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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: ST 410/STA410

TITLE OF PAPER: MULTIVARIATE STATISTICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

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## Instructions

1. Show all your working.
2. Answer any THREE questions.

## Special Requirements

Scientific calculator

## Additional Material (s)

1. Statistical Tables

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**Question 1** [5 + 15 marks]

a. For  $\mathbf{X}$  distributed as  $N_3(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , find the distribution of

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 - X_2 \\ X_2 - X_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}.$$

b. In a study of home-schooling, 10 sixteen-year-olds who have been home-schooled and 20 sixteen-year-olds who attended a grammar school were examined in both English and mathematics. The sample mean vectors and variance matrices for the two tests (English as variable 1 and mathematics as variable 2) for the two groups are given below, where the home-schooled group is denoted by  $x$  and the other by  $y$ :

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} 77.2 \\ 62.4 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} 72.4 \\ 63.1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 96.5 & 47.6 \\ 47.6 & 47.1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{S}_y = \begin{pmatrix} 45.6 & 26.4 \\ 26.4 & 26.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use Hotellings  $T^2$  test to test whether the two groups have different means at a 5% level of significance, stating any assumptions you make.

**Question 2** [5+5+5+2+3 marks]

Consider the following  $5 \times 2$  data matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1.3 & 0 \\ 2.3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- calculate the Euclidean distance matrix between the 5 rows of  $\mathbf{X}$ ;
- carry out single linkage and complete linkage cluster analysis;
- comment on any issues of ambiguity where there is a tie for the smallest distance;
- describe and comment on any differences in conclusions for the two methods;

**Question 3** [5+ 4 + 3 + 4 + 4 marks]

- Explain the main purpose of principal component analysis. Briefly discuss the decisions that need to be made when carrying out a principal component analysis.
- The examination marks of 88 students in five different subject areas of mathematics have been recorded.

Each examination was marked out of 100 marks. Some summary statistics for these mathematics marks are given in the table below. For these data, discuss whether it is appropriate to carry out the principal

Examination	Mean	Variance	Std deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Mechanics	38.97	305.69	17.48	0	77
Vectors	50.59	172.84	13.15	9	82
Algebra	50.60	112.89	10.62	15	80
Analysis	46.68	220.38	14.85	9	70
Statistics	42.31	297.76	17.26	9	81

component analysis using the variance-covariance matrix or using the correlation matrix.

- (c) The correlation matrix for the data is given below. Briefly describe the correlation structure in the variables.

	Mechanics	Vectors	Algebra	Analysis	Statistics
Mechanics	1.00	0.55	0.55	0.41	0.39
Vectors	0.55	1.00	0.61	0.49	0.44
Algebra	0.55	0.61	1.00	0.71	0.66
Analysis	0.41	0.49	0.71	1.00	0.61
Statistics	0.39	0.44	0.66	0.61	1.00

- (d) An analyst has extracted the principal components and eigenvalues from the correlation matrix for the data. The coefficients for the first three principal components and the eigenvalues are given in the table below.

Variable	Component		
	1	2	3
Mechanics	-0.40	0.65	0.62
Vectors	-0.43	0.44	-0.71
Algebra	-0.50	-0.13	-0.04
Analysis	-0.46	-0.39	-0.13
Statistics	-0.44	-0.47	0.32
Eigenvalue	3.18	0.74	0.45

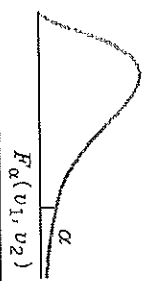
- Interpret the first and second principal components.
- How much of the total variation in the data is explained by the first principal component? How much of the total variation in the data is explained by the first two principal components?
- What criteria might you use to decide on the apparent dimensionality of these data? Hence comment on the apparent dimensionality of these data.

