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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS

### SMS 3457: REGRESSION MODELING II

DATE: APRIL 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the following as used in modeling; (6 marks)
- intrinsically linear model
  - factor loading
  - homoscedasticity
- (b) Given a simple linear regression model, such that the error terms are identically and independently distributed with mean 0 and constant finite variance,  $\sigma^2$ , show that  $\text{var}(Y_i / X_i) = \sigma^2$  (5 marks)
- (c) Giving relevant examples, discern between factor analysis and principal component analysis. (5 marks)
- (d) Given the error sum of squares for any model is given by  $SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$ , show that  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{E(SSE)}{(n-2)}$ . (6 marks).
- (e) Describe the departure of k nearest neighbor from kernels as used in simple nonparametric regression. (4 marks)
- (f) Apart from homoscedasticity, explain any two diagnostic tests in regression analysis. (4 marks)



## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Given the model  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$  with  $\varepsilon_i \sim NIID(0, \sigma^2)$  show that  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\beta_1$  (4 marks)
- (b) Giving relevant examples, describe a non-linear regression model. (3 marks)
- (c) Given that  $f(X, \gamma) = p_0 + p_1 [\exp(p_2 Y)]$  is intrinsically linear, write it in the form  $g(X, \gamma) = \alpha + \beta Y + \varepsilon$  (4 marks)
- (d) Let  $X_i = r_0 e^{\gamma Y_i} + \varepsilon$  be a two-parameter non-linear exponential model. Using the method of ordinary least squares, derive the two normal equations for the least squares estimates. (9 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain two advantages of discriminant analysis as used in data reduction. (3 marks)
- (b) Let be a random variable with the distributions

$$\Pi_1 : f_1(y) = p(y=0) = p(y=1) = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\Pi_2 : f_2(y) = p(y=0) = \frac{1}{4}; p(y=1) = \frac{3}{4},$$

construct the classification procedure (6marks)

- (c) Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$  be tri-variate normal random vector with  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find;
- the second principal component. (7 marks)
  - the proportion of variance explained by the first principal component. (4 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Giving real life examples, explain a simple linear regression model. (3 marks)
- (b) Briefly discuss a neural network as used in regression modeling (4 marks)
- (c) A regression model is to be developed for predicting the ability of soil to absorb chemical contaminants. Ten observations have been taken on a soil absorption index ( $y$ ) and two regressors:  $x_1$ =amount of extractable iron ore and  $x_2$ =amount of

bauxite. We wish to fit the model  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon$ . Some necessary quantities are:

$$X^1 X = \begin{bmatrix} 24.8281 & & \\ 204.7873 & 2388.2627 & \\ 8221.6820 & 76669.7725 & 3501398.349 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } X^1 Y = \begin{bmatrix} 725.82 \\ 8,008.37 \\ 274,811.31 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i. Estimate the regression coefficients of the model specified above. (6 marks)
- ii. Predict the soil absorption ability if  $x_{11} = 3$  and  $x_{12} = 50$  (4 marks)
- iii. If the observed value  $y_1 = 9.95$ , calculate its corresponding residual. (3 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Highlight the motivations of non-parametric regression. (4 marks)
- (b) Let  $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^5$  be  $\{(2,6), (7,10), (4,8), (3,4), (6,12)\}$ , compute the k-NN estimate  $\hat{m}_3(4)$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Briefly explain training as used in machine learning. (3 marks)

- (d) Let  $X^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, X^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, X^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, X^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with correct classification

$Z^{(1)} = Z^{(2)} = Z^{(3)} = 1, Z^{(4)} = 0$ . The perceptron with weight  $w_0, w_1, w_2$  classifies an object as 1 if and only if  $Y = w^T X = w_0 X_0 + w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2 > 0$  and 0 elsewhere. As

initial vector, use  $s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and set  $\eta = 1$ . (10marks)

