

**MTH443A: Midsem Examination**  
**Full Marks: 50**

[1] Let the covariance matrix of the random vector  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)^T$  ( $p > 1$ ) be  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ij})$ ; where  $\sigma_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, p$  and  $\sigma_{ij} = \rho$  for all  $i \neq j$  and  $i, j = 1, \dots, p$ .

(a) Prove or disprove the statement: For every  $\rho$  such that  $|\rho| < 1$ , elements of  $\underline{X}$  are not "linearly related with probability 1".  $-1 < \rho < 1$

(b) Suppose  $p = 5$  and  $\rho = -\frac{1}{5}$ , find the proportion of total variation in  $\underline{X}$  explained by the first principal component derived from the covariance matrix of  $\underline{X}$ .

**10 marks**

[2] The distance matrix corresponding to 6 multidimensional cases  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6$  is given by

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 23 & 14 & 24 & 13 & 7 \\ 23 & 0 & 10 & 21 & 12 & 11 \\ 14 & 10 & 0 & 9 & 3 & 7 \\ 24 & 21 & 9 & 0 & 6 & 17 \\ 13 & 12 & 3 & 6 & 0 & 8 \\ 7 & 11 & 7 & 17 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Construct the dendrogram tree corresponding to an agglomerative complete linkage hierarchical clustering algorithm.

(b) Identify the clusters of cases at a merger level 15.

(c) Find the level at which we get 3 clusters and list the objects in the clusters.

**10 Marks**

[3] Consider the following dataset with 15 observations of a bivariate random vector  $\underline{X} = (X_1, X_2)^T$ :

$$\mathcal{X} = \left\{ (12,10), (5,10), (6,3), (8,9), (1,21), (9,8), (8,1), (7,10), \right. \\ \left. (20,1), (2,4), (1,10), (5,12), (5,1), (6,7), (21,4) \right\},$$

where, for the  $i^{th}$  observation pair  $(x_{i1}, x_{i2}) \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $x_{i1}$  denotes the  $i^{th}$  observed value of  $X_1$  and  $x_{i2}$  denotes the  $i^{th}$  observed value of  $X_2$ .

(a) Compute kernel density estimate of the variable  $X_1$  at the points 10 and 15 using the rectangular kernel

$$K(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } |z| \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and with kernel bandwidth  $h = 4$ .

(b) Compute the density estimate of the variable  $X_2$  at the points 9 and 21 using a 4-nearest neighbor approach.

(c) Compute an estimate of the bivariate joint density of  $(X_1, X_2)$  at the point (9,9), assuming independence of the 2 components and using rectangular kernel (with kernel bandwidth  $h = 4$ ) based kernel density estimates of the two components.

**15 Marks**

[4] Let  $\underline{x}_1 = (0,2)^T$ ,  $\underline{x}_2 = (8,2)^T$ ,  $\underline{x}_3 = (4,6)^T$ ,  $\underline{x}_4 = (6,4)^T$ ,  $\underline{x}_5 = (4,4)^T$  and  $\underline{x}_6 = (6,2)^T$  be observed feature vectors of 6 cases  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6$ , respectively.

(a) 2 different clustering algorithms gave the following final cluster partitions:

**Algorithm I Partition:**  $(C_1, C_2), (C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6)$

**Algorithm II Partition:**  $(C_1, C_3), (C_2, C_4, C_5, C_6)$

Let

$$S_W = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^g \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ji} (\underline{x}_i - \underline{m}_j)(\underline{x}_i - \underline{m}_j)^T$$

be the pooled within cluster sum of squares and cross product scatter matrix for a fixed number,  $g$ , of clusters obtained from  $n$  cases.

$$z_{ji} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \underline{x}_i \in \text{cluster } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $\underline{m}_j$  is the mean of cluster  $j$ .

Which of the above partitions would you prefer if clustering criterion based on  $\text{trace}(S_W)$  is to be used?

(b) Starting from the random partition  $(C_3, C_2), (C_1, C_4, C_5, C_6)$ , obtain  $k$ -means clustering of the cases, with  $k = 2$ .

