



**PROGRAM** : B.TECH. MINERAL RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT** : GEOSTATISTICS

**CODE** : GEOS41-1

**DATE** : FINAL EXAMINATION 2019  
25 MAY 2019

**DURATION** : 3 HOURS (08:30 – 11:30 AM)

**TOTAL MARKS** : 100 Marks

**FULL MARKS** : 100 Marks

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**INSTRUCTIONS** : - ANY CALCULATOR PERMITTED.  
- CANDIDATES ALLOWED TO MAKE USE OF THE  
COMPUTER FACILITIES IN THE EXAMINATION  
VENUE.  
- FORMULA SHEET WILL BE SUPPLIED  
**- NO EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICES ALLOWED**  
**- ALL WORK DONE ON COMPUTER MUST BE**  
**TRANSFERRED INTO THE EXAMINATION SCRIPT**

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**REQUIREMENTS** : NONE.

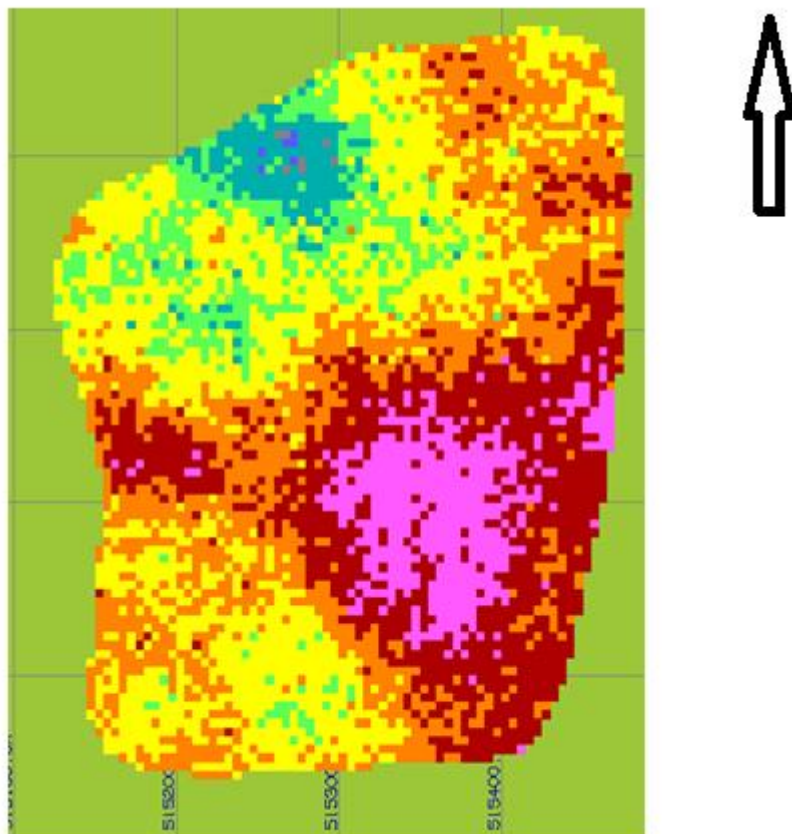
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:**

1. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.
2. WORK NEATLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY. MARKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR WELL LAYED OUT ANSWERS.
3. STUDENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR NAME AND OR STUDENT NUMBER APPEARS ON EACH SHEET HANDED IN.
4. STUDENTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE COMPUTERS AND FUNCTIONS ON EXCEL AVAILABLE IN THE VENUE
5. NO COMMUNICATIONS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN CANDIDATES. .

**QUESTION 1**

1.1 Given the regionalized variable in the diagram below discuss giving reasons in which direction would you construct and calculate the semi-variogram.



1.2 Differentiate between Inverse Distance Weighting and Kriging techniques. Give examples of mineral deposits best estimated by each technique

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**QUESTION 2.****2.1**

The following table gives the relationship between the initial block values allotted to block as determined from development sampling, and the stope values as obtained from numerous samples taken during mining of these blocks. (Values in cmg/t)

Block Estimate x (cmg/t)	Follow-up y (cmg/t)								
165	420								
238	640								
290	480								
380	980								
390	720								
510	510								
550	930								
580	720								
720	1170								
750	565								
850	590								
1000	1100								
1220	1370								
1290	840								
1370	1050								
1640	1310								
1860	990								
1980	1760								
2670	1290								
2990	1670								
Additive Constant	100.0	cmg/t							
Pay Limit	4.5	g/t							
Stope Width	110.0	cm							
<b>Calculate:</b>									
i	The Mean and Standard deviation estimates for both populations							5 marks	
ii	The Correlation Co-efficient							2 marks	
iii	The regression line of stope values on block values							4 marks	

2.2 Draw an annotated diagram showing regression lines for LnGM and LnMV  
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[20 marks]

**QUESTION 3.**

The following values were obtained from dense borehole drilling on an outcrop of a platinum reef  
The Semi-variogram has been determined to be of a Spherical form with

$$\gamma(h) = C_0 + C_1 \left\{ \frac{3h}{2a} - \frac{h^3}{2a^3} \right\} \text{ for } h < a$$

Nugget Effect ( $C_0$ ) **0.5** (ppm)<sup>2</sup>

Sill of the Spherical Component ( $C_1$ ) **3.5** (ppm)<sup>2</sup>

Range of Influence ( $a$ ) **205** m

Point	X	Y	ppm PGM
1	1,100.0	445.0	3.18
2	1,125.0	490.0	2.05
3	1,300.0	390.0	2.9
4	1,370.0	385.0	1.57

