

**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  $e_x = P_x(1+e_{x+t})$  **(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)** *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  $i^{\text{th}}$  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  $\mu_x$  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  $\mu_x$  takes the constant value 0.0025 at all ages. Calculate the age  $x$  for which  ${}_xP_0 = 0.5$  . 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
- | <b>Life time (days)</b> | <b>Probability</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                       | 0.10               |
| 2                       | 0.30               |
| 3                       | 0.25               |
| 4                       | 0.20               |
| 5                       | 0.15               |
- D. Calculate  $\lambda_j =$  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 ( $\lambda$ ) 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  $\lambda$  **(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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