

1. (15%) Consider the multiple linear regression model  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$  with  $X$  being a  $n \times (p+1)$  full rank matrix and  $\varepsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$ . Let  $\tilde{\beta}$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}^2$  be the maximum likelihood estimators of  $\beta$  and  $\sigma^2$ . Derive the distribution of  $n\tilde{\sigma}^2/\sigma^2$ .

2. Consider the linear regression model  $y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{t1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{tp} + \varepsilon_t$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\varepsilon_t = \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + u_t$  with  $u_t$ 's  $\overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_u^2)$ .

(2a) (10%) Find the estimated generalized least squares estimator of  $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)$ .

(2b) (10%) State the testing procedure for the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \rho = 0$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_A : \rho \neq 0$ .

3. (10%) State the stepwise variable selection procedure under the mechanism of a linear regression model.

4. (15%) Let  $Y_i^{(\lambda)}$  be the Box and Cox transformation of the positive response  $Y_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Moreover, assume that  $Y_i^{(\lambda)} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \varepsilon_i$ , where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's  $\overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ . State the testing procedure for the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \lambda = \lambda_0$  versus the alternative hypothesis  $H_0 : \lambda \neq \lambda_0$ .

5. Consider the linear regression model  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ , where  $X$  is a  $n \times p$  full rank covariate matrix,  $\beta$  is a  $p \times 1$  parameter vector, and  $\varepsilon \sim (0, \sigma^2 I_n)$ .

(5a) (10%) Find the minimizer, say,  $\tilde{\beta}$  of the sum of squares  $(Y - X\beta)^T(Y - X\beta)$  with constraint  $C\beta = \gamma$ , where  $C$  is a  $J \times p$  full rank matrix.

(5b) (10%) Assume that  $C\beta = \gamma$ . Show that  $Var(\hat{\beta}) - Var(\tilde{\beta})$  is at least positive semidefinite, where  $\hat{\beta}$  is the ordinary least squares estimator of  $\beta$ .

6. Consider the linear regression model  $Y = \tilde{Z}_{(s)}\beta_{(s)} + \varepsilon$ , where  $\tilde{Z}_{(s)} = (1, Z_{(s)})$  with  $Z_{(s)}$  being a  $n \times p$  standardized covariate matrix,  $\beta_{(s)} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 \\ \beta_{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\varepsilon \sim (0, \sigma^2 I_n)$ . Assume that an approximate linear relationship exists among the column vectors of  $Z_{(s)}$ .

(6a) (10%) Show that  $(R^{-1})_{jj} = VIF_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , where  $R = (Z_{(s)}^T Z_{(s)})/n$  and  $VIF$  is the variance inflation factor.

(6b) (10%) Let  $\hat{\beta}_{(0)}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{(0)R}$  denote the least squares estimator and the ridge regression estimator of  $\beta_{(0)}$ , respectively. Show that  $Var(\hat{\beta}_{(0)}) - Var(\hat{\beta}_{(0)R})$  is at least positive semidefinite.