15 marks

(1)  
(a)  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & \dots & \rho \\ & 1 & \dots & \rho \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \rho \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{p \times p}$

$\Sigma$  is cov matrix  $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma$  is p.s.d.

$$|\Sigma| = (1-\rho)^{p-1} (1+(p-1)\rho)$$

For  $p=3$ , If  $\rho = -\frac{1}{p-1} = -\frac{1}{2} > -1$ , then  $|\Sigma| = 0$  and the elements of  $\underline{x}$  are linearly related w.p.1

Hence, the statement is disproved. (5)

For all  $\rho \geq -\frac{1}{p-1} < \rho < 1$ ,  $\Sigma > 0$  and hence elements of  $\underline{x}$  are not linearly related.

(b) For  $p=5$ ,  $\rho = -\frac{1}{5}$

$|\Sigma - \lambda I| = 0$  gives eigen values as

$$(1-\rho), (1-\rho), (1-\rho), (1-\rho), (1+(p-1)\rho)$$

i.e.  $\frac{6}{5}, \frac{6}{5}, \frac{6}{5}, \frac{6}{5}, \frac{1}{5}$

$\Rightarrow$  proportion of total variation in  $\underline{x}$  explained by 1<sup>st</sup> PC

is  $\frac{6}{25}$

(5)

$$(2) \quad D = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ c_6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ & 23 & 0 & & & \\ & 14 & 10 & 0 & & \\ & 24 & 21 & 9 & 0 & \\ & 13 & 12 & \boxed{3} & 6 & 0 \\ & 7 & 11 & 7 & 17 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

1st merger  $(c_3, c_5)$  — at level 3

$1\frac{1}{2}$

Updated distance matrix

$$D_2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_4 \\ c_6 \\ (c_3, c_5) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_4 \\ c_6 \\ (c_3, c_5) \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & 23 & 0 & & \\ & 24 & 21 & 0 & \\ & \boxed{7} & 11 & 17 & 0 \\ & 14 & 12 & 9 & 8 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$d_{(1, (3,5))} = \max(14, 13) = 14$$

$$d_{(2, (3,5))} = 12, \quad d_{(4, (3,5))} = 9, \quad d_{(6, (3,5))} =$$

2<sup>nd</sup> merger  $(c_1, c_6)$  — at level 7

$1\frac{1}{2}$

$D_3$

$$D_3 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ (c_3, c_5) \\ (c_1, c_6) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ (c_3, c_5) \\ (c_1, c_6) \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 21 & 0 & \\ & 12 & \boxed{9} & 0 \\ & 23 & 24 & 14 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

3<sup>rd</sup> merger  $(c_4, (c_3, c_5))$  — at level 9

$1\frac{1}{2}$

$$D_4 = \begin{matrix} & c_2 & & \\ & (c_1, c_6) & & \\ (c_4, (c_3, c_5)) & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & - & - \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ \boxed{2} & 1 & 2-4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

