

# 淡江大學九十一年度日間部轉學生招生考試試題

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Distributions that you may need:

- (1)  $\underline{X}_{n \times 1} \sim \text{MVN}(\underline{\mu}_{n \times 1}, \Sigma_{n \times n})$  then the p.d.f of  $\underline{x}$  is given by
- $$f(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{[2\pi]^{n/2} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\underline{x}-\underline{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1}(\underline{x}-\underline{\mu})\right\}, \quad \underline{x} \in R^n.$$
- (2)  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  then  $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- (3)  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  then  $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0.$
- with moment generating function,  $\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}\right)^\alpha, \quad |t| < \lambda.$

Some properties you may need:

Prop.1  $\sum_{x=0}^{k-1} \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!} = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{k-1} e^{-x}}{(k-1)!} dx.$

Prop.2 Let  $\underline{X}_{n \times 1} \sim \text{MVN}(\underline{\mu}_{n \times 1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$ , and  $\mathbf{Q}_{n \times n}$  be an  $n \times n$  idempotent matrix (i.e.  $\mathbf{Q}^2 = \mathbf{Q}$ ) with rank  $\gamma$ . If  $\underline{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{Q}\underline{\mu}_{n \times 1} = \underline{0}_{n \times 1}$  then  $\underline{x}'\mathbf{Q}\underline{x}/\sigma^2 \sim \chi^2(\gamma)$  (i.e. a Chi-Square distribution with  $\gamma$  degree of freedoms). Where  $\underline{1}_{n \times 1}$  and  $\underline{0}_{n \times 1}$  are  $n \times 1$  column vectors of 1's and 0's respectively.

Possible  $\delta_\alpha$  - values:  $P\{Z > \delta_\alpha\} = \alpha$

$\alpha$	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01
$\delta_\alpha$	1.285	1.645	1.96	2.325

Noatation:  $t_\alpha(n)$  is the value that  $P\{T > t_\alpha\} = \alpha$ , where  $T$  has  $t$  distribution with  $n$  degree of freedoms.

1. In a Poisson process with a rate of  $\lambda$ , let  $N_t$  denote the number of arrivals in the time interval  $[0, t]$  and  $T_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) represent the waiting time for the next  $n$  arrivals.
- (a) Use the Prop.1 to show that the distribution of  $T_n$  is Gamma( $n, \lambda$ ). (10 points)
- (b) Find the conditional c.d.f. (cumulative distribution function) of  $(T_n - T_{n-1})$  given that  $N_t = 1$  and interpret your result. (10 points)

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2. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a random sample from a Normal population with mean  $\mu_x$ , variance  $\sigma^2$ , denoted by  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma^2)$ , and sample variance  $S_x^2$ . And,  $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma^2)$ , with sample variance  $S_y^2$ . Note that  $\mu_x, \mu_y$  and  $\sigma^2$  are all unknown parameters.
- (a) Use Prop. 2 to show that  $\frac{(n-1)S_x^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$ . (10 points)
- (b) Show that  $S_x^2$  is an unbiased estimators of  $\sigma^2$ . (5 points)
- (c) Does  $S_x^2$  achieve the Rao-Cramer lower bound? Justify your answer. (10 points)
- (d) Find another unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  with variance less than the variance of  $S_x^2$ ? Justify your answer. (10 points)
- (e) Use each of  $S_x^2$  and the estimator found in part (d) to derive two 95% confidence intervals of  $\mu_y$ . Explain why those two intervals have different interval lengths. (15 points)
- (f) What is the meaning of "95%" and the terminology "confidence" in the part (e)? (10 points)
3. If an investor wants to gain information about the unknown weekly rate of return  $\mu$  on a risky asset, for how many weeks should the investor observe its rates of return in order to produce an estimate that falls within a tolerance of 0.005 of the true  $\mu$ , with a probability of at least 80%? Suppose that the variance of the asset rate of return is no more than 0.0004. (10 points)
4. In testing  $H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0$  against  $H_A: \theta \in \Theta_A$ , where  $\Theta_0$  and  $\Theta_A$  are disjoint sets of possible values of the parameter  $\theta$  whose union makes up the entire set of possible values for  $\theta$ , assume that the significance level is 0.05. Use one or two sentences to make your conclusion when the p-value is 0.01 and the p-value is 0.1. (10 points)