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Exercise sheet

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Part 1. Types of spatial data

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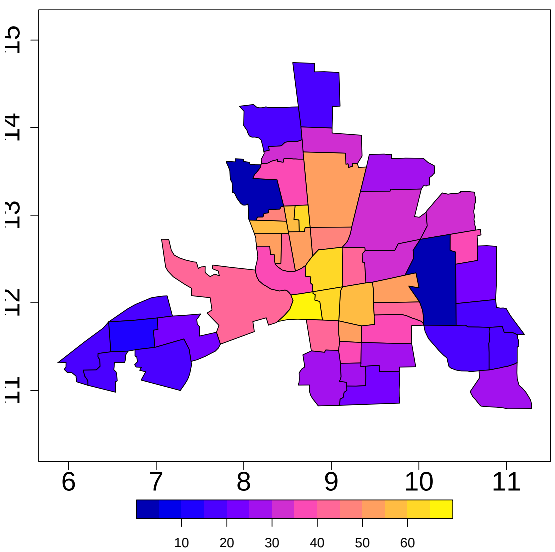
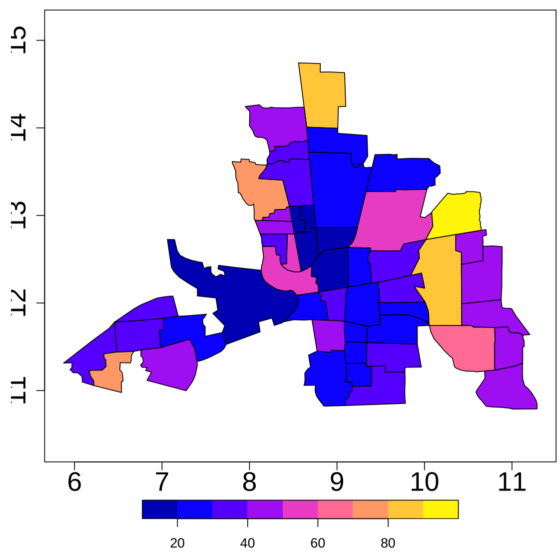


(A) Property crime (number per thousand households)



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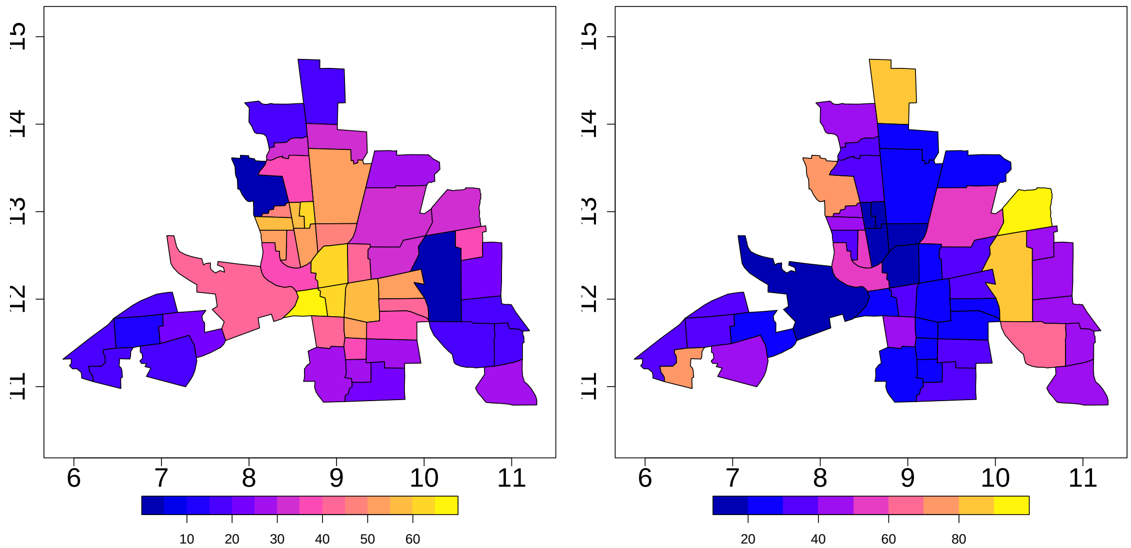

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Exercise 3. ($\star$)(Soil chemistry properties data set.) It contains measurements of various chemical properties of soil samples collected at different locations in a field. These properties include: the acidity or alkalinity of the soil (PH), the salt concentration in the soil (Salinity), and others. It is the R dataset `soil250{geoR}`. Figure 3 presents the locations these measurements are taken. The data (measurements) are in fixed locations at a regular grid of points. The domain scientist would be interested in the nutrient levels and pH to assess soil fertility and make recommendations for agricultural practices. The statistician could (i.) estimate/predict values of soil properties at unsampled locations based on measurements at sampled locations; and (ii.) assess the spatial variability of soil properties (nutrient levels and pH) to identify regions with high or low variability. To which principal spatial statistical are would you associate this problem?

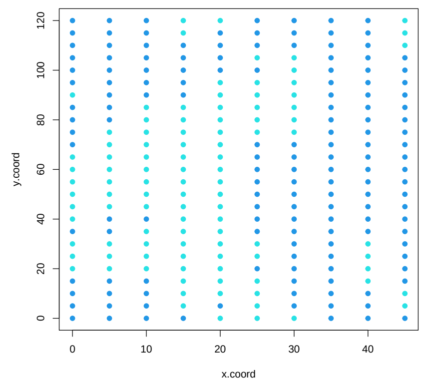

FIGURE 3. Soil chemistry data set

Exercise 4. ($\star$)(Scallop abundance data) Figure 4 presents 148 locations (degrees of longitude & latitude) in the Atlantic waters off the coasts of New Jersey and Long Island New York as coordinates and the size of scallop catch at the corresponding location as the dot size. The sites are at fixed locations within an irregular grid of points. Sustainable scallop abundance is critical for the long-term economic viability of the fishing industry. A healthy and stable scallop population supports a consistent source of income for fishermen and related businesses. To which principal spatial statistical are would you associate this problem?

