

**Part A Statistics HT 2004 Exercises 2**

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1. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ -distributed. Let

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \text{and} \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

For each case, find a function of  $(\bar{X}, S^2, \mu, \sigma^2)$  having the following distributions.

- a) standard normal  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- b)  $\chi^2(n-1)$
- c)  $\chi^2(n)$
- d)  $t(n-1)$ .

Derive the moment-generating function of  $S^2$  and deduce that  $ES^2 = \sigma^2$  and  $Var S^2 = 2\sigma^4/(n-1)$ .

2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent having  $\chi^2$  distributions with parameters  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$ , respectively. Show that

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

has the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i$  degrees of freedom.

Conclude that, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent normal random variables with means  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2$ , respectively, then

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

has the  $\chi_n^2$ -distribution.

3. A random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  is said to have the *multivariate normal distribution* with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  if its density is

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n \sqrt{\det \Sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mu)}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n,$$

where  $\Sigma$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, assumed to be positive definite (i.e.  $\mathbf{x}^t \Sigma \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ), called the *covariance matrix*, and  $\mu$  is an  $n$ -vector, called the *mean vector*.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{X}$  has the multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\mathbf{0}$  and covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 I_n$ , where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Let  $Q$  be an  $n \times n$  symmetric, idempotent (i.e.  $Q^2 = Q$ ) matrix of rank  $r$ , and put

$$Y = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^T Q \mathbf{X}.$$

- a) Show that for sufficiently small  $t$  the m.g.f. of  $Y$  is

$$M_Y(t) = |\det(I_n - 2tQ)|^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- b) Writing  $Q$  as  $NAN^T$ , where  $N$  is an orthogonal matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors of  $Q$ , deduce that  $Y$  has the  $\chi_r^2$ -distribution.

4. Show that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent exponential random variables with mean 1, then  $\frac{X}{Y}$  follows an F-distribution. Identify the degrees of freedom.