

SURVIVAL MODELS
ACMT 412
MAIN EXAM

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- A. Differentiate between initial and central rates of mortality **(4 Marks)**
- B. Show algebraically that $e_x = P_x(1+{}_{ex+t})$ **(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)** *i. Exponential ii. Decreasing Weibull iii. Gompertz Makham iv. 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 ${}_xP_o = 0.5$. What does this age represent?
(5 marks)

QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)

- A. Differentiate between Type 1 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 $\hat{\lambda}_j =$ 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 $\mu_{63} = 0.03$. 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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