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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

ACMT 412: SURVIVAL MODELS

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 18/4/2023

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- A. Differentiate between initial and central rates of mortality (4 Marks)
- B. Show algebraically that $e_x = P_x (1 + e_{x+t})$ (5 marks)
- C. What is censoring in data? Give two types of data censoring and explain them (6 marks)
- D. State the formula for the relationship between the Kaplan - Meier and Nelson Aalen estimates (5 marks)
- E. Give and explain an example of a situation in which the hazard function may be expected to follow each of the below distributions (10 marks)
- Exponential
 - Decreasing Weibull
 - Gompertz Makham
 - Log logistic

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- A. Differentiate between covariate and proportional hazard model. **(4marks)**
- B. The covariates' for the i^{th} observed life are (56, 183 ,40) representing (age last birthday, height in cm, daily dose of drug A in mg) Using the regression parameters $\beta=(0.0172, 0.0028, - 0.0036)$. Calculate $\lambda(t;Z_i)$ in terms of $\lambda_0(t)$ **(6 marks)**
- C. (i) If μ_x takes the constant value 0.001 between ages 25 and 35. Calculate the probability that a life aged exactly 25 will survive to age 35 **(5 marks)**
- (ii) If μ_x takes the constant value 0.0025 at all ages, Calculate the age x for which ${}_x p_0 = 0.223305$. What does this age represent? **(5 marks)**

QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)

- A. Differentiate between Type I censoring and type II censoring **(4 marks)**
- B. What are the two conventions adapted by the Kaplan – Maier estimate of the survivor function **(6 marks)**
- C. Butterflies of a certain species have short lives after hatching each butterfly experience a lifetime defined by the following probability distribution
- | Life time (days) | Probability |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 0.10 |
| 2 | 0.30 |
| 3 | 0.25 |
| 4 | 0.20 |
| 5 | 0.15 |
- D. Calculate $\lambda_t =$ for $J = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ and sketch a graph for a discrete hazard function. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)

A. Losses arising from a certain group of policies are assumed to follow an Exp (λ) distribution. You are given the below data

- (i) The exact amount of $x_1, x_2, \dots, X_n$ paid by the insurer in respect of n losses
- (ii) Data from a further m losses in respect of which the insurer paid an amount M . The actual loss amount exceeded M . But we don't know how much.

Calculate the maximum likelihood estimator of λ **(10 marks)**

B. List and explain the main problem of using a parametric approach to analyze observed survivor times. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

A. List and explain scenarios where type 1 censoring occurs **(8 marks)**

B. If $\mu_{60} = 0.01$, $\mu_{61} = 0.02$ and $\mu_3 = 0.03$. Calculate the values of

- (i) p_{60}
- (ii) ${}_2P_{60}$
- (iii) ${}_3P_{60}$

(9 marks)

C. List and explain 3 examples scenarios of Random censoring **(3 marks)**

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