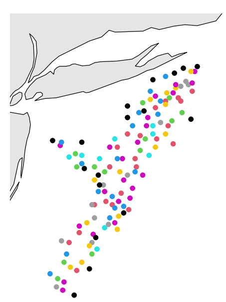

FIGURE 4. Scallop abundance data

Exercise 5. ($\star$)(Wolfcamp-aquifer data) Figure 5 presents locations and levels (in feet above sea level) of piezometric head for the aquifer; they are obtained by drilling a narrow pipe into the aquifer and letting the water find its own level in the pipe. After rigorous screening of unsuitable wells, 85 remained. There is interest to find where the radionuclide contamination would flow from the site in Deaf Smith County, Texas. Beneath Deaf Smith County is a deep brine aquifer known as the Wolfcamp aquifer, a potential pathway for any radionuclides leaking from the repository. The predicted direction of flow can be used to determine locations of downgradient and upgradient wells for a groundwater monitoring system. A first direction in analyzing this spatial data set is to draw a map of a predicted surface based on the (irregularly located) 85 data. To which principal spatial statistical are would you associate this problem?

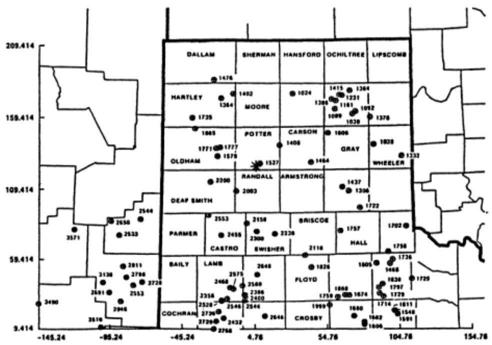

FIGURE 5. Wolfcamp-aquifer data. Piezometric-head levels (feet above sea level) vs coordinates.

Exercise 6. ($\star$)(Swiss rainfall data) Figure 6 presents the locations of the 100 locations in Switzerland as dots whose size and color indicates the amount of the corresponding rainfall measurements (in 10th of mm) taken on May 8, 1986. This is the R data set `SIC{geoR}`. Observation sites are irregularly spaced, and fixed. A scientific objective may be to analyzing rainfall patterns with purpose to optimize crop planting and irrigation schedules. A statistician is able to estimate rainfall values at unsampled locations based on available measurements, create maps that represent the spatial distribution of rainfall, or quantify the uncertainty associated with rainfall estimates and predictions, which are important for risk assessment and decision-making. To which principal spatial statistical are would you associate this problem?

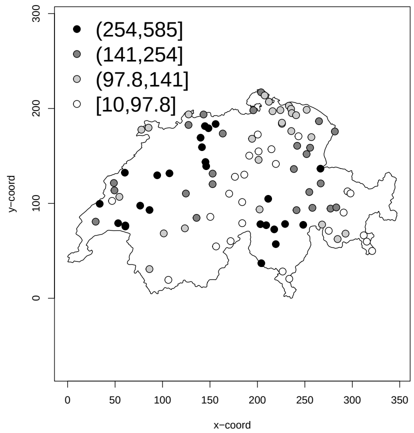

FIGURE 6. Swiss rainfall data

Part 2. **INLA**

Exercise 7. ($\star$)Consider the model

$$\begin{cases} z_i|\eta_i \sim \text{Poisson}\left(\exp\left(\eta_i\right)\right) \quad i=1,...,n \\ \eta_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 w_i + u_{j(i)} \\ u \sim \text{N}_m\left(0, I\tau^{-1}\right) \end{cases}$$

where $\{w_i\}$ are covariates, $j(i)$ is a known mapping from $1:n$ to $1:m$ (given below in the dataset as idx).

For training use the following data set $\{(z_i, w_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$ by running

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rm(list=ls())
# generate the dataset
set.seed(123456L)
n = 50;
m = 10
w = rnorm(n, sd = 1/3)
u = rnorm(m, sd = 1/4)
intercept = 0;
beta = 1
idx = sample(1:m, n, replace = TRUE)
z = rpois(n, lambda = exp(intercept + beta * w + u[idx]))
table(z, dnn=NULL)
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Do the following, by using R-INLA

(1) Run inla{INLA} in order to train the above model, and generate an inla object (that you will call it out.inla). For the function inla{INLA} specify the formula, data, and family arguments. To approximate the conditional pdf of latent variables of the GMRF use the Gaussian approximation. For the rest parameters just use the default R-INLA options.

(2) Print a summary of the marginal posteriors

(3) Produce and print the marginal posterior pdf of $\text{pr}(\beta_1|z)$.

Part 3. Point referenced data / Geostatistics

Exercise 8. ($\star$)If $c:\mathbb{R}^{d}\rightarrow\mathbb{R}$ is the covariogram of a weakly stationary random field $Z=\left(Z_{s}\right)_{s\in\mathbb{R}^{d}}$ then $c\left(\cdot\right)$ is semi-positive definite; i.e. for all $n\in\mathbb{N}$, $a\in\mathbb{R}^{n}$, and $\left\{ s_{1},...,s_{n}\right\} \subseteq S$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}a_{i}a_{j}c\left(s_{i}-s_{j}\right)\geq0$$

Exercise 9. ($\star$) Show that if $c_{1}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$ and $c_{2}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$ are are covariance functions (are non-negative definite) then so are $c_{3}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)=bc_{1}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)+dc_{2}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$ and $c_{4}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)=c_{1}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)c_{2}\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$.