**Question 4** [2 + 10 + 8 marks]

- a. State the maximum likelihood (ML) discriminant rule.
- b. Calculate the ML discrimination rule based on observations of a one-dimensional variable with an exponential distribution.
- c. Compare and contrast linear discriminant analysis (LDA) and quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA)

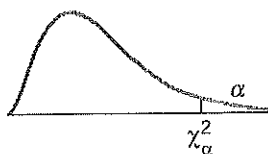
TABLE 6 (Continued)

$\alpha = .05$



$v_1$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	25	30	40	60
1	161.5	199.5	215.7	224.6	230.2	234.0	236.8	238.9	240.5	241.9	243.9	246.0	248.0	249.3	250.1	251.1	252.2
2	18.51	19.00	19.16	19.25	19.30	19.33	19.35	19.37	19.38	19.40	19.41	19.43	19.45	19.46	19.46	19.47	19.48
3	10.13	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81	8.79	8.74	8.70	8.66	8.63	8.62	8.59	8.57
4	7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96	5.91	5.86	5.80	5.77	5.75	5.72	5.69
5	6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77	4.74	4.68	4.62	4.56	4.52	4.50	4.46	4.43
6	5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	4.00	3.94	3.87	3.83	3.81	3.77	3.74
7	5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.64	3.57	3.51	3.44	3.40	3.38	3.34	3.30
8	5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.35	3.28	3.22	3.15	3.11	3.08	3.04	3.01
9	5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.14	3.07	3.01	2.94	2.89	2.86	2.83	2.79
10	4.96	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02	2.98	2.91	2.85	2.77	2.73	2.70	2.66	2.62
11	4.84	3.98	3.59	3.36	3.20	3.09	3.01	2.95	2.90	2.85	2.79	2.72	2.65	2.60	2.57	2.53	2.49
12	4.75	3.89	3.49	3.26	3.11	3.00	2.91	2.85	2.80	2.75	2.69	2.62	2.54	2.50	2.47	2.43	2.38
13	4.67	3.81	3.41	3.18	3.03	2.92	2.83	2.77	2.71	2.67	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.41	2.38	2.34	2.30
14	4.60	3.74	3.34	3.11	2.96	2.85	2.76	2.70	2.65	2.60	2.53	2.46	2.39	2.34	2.31	2.27	2.22
15	4.54	3.68	3.29	3.06	2.90	2.79	2.71	2.64	2.59	2.54	2.48	2.40	2.33	2.28	2.25	2.20	2.16
16	4.49	3.63	3.24	3.01	2.85	2.74	2.66	2.59	2.54	2.49	2.42	2.35	2.28	2.23	2.20	2.15	2.11
17	4.45	3.59	3.20	2.96	2.81	2.70	2.61	2.55	2.49	2.45	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.18	2.15	2.10	2.06
18	4.41	3.55	3.16	2.93	2.77	2.66	2.58	2.51	2.46	2.41	2.34	2.27	2.19	2.14	2.11	2.06	2.02
19	4.38	3.52	3.13	2.90	2.74	2.63	2.54	2.48	2.42	2.38	2.31	2.23	2.16	2.11	2.07	2.03	1.98
20	4.35	3.49	3.10	2.87	2.71	2.60	2.51	2.45	2.39	2.35	2.28	2.20	2.12	2.07	2.04	1.99	1.95
21	4.32	3.47	3.07	2.84	2.68	2.57	2.49	2.42	2.37	2.32	2.25	2.18	2.10	2.05	2.01	1.96	1.92
22	4.30	3.44	3.05	2.82	2.66	2.55	2.46	2.40	2.34	2.30	2.23	2.15	2.07	2.02	1.98	1.94	1.89
23	4.28	3.42	3.03	2.80	2.64	2.53	2.44	2.37	2.32	2.27	2.20	2.13	2.05	2.00	1.96	1.91	1.86
24	4.26	3.40	3.01	2.78	2.62	2.51	2.42	2.36	2.30	2.25	2.18	2.11	2.03	1.97	1.94	1.89	1.84
25	4.24	3.39	2.99	2.76	2.60	2.49	2.40	2.34	2.28	2.24	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.87	1.82
26	4.23	3.37	2.98	2.74	2.59	2.47	2.39	2.32	2.27	2.22	2.15	2.07	1.99	1.94	1.90	1.85	1.80
27	4.21	3.35	2.96	2.73	2.57	2.46	2.37	2.31	2.25	2.20	2.13	2.06	1.97	1.92	1.88	1.84	1.79
28	4.20	3.34	2.95	2.71	2.56	2.45	2.36	2.29	2.24	2.19	2.12	2.04	1.96	1.91	1.87	1.82	1.77
29	4.18	3.33	2.93	2.70	2.55	2.43	2.35	2.28	2.22	2.18	2.10	2.03	1.94	1.89	1.85	1.81	1.75
30	4.17	3.32	2.92	2.69	2.53	2.42	2.33	2.27	2.21	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.93	1.88	1.84	1.79	1.74
40	4.08	3.23	2.84	2.61	2.45	2.34	2.25	2.18	2.12	2.08	2.00	1.92	1.84	1.78	1.74	1.69	1.64
60	4.00	3.15	2.76	2.53	2.37	2.25	2.17	2.10	2.04	1.99	1.92	1.84	1.75	1.69	1.65	1.59	1.53
120	3.92	3.07	2.68	2.45	2.29	2.18	2.09	2.02	1.96	1.91	1.83	1.75	1.66	1.60	1.55	1.50	1.43
$\infty$	3.84	3.00	2.61	2.37	2.21	2.10	2.01	1.94	1.88	1.83	1.75	1.67	1.57	1.51	1.46	1.39	1.32

