

- 1) A fair die is rolled two times independently. Given that the outcome on the first roll is 1, the expected value of the sum of the two outcomes is:
 - a) 4
 - b) 4.5
 - c) 3
 - d) 5.5
- 2) The dimension of the vector space of 7×7 real symmetric matrices with trace zero and the sum of the off-diagonal elements zero is: .
 - a) 47
 - b) 28
 - c) 27
 - d) 26
- 3) Let A be a 6×6 complex matrix with $A^3 \neq 0$ and $A^4 = 0$. Then the number of Jordan blocks of A is:
 - a) 1 or 6
 - b) 2 or 3
 - c) 4
 - d) 5
- 4) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a uniform distribution defined over $(0, \theta)$, where $\theta > 0$ and $n \geq 2$. Let $X(1) = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ and $X(n) = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. Then the covariance between $X(n)$ and $X(1)/X(n)$ is:
 - a) 0
 - b) $n(n+1)\theta$
 - c) $n\theta$
 - d) $n^2(n+1)\theta$
- 5) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample drawn from a population with probability density function $f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $\theta > 0$. Then the maximum likelihood estimator of θ is:
 - a) $\frac{-n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log_e X_i}$
 - b) $\frac{-\sum_{i=1}^n \log_e X_i}{n}$
 - c) $(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i)^{1/n}$
 - d) $\frac{(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i)}{n}$
- 6) Let $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \epsilon_i$, for $i = 1, \dots, 10$, where x'_{1i} 's and x'_{2i} 's are fixed covariates and ϵ_i 's are uncorrelated random variables with mean 0 and unknown variance σ^2 . Here β_0 , β_1 , and β_2 are unknown parameters. Further, define $\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{1i} + \hat{\beta}_2 x_{2i}$, where $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)$ is the unbiased least square estimator of $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)$. Then an unbiased estimator of σ^2 is
 - a) $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} 0(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{10}$
 - b) $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} 0(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{7}$
 - c) $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} 0(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{8}$
 - d) $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} 0(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{9}$
- 7) For $i = 1, 2, 3$, let $Y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i$, where x_i 's are fixed covariates, and ϵ_i 's are independent and identically distributed standard normal random variables. Here, α and β are unknown parameters. Given the following observation, the best linear unbiased estimate of $\alpha + \beta$ is equal to

Y_i	0.5	2.5	0.5
x_i	1	1	-2

- a) 1.5 b) 1 c) 1.8 d) 2.1

8) Consider a discrete time Markov chain on the space $\{1, 2, 3\}$ with one-step transition probability matrix. Which of the following statements is true ?

	1	2	3
1	0.7	0.3	0
2	0	0.6	0.4
3	0	0	1

Fig. 8.1: Probability matrix

- a) States 1, 3 are recurrent and state 2 is transient.
b) State 3 is recurrent and states 1, 2 are transient.
c) States 1, 2, 3 are recurrent.
d) States 1, 2 are recurrent and state 3 is transient.

9) The minimal polynomial of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is

- a) $(x-1)(x-2)$ b) $(x-1)^2(x-2)$ c) $(x-1)(x-2)^2$ d) $(x-1)^2(x-2)^2$