Exercise 10. ($\star$) Consider the Gaussian c.f. $c\left(h\right)=\sigma^{2}\exp\left(-\beta\left\Vert h\right\Vert _{2}^{2}\right)$ for $\sigma^{2},\beta>0$ and $h\in\mathbb{R}^{d}$. Compute the spectral density from Bochner's theorem

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Exercise 11. ($\star$) Consider the Exponential c.f. $c\left(h\right)=\sigma^{2}\exp\left(-\beta\left\Vert h\right\Vert _{1}^{1}\right)$ for $\sigma^{2},\beta>0$ and $h\in\mathbb{R}^{d}$. Compute the spectral density from Bochner's theorem

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(Given as Formative assessment 1)

Exercise 12. ($\star$) Let $Z=\left(Z_{s}\right)_{s\in\mathbb{R}^{d}}$ be an intrinsically stationary stochastic process, and let $\gamma:\mathbb{R}^{d}\rightarrow\mathbb{R}$ be its semivariogram. Assume $a\in\mathbb{R}^{n}$s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^{n}a_{i}=0$.

(1) Let $a\in\mathbb{R}^{n}$ be a vector of constants. Show that

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}a_{i}Z\left(s_{i}\right)\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}a_{i}a_{j}c_{Y}\left(s_{i},s_{j}\right)$$

where $c_{Y}\left(s,t\right)=\text{E}\left(Y\left(s\right)Y\left(t\right)\right)$, and $Y_{s}=Z_{s}-Z_{0}$.

(2) Show that

$$c_{Y}\left(s,t\right)=\gamma\left(s\right)+\gamma\left(t\right)-\gamma\left(s-t\right)$$

(3) Show that for all $\forall\left\{ s_{1},...,s_{n}\right\} \subseteq S$ it is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}a_{i}a_{j}\gamma\left(s_{i}-s_{j}\right)\leq0$$

(Given as Formative assessment 1)

Exercise 13. ($\star$) Consider the zero-mean geostatistical process $Z=\left(Z_{s}\right)_{s\in\mathbb{R}^{d}}$ with a weakly stationary and isotropic covariance function given by

$$c\left(h\right)=\begin{cases}\xi^{2}\left(1+\rho\left\Vert h\right\Vert \right)\exp\left(-\rho\left\Vert h\right\Vert \right), & h>0\\ \nu^{2}+\xi^{2}, & h=0\end{cases}$$

(1) Compute the semi-variogram for the geostatistical process (Z_s)

(2) What are the nugget, sill and partial sill for this covariance model? Justify your answer.

(3) Would the slightly altered covariance function defined below be a good model for spatial data for $\phi > 0$? Justify your answer.

$$c(h) = \begin{cases} \xi^2 (1 + \rho \|h\|) \exp(-\rho \|h\|) + \phi, & h > 0 \\ \nu^2 + \xi^2 + \phi, & h = 0 \end{cases}$$

(Given as Formative assessment 2)

Exercise 14. ($\star$) Consider we the geostatistical model $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ with

$$Z(s) = \mu(s) + w(s) + \varepsilon(s)$$

where $w(s)$ is a weakly stationary process with mean zero and covariogram $c_w\left(h; \sigma^2, \phi\right) = \sigma^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\phi}\|h\|\right)$, $\mu(s;\beta)$ is a deterministic function

$$\mu(s;\beta) = \sum_{j=0}^{p} \psi_j(s)\beta_j = (\psi(s))^\top \beta$$

with unknown coefficients $\beta = (\beta_0, ..., \beta_p)^\top$ and known basis functions $\psi(s) = (\psi_0(s), ..., \psi_p(s))^\top$, $\varepsilon(s)$ is a nugget effect process whose covariogram has sill τ^2, and assume that $w(s)$ and $\varepsilon(s)$ are independent Gaussian Processes.

(1) Write down the formula of the covariogram $c\left(h; \left(\sigma^2, \phi, \tau\right)\right)$ of (Z_s).

(2) Consider a re-parametrization $\theta = \left(\sigma^2, \phi, \xi\right)$ where $\xi^2 = \frac{\tau^2}{\sigma^2}$ is called signal to noise ratio. Assume there is available a dataset $\{(s_i, Z_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ where $, Z_i := Z(s_i)$ is a realization of $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ at site s_i.

  (a) Let Ψ be a matrix with $[\Psi]_{i,j} = \psi_j(s_i)$. Let D be a matrix such as $[D]_{i,j} = \|s_i - s_j\|$. Consider that you can use convenient notation such as $\exp(D)$ meaning $[\exp(D)]_{i,j} = \exp(D_{i,j})$. Write down the covariance matrix $C(\theta)$ of $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)^\top$ as a function of D and θ.

  (b) Write down the log likelihood function $\log(L(Z;\theta))$ of $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)^\top$ given $\theta = \left(\sigma^2, \phi, \xi\right)$.

(3) Let $r(\cdot)$ (called correlogram) such as $c(\cdot) = \sigma^2 r(\cdot)$. Assume that (ϕ, ξ) as known constants.

  (a) Compute the likelihood equations[1] w.r.t. $\left(\beta, \sigma^2\right)$, and for given (ϕ, ξ).

  (b) Compute the MLE $\hat{\beta}_{(\phi,\xi)}$ of β as a function of (ϕ, ξ)

  (c) Compute the MLE $\hat{\sigma}^2_{(\phi,\xi)}$ of σ^2 as a function of (ϕ, ξ).

  (d) Compute the unbiased estimator of $\tilde{\sigma}^2$ of σ^2.

  Hint: Consider the fitted values $e = (e_1, ..., e_n)^\top$ as $e = [I - H] Z$ where $H = \left(\Psi^\top R^{-1} \Psi\right)^{-1} \Psi^\top R^{-1}$, and write $\hat{\sigma}^2_{(\phi,\xi)}$ w.r.t. e.

