## Answer TD1 GLM

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**Exercise 1.1** (Proof of Cochran's theorem). Let Z be a Gaussian random vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I_n)$ , where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\sigma > 0$ . Let  $F_1, \ldots, F_m$  be subspaces of dimension  $d_i$ , orthogonal to each other such that  $\mathbb{R}^n = F_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus F_m$ . For  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ , let  $P_{F_i}$  denote the orthogonal projection matrix onto  $F_i$ . Prove that

1. The random vectors  $P_{F_1}Z, \ldots, P_{F_m}Z$  have respective distributions

$$N(P_{F_1}\mu, \sigma^2 P_{F_1}), \dots, N(P_{F_m}\mu, \sigma^2 P_{F_m})$$
 (1)

- 2. The random vectors  $P_{F_1}Z, \ldots, P_{F_m}Z$  are pairwise independent.
- 3. The random variables

$$\frac{\|P_{F_1}(Z-\mu)\|^2}{\sigma^2}, \dots, \frac{\|P_{F_m}(Z-\mu)\|^2}{\sigma^2}$$
 (2)

have respective distributions  $\chi^2(d_1), \ldots, \chi^2(d_m)$ .

4. The random variables

$$\frac{\|P_{F_1}(Z-\mu)\|^2}{\sigma^2}, \dots, \frac{\|P_{F_m}(Z-\mu)\|^2}{\sigma^2}$$
 (3)

are pairwise independent.

**Exercise 1.2** (Proof of Proposition 1. of the chapter 1). Let X be the design matrix of size  $n \times (p+1)$ . We assume X to be full rank  $(\operatorname{rank}(X) = p+1)$ . Let define the following linear model

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

with  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$ . Let

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}} \|Y - X\beta\|^2$$

be the ordinary least square estimator (OLSE).

1. Show that OLSE exists and is unique such that

$$\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}(Y) = (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}Y$$

2. Application for p = 1: Let  $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$  be n pairs of real numbers. Determine the real  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  that minimize  $RSS(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ . Interpret.

**Exercise 1.3.** Let X be a  $n \times p$  matrix of rank p. Let  $\hat{Y}$  be the orthogonal project on the space [X] generated by the column vectors of X of a vector Y of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) = 0$  if one of the column vectors of X is the vector  $\mathbf{1}_n = (1, \ldots, 1)$ . Interpret.

**Exercise 1.4.** We consider the following simple linear regression statistical model:  $Y_i = \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i$ , for i = 1, ..., n where the  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent, centered, of constant variance. We define two estimators of  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2}$$
 and  $\beta^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}$ 

- 1. What is the logic of construction of these estimators?
- 2. Show that they are unbiased estimators of  $\beta$ .
- 3. Compare the variances of these two estimators.

Exercise 1.5 (An important result). We consider the Gaussian linear regression model:

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0_n, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^r$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and X matrix of size  $n \times r$  of rank r.

- 1. Recall the matrix closed form of the OLSE and give an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .
- 2. Compute the maximum likelihood estimators of  $\beta$  and  $\sigma^2$ .
- 3. Conclude.

**Exercise 1.6** (Unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  in the non-Gaussian model). Consider the following non-Gaussian linear model:

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

with  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , X of full rank, and the  $\epsilon_i$  independent, centered and of variance  $\sigma^2$ . We pose:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-p} \|Y - X\hat{\beta}\|^2$$

We note  $Tr(\cdot)$  the trace of a matrix.

- 1. Show that  $(n-p)\hat{\sigma}^2 = \text{Tr}(\epsilon^{\top} P_{X^{\perp}} \epsilon)$
- 2. Using the fact that Tr(AB) = Tr(BA) for A and B of respective size  $(m \times n)$  and  $(n \times m)$ , show that

$$(n-p)E_{\beta}[\hat{\sigma}^2] = \sigma^2 \text{Tr}(P_{X^{\perp}})$$

3. Deduce that  $E_{\beta}[\hat{\sigma}^2] = \sigma^2$ .

**Exercise 1.7** (Proof of theorem 4 chapter 4). Consider the following Gaussian linear model  $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$  where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , X is a full rank matrix of size  $n \times r$  (n > r). Let  $C \in M_{q,r}(\mathbb{R})$ . We want to test

$$H_0: C\beta = 0_q$$
 versus  $H_1: C\beta \neq 0_q$ 

We assume that  $\operatorname{rg}(C) = q \leq r$ . Therefore, you will note that  $\operatorname{rg}(C^{\top}) = q$  where  $C^{\top}$  is the transpose of C.

