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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN MATHEMATICS

SMA360: MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL METHODS I

Date: 5/08/2016

Time: 8:30-10:30 AM

## INSTRUCTION:

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Differentiate between a random vector and a random matrix (2 marks)
- (b) Consider the following data with three variables X, Y and Z

| X | Y | Z  |
|---|---|----|
| 3 | 9 | 12 |
| 4 | 2 | 8  |
| 0 | 6 | 6  |
| 2 | 5 | 4  |
| 1 | 8 | 10 |

Calculate

- (i) Mean vector (2 marks)
- (ii) Covariance matrix (5 marks)
- (iii) Correlation matrix (3 marks)
- (c) Define the characteristic function of a random variable. Let  $\mathbf{X} \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and define  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{AX} + \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix of constants and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a  $q \times 1$  vector of constants. Use characteristic technique to show that  $\mathbf{Y} \sim N_q(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}')$  (6 marks)

- (d) Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3)'$  be a random vector with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (1, -1, 3)$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the mean vector and covariance matrix of a random vector  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)'$  where  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$  and  $Y_2 = X_1 + X_2 - X_3$  (5 marks)
- (e) Suppose that  $\mathbf{X}' = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$  is a continuous random vector whose probability distribution is given by
- $$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} 4x_1x_2x_3, & 0 < x_1 < x_2 < 1 \\ & 0 < x_3 < 2 \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- Obtain the
- (i) Marginal joint distribution of  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  (3 marks)
- (ii) Conditional distribution of  $X_1 = x_1$  given that  $X_2 = x_2, X_3 = x_3$  (2 marks)
- (f) Write down the probability distribution of a multinomial random variable X (2 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

- (a) Write down a non-singular multivariate normal distribution. Hence prove that it is a probability distribution (10 marks)
- (b) Suppose that  $\mathbf{Z} = (X, Y)'$  is a bivariate random variable with probability distribution given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{5}(x + y), & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obtain

- (i) Mean vector of  $\mathbf{Z}$  (4 marks)
- (ii) Covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Z}$  (6 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

- a) Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)'$  be a  $p$  dimensional random vector with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be another random variable defined on  $\mathbf{X}$  as  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{AX}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix of constants. Obtain the mean vector and covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Y}$  (6 marks)

- b) Let  $\mathbf{X}' = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$  be a  $3 \times 1$  random vector with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}' = (2, 3, 1)$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 16 & 5 \\ -1 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ . Obtain mean vector and covariance matrix of
- (i)  $Y = X_1 + X_2 - X_3$  (3 marks)
- (ii)  $\mathbf{Y}' = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)$  where  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2 - X_3$ ,  $Y_2 = X_1 + 2X_2 + X_3$  and  $Y_3 = 2X_1 - X_2 + 2X_3$  (5 marks)
- c) State and prove the weak law of large numbers (6 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR

- a) Suppose that a p-dimensional random vector X is normally distributed with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ . Obtain the moment generating function of X. (12 marks)
- b) Suppose that Y is a multinomial random variable which takes values  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  and  $y_5$  with probabilities  $P_1 = 0.18, P_2 = 0.23, P_3 = 0.16, P_4 = 0.27$  and  $P_5 = 0.16$ . Find the probability that  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 2, y_3 = 0, y_4 = 2$  and  $y_5 = 0$  (3 marks)
- c) State and prove Chebychev's inequality (5 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE

- a) Let  $\mathbf{X}' = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)'$  be normally distributed with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (1, 2, 3, -2)'$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 & -4 \\ 2 & -2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Partition X into sub-vectors  $\mathbf{X}^1 = (X_1, X_2)$  and  $\mathbf{X}^2 = (X_3, X_4)$ . Obtain
- (i) Conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{X}^1$  given  $\mathbf{X}^2$  (6 marks)
- (ii) Partial regression coefficient of  $\mathbf{X}^1$  given  $\mathbf{X}^2$  (4 marks)
- (iii) Partial correlation coefficient of  $\mathbf{X}^1$  given  $\mathbf{X}^2$  (4 marks)
- b) Define a moment generating function of a random vector. Let  $\mathbf{X} \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and define  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix of constants and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a  $q \times 1$  vector of constants. Use moment generating function technique to show that  $\mathbf{Y} \sim N_q(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}')$  (6 marks)