## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

Qualifying Examination
Statistics

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Do Any 4 Questions

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1. Recall Helmert's transformation for  $X_1, ..., X_n$  iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  r. v. 's:

$$U_1 = \bar{X}_n$$

$$U_i = X_i - \bar{X}_i, i = 2, \dots n$$

where  $\bar{X}_i = (X_1 + ... + X_i)/i$ . The  $U_i$  are independent normal variates.

Let now  $W_1 = [n/(n-1)] \cdot (X_n - \bar{X}_n)^2$ ,  $Q = \sum_{i} (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$  and  $Z = W_1/Q$ .

- a) Express the statistic Z in terms of the standardized Ui.
- b) From that representation and elementary probability methods show that the conditional distribution of Z given Q is Beta (1/2, (n-2)/2).

Hint: Consider first the independent variates  $W_1$  and  $W_2 = Q - W_1$ . From that the joint density of (Z, Q) is easily derived.

- Let X be an observation from  $P_{\theta}$  population, where  $P_{\theta}$  is the defined by  $P_{\theta}[X=i] = \frac{1}{\theta}$  for  $i=1,\ldots,\theta$ .  $= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$ where  $P_{\theta}$  is  $E_{\theta}(x) = 0$  for  $e^{-1} \Rightarrow e^{-1} \Rightarrow e^$ 
  - (i) Show that  $P = \{P_{\theta}, \theta = 1, 2...\}$  is complete and find the and sure  $X : \theta$  U.M.V.U. (uniformly minimum variance unbiased) estimate of  $\theta : EX = \frac{11}{2}$
- - An individual belongs to one of two populations  $\Pi_0$  or  $\Pi_1$  with prior probability  $p_\theta$  that a randomly selected individual

belongs to  $\Pi_{\theta}$  ( $\theta = 0$ , 1). The individuals in  $\Pi_{\theta}$  have a distribution of scores X which is  $N(\mu_{\theta}, 1)$  where  $\mu_{0}$  and  $\mu_{1}$ may be assumed known. The loss function  $L(\theta, a)$  for deciding that the individual belongs to population I, when in fact he belongs to II is given by

$$L(\theta, a) = c_1(1-a)\theta + c_0a(1-\theta)$$
 (a = 0, 1;  $\theta$  = 0, 1)

where co and ca are known positive constants. What is the Bayes decision rule  $\delta(X)$  against the prior (po, p1) for deciding population membership based on X?

- 4. Let  $y_t = t\beta + \epsilon_t$ , t = 1, 2, ..., with  $\epsilon_t$  i.i.d  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Let  $\delta_t = y_{t+1} - y_t$ , t = 1, ..., n-1
  - a) Find the mean and variance of  $\delta_t$  and of  $\xi_t = \xi_{t+1} \xi_t = \beta$ Var 8+ = Var(ett) + Var(et) = 202  $\bar{\delta} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \delta_{+}.$ EF = B, Var F = Var (1-15-41)
  - b) Is  $\underline{\delta} = (\delta 1, ..., \delta_{n-1})'$  sufficient for  $\beta$ ?
  - c) Give the best linear estimate you can for  $\beta$  based on  $\delta$ , and compare it with the least squares estimate based on y, , . . . y + .
- 5. Consider the regression model,  $y_i = x_{i1}\beta_1 + ... + x_{ip}\beta_p + \epsilon_i$ , i = 1, 2...where (e are i.i.d. random variables with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . Let  $X_n$  denote the design matrix  $(x_{i,j}) \ 1 \le i \le n$ ;  $1 \le j \le p$ . Assume that  $(X_n, X_n)^{-1}$  exists for  $n \ge p$ . Let  $b_n$ be the least squares estimate of  $\beta_1$ .  $(x_n) = p \Rightarrow \beta_1$  is estimable
  - (i) Show that  $var(b_n)$  is a decreasing function of  $n(n \ge p)$ .

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(ii) If p=2,  $E|\epsilon_1|^3 < \infty$ ,  $var(b_n) \to 0$  and all design points  $(x_{i1}, x_{i2})$  are taken from a compact subset of  $\{(x_1, x_2) | x_2 = 1\}$  then  $(b_n - \beta_1) / \{var(b_n)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}} N(0, 1)$ .

- 6. Let p<sub>o</sub>, p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub> be unknown probabilities, with Σp<sub>i</sub> = 1, and let A<sub>i</sub> be corresponding events, with UA<sub>i</sub> = S, the certain event. We may interpret these as indifference, preference for treatment I, and preference for treatment II, resp., on a single trial of an experiment. Consider now n independent such trials with constant (p<sub>i</sub>, i = 0, 1, 2), and let X<sub>i</sub> be the number of times A<sub>i</sub> occurs.
  - a) Consider first the conditional statistical model that describes the assumed behaviour of  $(X_1, X_2)$  given that  $X_0$  equals a fixed given constant. Five the UMP level  $\alpha$  test for  $p_1 = p_2$  vs.  $p_1 > p_2$  under such conditional model. Specifically: give the test statistic, the distribution of the test statistic, and the form of the critical function.
  - b) Consider now such conditional test as a test depending on  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , for  $p_1 = p_2$  vs.  $p_1 > p_2$ , under the original unconditional model. Show that this test is UMP among all tests  $\phi$  such that  $E(\phi|X) \equiv \alpha$  under the null hypothesis (i.e., whenever  $p_1 = p_2$ ).

    a) given  $x_0 = k$ .  $\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = n k$ .  $P(X_1 = k \mid x_0 = k) = \binom{n-k}{k} \cdot \binom{p_1}{p_1 + k} \cdot \binom{p_2}{p_2 + k} \cdot \binom{p_2}{$

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