[1] that is, the gradient of the log-likelihood

Hint: It is given that $\mathrm{E}\left(Z^{\top}AZ\right) = \mathrm{E}\left(Z\right)^{\top} A\mathrm{E}\left(Z\right)^{\top} + \mathrm{tr}\left(A\mathrm{Var}\left(Z\right)\right)$ when $Z \sim$ Normal

(4) Compute the so-called log "profiled likelihood" $\log\left(L\left(Z;\left(\phi,\xi\right)\right)\right)$ resulting as

$$L\left(Z;\left(\phi,\xi\right)\right) = L\left(Z;\beta=\hat{\beta}_{(\phi,\xi)},\sigma^2=\hat{\sigma}^2_{\left(\hat{\beta}_{(\phi,\xi)},\phi,\xi\right)},\phi,\xi\right)$$

by replacing the β with $\hat{\beta}_{(\phi,\xi)}$ and σ^2 with $\hat{\sigma}^2_{\left(\hat{\beta}_{(\phi,\xi)},\phi,\xi\right)}$ in the actual likelihood $L\left(Z;\beta,\theta=\left(\sigma^2,\phi,\xi\right)\right)$.

Describe how you would compute suitable values $\left(\hat{\phi},\hat{\xi}\right)$ for the MLE of (ϕ,ξ)

Exercise 15. ($\star$) Let $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ be a specified statistical model. Assume that $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ is weakly stationary with unknown constant mean $\mu = \mathrm{E}\left(Z\left(s\right)\right)$ and known covariogram $c\left(\cdot\right)$. Assume there is available a dataset $\{(s_i, Z_i := Z\left(s_i\right))\}_{i=1}^{n}$ and assume they are realizations of $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$. Assume that the matrix C such as $[C]_{i,j} = c\left(\|s_i - s_j\|\right)$ has an inverse. Consider the "Kriging" estimator μ_{KM} of μ as the BLUE (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator)

$$\mu_{\mathrm{KM}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i Z\left(s_i\right) = w^{\top}Z,$$

for some unknown $\{w_i\}$ that we need to learn.

(1) Find sufficient conditions on $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)$ so that the Kriging estimator μ_{KM} to be unbiased.
(2) Assume C is invertable. Compute the MSE of μ_{KM} as a function of $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)$ and C
(3) Derive the Kriging estimator μ_{KM} of μ as a function of C
(4) Derive the Kriging standard error as $\sigma_{\mathrm{KM}} = \sqrt{\mathrm{E}\left(\mu_{\mathrm{KM}} - \mu\right)^2}$ as a function of C

(Given as Formative assessment 2)

Exercise 16. ($\star$) Let $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ be a specified statistical model. Assume that process $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ has known mean $\mu\left(s\right) = \mathrm{E}\left(Z\left(s\right)\right)$ and known covariance function $c\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$. Assume there is available a dataset $\{(s_i, Z_i := Z\left(s_i\right))\}_{i=1}^{n}$. Assume that the matrix C such as $[C]_{i,j} = c\left(s_i, s_j\right)$ has an inverse. Consider the "Kriging" estimator μ_{SK} Consider the "Kriging" estimator $Z_{\mathrm{SK}}\left(s_0\right)$ of $Z\left(s_0\right)$ at an unseen spatial location s_0 as the BLUE (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator)

$$Z_{\mathrm{SK}}\left(s_0\right) = w_{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i Z\left(s_i\right) = w_{n+1} + w^{\top}Z,$$

for some unknown $\{w_i\}$ that we need to learn, and $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)^{\top}$. Let $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)^{\top}$.

(1) Find sufficient conditions on $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)^{\top}$ so that the Kriging estimator $Z_{\mathrm{SK}}\left(s_0\right)$ to be unbiased.
(2) Derive the MSE of $Z_{\mathrm{SK}}\left(s_0\right)$ as

$$\mathrm{E}\left(Z_{\mathrm{SK}}\left(s_0\right) - Z\left(s_0\right)\right)^2 = w^{\top}Cw + c\left(s_0, s_0\right) - 2w^{\top}C_0$$

where C_0 is a vector such as $[C_0]_i = c(s_0, s_i)$.

(3) Derive the Kriging estimator of $Z(s_0)$ as

$$Z_{\text{SK}}(s_0) = \mu(s_0) + C_0^\top C^{-1}[Z - \mu(s_{1:n})]$$

where $\mu(s_{1:n})$ is a vector such as $[\mu(s_{1:n})]_i = \mu(s_i)$.

(4) Compute the Kriging standard error $\sigma_{\text{SK}} = \sqrt{\text{E}(Z_{\text{SK}}(s_0) - Z(s_0))^2}$.

Exercise 17. ($\star$) Assume a spatial model

$$Z(s) = \mu + \delta(s), \ s \in \mathcal{S} \tag{1}$$

with unknown mean $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume a set of n observed realizations $Z_i := Z(s_i)$ of (1) at sites s_i for $i = 1, ..., n$. Assume that $Z(s)$ is a weak stationary stochastic process with known covariogram $c(\cdot)$. Derive the formula for the Ordinary Kriging predictor $Z_0 := Z(s_0)$ at spatial location s_0 and its kriging variance as function of the covariogram $c(h)$ and not the semi-variogram.

Exercise 18. ($\star$) Let $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ be a specified statistical model. Assume that $(Z_s)_{s\in\mathcal{S}}$ is an intrinsic stationary process with unknown constant mean $\mu(s) = \text{E}(Z(s))$ and known semi-variogram $\gamma(\cdot)$. Assume there is available a dataset $\{(s_i, Z_i := Z(s_i))\}_{i=1}^n$. Consider the "Kriging" estimator $Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0)$ of $Z(s_0)$ at any unseen spatial location s_0 as the BLUE (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator)

$$Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0) = w_{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i Z(s_i) = w_{n+1} + w^\top Z$$

for some unknown $\{w_i\}$ that we need to learn, and $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)^\top$. Let $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)^\top$.

