AMS 225: Multivariate Statistical Methods

Background survey

Name: _____________________________________________

Please take a little while to think about the following questions and write a few sentences as an answer. Your comments will be used to plan the methodology and application areas emphasized in the examples and problems in the course. Please return this in class today or at the beginning of the next class meeting.

(1) What do you expect your final UCSC graduate degree to be (M.S., Ph.D.), and in what subject(s) (statistics, economics, ...)?

(2) What is your previous graduate-level experience in statistics (please list all courses)? If you’ve taken graduate statistics classes at UCSC, you can just give the department name and number (e.g., AMS 206); if you’ve taken graduate statistics classes elsewhere, please provide a short description of the content of each of those classes. If you’ve already had some graduate-level exposure to multivariate methods, please specify which of those methods you already feel comfortable with.
(3) What is your previous graduate-level experience in (a) likelihood and (b) Bayesian infer-
tential, predictive and decision-making methods? You can summarize this by referring back
to the relevant classes you listed in (2) or by describing analogous experience external to the
classroom.

(4) If, from your previous work or study, you already have some idea of which multivariate
methods will be most useful for you to learn about this quarter, please describe those methods
briefly.

(5) Please list all time slots from 9am to 6pm (inclusive) Monday through Friday (inclusive)
during which you’ll be UNAVAILABLE for office hours this quarter (I’ll choose slots that
minimize scheduling conflicts).

Please feel free to add any other remarks that will help me design the course to best fit your
needs (use an additional sheet of paper, stapled onto this one).

Thanks.