

The exam is closed book; students are permitted to prepare one  $8.5 \times 11$  page of formulas, notes, etc. that can be used during the exam. A calculator is permitted but not necessary for the exam. Do all 4 problems (the problems with the three highest scores are worth 30% each, the problem with the lowest score is worth 10%).

**Problem 1.** (10 points) Suppose  $\mathbf{x} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$  where  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  is an  $n \times n$  positive definite matrix such that  $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^\top$  where  $\mathbf{C}$  is a lower triangular  $n \times n$  matrix with positive elements on its diagonal.

(a - 5 pts) Find the distribution of  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$ .

(b - 5 pts) Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with rank  $r$ . If  $\mathbf{C}^\top \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C}$  is idempotent, then show that  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} \sim \chi^2(r)$ .

(Note: If  $\mathbf{y} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ , the mgf of  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $M_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{\mathbf{t}'\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{t}'\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{t}/2}$  and the mgf of  $\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}$  is

$$M_{\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}}(t) = \det(\mathbf{I} - 2t\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma})^{-1/2} e^{-\boldsymbol{\mu}^\top (\mathbf{I} - 2t\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma})^{-1} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} / 2}.$$

If  $v \sim \chi^2(p, \lambda)$ , then the mgf of  $v$  is  $M_v(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-p/2} e^{-\lambda[1 - 1/(1 - 2t)]}$ . You may use these if they are helpful, but you are also free to use any theorems that we have used in class.)

**Problem 2.** (10 points) Suppose that  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_{16} \end{pmatrix} \sim N_{16}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_9 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_9(\mathbf{0}, 4\mathbf{I})$ , and that  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are independent random vectors. Also, let  $\mathbf{j}$  be a 16-dimensional vector of ones.

(a - 5 pts) Compute  $P\left(\mathbf{j}^\top \mathbf{z} > \sqrt{\mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y}}\right)$  using the attached tables.

(b - 5 pts) Compute  $P\left(\mathbf{j}^\top \mathbf{z} < 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} < 20\right)$  using the attached tables.

**Problem 3.** (10 points) For fixed  $\lambda > 0$  and observed values of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ , let

$$\tilde{Q}(b) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - bx_i)^2 + \lambda b^2.$$

(a - 4 pts) Find the value of  $b$  which minimizes  $\tilde{Q}$  (as a function of  $\lambda$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , and  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ).

(b - 2 pts) Denote the minimizer in part (a) as  $\hat{\beta}_\lambda$ . Show that  $\hat{\beta}_\lambda$  is the minimizer of  $\tilde{Q}$ .

(c - 3 pts) Suppose that  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are independent random variables such that  $E(y_i) = \beta x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are values of a fixed non-random explanatory variable. Compute  $E(\hat{\beta}_\lambda)$ .

(d - 1 pt) What happens to  $E(\hat{\beta}_\lambda)$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ?

**Problem 4.** (10 points) Consider the linear regression model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is a random variable such that  $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}_n$ ,  $\text{cov}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$ . Also,  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{x})$  is an  $n \times 2$  design matrix,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a 2-dimensional vector of fixed but unknown coefficients,  $\sigma^2$  is the fixed but unknown variance,  $\mathbf{x}$  is a known non-random  $n$ -dimensional column vector, and  $\mathbf{j}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional column vector of ones.

Suppose we have a data set with the following summary statistics:

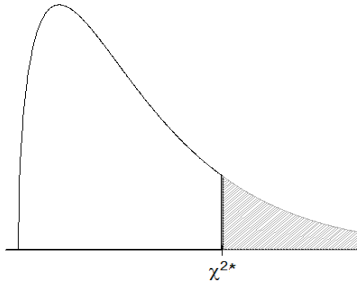
$$n = \mathbf{j}^\top \mathbf{j} = 7, \mathbf{j}^\top \mathbf{x} = -1, \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} = 3, \mathbf{j}^\top \mathbf{y} = -5, \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y} = 4, \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} = 9.$$

(a - 6 pts) Compute the least squares estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  based on the data set.

(b - 4 pts) Denote your answer to (a) as  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  and let  $Q(\mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})^\top (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b})$ .

Compute  $Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  and divide it by an appropriate constant to obtain an unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$  based on the data set.

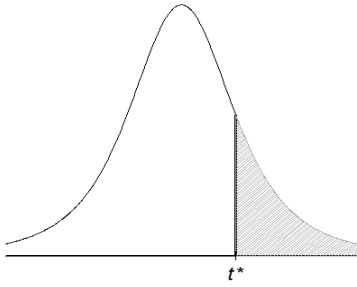




If  $Q$  is a random variable with a  $\chi^2$  distribution having  $df$  degrees of freedom, then the critical value  $\chi^{2*}$  in the table is the value such that the shaded area is  $p = P(Q > \chi^{2*})$ .