(1) Find sufficient conditions on $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)$ so that the Kriging estimator $Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0)$ to be unbiased.

(2) Derive the MSE of $Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0)$ as

$$\text{E}(Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0) - Z(s_0))^2 = -w^\top \mathbf{\Gamma} w + 2w^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma}_0$$

where $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0 = (\gamma(s_0 - s_i), ..., \gamma(s_0 - s_n))^\top$ and Γ with $[\mathbf{\Gamma}]_{i,j} = \gamma(s_i - s_j)$

(3) Assume Γ is invertable matrix. Derive the Kriging estimator of $Z(s_0)$ as

$$Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0) = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0 + \frac{1 - 1^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0}{1^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} 1} 1\right) Z$$

(4) Derive the Kriging standard error of $Z_{\text{OK}}(s_0)$ as

$$\sigma_{\text{SK}} = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0 \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0 - \frac{\left(1 - 1^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0\right)^2}{1^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} 1}}$$

(Given as Problem class 3 material)

Exercise 19. ($\star$)

Inventory of useful formulas.

[Normal distr. conditioning] Let $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$, and $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$. If

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathrm{N}_{d_1+d_2}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & \Sigma_{21}^\top \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

then it is

$$x_2|x_1 \sim \mathrm{N}_{d_2}\left(\mu_{2|1}, \Sigma_{2|1}\right)$$

where

$$\mu_{2|1} = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_1^{-1}(x_1 - \mu_1) \text{ and } \Sigma_{2|1} = \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_1^{-1}\Sigma_{21}^\top$$

Consider the Bayesian Kriging from your lecture notes:

$$Z(s) = Y(s) + \varepsilon(s), \quad s \in \mathcal{S}$$

where

$$\varepsilon(\cdot) \sim \mathrm{GP}(0, c_\varepsilon(\cdot,\cdot|\tau))$$

with $c_\varepsilon(s, s'|\tau) = \tau^2 1_{\{0\}}(\|s - s'\|)$ and

$$Y(\cdot)|\beta,\theta \sim \mathrm{GP}\left(\mu(\cdot|\beta), c_Y\left(\cdot,\cdot|\sigma^2,\phi\right)\right)$$

with mean function $\mu(\cdot|\beta)$ (to be specified later) labeled by unknown parameter β and covariance function $c_Y\left(\cdot,\cdot|\sigma^2,\phi\right)$.

Assume there is available a dataset $\{(s_i, Z_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ where $Z_i = Z(s_i)$ is a realization of a stochastic process (Z_s).

(1) Write the hierarchical spatial model $Z(\cdot)|Y(\cdot),\beta,\varphi$ and $Y(\cdot)|\beta,\varphi$ where $\varphi = \left(\sigma^2,\phi,\tau\right)^\top$.

(2) Write the marginal process $Z(\cdot)|\beta,\varphi$ where $\varphi = \left(\sigma^2,\phi,\tau\right)^\top$, its mean function denoted as $\mu(\cdot|\cdot)$, and its covariance function denoted as $c(\cdot|\cdot)$.

Hint:: Let Y and X be independent random variables with $X \sim \mathrm{N}(\mu_X, \Sigma_X)$, $Y \sim \mathrm{N}(\mu_Y, \Sigma_Y)$. Let A and B be fixed matrices. Let c be a fixed vector. Then

$$AX + BY + c \sim \mathrm{N}\left(A\mu_X + B\mu_Y + c, A\Sigma_X A^\top + B\Sigma_Y B^\top\right)$$

(3) Compute the predictive process $Z(\cdot)|Z,\beta,\varphi$ as

$$Z(\cdot)|Z,\beta,\varphi \sim \mathrm{GP}(\mu_1(\cdot|\beta,\varphi), c_1(\cdot,\cdot|\varphi))$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} c_1\left(s,s'|\varphi\right) =& c(s,s|\varphi) + (C(S,s|\varphi))^\top (C(S,S|\varphi))^{-1} C\left(S,s'|\varphi\right) \\ \mu_1(s|\beta,\varphi) =& \mu(s|\beta) - (C(S,s|\varphi))^\top (C(S,S|\varphi))^{-1} (\mu(S|\beta) - Z) \end{aligned}$$

Hint: See the Conditional Normal formula above.

(4) Assume $\mu(s|\beta) = \psi(s)^\top \beta$. Consider a conjugate prior $\beta \sim \mathrm{N}(b, B)$ on β where $B > 0$.

(a) Write down the Bayesian statistical model involving layers $[Z|\beta,\varphi]$, and $[\beta|\varphi]$.

(b) Compute the posterior distribution as

$$\beta|Z,\varphi \sim \mathrm{N}\left(b_n\left(\varphi\right), B_n\left(\varphi\right)\right)$$

with

$$B_n\left(\varphi\right) = \left(B^{-1} + \Psi^\top \left(C\left(S,S|\varphi\right)\right)^{-1}\Psi\right)^{-1}$$
$$b_n\left(\varphi\right) = B_n\left(\varphi\right)\ \left(B^{-1}b + \Psi^\top\left(C\left(S,S|\varphi\right)\right)^{-1}Z\right)$$

where $C\left(S,S|\varphi\right)$ is a matrix with $\left[C\left(S,S|\varphi\right)\right]_{i,j} = c\left(s_i,s_j|\varphi\right)$.

