

2010 Qualifying Exam Section 2

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1 Problem 1

1.a

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{logit}\{P(Y_i = 1|X_i)\} &= \log(P(X_i|Y_i = 1)P(Y_i = 1)) - \log(P(X_i|Y_i = 0)P(Y_i = 0)) \\ &= \log \pi_1 + \log\left(\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu_1)^2\right\}\right) - \log(1 - \pi_1) - \log\left(\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu_0)^2\right\}\right) \\ &= \log \frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i^2 - 2\mu_1 x_i + \mu_1^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i^2 - 2\mu_0 x_i + \mu_0^2) \\ &= \log \frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1} + \frac{\mu_0^2 - \mu_1^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_0}{\sigma^2} x_i \\ &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_0 = \log \frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1} + \frac{\mu_0^2 - \mu_1^2}{2\sigma^2}$ and $\alpha_1 = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_0}{\sigma^2}$

1.b

Based on the model in part (a), we have $y_i|x_i \sim \text{Ber}(p_i)$, where

$$\text{logit}(p_i) = z_i^T \alpha \iff p_i = \frac{e^{z_i^T \alpha}}{1 + e^{z_i^T \alpha}}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{e^{z_i^T \alpha}(1 + e^{z_i^T \alpha})z_i - (e^{z_i^T \alpha})^2 z_i}{(1 + e^{z_i^T \alpha})^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{z_i^T \alpha}}{1 + e^{z_i^T \alpha}} \frac{1}{1 + e^{z_i^T \alpha}} z_i \\ &= p_i(1 - p_i)z_i\end{aligned}$$

Let ℓ_i be the i -th contribution to the log likelihood of $Y_i|X_i$. Then

$$\ell_i = y_i \log p_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p_i)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial p_i} &= \frac{y_i}{p_i} - \frac{1 - y_i}{1 - p_i} \\ &= \frac{y_i - p_i}{p_i(1 - p_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{y_i - p_i}{p_i(1 - p_i)} p_i(1 - p_i) z_i = (y_i - p_i) z_i$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha^T} = \frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial p_i \partial \alpha} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \alpha^T} - p_i(1 - p_i) z_i z_i^T$$

Let ℓ represent the log likelihood based on all n observations. Then

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) z_i = Z^T \mathbf{e}(\alpha)$$

where $\mathbf{e}(\alpha) = (y_1 - p_1(\alpha), \dots, y_n - p_n(\alpha))^T$

Moreover,

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha^T} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \ell_i}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha^T} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1 - p_i) z_i z_i^T = Z^T V(\alpha) Z$$

where $V(\alpha) = \text{diag}\{p_i(\alpha)(1 - p_i(\alpha))\}_{i=1}^n$

Thus, the Newton-Raphson algorithm is

$$\alpha^{(k+1)} = \alpha^{(k)} - [Z^T V(\alpha) Z]^{-1} Z^T \mathbf{e}(\alpha) \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha^{(k)}}$$

1.c

We have

$$p(x_i, 1) = p(x_i|y_i = 1)p(y_i = 1) = \pi_1(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu_1)^2 \right\}$$

$$p(x_i, 0) = p(x_i|y_i = 0)p(y_i = 0) = (1 - \pi_1)(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu_0)^2 \right\}$$

Thus, since $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ we can write the joint pdf as

$$p(x, y) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2} \pi_1^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} (1 - \pi_1)^{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-y_i)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [y_i(x_i - \mu_1)^2 + (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0)^2] \right\}$$

Let $\gamma = \sigma^2$ Then the log-likelihood function can be written as

$$\ell(\theta) = \frac{n}{2} \log \gamma + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log \pi_1 + \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log(1 - \pi_1) - \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i(x_i - \mu_1)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0)^2 \right]$$

To find the MLE's we take the partial derivatives of the log likelihood with respect to each parameter.