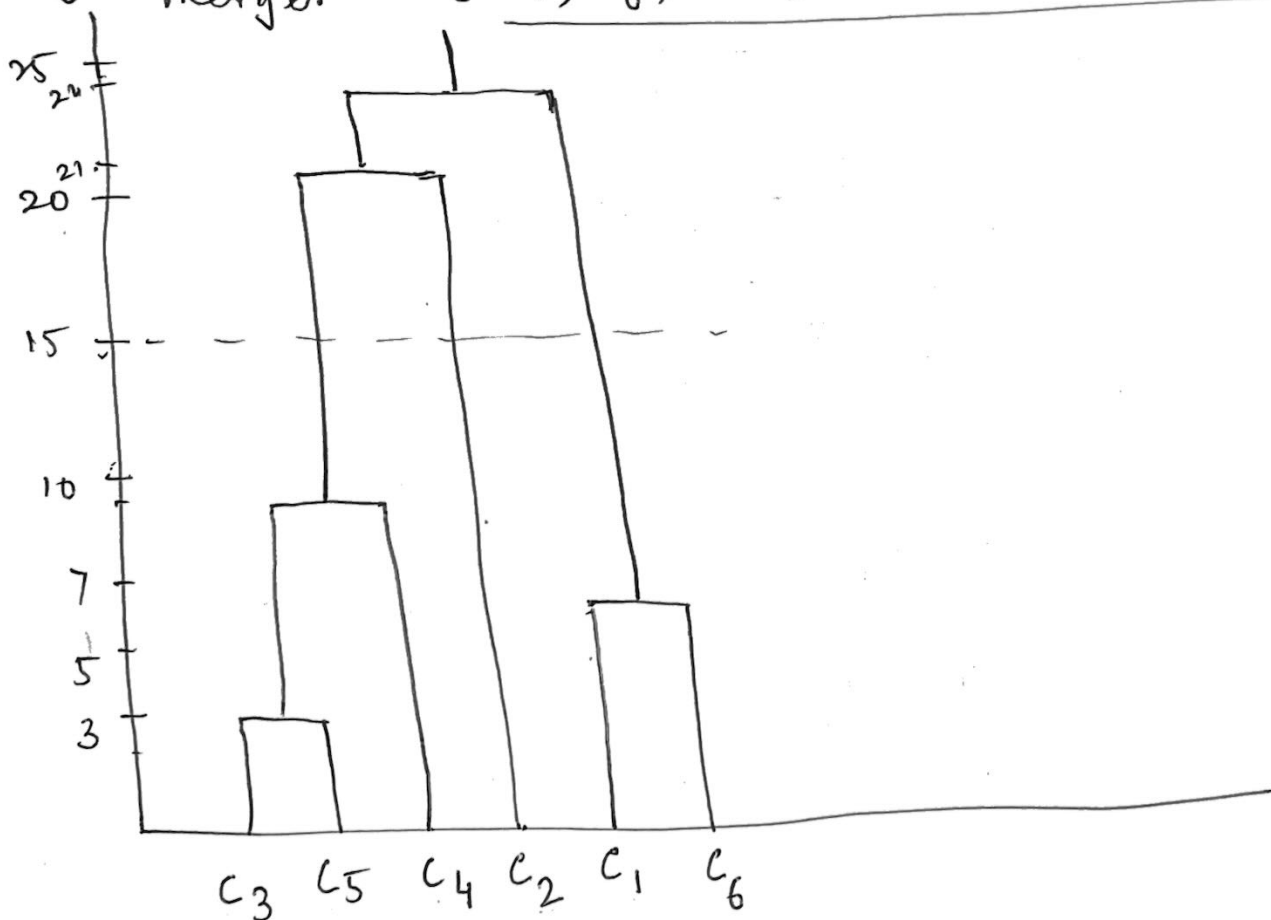
4<sup>th</sup> merger  $(c_2, (c_4, c_3, c_5))$  - at level 21

$(1\frac{1}{2})$

$$D_5 = \begin{matrix} & (c_1, c_6) & & \\ & & & \\ (c_2, c_4, c_3, c_5) & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

5<sup>th</sup> merger  $(c_1, c_6, c_2, c_4, c_3, c_5)$  - at level 24

$(1\frac{1}{2})$



Dendrogram

(b) cluster at level 15 -  $(c_3, c_4, c_5), (c_2), (c_1, c_6)$

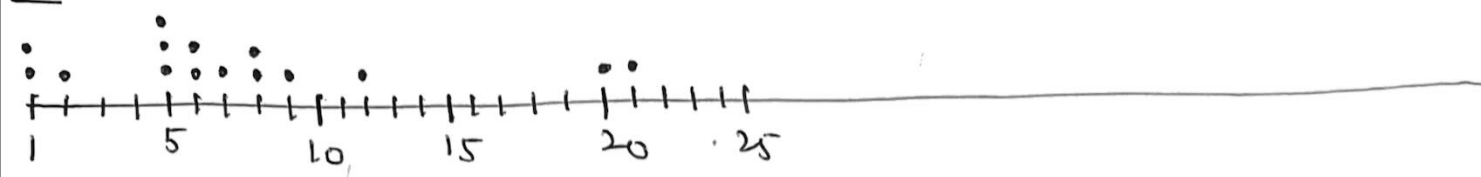
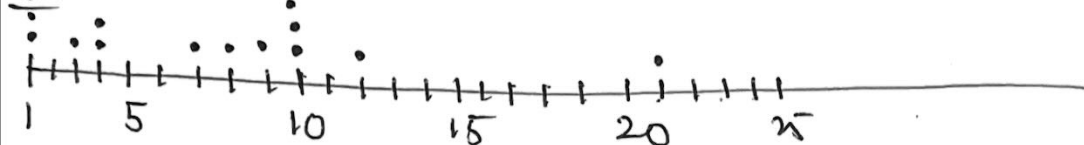
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(c) At merger level 9, we get 3 clusters

