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MAIN EXAMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

MAT 263: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS IV

Date: JULY 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Suppose that three random variables X_1 , X_2 and X_3 have a continuous density function given by

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} c(x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3), & 0 < x_i < 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Determine:

- i. The constant c
- ii. The marginal p.d.f of X_1 and X_2

iii. $\Pr\left(x_3 < \frac{1}{2} / x_1 = \frac{1}{4}, x_2 = \frac{3}{4}\right)$

(8 marks)

- b) A random vector $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$ has the 4-variate p.d.f given by

$$f(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} 16x_1x_2x_3x_4, & 0 < x_i < 1, i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Calculate the probability that \underline{X} lies in the region

$$D = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4); x_1 < 1/2, x_4 > 1/3\} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

c) Let y be distributed $N_3(\mu, \Sigma)$, where $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.
Find the following:

i. The distribution of $z = 4y_1 - 6y_2 + y_3$ (3 marks)

ii. The distribution of $z = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 - y_2 + y_3 \\ 2y_1 + y_2 - y_3 \end{pmatrix}$ (4 marks)

iii. $f(y_2 / y_1, y_3)$ (4 marks)

d) Let \bar{X} and S^2 be the mean and variance of a random sample of 25 from a distribution which is normal with mean 3 and variance 100.

Compute $\Pr(0 < \bar{X} < 6, 49.6 < S^2 < 145.6)$ (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

a) Let \underline{Y} be a random vector distributed as $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$. Let $\underline{Y} = (\underline{Y}_1, \underline{Y}_2)$ when \underline{Y}_1 and \underline{Y}_2 are $r \times 1$ and $s \times 1$ ($r + s = p$) random vectors:

i. Determine the distribution of \underline{Y}_1 and \underline{Y}_2 (6 marks)

ii. Show that $Y_i \sim N[\mu_i, \sigma_{ii}], i = 1, 2, \dots, p$. Where Y_i is the i^{th} component of \underline{Y}
 $\mu_i = E(Y_i)$ and $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij})$.

(4 marks)

b) Let the random vector \underline{X} have $N_2[\mu, \Sigma]$ distribution with its pdf $f(x) = c \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}Q(\underline{x})\right\}$
where c is some constant and $Q(\underline{x}) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - x_1x_2 - 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 4$, find:

i. c (3 marks)

- ii. μ (3 marks)
 iii. Σ (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

- a) Suppose that a three-dimensional random vector $\underline{X} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ has moment generating function

$$M(t_1, t_2, t_3) = \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}(5t_1^2 + 3t_2^2 + 2t_3^2 + 4t_1t_2 + 6t_1t_3)\right]$$

Determine:

- i. The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{13} & \sigma_{23} & \sigma_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$ of the variances and covariance's \underline{X} and hence

obtain the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} & \rho_{13} \\ \rho_{12} & 1 & \rho_{23} \\ \rho_{13} & \rho_{23} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ of the correlations between the components of the random vector \underline{X} (6 marks)

- ii. The marginal distribution of X_1 and X_2 and write down its density function (4 marks)
- iii. The correlation coefficient between $Y = X_1 + X_2$ and $Z = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$ (4 marks)

- b) Suppose that the random vector $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)'$ has a continuous distribution

whose p.d.f is $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{p/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^p x_i^2}; -\infty < x_i < \infty$.

Find the moment generating function of \underline{X} . (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

a) Suppose that the lifetimes of light bulbs produced in a certain factory are distributed according to the pdf $f(x) = xe^{-x}$, $x > 0$. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote the lifetimes of a random sample of n light bulbs drawn from a factory production. Determine:

- i. The joint p.d.f of X_1, \dots, X_n
- ii. $\Pr(X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_n)$ (8 marks)

b) State and prove the central limit theorem (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

a) Suppose that the random vector has the 3-variate distribution given by

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{20!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!(20-x_1-x_2-x_3)!} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{x_1} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{x_2} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{x_3} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{20-x_1-x_2-x_3}$$

- i. Obtain the moment generating function $\frac{X}{}$ (3 marks)
- ii. Determine the marginal distribution of X_2 and X_3 (4 marks)
- iii. The conditional mean and variance of X_1 given that $X_2 = X_2$ and $X_3 = X_3$ (5 marks)

b) Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a population with mean μ and

variance σ^2 . Let $Q = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ where $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$. Show that $E(Q) = (n-1)\sigma^2$ (8 marks)

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