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \pi_1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\pi_1} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{1 - \pi_1} \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - n\pi_1 = 0 \implies \hat{\pi}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_0} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0) \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \implies \hat{\mu}_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i)x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_1} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(x_i - \mu_1) \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i = \mu_1 \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \implies \hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \gamma} &= -\frac{n}{2\gamma} + \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(x_i - \mu_1)^2 + (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0)^2] \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0 \\ \implies \frac{n}{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(x_i - \mu_1)^2 + (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0)^2] \\ \implies \hat{\gamma} &= \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(x_i - \hat{\mu}_1)^2 + (1 - y_i)(x_i - \hat{\mu}_0)^2] \end{aligned}$$

To find the asymptotic covariance matrix, we take the inverse of the Fisher information matrix. This is done by finding the expectations of the negative of all of the second-order partial derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned}
-\mathbb{E} \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \pi_1^2} &= -\mathbb{E} \left\{ -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\pi_1^2} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{1 - \pi_1^2} \right\} \\
&= \frac{n\pi_1}{\pi_1^2} + \frac{n(1 - \pi_1)}{(1 - \pi_1)^2} \\
&= \frac{n}{\pi_1} + \frac{n}{1 - \pi_1} \\
&= \frac{n}{\pi_1(1 - \pi_1)} \\
-E \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \mu_0^2} &= -\mathbb{E} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i) \right\} = \frac{n(1 - \pi_1)}{\gamma} = \frac{n(1 - \pi_1)}{\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Analogously, $-\mathbb{E} \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \mu_1^2} = \frac{n\pi_1}{\sigma^2}$

$$-\mathbb{E} \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \gamma^2} = -\mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{n}{2\gamma^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^3} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(x_i - \mu_1)^2 + (1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0)^2] \right\}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[y_1(x_1 - \mu_1) + (1 - y_1)(x_0 - \mu_0)] &= \sum_{y=0}^1 \int_{\mathcal{X}} \{y(x - \mu_1)^2 + (1 - y)(x - \mu_0)^2\} p(x, y) dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} (x - \mu_1)^2 p(x, 1) dx + \int_{\mathcal{X}} (x - \mu_0)^2 p(x, 0) dx \\
&= \pi_1 \sigma^2 + (1 - \pi_1) \sigma^2 \\
&= \sigma^2 = \gamma
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, since the (x_i, y_i) are i.i.d., we have

$$-\mathbb{E} \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \gamma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\gamma^2} + \frac{n}{\gamma^2} = \frac{n}{2\gamma^2} = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4}$$

Looking at the mixed partials, note that $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \pi_1}$ only depends on π_1 so all mixed partials involving π_1 are 0. $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_0}$ does not depend on μ_1 and likewise for $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_1}$, so these mixed partials are also 0. Finally, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(1 - y_i)(x_i - \mu_0) &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \sum_{y=0}^1 (1 - y)(x_i - \mu_0) p(x, y) dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{X}} (x_i - \mu_0) p(x, 0) dx \\
&= (1 - \pi_1) \int_{\mathcal{X}} (x_i - \mu_0) p(x|y=0) dx \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Since $p(x|y=0)$ is the density of a $N(\mu_0, \sigma^2)$ random variable. Thus, the expectation of the mixed partial of γ and μ_0 is 0, and analogously, so is that of γ and μ_1 .

