

Math 5305 Midterm Exam Review

- Chapters 1 and 2 of Freedman, Pisani, and Purves.
 - Know definitions such as randomized controlled double blind experiment, observational study, confounding variable, etc.
 - Be prepared to answer questions related to these ideas.
- Prove the following.
 - If $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times I}$, then $\text{trace}(A + B) = \text{trace}(A) + \text{trace}(B)$.
 - If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J}$, and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times I}$, then $\text{trace}(AB) = \text{trace}(BA)$.
 - If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J}$, U is a random matrix taking values in $\mathbb{R}^{J \times K}$, and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times L}$, then $E(AUB) = AE(U)B$.
 - If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$, and U is a random vector of length M , then $\text{Cov}(AU) = A\text{Cov}(U)A'$.
- Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, where $p \leq n$. Show that X has full rank if and only if $X'X$ has full rank.
- Know the definitions of nonnegative/positive definite and orthogonal matrices, and be prepared to work related problems.
- Write the equation for a multiple regression model.
 - For each vector/matrix appearing in the model, state the following: its dimensions, whether it is observable or unobservable, and whether it is random or constant.
 - State all of the mathematical assumptions that apply to this model.
 - Define $\hat{\beta}$, \hat{Y} , e , and $\hat{\sigma}^2$.
 - Prove that $E(\hat{\beta} | X) = \beta$.
 - Prove that $E(\hat{\sigma}^2 | X) = \sigma^2$.
 - Prove that $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta} | X) = \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$.
 - What is $\hat{SE}(\hat{\beta}_j)$?
- Given a multiple regression model, define the coefficient of determination, R^2 . If the answer to one of the questions below is "no", provide a counterexample.
 - If the model is valid, what does an R^2 value near 1 indicate?
 - If the model is valid, what does an R^2 value near 0 indicate?
 - Does an R^2 value near 1 prove that the model is valid?
 - Does an R^2 value near 1 prove a causal relationship exists between X and Y ?
 - Does an R^2 value near 0 prove that the association between X and Y is weak?