

- 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  $7 \times 7$  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  $6 \times 6$  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  $\theta$  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  $\epsilon_i$ 's are uncorrelated random variables with mean 0 and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . Here  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  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  $\sigma^2$  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  $\epsilon_i$ 's are independent and identically distributed standard normal random variables. Here,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  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)  $(x-1)^2(x-2)^2$