- 1. Show that if  $Z \sim N_q(0_q, \Sigma)$  then  $Z^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} Z \sim \chi_q^2$ .
- 2. Show that  $C(X^{\top}X)^{-1}C^{\top}$  is a symmetric and invertible matrix.
- 3. Recall the ordinary least squares expression  $\hat{\beta}$ .
- 4. What is the law of  $\hat{\beta}$ ?
- 5. Deduce the law of  $C\hat{\beta}$  under the hypothesis  $H_0$ .
- 6. Deduce that, under  $H_0$ ,

$$R = \frac{(C\hat{\beta})^{\top} (C(X^{\top}X)^{-1}C^{\top})^{-1} (C\hat{\beta})}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_q^2$$

7. Conclude that, under  $H_0$ ,

$$F = \frac{\hat{\beta}^{\top} C^{\top} (C(X^{\top} X)^{-1} C^{\top})^{-1} C \hat{\beta}}{q \hat{\sigma}^2}$$

is distributed according to a Fisher distribution with (q, n - r) degrees of freedom. Each step of the reasoning must be carefully justified.

8. Justify and construct a test of  $H_0$  against  $H_1$  of level  $\alpha$ .

**Exercise 1.8** (MCQ). We have observations  $(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\forall i = 1, ..., n$ . We consider the following classical Gaussian linear model:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

where  $(\beta_0, \beta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  are i.i.d. Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Assume X is a full rank matrix and note  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  the least squares

estimators of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ .

For each of the following questions, give the answer.

- 1. Are the variables  $Y_i$  independent and identically distributed?
  - a) Yes b) No c) not always
- 2. Does the regression line calculated on the observations pass through the mean point  $(\bar{x},\bar{y})$ ?
  - a) Yes b) No c) Only if I am lucky
- 3. Is it possible to find estimators of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  with smaller variance than the ordinary least squares estimators?
  - a) Yes b) No c) Maybe.
- 4. Are  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  independent?
  - a) Yes b) No c) It depends on the matrix X

- 5. If the coefficient of determination  $R^2$  calculated on the observations is equal to 1, are the points  $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1,\dots,n}$  aligned?
  - a) Yes b) No c) Not necessarily
- 6. Are  $\hat{Y}$  and  $Y \hat{Y}$  independent?
  - a) Yes b) No c) It depends on the matrix X
- 7. Are  $\bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i}{n}$  and  $Y \hat{Y}$  independent?
  - a) Yes b) No c) It depends on the matrix X
- 8. Is the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\sigma^2$  unbiased?
  - a) Yes b) No c) We don't know

**Exercise 1.9** (This exercise will be solved without the tools of linear algebra). Let  $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$  be n pairs of real numbers. We suppose that  $y_i$  are the realization of  $Y_i$  whose law is given by the following equation:

$$Y_i = a + bx_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \sim_{i,i,d} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- 1. Determine  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$  the maximum likelihood estimators of a and b. Interpret the estimators.
- 2. Show that these estimators are unbiased.
- 3. Calculate the variance of the estimators  $\operatorname{Var}_{\beta}(\hat{A})$  and  $\operatorname{Var}_{\beta}(\hat{B})$ . How do these variances vary as a function of  $\sigma^2$  and the experimental design  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ ?
- 4. Compute the covariance of  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$ . Comment.
- 5. Let  $\hat{Y}_i = \hat{A} + \hat{B}x_i$  and  $\hat{\varepsilon}_i = Y_i \hat{Y}_i$ . Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i = 0$ .
- 6. Show that  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\varepsilon}_{i}^{2}}{n-2}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^{2}$ .
- 7. Let  $x_{n+1}$  be another value. We define  $\hat{Y}_{n+1} = \hat{A} + \hat{B}x_{n+1}$ . Compute the variance of this prediction.
- 8. Furthermore, let  $Y_{n+1} = A + Bx_{n+1} + \varepsilon_{n+1}$ . Calculate the variance of  $\hat{\varepsilon}_{n+1} = Y_{n+1} \hat{Y}_{n+1}$ . Compare it to the variance of  $\varepsilon_i$  (for i = 1, ..., n).
- 9. Gauss-Markov Theorem:
  - (a) Show that  $\hat{B}$  is written as a linear combination of the observations (we will explain the weights).
  - (b) Consider  $\tilde{B} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i Y_i$  another unbiased estimator of B, written as a linear combination of  $Y_i$ . Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i x_i = 1$ .
  - (c) Deduce that  $\operatorname{Var}_{\beta}(\tilde{B}) \geq \operatorname{Var}_{\beta}(\hat{B})$