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MAIN REGULAR

COURSE CODE: SAC 406

COURSE TITLE: RISK AND CREDIBILITY THEORY

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: (BSc. Actuarial)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION 1 [COMPULSORY] [30 Marks]

(a) Define partial and full credibility. **[6 Marks]**

(b) Each of r independent risks has a probability 0.25 that a claim is made in a year and 0.75 that no claim is made. Claim sizes are independent with mean 500 and variance 125. Determine the expected value and the variance of the total claimed in a year. **[8 Marks]**

(c) The number of claims per month Y arising on a certain portfolio of insurance policies is to be modelled using a modified geometric distribution with probability density given by

$$p(y|\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^{y-1}}{(1 + \alpha)^y}, y = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where α is an unknown positive parameter. The most recent four months have resulted in claim numbers of 8, 6, 10 and 9.

Derive the maximum likelihood estimate of α . **[4 Marks]**

(d) The number of claims per month are independent Poisson random variables with mean λ and the prior distribution for λ is exponential with mean 0.2. Determine the posterior distribution for λ given the observed values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of the number of claims in n months and hence the Bayesian estimate of λ under the quadratic loss. **[6 Marks]**

(e) A sample of 100 claims on a general insurance in respect to a certain class of business has a mean of 1216 and variance 362,944. The claim frequency rate is about 0.015. Calculate the minimum size of the portfolio if full credibility ($k = 0.05, p = 0.9$) is to be assigned to the experience.

[6 Marks]

QUESTION 2[20 MARKS]

The last ten claims(in shillings) under a particular class of insurance policy were

1330, 201, 111, 2368, 617, 309, 35, 4685, 442, 843

(a) Assuming that claims came from a lognormal distribution with parameters μ and σ , derive the formular for the maximum likelihood estimate of these parameters and estimate the parameters using the observed data.

[12 Marks]

(b) Assuming that the claim come from a Pareto distribution with parameters α and λ , use the method of moments to estimate these parameters.

[8 Marks]

QUESTION 3[20 MARKS]

Claims arrive in a Poisson process at rate λ , and $N(t)$ is the number of claims arriving at time t . The claim amounts are independent random variables X_1, X_2, \dots , with mean μ , independent of the arrival process.

The initial surplus is U and the premium loading factor is θ .

(a) Give an expression for the surplus process $U(t)$ at time t . [3 Marks]

(b) Define the probability of ruin with the initial surplus U , $\Psi(u)$. State the value of $\Psi(u)$ when $\theta = 0$. **[4 Marks]**

(c) Comment on the statement “As the value of λ increases the probability of ruin must also increase”. **[3 Marks]**

(d) A particular portfolio of insurance policies gives rise to aggregate claims which follow a Poisson process with parameter $\lambda = 25$. The distribution of individual claim amounts is as follows:

Claim	50	100	200
Probability	30%	50%	20%

The insurer initially has a surplus of 240. Premiums are paid annually in advance. Calculate approximately the smallest premium loading such that the probability of ruin in the first year is less than 10%.

[10 Marks]

QUESTION 4[20 MARKS]

The table below shows aggregate annual claim statistics for three risks over a period of seven years. Annual aggregate claims for risk i in year j are denoted by $X_{i,j}$.

Risk i	$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{7} \sum_{j=1}^7 X_{ij}$	$S_i^2 = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^7 (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2$
1	127.9	335.1
2	88.9	65.1
3	149.7	33.9

- (a) Calculate the credibility premium of each risk under the assumptions under the assumptions of EBCT model 1. **[15 Marks]**
- (b) Explain why the credibility factor is high in this case. **[5 Marks]**

QUESTION 5[20 MARKS]

The total claim amount per annum on a particular insurance policy follows a normal distribution with unknown mean θ and variance 200^2 . Prior belief about θ are described by a normal distribution with mean 600 and variance 50^2 . Claim amounts x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are observed over n years.

(a) State the posterior distribution of θ . **[6 Marks]**

(b) Show that the mean of the posterior distribution θ can be written in the form of a credibility estimate. **[8 Marks]**

(c) Now suppose that $n = 5$ and that the total claim amounts over the five years were 3400. Calculate the posterior probability that θ is greater than 600. **[6 Marks]**