Thus, the Fisher information is diagonal

$$I_n(\theta) = n \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi_1(1-\pi_1)}, \frac{1-\pi_1}{\sigma^2}, \frac{\pi_1}{\sigma^2}, \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \right\}$$

Thus, the asymptotic covariance matrix is

$$\Sigma \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(1/n) I_n(\theta)]^{-1} = \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \pi_1(1-\pi_1), \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\pi_1}, \frac{\sigma^2}{\pi_1}, 2\sigma^4 \right\}$$

And we have that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N_4(0, \Sigma)$$

1.d

$g : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and is given by

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)^T = g(\theta) = g(\pi_1, \mu_0, \mu_1, \sigma^2) = \left(\log \frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1} + \frac{\mu_0^2 - \mu_1^2}{2\sigma^2}, \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_0}{\sigma^2} \right)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial \pi_1} = \frac{1}{\pi_1} + \frac{1}{1 - \pi_1} = \frac{1}{\pi_1(1 - \pi_1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial \mu_0} = \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial \mu_1} = -\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_1}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\gamma^2} = \frac{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial \pi_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial \mu_0} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial \mu_1} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_2}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\gamma^2} = \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\sigma^4}$$

Let $L = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\pi_1(1-\pi_1)} & \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma^2} & -\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma^2} & \frac{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{2\sigma^4} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} & \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_1}{\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix}$. By the Delta Method,

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, L\Sigma L^T)$$

Let l_i denote the i th column of the L matrix. We have since Σ is diagonal,

$$\begin{aligned} L\Sigma L^T &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \Sigma_{ii} l_i l_i^T \\ &= \pi_1(1 - \pi_1) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\pi_1^2(1-\pi_1)^2} & 0 \\ \cdot & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \pi_1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu_0^2}{\sigma^4} & -\frac{\mu_0}{\sigma^4} \\ \cdot & \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma^4}{\pi_1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu_1^2}{\sigma^4} & -\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma^4} \\ \cdot & \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix} + 2\sigma^4 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2}{4\sigma^8} & \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^2(\mu_0 - \mu_1)}{2\sigma^8} \\ \cdot & \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^8} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\pi_1(1-\pi_1)} + \frac{\mu_0^2}{(1-\pi_1)\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu_1^2}{\pi_1\sigma^2} + \frac{(\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2)^2}{2\sigma^4} & -\frac{\mu_0}{(1-\pi_1)\sigma^2} - \frac{\mu_1}{\pi_1\sigma^2} + \frac{(\mu_1^2 - \mu_0^2)(\mu_0 - \mu_1)}{\sigma^4} \\ \cdot & \frac{1}{(1-\pi_1)\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\pi_1\sigma^2} + \frac{2(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2 Problem 2

2.a

Let $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)^T$ and let $X_i = (X_{i1}, \dots, X_{ip})^T$. Then we can write

$$Y_i = X_i^T \beta + U + \epsilon_i$$

As a result, we have

$$\mathbb{E}Y_i = \mathbb{E}\{X_i^T \beta + U + \epsilon_i\} = X_i^T \beta + \mathbb{E}U + \mathbb{E}\epsilon_i = X_i^T \beta + \alpha$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) &= \text{Cov}(X_i^T \beta + U + \epsilon_i, X_j^T \beta + U + \epsilon_j) \\ &= \text{Cov}(U + \epsilon_i, U + \epsilon_j) \\ &= \text{Cov}(U, U) + \text{Cov}(\epsilon_i, U) + \text{Cov}(U, \epsilon_j) + \text{Cov}(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j) \\ &= k\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{i=j\}}\end{aligned}$$

Let Σ be the covariance matrix of Y and let Σ_{ij} denote its ij -th element. Then

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \begin{cases} (k+1)\sigma^2 & , i = j \\ k\sigma^2 & , i \neq j \end{cases}$$

It follows that we can write $\Sigma = \sigma^2 I + k\sigma^2 J = \sigma^2(I + kJ)$. By the hint, we have that Σ is nonsingular. Σ is also positive semidefinite since all covariance matrices are positive semidefinite. Since Σ is positive semidefinite and nonsingular, Σ is positive definite. A formal argument is below:

By the hint, Σ is invertible. Thus, its determinant is nonzero. Since the determinant is equal to the product of the eigenvalues, all of the eigenvalues of Σ are nonzero. Since Σ is a covariance matrix, it is positive semidefinite. Thus, all the eigenvalues of Σ are non-negative. But since we have just argued the eigenvalues of Σ are nonzero, all the eigenvalues of Σ must be positive. Thus, Σ is positive definite.

