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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
FINANCIAL ENGINEERING, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIostatISTICS,  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE & BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN OPERATION RESEARCH**

**STA 2205: STATISTICAL PROGRAMMING**

**DATE: AUGUST 2018**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer questions ONE (section A) and any two questions in section B
2. Be neat and show all your workings
3. All questions except question one carry equal marks

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- (a) The elasticity of demand  $E$  is the percentage rate of decrease of demand per percentage increase price. We obtain it from the equation according to the following formula:

$$E = -\frac{dq}{dp} \cdot \frac{p}{q}$$

Where the demand equation expresses demand,  $q$  as a function of unit  $p$ . To find the unit price that maximizes revenue, we express  $E$  as a function of  $p$ , set  $E=1$ , and then solve for  $p$ . A factory has the demand equation

$$q = -\frac{5}{3000}p^2 + p + 1$$

- i) Write a program in R that computes  $\frac{dq}{dp}$  from the above equation. (3 marks)
- ii) Given that

$$E = \frac{-\left(\frac{-10}{3000}p + 1\right)p}{-\frac{5}{3000}p^2 + p + 1}$$

Write a program in R that computes the unit price that maximizes revenue. (3 marks)

- (b) Let  $X \sim \chi^2(10)$  and  $Y \sim t(5)$

(a-1) Write a function in R that does the following:

- i) Generates 500 random variates of  $X$  and  $Y$ . (3 marks)
- ii) Computes the mean of  $\frac{Y}{X}$  as generated in (a-1)-(i) above. (2 marks)
- iii) Returns the mean from (ii) above. (2 marks)

(a-2) write a program in R that calls the function created in (a-1) above 1000 times and stores the means in a vector called `OurMeans`. (3 marks)

- (c) Consider the following system of linear equations

$$3x + y - 6z = -10$$

$$2x + y - 5z = -8$$

$$6x - 3y + 3z = 0$$

Write an R program to solve for the values of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . (2 marks)

- (d) A hospital administrator wished to study the relation between patient satisfaction ( $Y$ ) and patient's age ( $X_1$ , in years) and severity of illness ( $X_2$ , an index). The administrator randomly selected 4 patients. Use the R output below to answer the following questions.

Call:  
lm(formula = Y ~ X1 + X2)

Residuals:  
1 2 3 4  
-3.991 3.591 4.589 -4.190

Coefficients:  
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
(Intercept) 166.545 46.091 3.613 0.172  
X1 -4.610 3.802 -1.213 0.439  
X2 -3.361 1.439 -2.336 0.257

Residual standard error: 8.212 on 1 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared: 0.8695, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6085  
F-statistic: 3.331 on 2 and 1 DF, p-value: 0.3613

- i) Identify the type of regression fitted on this data. Explain. (1 mark)
  - ii) Write down the fitted model. (1 mark)
  - iii) Comment on the significance of the regression coefficients at 5% level of significance. Give an interpretation of these coefficients. (3 marks)
- (e) Determine the output of the following program (2 marks)

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b<-c(4,8,9)
while(length(b)-1<12
{
position<-length(b)-1,
w<-b[position]+b[position-1]
b<-c(b,w)
}
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- (f) Consider the following equation:  $x^2 + 6x + 34 = 0$ , write a function in R to evaluate the value of x. (1 mark)
- (g) The following data represent the total number of abenant crypt foci observed in seven rats that had been administered a single dose of the carebioxygen azoxyymethane and sacrificed after six weeks (thanks to Ranjana Bird, Faculty of Human Ecology University of Manitoba for the use of these data):

87, 53, 72, 90, 78, 85, 83

Write a function in R that does the following:

- i) Draws, with replacement, a sample of three (3) from the above data set. (2 marks)
- ii) Generates seven (7) random observations from the poisson distribution with a mean equal to that of the sample drawn in (i) above. (2 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) The dry weight of a crop  $Y$  is thought to be related to the organic matter  $X_1$ , and amount of moisture  $X_2$  in the soil by the linear equation  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \epsilon_i$ , where  $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