It is required that you:

- Calculate  $T^*$  and the error variance using a point estimation technique using the semivariogram
- set up and solve the Ordinary kriging equations and estimate the Best Linear unbiased Estimator at the location:

Point	X	Y
P	1,300.0	415.0

with a **90** % confidence limit

using the following equations:

The Variance of Estimation Errors:

$$\sigma_e^2 = 2w_1\gamma(d_1) + 2w_2\gamma(d_2) + 2w_3\gamma(d_3) + 2w_4\gamma(d_4) - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w_1w_1\gamma(h_{11}) + w_1w_2\gamma(h_{12}) + w_1w_3\gamma(h_{13}) + w_1w_4\gamma(h_{14}) \\ + w_2w_1\gamma(h_{21}) + w_2w_2\gamma(h_{22}) + w_2w_3\gamma(h_{23}) + w_2w_4\gamma(h_{24}) \\ + w_3w_1\gamma(h_{31}) + w_3w_2\gamma(h_{32}) + w_3w_3\gamma(h_{33}) + w_3w_4\gamma(h_{34}) \\ + w_4w_1\gamma(h_{41}) + w_4w_2\gamma(h_{42}) + w_4w_3\gamma(h_{43}) + w_4w_4\gamma(h_{44}) \end{array} \right\} - 0$$

To calculate the weighting:

$w_1\gamma(0)$	+	$w_2\gamma(g_1, g_2)$	+	$w_3\gamma(g_1, g_3)$	+	$w_4\gamma(g_1, g_4)$	+	$\lambda$	=	$\gamma(T, g_1)$
$w_1\gamma(g_2, g_1)$	+	$w_2\gamma(0)$	+	$w_3\gamma(g_2, g_3)$	+	$w_4\gamma(g_2, g_4)$	+	$\lambda$	=	$\gamma(T, g_2)$
$w_1\gamma(g_3, g_1)$	+	$w_2\gamma(g_3, g_2)$	+	$w_3\gamma(0)$	+	$w_4\gamma(g_3, g_4)$	+	$\lambda$	=	$\gamma(T, g_3)$
$w_1\gamma(g_4, g_1)$	+	$w_2\gamma(g_4, g_2)$	+	$w_3\gamma(g_4, g_3)$	+	$w_4\gamma(0)$	+	$\lambda$	=	$\gamma(T, g_4)$
$w_1$	+	$w_2$	+	$w_3$	+	$w_4$	+	0	=	1
$T^*$	=	$w_1g_1 + w_2g_2 + w_3g_3 + w_4g_4$								
$\sigma_{OK}^2$	=	$w_1\gamma(T, g_1) + w_2\gamma(T, g_2) + w_3\gamma(T, g_3) + w_4\gamma(T, g_4) + \lambda$								

**[35 Marks]**

**QUESTION 4.**

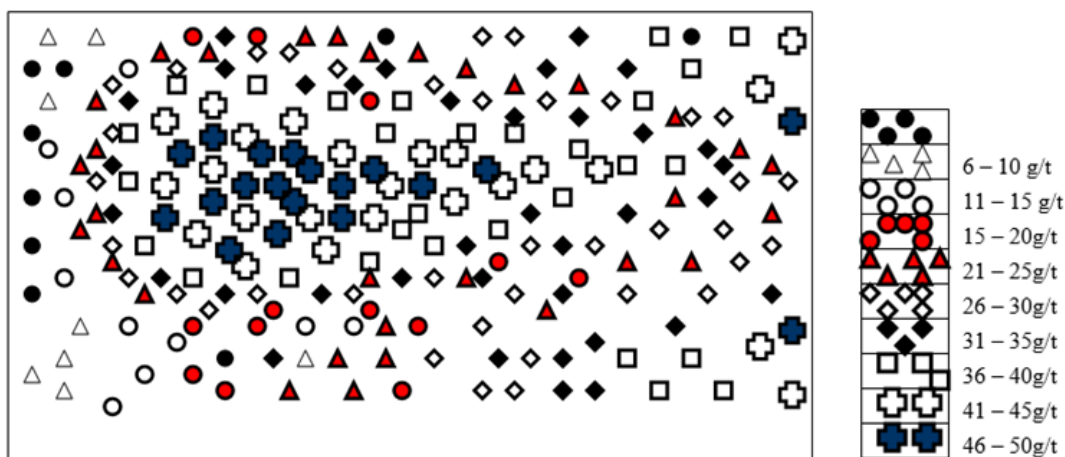
4.1 Discuss and explain, in your own words, the following Geostatistical terminology.

(IMPORTANT NOTE: Refer in your explanation to the meaning as well as the possible causes for and ways to overcome or deal with the phenomena where applicable)

- a) Hole effect
- b) Support
- c) Simple kriging
- d) Intrinsic Hypothesis
- e) Ordinary kriging
- f) Stationarity

**[12 Marks]**

4.2 The following sketch shows a post plot of a regionalised variable.



Analyse the posted regionalised variable with special reference to the different variability that may be present.

**[10 Marks]**

4.3 Make an annotated sketch of a spherical semi-variogram and discuss the various aspects thereof

**[8 Marks]**

**TOTAL [100 MARKS]**