2.b

Note we can write the model as

$$Y_i = \alpha + X_{i1}\beta_1 + \dots + X_{ip}\beta_p + U^* + \epsilon_i$$

where $U^* \sim N(0, k\sigma^2)$. Converting back to matrix notation, let $X^* = (\mathbf{1}, X_1, \dots, X_p)$ be the design matrix and let $\beta^* = (\alpha, \beta)^T$. We can express the model as

$$Y = X^*\beta^* + \delta$$

where $\delta \sim N(0, \Sigma)$, $\Sigma = \sigma^2(I + kJ)$

As stated in the problem, the $n \times p$ matrix consisting of the elements of $X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i$ is full rank (has rank p). Let Z be this matrix and let z_i be the i -th column of Z . Let \mathbf{x}_i denote the i -th column of the original design matrix, that is, $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})^T$. Then

$$z_i = \mathbf{x}_i - \bar{x}_i \mathbf{1} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{1}^T z_i = \sum_{j=1}^p z_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^p (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_{.j}) = 0$$

Hence, $\mathbf{1} \perp z_j$ for every j , so $\mathbf{1} \perp C(Z)$. Thus, $(\mathbf{1}, z_1, \dots, z_p)$ form a set of $(p+1)$ linearly independent vectors since Z is an $n \times p$ matrix of rank p and orthogonality implies linear independence. It follows that $(\mathbf{1}, Z)$ is a full rank $n \times (p+1)$ matrix.

We must show that $(\mathbf{1}, X)$ is a full rank matrix. Suppose $w \in C(\mathbf{1}, Z)$. Then $w = (\mathbf{1}, Z)b$ for some $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_p)^T$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} w &= (\mathbf{1}, Z)b \\ &= b_0 \mathbf{1} + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j z_j \\ &= b_0 \mathbf{1} + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j (\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{x}_{.j} \mathbf{1}) \\ &= b_0 \mathbf{1} + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \mathbf{x}_j - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \bar{x}_{.j} \mathbf{1} \\ &= (b_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \bar{x}_{.j}) \mathbf{1} + \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \mathbf{x}_j \\ &\in C(\mathbf{1}, X) \end{aligned}$$

and thus, $C(\mathbf{1}, Z) \subset C(\mathbf{1}, X) \implies r(\mathbf{1}, X) \geq r(\mathbf{1}, Z) = p+1$. So we have that $(\mathbf{1}, X)$ is a $n \times (p+1)$ matrix and thus $r(\mathbf{1}, X) \leq p+1$. Thus, we must have $r(\mathbf{1}, X) = p+1$ and hence $(\mathbf{1}, X)$ is full rank.

Since X^* is full rank, β^* is estimable because the columns of X^* form a basis for R^{p+1} , and hence we can find a P^T such that $I_p = P^T X^*$

2.c

Let $W = (I + kJ)$ so that $\Sigma = \sigma^2 W$ and to ease notation let $Z = X^*$ denote the design matrix. Then

$$L_n(\theta, \sigma^2) = \det\{\sigma^2 W\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - Z\theta)^T W^{-1} (y - Z\theta) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_n(\theta, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - Z\theta)^T W^{-1} (y - Z\theta) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} y^T W^{-1} y + \theta^T Z^T W^{-1} y - \frac{1}{2} \theta^T Z^T W^{-1} Z \theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (Z^T W^{-1} y - Z^T W^{-1} Z \theta) \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0$$

$$\implies \hat{\theta} = (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} y$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{E} \hat{\theta} = \mathbb{E} (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} y = (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} \mathbb{E} y = (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} Z \theta = \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\hat{\theta}) &= \text{Cov}((Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} y) \\ &= (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} \text{Cov}(y) W^{-1} Z (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} \\ &= (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} (\sigma^2 W) W^{-1} Z (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} W W^{-1} Z (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{\theta}$ is a linear function of y , which is multivariate normal, we have

$$\hat{\theta} \sim N_{p+1}(\theta, \sigma^2 (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1})$$