Hint: Use the following identity

$$(y-\Phi\beta)^\top\Sigma^{-1}(y-\Phi\beta) + (\beta-\mu)^\top V^{-1}(\beta-\mu) = \left(\beta-\mu^*\right)^\top\left(V^*\right)^{-1}\left(\beta-\mu^*\right) + S^*;$$
$$V^* = \left(V^{-1} + \Phi^\top\Sigma^{-1}\Phi\right)^{-1}; \qquad \mu^* = V^*\left(V^{-1}\mu + \Phi^\top\Sigma^{-1}y\right)$$
$$S^* = \mu^\top V^{-1}\mu - \left(\mu^*\right)^\top\left(V^*\right)^{-1}\left(\mu^*\right) + y^\top\Sigma^{-1}y;$$

(c) Compute the (posterior) predictive process $Z\left(\cdot\right)|Z,\varphi$ given the data Z and given the parameters φ as

$$Z\left(\cdot\right)|Z,\varphi \sim \mathrm{GP}\left(\mu_2\left(\cdot|\varphi\right), c_2\left(\cdot,\cdot|\varphi\right)\right)$$

with

$$\mu_2\left(s|\varphi\right) = \left(\psi\left(s\right) - \Psi^\top C^{-1}C\left(s\right)\right)^\top\left(B^{-1} + \Psi^\top C^{-1}\Psi\right)^{-1}B^{-1}b$$
$$+\left[\left(C\left(s\right)\right)^\top + \left(\psi\left(s\right) - \Psi^\top C^{-1}C\left(s\right)\right)^\top\left(B^{-1} + \Psi^\top C^{-1}\Psi\right)^{-1}\Psi\right]C^{-1}Z$$
$$c_2\left(s,s'|\varphi\right) = c\left(s,s'|\varphi\right) - \left(C\left(s\right)\right)^\top C^{-1}C\left(s'\right)$$
$$+\left(\psi\left(s\right) - \Psi^\top C^{-1}C\left(s\right)\right)^\top\left(B^{-1} + \Psi^\top C^{-1}\Psi\right)^{-1}\left(\psi\left(s'\right) - \Psi^\top C^{-1}C\left(s'\right)\right)$$

with column vector $C\left(s\right) := \left(c\left(s,s_1|\varphi\right),...,c\left(s,s_n|\varphi\right)\right)^\top$, and matrix $C := C\left(S,S|\varphi\right)$.

(d) Compute the marginal likelihood $\mathrm{pr}\left(Z|\varphi\right)$ in the form

$$\mathrm{pr}\left(Z|\sigma^2,\varphi\right) = \mathrm{N}\left(Z|\Psi b, \left(C^{-1} - C^{-1}\Psi\left(B^{-1} + \Psi^\top B^{-1}\Psi\right)^{-1}\Psi^\top C^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

where Ψ is a matrix with $\left[\Psi\right]_{i,j} = \psi_j\left(s_i\right)$, and R is a matrix with $\left[C\right]_{i,j} = c\left(s_i,s_j|\varphi\right)$.

Hint-2:: It is

$$\int \mathrm{N}\left(Z|\Psi\beta,C\right)\mathrm{N}\left(\beta|b,B\right)\mathrm{d}\beta = \mathrm{N}\left(Z|\Psi b, C + \Psi B\Psi^\top\right)$$

Hint 3:: [Woodbury matrix identity]

$$\left(A+UCV\right)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U\left(C^{-1} + VA^{-1}U\right)^{-1}VA^{-1}$$

(5) Consider non-informative prior $\mathrm{pr}\left(\beta\right) \propto 1$ for β by specifying $b \to 0$ and letting $B^{-1} \to 0$. Argue whether such a prior can be used. Recompute the (asymptotic) quantities $\mathrm{pr}\left(Z|\varphi\right)$, $\left[Z\left(\cdot\right)|Z,\varphi\right]$ under this new prior in the limit.

(Given as Problem class 3 material)

Exercise 20. ($\star$) Show that the extension variance $\sigma_E^2\left(v,V\right)$ of a small volume v to a larger volume V is obtained by

$$\sigma_E^2\left(v,V\right)=2\bar{\gamma}\left(v,V\right)-\bar{\gamma}\left(v,v\right)-\bar{\gamma}\left(V,V\right)$$

where

$$\bar{\gamma}\left(v,V\right)=\frac{1}{|v|\,|V|}\int_{s\in v}\int_{s\in V}\gamma\left(s-s'\right)\mathrm{d}s\mathrm{d}s'$$

(Given as Formative assessment 3)

Exercise 21. ($\star$) Suppose a large volume V is partitioned into n smaller units v of equal size. Show that the dispersion variance $\sigma^2\left(v|V\right)=\frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sigma_E^2\left(v_j,V\right)$ can be written in term of variogram integrals

$$\bar{\gamma}\left(v,V\right)=\frac{1}{|v|\,|V|}\int_{s\in v}\int_{s\in V}\gamma\left(s-s'\right)\mathrm{d}s\mathrm{d}s'$$

as

$$\sigma^2\left(v|V\right)=\bar{\gamma}\left(V,V\right)-\bar{\gamma}\left(v,v\right)$$

(Given as Formative assessment 3)

Exercise 22. ($\star$) Consider a statistical model which is a stochastic process $\left(Z_s\right)_{s\in\mathbb{R}}$ (so s has dimension 1), where $Z\left(\cdot\right)\sim\mathrm{GP}\left(\mu\left(\cdot\right),c\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)\right)$ with mean function $\mu\left(s\right)=1$ and covariance function $c\left(s,t\right)=\exp\left(-\left(s-t\right)^2\right)$ for any $s\in\mathbb{R}$ and $t\in\mathbb{R}$. Assume there is available a dataset $\left\{\left(Z_i,s_i\right)\right\}_{i=1}^{n}$ where $Z_i=Z\left(s_i\right)$ and $s_i\in\mathbb{R}$ are point sites.