$(c_3, c_4, c_5), (c_2), (c_1, c_6)$

$(1)$

(3)

 $X_1$  $X_2$ 

(a)

KDE

$$f_1(10) = \frac{1}{15 \times 4} \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{1}{2} I(|10 - x_i| \leq 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{60} \times \frac{1}{2} (7) = \frac{7}{120} \quad - (3)$$

$$f_1(15) = \frac{1}{15 \times 4} \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{1}{2} I(|15 - x_i| \leq 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{120} (1) = \frac{1}{120} \quad - (3)$$

(b) K-nn

$$f_2(9) = \frac{4}{15} (V_4(9))^{-1} = \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{30} = \frac{2}{15} \quad (3)$$

$$f_2(21) = \frac{4}{15} (V_4(21))^{-1} = \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{22} = \frac{2}{165} \quad (3)$$

$$(c) \quad f_{1,2}(9,9) = f_1(9) f_2(9)$$

$$f_1(9) = \frac{10}{120} \quad f_2(9) = \frac{8}{120}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{1,2}(9,9) = \frac{1}{12 \times 15} \quad (3)$$

(4) (a)

$$\text{tr}(S_W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^g \sum_{i=1}^n z_{ji} \|x_i - \underline{m}_j\|^2$$

$$\text{i.e.} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^2 z_{ji} \|x_i - \underline{m}_j\|^2$$

Algorithm I partition

$$(c_1, c_2) \rightarrow \underline{m}_1 = (4, 2)$$

$$(c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6) \rightarrow \underline{m}_2 = (5, 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{tr } S_W)^I &= \frac{1}{6} \left( \{ \|x_1 - \underline{m}_1\|^2 + \|x_2 - \underline{m}_1\|^2 \} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \{ \|x_3 - \underline{m}_2\|^2 + \|x_4 - \underline{m}_2\|^2 + \|x_5 - \underline{m}_2\|^2 + \|x_6 - \underline{m}_2\|^2 \} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (\{32\} + \{12\}) = \frac{44}{6} \quad \left( 3\frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm II partition

$$(c_1, c_3) \rightarrow \underline{m}_1 = (2, 4)$$

$$(c_2, c_4, c_5, c_6) \rightarrow \underline{m}_2 = (6, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{tr } S_W)^{II} &= \frac{1}{6} (\{16\} + \{12\}) = \frac{28}{6} \\ &< (\text{tr } S_W)^I \quad \left( 3\frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Algorithm II partition is the preferred one

(b) Initial partition

$$I: (c_2, c_3) \quad II: (c_1, c_4, c_5, c_6)$$

$$\text{Centr: } (6, 4) \quad (4, 3)$$

$c_4$  is closer to  $(c_2, c_3)$  centroid than <sup>it's</sup> initial centroid

$\Rightarrow$  relocation of  $c_4$  to I

New partition

$$I: (c_2, c_3, c_4)$$

$$II: (c_1, c_5, c_6)$$

$$\text{Centr: } (6, 3)$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right)$$

$c_3$  is closer to II centroid than I centroid

$\Rightarrow$  relocation of  $c_3$  to II

New partition

$$I: (c_2, c_4)$$

$$II: (c_1, c_3, c_5, c_6)$$

$$\text{Centr: } (7, 3)$$

$$\left(\frac{14}{4}, \frac{14}{4}\right)$$

$c_6$  is closer to I centroid than II centroid

$\Rightarrow$  relocation of  $c_6$  to I

New partition

$$I: (c_2, c_4, c_6)$$

$$II: (c_1, c_3, c_5)$$

$$\text{Centr: } \left(\frac{20}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{8}{3}, 3\right)$$

No relocation reqd

Final partition:  $(c_2, c_4, c_6), (c_1, c_3, c_5)$

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