2.d

We can write the sum of squares as

$$Q = (y - Z\theta)^T(y - Z\theta) = y^T y - 2\theta^T Z^T y + \theta^T Z^T Z \theta$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \theta} = -2Z^T y + 2Z^T Z \theta$$

which equals 0 if and only if $\tilde{\theta} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y$

Now, consider the transformation

$$y^* = W^{-1/2} y = W^{-1/2} Z \theta + W^{-1/2} \epsilon = Z^* \theta + \epsilon^*$$

where $\epsilon^* = W^{-1/2} \epsilon \sim N(0, W^{-1/2} \sigma^2 W W^{-1/2}) =_d N(0, \sigma^2 I)$.

By the Gauss Markov theorem, the BLUE is given by

$$\hat{\beta}^* = (Z^{*T} Z^*)^{-1} Z^{*T} y^* = (Z^T W^{-1} Z)^{-1} Z^T W^{-1} y = \hat{\beta}$$

Note that $\hat{\theta}$ is a linear estimator and by part (b) α is estimable, so there exists some ρ such that $\lambda' = \rho' X$ where $\lambda' \theta = \alpha$. By the Gauss Markov Theorem, we have

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\alpha}) = \text{Var}(a' y^*) = \text{Var}(a' y^* - \rho' M y^* + \rho' M y^*)$$

Since $\hat{\theta}$ is unbiased for θ , we know that $\text{Cov}(a' y^* - \rho' M y^*, \rho' M y^*) = 0$. Thus, we have

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\alpha}) = \text{Var}(\rho' M y^*) + \text{Var}(a' y^* - \rho' M y^*) = \text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}) + \text{Var}(a' y^* - \rho' M y^*)$$

So if the variance is larger, we need to show $\text{Var}(a' y - \rho' M y) > 0$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(a' y^* - \rho' M y^*) = 0 &\iff (a^T - \rho^T M) \text{Cov}(y^*) (a^T - \rho^T M)^T = 0 \\ &\iff (a - M\rho)^T \text{Cov}(y^*) (a - M\rho) = 0 \\ &\iff (a - M\rho)^T \sigma^2 I (a - M\rho) = 0 \\ &\iff \sigma^2 (a - M\rho)^T (a - M\rho) = 0 \\ &\iff \|a - M\rho\|^2 = 0 \\ &\iff a - M\rho = 0 \\ &\iff a = M\rho \end{aligned}$$

Now, since Z is full rank, $\tilde{\alpha} = \lambda^T \tilde{\theta}$ and $\hat{\alpha} = \lambda^T \hat{\theta}$. These two estimators are clearly different, so $a \neq M\rho$. Thus, we have $\text{Var}(\hat{\alpha}) < \text{Var}(\tilde{\alpha})$

3 Problem 3

3.a

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} AUC(\beta) &= P(\beta^T X_1 \geq \beta^T Y_1) \\ &= P(\beta^T (X_1 - Y_1) \geq 0) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Now, $\mathbb{E}\beta^T(X_1 - Y_1) = \beta^T(\mathbb{E}X_1 - \mathbb{E}Y_1) = \beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$ and since X_1 and Y_1 are independent,

$$\text{Var}(\beta^T(X_1 - Y_1)) = \text{Var}(\beta^T X_1 - \beta^T Y_1) = \text{Var}(\beta^T X_1) + \text{Var}(\beta^T Y_1) = \beta^T \Sigma \beta + \beta^T \Sigma \beta = 2\beta^T \Sigma \beta$$

Thus, since X_1 and Y_1 are independent bivariate normal and $\beta^T(X_1 - Y_1)$ is a linear function of them, we have

$$\beta^T(X_1 - Y_1) \sim N(\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2), 2\beta^T \Sigma \beta)$$

By the relationship in (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} AUC &= P\left(\frac{\beta^T(X_1 - Y_1) - \beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}} \geq -\frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}}\right) \\ &= P\left(N(0, 1) \geq -\frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}}\right) \\ &= P\left(N(0, 1) \leq \frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where the third equality follows by the symmetry of the normal pdf about 0.

