . *(3 marks)*
- (c) Let  $U = XY$  and  $V = X/Y$ . Find the joint probability density function of  $U$  and  $V$ , stating carefully the values for which it is non-zero. *(8 marks)*

- 4 Let  $\mathbf{x} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a random sample from an Exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ .

- (a) Find the likelihood of  $\lambda$  given the data  $\mathbf{x}$ . *(2 marks)*
- (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\lambda$  given the data  $\mathbf{x}$ . *(7 marks)*
- (c) Let  $n = 2$ , and let the observations be  $x_1 = 1.73$  and  $x_2 = 3.03$ . By considering the difference between the log likelihood at  $\lambda$  and at its maximum, discuss how consistent these data are with
- (i)  $\lambda = 0.6$ ;
- (ii)  $\lambda = 5$ . *(5 marks)*

5 Consider the linear model

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \beta_0 x_1 + \beta_1 + \epsilon_1 \\ y_2 &= -\beta_0 + \beta_1 \left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right) + \epsilon_2 \\ y_3 &= \beta_1 x_3^2 + \epsilon_3 \end{aligned}$$

where the random errors  $\epsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ . The sample  $(x_i, y_i)$  is  $(1, 0), (2, 1), (1, 1)$ .

(a) Write down the model in matrix form. **(3 marks)**

(b) We wish to test  $H_0 : \beta_0 = \beta_1$  versus  $H_a : \beta_0 \neq \beta_1$ . Perform the  $F$ -test and report the P value in the form  $P(F_{?,?} > ?)$ . (You need to fill in the ? marks) **(10 marks)**

6 Consider the simple linear regression model  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$  where  $\epsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We wish to test  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  versus  $H_a : \beta_1 \neq 0$ . There are 2 possible ways to test this: the  $t$ -test and the  $F$ -test.

(a) Note that the  $T$  statistic for the  $t$ -test is given by

$$T = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\text{estimated standard error of } \hat{\beta}_1}.$$

Show that the  $F$  statistic is the square of the  $T$  statistic. **(7 marks)**

*Reminder:* You may use without proof that the estimators for the simple linear regression model are  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_{xx}}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$ , where  $s_{xy} =$

$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$  and  $s_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ . We also know that

$$(X^T X)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2}{s_{xx}} & -\frac{\bar{x}}{s_{xx}} \\ -\frac{\bar{x}}{s_{xx}} & \frac{1}{s_{xx}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Explain why both tests would give the same P-value. **(3 marks)**

- 7 The one-way ANOVA model was used to test the effectiveness of 3 fertilizers on the growth of a certain plant. 9 specimens of the plant were divided randomly into 3 groups corresponding to the 3 different treatments. The growth of the plant over a 6 month period is reported below.

Trt1 : 1, 2, 3      Trt2 : 3, 4, 5      Trt3 : 5, 4, 4

An analysis was carried out in R to see if the number of parameters could be reduced. The output is shown below.

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> growth<-c(1,2,3,3,4,5,5,4,4)
> trt<-as.factor(c("1","1","1","2","2","2","3","3","3"))
> trt23<-as.factor(c("a","a","a","b","b","b","b","b","b"))
> trt13<-as.factor(c("a","a","a","b","b","b","a","a","a"))
> trt12<-as.factor(c("a","a","a","a","a","a","b","b","b"))

> lmfull<-lm(growth~trt)
> lm23<-lm(growth~trt23)
> lm12<-lm(growth~trt12)
> lm13<-lm(growth~trt13)
> lmreduced<-lm(growth~1)

> anova(lm23,lmfull)
  Res.Df  RSS   Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     7   4.8333
2     6   4.6667  1  0.16667  0.2143  0.6597

> anova(lm13,lmfull)
  Res.Df  RSS   Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     7  12.8333
2     6   4.6667  1  8.16667  10.5  0.01768

> anova(lm12,lmfull)
  Res.Df  RSS   Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     7  10.6667
2     6   4.6667  1     6   7.7143  0.0321

> anova(lmreduced,lm23)
  Res.Df  RSS   Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     8  14.2222
2     7   4.8333  1  9.3889  13.598  0.007782

> anova(lmreduced,lm12)
  Res.Df  RSS   Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     8  14.222
2     7  10.667  1  3.5556  2.3333  0.1705
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7 (continued)

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> anova(lmreduced,lm13)
  Res.Df  RSS  Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     8  14.222
2     7  12.833  1  1.3889  0.7576  0.4129

> anova(lmreduced,lmfull)
  Res.Df  RSS  Df SumofSq   F   Pr(> F)
1     8  14.2222
2     6  4.6667  2  9.5556  6.1429  0.03533
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- (a) Write down clearly the models being considered. Draw a nested diagram to show the relationship between the models. **(8 marks)**
- (b) Use hypothesis testing to find the most suitable model. Use size 0.05 for all your tests. **(4 marks)**

8 A two-way ANOVA model was used to test the effectiveness of combinations of 3 fertilizers  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  and 2 insecticides  $I_1, I_2$  on the growth of a certain plant. 6 specimens of the plant were randomly assigned to the six possible combinations. The growth of the plant after six months is reported below.

		Fertilizer		
		$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
Insecticide	$I_1$	1	2	3
	$I_2$	2	4	5

Sketch two suitable plots to illustrate the presence or absence of interaction between the two factors. What do the plots suggest? **(5 marks)**

**End of Question Paper**