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**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DOCTOR OF  
PHILOSOPHY IN STATISTICS**

**AMS 802 – OPTIMAL DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer any FOUR questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

### QUESTION ONE (25 MARKS)

(a) On the regression range:

$$\mathcal{X} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \right\}$$

Show that the unique optimal design for  $\theta_1$  in  $\Xi$  is  $\xi \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3}, \xi \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3}$  (4 marks)

(b) In the line fit model over  $\mathcal{T} = [-1; 0]$ , show that the unique optimal design for  $\theta_1 + \theta_2$  in  $\Xi$  is  $\xi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3}, \xi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{3}$  (4 marks)

(c) In the parabola fit model over  $\mathcal{T} = [-1; 0]$  determine designs that are optimal for  $\mathbf{c}'\boldsymbol{\theta}$  in  $\Xi$  with:

i.  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 1, 1)'$  (2 marks)

ii.  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 0, -1)'$  (2 marks)

iii.  $\mathbf{c} = (1, 0, -2)'$  (2 marks)

(d) Consider a trigonometric fit model of degree 2:

$$Y_{ij} = \alpha + \beta_1 \cos(t_i) + \gamma_1 \sin(t_i) + \beta_2 \cos(2t_i) + \gamma_2 \sin(2t_i) + E_{ij}$$

Using  $t = \left(0, \pi/3, 2\pi/3, \pi, 4\pi/3, 5\pi/3, 2\pi\right)$

i. Compute the moment matrix of the design. (6 marks)

ii. Determine the eigenvalues of the matrix in i) above. (5 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (25 MARKS)

(a) Explain the linear parameter subsystem. Verify this by considering the full parameter system  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4)'$  and the parameter subsystem  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \frac{1}{2}(\theta_3 + \theta_4))'$  (5 marks)

(b) In the model with regression function  $f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 1-t \end{pmatrix}$  Over  $\mathcal{T} = [0; 1]$  show that the unique optimal design for  $\theta_1$  in  $\Xi$  is  $\xi \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1$  (5 marks)

(c) For the compact convex set;

$$\mathbf{M} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix} : \alpha \in (0, 1) \right\}$$

and the matrix:

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

obtain  $C_K$  (6 marks)

(d) Consider the two matrices A and B both similar to  $\mathbf{M}$  in (c) above where  $\alpha = 0.4$  for A and  $\alpha = 0.2$  for B. Obtain  $C_A$  and  $C_B$ . Hence find  $\phi_0(C_A), \phi_0(C_B), \phi_{-1}(C_A)$  and  $\phi_{-1}(C_B)$ , then make necessary conclusions. (9 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (25 MARKS)

- (a) Show that for every positive homogeneous function  $\phi: NND(s) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the following statements are equivalent.
- $\phi$  is superadditive
  - $\phi$  is concave
- (10 marks)
- (b) State and prove the Gauss - Markov theorem (8 marks)
- (c) Describe the classical optimality criteria. Hence compute the optimal values for the first order  $2^3$  design. (7 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (25 MARKS)

The octagon design below is used in an experiment that has the objective of fitting a second order response model:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$
1.0	0.0	13
$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	8
0.0	1.0	10
$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	9
$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	9
-1.0	0.0	9
$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	10
$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	10
0.0	-1.0	13
$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	11
$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	11
0	0	9
0	0	7

- a) Show that the design is rotatable. (4 marks)
- b) Fit the second order response model given that

$$(X'X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & x_1^2 & x_1x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (8 marks)
- c) Perform canonical analysis. What type of surface has been found? (7 marks)

- d) What operating conditions on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  lead to the stationary point? (6 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (25 MARKS)

A gasoline blending experiment involved three mixture components. There are no constraints on the mixture proportions and the following 10 run design is used:

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y$ (mpg)
1	0	0	24.5, 25.1
0	1	0	24.8, 23.9
0	0	1	22.7, 23.6
$1/2$	$1/2$	0	25.1
$1/2$	0	$1/2$	24.3
0	$1/2$	$1/2$	23.5
$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	24.8, 24.1
$2/3$	$1/6$	$1/6$	24.2
$1/6$	$2/3$	$1/6$	23.9
$1/6$	$1/6$	$2/3$	23.7

- a) Determine the type of design the experimenters used (2 marks)
- b) Fit a first order mixture model to the data (13 marks)
- c) Is the model fitted in (B) adequate? (10 marks)