3.b

Let $Q(\beta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{(\beta^T \Sigma \beta)^{1/2}}$. Since AUC is a monotone increasing function of $Q(\beta)$, optimizing AUC is equivalent to optimizing $Q(\beta)$.

We have

$$Q'(\beta) = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\beta^T \Sigma \beta^{1/2}) - \beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\beta^T \Sigma \beta)^{-1/2} \Sigma \beta}{\sqrt{2} \beta^T \Sigma \beta} \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0$$

$$\iff \beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\beta^T \Sigma \beta)^{-1/2} \Sigma \beta = (\beta^T \Sigma \beta)^{1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

$$\iff \frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \Sigma \beta}{\beta^T \Sigma \beta} = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

Let $\hat{\beta} = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$. Then

$$LHS = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \Sigma \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma (\mu_1 - \mu_2)} = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

And hence $\hat{\beta} = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$ is optimal, corresponding to

$$Q(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma (\mu_1 - \mu_2) / [(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma (\mu_1 - \mu_2)]^{1/2} = \left(\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{2} \right)^{1/2}$$

ALTERNATE SOLUTION: By the Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\beta) &= \frac{\beta^T(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma \beta}} \\ &= \frac{\beta^T \Sigma^{1/2} \Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{2\beta^T \Sigma^{1/2} \Sigma^{1/2} \beta}} \\ &= \frac{(\Sigma^{1/2} \beta)^T (\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2))}{\sqrt{2} \|\Sigma^{1/2} \beta\|} \\ &\leq \frac{\|\Sigma^{1/2} \beta\| \times \|\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)\|}{\sqrt{2} \|\Sigma^{1/2} \beta\|} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\beta = \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$ is the maximum since it attains the upper bound.

3.c

The likelihood equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mu_1, \mu_2, \Sigma) &= \prod_{i=1}^n L(\mu_1, \Sigma | x_i) \times \prod_{j=1}^m L(\mu_2, \Sigma | y_j) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \det\{\Sigma\}^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu_1) \right\} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^m \left\{ \det\{\Sigma\}^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y_j - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_j - \mu_2) \right\} \right\} \\
&= \det\{\Sigma\}^{-\frac{n+m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu_1)] + \sum_{j=1}^m [(y_j - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_j - \mu_2)] \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell(\mu_1, \mu_2, \Sigma) &= -\frac{n+m}{2} \log \det\{\Sigma\} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu_1) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j - \mu_2)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_j - \mu_2)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{n+m}{2} \log \det\{\Sigma\} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)(x_i - \mu_1)^T \right\} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j - \mu_2)(y_j - \mu_2)^T \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu_1} = \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)$$

which is 0 if and only if $\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{x}$. Similarly, we have $\hat{\mu}_2 = \bar{y}$.

Note that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} \log \det\{\Sigma\} = \frac{1}{\det\{\Sigma\}} \frac{\partial \det\{\Sigma\}}{\partial \Sigma_{ij}} = \frac{1}{\det\{\Sigma\}} \text{adj}(\Sigma)_{ji} = (\Sigma^{-1})_{ji} = (\Sigma^{-1})_{ij}$$

and thus we have $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} \log \det\{\Sigma\} = \Sigma^{-1}$.