TABLE 5 Percentage Points of  $\chi^2$  Distributions



d.f. \ $\alpha$	.99	.975	.95	.90	.50	.10	.05	.025	.01
1	.0002	.001	.004	.02	.45	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.63
2	.02	.05	.10	.21	1.39	4.61	5.99	7.38	9.21
3	.11	.22	.35	.58	2.37	6.25	7.81	9.35	11.34
4	.30	.48	.71	1.06	3.36	7.78	9.49	11.14	13.28
5	.55	.83	1.15	1.61	4.35	9.24	11.07	12.83	15.09
6	.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	5.35	10.64	12.59	14.45	16.81
7	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	6.35	12.02	14.07	16.01	18.48
8	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	7.34	13.36	15.51	17.53	20.09
9	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	8.34	14.68	16.92	19.02	21.67
10	2.56	3.24	3.94	4.87	9.34	15.99	18.31	20.48	23.21
11	3.05	3.81	4.57	5.58	10.34	17.28	19.68	21.92	24.72
12	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	11.34	18.55	21.03	23.34	26.22
13	4.11	5.01	5.89	7.04	12.34	19.81	22.36	24.74	27.69
14	4.66	5.62	6.57	7.79	13.34	21.06	23.68	26.12	29.14
15	5.23	6.26	7.26	8.55	14.34	22.31	25.00	27.49	30.58
16	5.81	6.90	7.96	9.31	15.34	23.54	26.30	28.85	32.00
17	6.41	7.56	8.67	10.09	16.34	24.77	27.59	30.19	33.41
18	7.01	8.23	9.39	10.86	17.34	25.99	28.87	31.53	34.81
19	7.63	8.90	10.12	11.65	18.34	27.20	30.14	32.85	36.19
20	8.26	9.59	10.85	12.44	19.34	28.41	31.41	34.17	37.57
21	8.90	10.28	11.59	13.24	20.34	29.62	32.67	35.48	38.93
22	9.54	10.98	12.34	14.04	21.34	30.81	33.92	36.78	40.29
23	10.20	11.69	13.09	14.85	22.34	32.01	35.17	38.08	41.64
24	10.86	12.40	13.85	15.66	23.34	33.20	36.42	39.36	42.98
25	11.52	13.11	14.61	16.47	24.34	34.38	37.65	40.65	44.31
26	12.20	13.84	15.38	17.29	25.34	35.56	38.89	41.92	45.64
27	12.88	14.57	16.15	18.11	26.34	36.74	40.11	43.19	46.96
28	13.56	15.30	16.93	18.94	27.34	37.92	41.34	44.46	48.28
29	14.26	16.04	17.71	19.77	28.34	39.09	42.56	45.72	49.59
30	14.95	16.78	18.49	20.60	29.34	40.26	43.77	46.98	50.89
40	22.16	24.42	26.51	29.05	39.34	51.81	55.76	59.34	63.69
50	29.71	32.35	34.76	37.69	49.33	63.17	67.50	71.42	76.15
60	37.48	40.47	43.19	46.46	59.33	74.40	79.08	83.30	88.38
70	45.44	48.75	51.74	55.33	69.33	85.53	90.53	95.02	100.43
80	53.54	57.15	60.39	64.28	79.33	96.58	101.88	106.63	112.33
90	61.75	65.64	69.13	73.29	89.33	107.57	113.15	118.14	124.12
100	70.06	74.22	77.93	82.36	99.33	118.50	124.34	129.56	135.81