(1) Compute the length $|v|$ of the block $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$.
(2) Compute the block mean $\mu\left(v\right)$ for some block $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$ and point $s\in\mathbb{R}$.
(3) Compute the block covariance function $c\left(v,s\right)$ for some block $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$ and point $s\in\mathbb{R}$.
(4) Compute the block covariance function $c\left(v,v'\right)$ for some blocks $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$ and $v'=[a',b']\subset\mathbb{R}$.
(5) Denote $Z=\left(Z_1,...,Z_n\right)^\top$, and $S=\left\{s_1,...,s_n\right\}$. Let $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$ and $v'=[a',b']\subset\mathbb{R}$ be two intervals. Compute the joint distribution of $\left(Z\left(v\right),Z\left(v'\right),Z\right)^\top$ as a function of $c\left(\cdot,\cdot\right)$, S, v, v', Z, and $\mu\left(\cdot\right)$. What is the name of the distribution and what are the parameter functions defining it?
(6) (Bayesian Kriging) Compute the predictive stochastic process $\left[Z\left(v\right)|Z\right]$ at blocks $v=[a,b]\subset\mathbb{R}$ with $|v|>0$.

Hint-1:: Let $x_1\in\mathbb{R}^{d_1}$, and $x_2\in\mathbb{R}^{d_2}$. If

$$\begin{bmatrix}x_1\\x_2\end{bmatrix}\sim\mathrm{N}_{d_1+d_2}\left(\begin{bmatrix}\mu_1\\\mu_2\end{bmatrix},\begin{bmatrix}\Sigma_1&\Sigma_{21}^\top\\\Sigma_{21}&\Sigma_2\end{bmatrix}\right)$$

then it is

$$x_2|x_1 \sim \mathrm{N}_{d_2}\left(\mu_{2|1}, \Sigma_{2|1}\right)$$

where

$$\mu_{2|1} = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_1^{-1}\left(x_1 - \mu_1\right) \text{ and } \Sigma_{2|1} = \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_1^{-1}\Sigma_{21}^{\top}$$

Hint-2: You can use that $\int \mathrm{erf}\left(x\right) \mathrm{d}x = x\mathrm{erf}\left(x\right) + \frac{\exp\left(-x^2\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \text{const}$, when $\mathrm{erf}\left(x\right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp\left(-t^2\right) \mathrm{d}t$.

Part 4. **Aerial unit data / spatial data on lattices**

Exercise 23. ($\star$) Show that the conditionals $x|y \sim \mathrm{N}\left(a+by, \sigma^2+\tau^2 y^2\right)$ and $y|x \sim \mathrm{N}\left(c+dx, \tilde{\sigma}^2+\tilde{\tau}^2 x^2\right)$ are compatible if $\tau^2=\tilde{\tau}^2=0$, $d/\tilde{\sigma}^2=b/\sigma^2$, and $|db|<1$. In particular see what happens if $x|y \sim \mathrm{N}\left(y,\sigma^2\right)$ and $y|x \sim \mathrm{N}\left(x,\sigma^2\right)$ namely if $\tau^2=\tilde{\tau}^2=0$, $d/\tilde{\sigma}^2=b/\sigma^2$, $\tilde{\sigma}^2=\sigma^2$ and $d=b=1$.

Exercise 24. ($\star$) Consider the hard core lattice gas Z on a finite grid $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ with value set $L=\{0,1\}$. Write $i \sim j$ whenever $0<\|i-j\| \leq 1$ so that sites i and j are neighbours when they are horizontally or vertically adjacent. The probability mass function is, for $z \in \mathcal{Z}^S$, defined by

$$\mathrm{pr}_Z(z)=\begin{cases}\frac{1}{C}\prod_{i\in S}\alpha^{z_i}, & \text{if } x_i x_j=0 \,\text{whenever}\, i\sim j\\ 0 & \text{otherwise}\end{cases}$$

with C normalizing constant and $\alpha>0$.

(1) Compute the local characteristics
(2) Order the sites in S lexicographically. Show that there exist $x=(x_i; i\in S)$ and $y=(y_i; i\in S)$ and $i\in\mathcal{S}$ such that

$$\mathrm{pr}_i\left(y_i|x_{\{j:j<i\}}, y_{\{j:j>i\}}\right)=0$$

but $\mathrm{pr}_Z(x)>0$ and $\mathrm{pr}_Z(y)>0$.

Exercise 25. ($\star\star$) Show that

(1) ... any positive-definite covariance matrix Σ can be expressed as the covariance matrix of a CAR model $\Sigma_{\mathrm{CAR}}=(I-B)^{-1}K$, for a unique pair of matrices B and K where $(I-B)$ is non-singular and K is diagonal.
(2) ... any positive-definite covariance matrix Σ can be expressed as the covariance matrix of a SAR model $\Sigma_{\mathrm{SAR}}=\left(I-\tilde{B}\right)^{-1}\Lambda\left(I-\tilde{B}^\top\right)^{-1}$ for a (non-unique) pair of matrices $\tilde{B}$ and Λ where $\left(I-\tilde{B}\right)$ is non-singular, $\left[\tilde{B}\right]_{i,i}=0$, and Λ is diagonal.
(3) ... any SAR model can be written as a unique CAR model.

(Given as Formative assessment 4)

Exercise 26. ($\star$) Show that the local characteristics

$$\mathrm{pr}_1(x_1|x_2)=\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_1-x_2)^2\right)$$
$$\mathrm{pr}_2(x_2|x_1)=\sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi}}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_2-x_1)^2\right)$$

do not define a proper joint distribution on $\mathbb{R}^{\{1,2\}}$.