**Critical Values for  $\chi^2$  distribution**

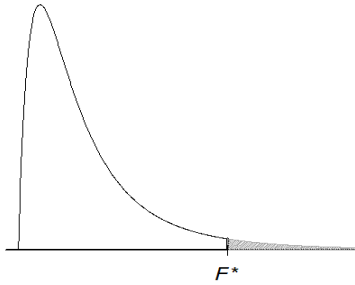
<i>df</i>	<i>p</i>											
	.995	.98	.88	.83	.75	.47	.35	.24	.16	.05	.02	.01
<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	5	7
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	4	6	8	9
<b>3</b>	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	4	5	8	10	11
<b>4</b>	0	0	1	1	2	4	4	5	7	9	12	13
<b>5</b>	0	1	2	2	3	5	6	7	8	11	13	15
<b>6</b>	1	1	2	3	3	6	7	8	9	13	15	17
<b>7</b>	1	2	3	4	4	7	8	9	11	14	17	18
<b>8</b>	1	2	4	4	5	8	9	10	12	16	18	20
<b>9</b>	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	12	13	17	20	22
<b>10</b>	2	3	5	6	7	10	11	13	14	18	21	23
<b>11</b>	3	4	6	7	8	11	12	14	16	20	23	25
<b>12</b>	3	4	7	7	8	12	13	15	17	21	24	26
<b>13</b>	4	5	7	8	9	13	14	16	18	22	25	28
<b>14</b>	4	5	8	9	10	14	15	17	19	24	27	29
<b>15</b>	5	6	9	10	11	15	16	18	20	25	28	31
<b>16</b>	5	7	10	11	12	16	18	20	22	26	30	32
<b>17</b>	6	7	11	11	13	17	19	21	23	28	31	33
<b>18</b>	6	8	11	12	14	18	20	22	24	29	32	35
<b>19</b>	7	9	12	13	15	19	21	23	25	30	34	36
<b>20</b>	7	9	13	14	15	20	22	24	26	31	35	38
<b>21</b>	8	10	14	15	16	21	23	25	27	33	36	39
<b>22</b>	9	11	15	16	17	22	24	26	28	34	38	40
<b>23</b>	9	11	15	17	18	23	25	27	30	35	39	42
<b>24</b>	10	12	16	17	19	24	26	28	31	36	40	43
<b>25</b>	11	13	17	18	20	25	27	30	32	38	42	44



If  $T$  is a random variable with a  $t$  distribution having  $df$  degrees of freedom, then the critical value  $t^*$  in the table is the value such that the shaded area is  $p = P(T > t^*)$ .

**Critical Values for  $t$  distribution**

	$p$									
$df$	.36	.24	.16	.08	.05	.02	.01	.001	.0001	.00001
1	0.5	1.1	1.8	3.9	6.3	15.9	31.8	318	3183	31831
2	0.4	0.9	1.3	2.2	2.9	4.8	7.0	22.3	70.7	224
3	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.9	2.4	3.5	4.5	10.2	22.2	47.9
4	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	2.1	3.0	3.7	7.2	13.0	23.3
5	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.8	3.4	5.9	9.7	15.5
6	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	5.2	8.0	12.0
7	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.9	2.5	3.0	4.8	7.1	10.1
8	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.9	4.5	6.4	8.9
9	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.4	2.8	4.3	6.0	8.1
10	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.4	2.8	4.1	5.7	7.5
11	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.7	4.0	5.5	7.1
12	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.9	5.3	6.8
13	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.9	5.1	6.5
14	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.6	3.8	5.0	6.3
15	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.7	4.9	6.1
16	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.7	4.8	6.0
17	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.6	4.7	5.8
18	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.6	4.6	5.7
19	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.6	4.6	5.6
20	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.6	4.5	5.5
21	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5
22	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.4
23	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.4	5.3
24	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.4	5.3
25	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5	4.4	5.2



If  $f$  is a random variable with an  $F$  distribution having  $df1$  and  $df2$  degrees of freedom, then the critical value  $F^*$  in the table is the value such that the shaded area is  $P(f > F^*) = .05$ .

Level .05 critical values for  $F$  distribution

		$df1 = \text{degrees of freedom in the numerator}$									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$df2 = \text{degrees of freedom in the denominator}$	1	161	200	216	225	230	234	237	239	241	242
	2	18.51	19.00	19.16	19.25	19.30	19.33	19.35	19.37	19.38	19.40
	3	10.13	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81	8.79
	4	7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96
	5	6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77	4.74
	6	5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06
	7	5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.64
	8	5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.35
	9	5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.14
	10	4.96	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02	2.98
	11	4.84	3.98	3.59	3.36	3.20	3.09	3.01	2.95	2.90	2.85
	12	4.75	3.89	3.49	3.26	3.11	3.00	2.91	2.85	2.80	2.75
	13	4.67	3.81	3.41	3.18	3.03	2.92	2.83	2.77	2.71	2.67
	14	4.60	3.74	3.34	3.11	2.96	2.85	2.76	2.70	2.65	2.60
	15	4.54	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59	2.54
	16	4.49	3.63	3.24	3.01	2.85	2.74	2.66	2.59	2.54	2.49
	17	4.45	3.59	3.20	2.96	2.81	2.70	2.61	2.55	2.49	2.45
	18	4.41	3.55	3.16	2.93	2.77	2.66	2.58	2.51	2.46	2.41
	19	4.38	3.52	3.13	2.90	2.74	2.63	2.54	2.48	2.42	2.38
	20	4.35	3.49	3.10	2.87	2.71	2.60	2.51	2.45	2.39	2.35
	21	4.32	3.47	3.07	2.84	2.68	2.57	2.49	2.42	2.37	2.32
	22	4.30	3.44	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.55	2.46	2.40	2.34	2.30
	23	4.28	3.42	3.03	2.80	2.64	2.53	2.44	2.37	2.32	2.27
	24	4.26	3.40	3.01	2.78	2.62	2.51	2.42	2.36	2.30	2.25
	25	4.24	3.39	2.99	2.76	2.60	2.49	2.40	2.34	2.28	2.24