Note also that

$$\frac{\partial \text{tr}(AB)}{\partial A} = B^T$$

So by relationship (3.3), we have

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Sigma^{-1}} = \frac{n+m}{2} \Sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)(x_i - \mu_2)^T - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j - \mu_2)(y_j - \mu_2)^T$$

Setting this equal to 0, we get

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \left(\frac{1}{n+m} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)(x_i - \mu_2)^T + \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j - \mu_2)^T (y_j - \mu_2) \right)$$

By the invariance property of MLEs, we have

$$\hat{A} = \Phi \left(\left[(\hat{\mu}_1 - \hat{\mu}_2)^T \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\hat{\mu}_1 - \hat{\mu}_2) / 2 \right]^{1/2} \right)$$

3.d

One can use the Delta method directly here or use the theory of maximum likelihood theory to get the asymptotic distribution, but you do not have to. Let $\hat{\eta} = \hat{\mu}_1 - \hat{\mu}_2$ and let $\eta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$. Focusing on what is inside the Φ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta}'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\hat{\eta} - \eta'\Sigma\eta) &= \sqrt{n}\left\{(\hat{\eta} - \eta + \eta)'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta + \eta) - \eta'\Sigma^{-1}\eta\right\} \\ &= \sqrt{n}\left\{(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) + 2\eta'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) + \eta'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\eta - \eta'\Sigma^{-1}\eta\right\} \\ &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) + 2\sqrt{n}\eta'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) + \sqrt{n}\eta'(\hat{\Sigma}^{-1} - \Sigma^{-1})\eta \\ &= A_n + B_n + C_n\end{aligned}$$

Now, by the WLLN, $\hat{\Sigma}$ is consistent for Σ , and so by the continuous mapping theorem, $\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}$ is consistent for Σ^{-1} . Thus, we can write $\hat{\Sigma}^{-1} = \Sigma^{-1}(1 + o_p(1))$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}A_n &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\Sigma^{-1}(1 + o_p(1))(\hat{\eta} - \eta) \\ &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\Sigma^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) + o_p(1)\sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'(\hat{\eta} - \eta)\end{aligned}$$

By the central limit theorem and the continuous mapping theorem, $\Sigma^{-1/2}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) \rightarrow N_2(0, (1 + \tau^2)I)$ in distribution. Hence, $n(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\Sigma^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) = O_p(1)$, so $(\hat{\eta} - \eta)'\Sigma^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) = O_p(1/n)$ and so the left hand side of A_n is $o_p(1)$. Similarly, we have the right-hand side of A_n is $o_p(1)$. Thus, $A_n = o_p(1)$.

Let $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2)$ and $\hat{\mu} = (\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\mu}_2)$. By the multivariate version of the CLT and by the above,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu} - \mu) = \sqrt{n}\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_1 - \mu_1 \\ \tau(\hat{\mu}_2 - \mu_2) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N_4\left(0, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \tau^2\Sigma \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

where the covariance matrix is block diagonal because the x 's and y 's are independent.

Hence, by the continuous mapping theorem, we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) \xrightarrow{d} N_2(0, (1 + \tau^2)\Sigma)$$

Thus, by Slutsky's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}B_n &= 2\sqrt{n}\eta'\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\eta} - \eta) \xrightarrow{d} 2\eta'N_2(0, (1 + \tau^2)\Sigma^{-1/2}) \\ &\stackrel{d}{=} N_1(0, 4(1 + \tau)^2\eta^T\Sigma^{-1/2}\eta)\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$C_n = \sqrt{n}(\eta^T\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\eta - \eta^T\Sigma^{-1}\eta) \rightarrow N(0, \delta^2)$$

in distribution, where $\delta^2 = n\text{Var}(\eta_1^2(\hat{\Sigma}^{-1})_{11} + \eta_2^2(\hat{\Sigma}^{-1})_{22} + 2\eta_{12}(\hat{\Sigma}^{-1})_{12})$

As a result, the whole thing converges to a normal distribution, and then we can apply the function Φ using the delta method to get the final result.