(Given as Problem class 4 material)

Exercise 27. ($\star\star$) Consider the model

$$Z = BZ + (I - B)\, X\beta + E$$

where $E \sim \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma^2 I\right)$, X is a $n \times p$ design matrix X, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, B is an $n \times n$ matrix with $[B]_{i,i} = 0$ and $(I - B)$ is non-singular.

(1) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{E}(Z) &= X\beta \\ \mathrm{Var}(Z) &= \sigma^2 (I - B)^{-1} \left(I - B^\top\right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Show that the above model is SAR for $Z - \mathrm{E}(Z)$

(3) Assume that $((I - B)\, X)^\top (I - B)\, X$ is non-singular. Compute the Maximum Likelihood Estimators (MLE) $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ of β and σ^2.

(4) Derive the sampling distribution of $\hat{\beta}$ given X.

(Given as Problem class 4 material)

Exercise 28. ($\star\star\star$) Suppose that $\mathcal{S}$ is a finite set that contains at least two elements and is equipped with a symmetric relation $\sim$. Consider the Poisson auto-regression model defined as

$$\begin{cases} y_i | y_{\mathcal{S}\setminus\{i\}} \sim & \mathrm{Poisson}\,(\mu_i) \\ \log(\mu_i) = & \theta \sum_{i\sim j, j\neq i} y_j \end{cases}$$

for $y \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{S}}$.

Hint: You can use that if $X \sim \mathrm{Poisson}\,(\mu)$ then X has PMF

$$\mathrm{pr}_X(x|\mu) = \frac{1}{x!} \exp(-\mu)\, \mu^x 1\,(x \in \{0, 1, 2, ...\})$$

(1) Show that the above model is well-defined if and only if $\theta \leq 0$.

(2) Find the canonical potential with respect to $\zeta = 0$.

Exercise 29. ($\star\star\star$) Consider the model

$$Z = X\beta + B\,(Z - X\beta) + E$$

where X is a $n \times p$ design matrix X, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, B is an $n \times n$ symmetric positive definite matrix with $[B]_{i,i} = 0$, $E \sim \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma^2 (I - B)\right)$, and $\sigma^2 > 0$.

(1) This is a multiple choice question, choose any number of correct answers.

(a) Z follows a simultaneous autoregressive (SAR) with Gaussian joint distribution with mean $X\beta$ and covariance matrix $\sigma^2 (I - B)^{-1}$

(b) Ising model
(c) Conditional autoregressive (CAR) with Gaussian joint distribution with mean $X\beta$ and covariance matrix $\sigma^2 I$
(d) Convolutional neural network (CNN)

(2) Compute the Maximum Likelihood Estimators (MLE) $\hat{\beta}$, and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ of β, and σ^2, as

$$\hat{\beta} = \left(X^\top (I-B) X\right)^{-1} X^\top (I-B) Z$$
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n}\left(Z - X\hat{\beta}\right)^\top (I-B)\left(Z - X\hat{\beta}\right)$$

(Given as Formative assessment 4)

Exercise 30. ($\star\star$) Let $Z \in \mathcal{Z}^{\mathcal{S}}$ where $\mathcal{S} = \{1, ..., n\}$ and $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{R}$. Consider the model

$$Z = X\beta + B(Z - X\beta) + E$$

where X is a $n \times p$ design matrix X, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, B is an $n \times n$ symmetric positive definite matrix with $[B]_{i,i} = 0$, $E \sim \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma^2 (I-B)\right)$, and $\sigma^2 > 0$.

Hint: The following formulas are provided for your information

- $\partial (XY) = (\partial X) Y + X (\partial Y)$
- $\partial \left(X^\top\right) = (\partial X)^\top$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(x^\top B x\right) = \left(B + B^\top\right) x$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left((s - Ax)^\top W (s - Ax)\right) = -2AW(s - Ax)$

(1) This is a multiple choice question, choose any number of correct answers.
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(b) Ising model
(c) Conditional autoregressive (CAR) with Gaussian joint distribution with mean $X\beta$ and covariance matrix $\sigma^2 I$
(d) Bernoulli regression

(2) Show that the minus two log Pseudo-Likelihood is such as

$$-2\log\left(\text{pseudo-}L\left(Z; \beta, \sigma^2\right)\right) = n\log\left(\sigma^2\right) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(Z - X\beta)^\top (I-B)^2 (Z - X\beta) + \text{const.}$$

(3) Compute the Maximum Pseudo-Likelihood Estimators (MPLE) $\tilde{\beta}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^2$ of β and σ^2

Exercise 31. ($\star\star$) Let B be a symmetric matrix with $[B]_{s,t} = 0$ and such that $(I - B)$ is positive definite. Consider the conditional autoregression model on a finite family $\mathcal{S} = \emptyset$ of sites defined by Gaussian local characteristics with

$$\mathrm{E}\left(Z_t | Z_{\mathcal{S}\setminus t}\right) = \mu + \sum_{s \neq t} [B]_{s,t} (Z_s - \mu)$$

and Var $\left(Z_t|Z_{\mathcal{S}\backslash t}\right) = 1$ for $s \in \mathcal{S}$ for some unknown parameter $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

(1) Compute the joint distribution of $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)^\top$

(2) Compute the MLE $\hat{\mu}$ of μ.

(3) Compute the sampling distribution of $\hat{\mu}$.

(4) Compute an $(1 - a)\,100\%$ confidence interval for μ based on the sampling distribution of $\hat{\mu}$ and with the minimum length. State any assumptions you take.

(5) Compute the rejection area $\mathcal{R}_a\left(\{Z_i\}\right)$ of the likelihood ratio test with null hypothesis $\mathrm{H}_0 : \mu = 0$ and alternative hypothesis $\mathrm{H}_1 : \mu \neq 0$ at significance level a.