$X_1$	5	7	8	10
$X_2$	18	19	9	9
$Y$	79	74	104	86

- i) Write a program in R that fits a linear regression model on the above data and determines the least squares estimators of  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ . (2 marks)
- ii) Write a function in R that determines and returns least squares estimators of  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  using matrices. (3 marks)
- iii) Write a program in R that determines and returns SSE, SSY. Where (5 marks)

$$R^2 = \frac{SSY - SSE}{SSY}$$

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y})^2$$

$$SSY = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

- b) A company manufactures two products, X and Y by using three machines A, B and C. Machine A has 4 hours of capacity available during the coming week. Similarly, the available capacity of machines B and C during the coming week is 24 hours and 35 hours respectively. One unit of product X requires one hour of machine A, 3 hours of machine B and 10 hours of machine C. Similarly one unit of product Y requires 1 hour, 8 hours and 7 hours of machine A, B and C respectively. When one unit of X is sold in the market, it yields a profit of Kshs. 50 per product and that of Y is Kshs. 70 per unit.

- i) Formulate the linear program. (4 marks)
- ii) Write a well commented program in R that will be used to solve the above program. (6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) One of the applications of the eigen vectors is in diagonalization of a matrix. Diagonalization means transforming a non-diagonal matrix which is easier to deal with. Let  $A$  be a matrix with distinct eigen values and  $P$  be a matrix whose columns are the eigen vectors of the eigen values of  $A$ . Then, the product  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Write a program in R that does the following:

- i) Computes the diagonalising matrix of A as per instruction above. (3 marks)
  - ii) Computes the eigen values of A. (3 marks)
  - iii) Verifies that the results in (i) above is a diagonal matrix with the results in (ii) as its diagonal elements. (4 marks)
- b) The lifetime  $X_t$  of a certain type of a tire is normal in distribution with an average of three years and a standard deviation of 0.3 year. Write an R function that does the following:
- i) Generates 1000 random values of  $X_t$ . (2 marks)
  - ii) Computes the 99th percentile of  $X_t$ . (3 marks)
  - iii) Repeats (i) and (ii) 1000 times. (3 marks)
  - iv) Returns the average from (iii) above. (2 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) Consider the following statistical model for a stock price  $S_t$ :

$$S_t = S_0 e^{(\mu - 0.5\sigma^2)t + \sigma W_t}$$

$$W_t = \sum_{i=1}^t I_i$$

Where  $I_i \sim N(0, 1)$

Assuming that  $S_0 = 110$ ,  $\mu = 0.12$  and  $\sigma = 0.16$

- i) Write an R function that returns  $S_t$  for  $t = 1, \dots, 100$  (3 marks)
- ii) Write an R program that calls the above function and extracts the stock price on the 100<sup>th</sup> day. (2 marks)
- iii) Repeat (ii) 1000 times. (2 marks)
- iv) Use (iii) to compute the probability that the stock price on the 100<sup>th</sup> day will be below 120. (2 marks)
- v) Use (iii) to compute the 95% confidence interval for the stock price on the 100<sup>th</sup> day. (1 mark)

b) The current stock price,  $X_t$ , of BAS Associates is estimated by the model:

$$\hat{X}_t = 3 + 0.4X_{t-1} - 0.35X_{t-2} + 0.4X_{t-3} + e_t$$

Where  $X_{t-j}$  is the stock price  $j$  days in the past and  $e_t \sim N(0, 1)$ . Consider the following past stocks prices for BAS Associates

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$X_t$	21	20	18	19	17	19	20	19	20	15	19	18	14	14	15

- a) Write a well commented function in R that accepts a vector of past prices and returns  $\hat{X}_t$  using the above equation and the while loop. (3 marks)
- b) Write a well commented program in R that:
- i) Uses the above function to compute  $\hat{X}_t$ ,  $t = 4, 5, \dots, 15$  for the data in the above table. (4 marks)
  - ii) Plots the time series  $\hat{X}_t$  computed in (b(i)) above and superimposes on the same plot the corresponding  $X_t$ . (3 marks)