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Applied Classical and Modern Multivariate Statistical Analysis

Module 4: Inferences on Means and Covariances

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# Hypothesis and Test Statistic

**Question of interest:** Suppose  $X \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ . We would like to test

$$H_0 : \mu = \mu_0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0.$$

Recall what we have done in the univariate case.

- Test statistic

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}.$$

- Test criterion: Reject  $H_0$  if

$$|t| \geq t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \quad \text{or} \quad t^2 \geq t_{n-1}^2(\alpha/2) = F_{1,n-1}(\alpha).$$

In the multivariate case, the test statistic is the Hotelling's  $T^2$ :

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)' \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0).$$

# Sampling Distribution of The Test Statistic

## Sampling Distribution of $T^2$

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from an  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$  population. Then

$$n(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu) \sim \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} F_{p, n-p},$$

where  $F_{p, n-p}$  is an  $F$  distribution with the first degrees of freedom  $p$  and the second degrees of freedom  $n-p$ .

**NOTE:** It would be beneficial to remember the following formula:

$$N_p(0, \Sigma)' \left[ \frac{\text{Wishart}_{p, df}}{df} \right]^{-1} N_p(0, \Sigma) \sim \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} F_{p, n-p},$$

where  $df$  is the degrees of freedom of the Wishart matrix,  $N$  and  $W$  are independent.

At the  $\alpha$  level of significance,  $H_0$  is rejected if the observed

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0) > \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha).$$

**Example 4.1 (Testing a multivariate mean vector with  $T^2$ )** Perspiration from 20 healthy females was analyzed. Three components,  $X_1$  =sweat rate,  $X_2$  =sodium content, and  $X_3$  =potassium content, were measured. The data are presented in the following table. Assume that  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)'$  follows a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)'$ .

| Sweat Data |                       |                   |                      |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Individual | $X_1$<br>(Sweat rate) | $X_2$<br>(Sodium) | $X_3$<br>(Potassium) |
| 1          | 3.7                   | 48.5              | 9.3                  |
| 2          | 5.7                   | 65.1              | 8.0                  |
| 3          | 3.8                   | 47.2              | 10.9                 |
| 4          | 3.2                   | 53.2              | 12.0                 |
| 5          | 3.1                   | 55.5              | 9.7                  |
| 6          | 4.6                   | 36.1              | 7.9                  |
| 7          | 2.4                   | 24.8              | 14.0                 |
| 8          | 7.2                   | 33.1              | 7.6                  |
| 9          | 6.7                   | 47.4              | 8.5                  |
| 10         | 5.4                   | 54.1              | 11.3                 |
| 11         | 3.9                   | 36.9              | 12.7                 |
| 12         | 4.5                   | 58.8              | 12.3                 |
| 13         | 3.5                   | 27.8              | 9.8                  |
| 14         | 4.5                   | 40.2              | 8.4                  |
| 15         | 1.5                   | 13.5              | 10.1                 |
| 16         | 8.5                   | 56.4              | 7.1                  |
| 17         | 4.5                   | 71.6              | 8.2                  |
| 18         | 6.5                   | 52.8              | 10.9                 |
| 19         | 4.1                   | 44.1              | 11.2                 |
| 20         | 5.5                   | 40.9              | 9.4                  |

Source: Courtesy of Dr. Gerald Bargman.

### Statistical Hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu' = [4, 50, 10] \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu' \neq [4, 50, 10].$$

### Solution:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.640 \\ 45.400 \\ 9.965 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.879 & 10.010 & -1.810 \\ 10.010 & 199.788 & -5.640 \\ -1.810 & -5.640 & 3.628 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} .586 & -.022 & .258 \\ -.022 & .006 & -.002 \\ .258 & -.002 & .402 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T^2 = 20[4.640 - 4, 45.400 - 50, 9.965 - 10] \begin{bmatrix} .586 & -.022 & .258 \\ -.022 & .006 & -.002 \\ .258 & -.002 & .402 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4.640 - 4 \\ 45.400 - 50 \\ 9.965 - 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 20[.640, -4.600, -.035] \begin{bmatrix} .467 \\ -.042 \\ .160 \end{bmatrix} = 9.74$$



Comparing the observed  $T^2 = 9.74$  with the critical value

$$\frac{(n-1)p}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(.10) = \frac{19(3)}{17} F_{3, 17}(.10) = 3.353(2.44) = 8.18$$

we see that  $T^2 = 9.74 > 8.18$ , and consequently, we reject  $H_0$  at the 10% level of significance.

We note that  $H_0$  will be rejected if one or more of the component means, or some combination of means, differs too much from the hypothesized values [4, 50, 10]. At this point, we have no idea which of these hypothesized values may not be supported by the data.

We have assumed that the sweat data are multivariate normal. The  $Q-Q$  plots constructed from the marginal distributions of  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  all approximate straight lines. Moreover, scatter plots for pairs of observations have approximate elliptical shapes, and we conclude that the normality assumption was reasonable in this case. (See Exercise 5.4.) ■

# Hotelling's $T^2$ and Likelihood Ratio Tests

$T^2$ -statistic can be derived as the likelihood ratio test of  $H_0$ .

- The maximum of the multivariate normal likelihood as  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are varied over their possible values is given by

$$\max_{\mu, \Sigma} L(\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi e)^{np/2} |\hat{\Sigma}|^{n/2}}, \quad \hat{\Sigma} = S_n.$$

- The maximum of the multivariate normal likelihood as  $\mu = \mu_0$  and  $\Sigma$  is varied over their possible values is given by

$$\max_{\Sigma} L(\mu_0, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi e)^{np/2} |\hat{\Sigma}_0|^{n/2}}$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma} = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_0)(\mathbf{x}_j - \mu_0)'$ .

- Likelihood ratio

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{\Sigma} L(\mu_0, \Sigma)}{\max_{\mu, \Sigma} L(\mu, \Sigma)} = \left( \frac{\hat{\Sigma}}{\hat{\Sigma}_0} \right)^{n/2}.$$

$\Lambda^{2/n} = |\hat{\Sigma}|/|\hat{\Sigma}_0|$  is called Wilks' lambda.

Smaller value of  $\Lambda$  indicates an evidence against  $H_0$ .

#### Equivalence between Hotelling's $T$ and Wilks' $\Lambda$

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from an  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$  population. Then the test based on  $T^2$  is equivalent to the likelihood ratio test because

$$\Lambda^{2/n} = \left(1 + \frac{T^2}{n-1}\right)^{-1}.$$



Confidence Region of  $\mu$ 

A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence region for the mean of a  $p$ -dimensional normal distribution is the ellipsoid determined by all  $\mu$  such that

$$n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq \frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}})'$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are the sample observations.

**Geometry of the confidence interval:** The joint confidence region for  $\mu$  is an ellipsoid centered at  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , and with axes

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_i p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \mathbf{e}_i, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{S} \mathbf{e}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{e}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$





## SCIs for Linear Combinations

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from an  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ . Then, simultaneously for all  $\mathbf{a}$ , the interval

$$\left( \mathbf{a}'\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha) \mathbf{a}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}}, \quad \mathbf{a}'\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha) \mathbf{a}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}} \right)$$

will contain  $\mathbf{a}'\mu$  with probability  $1 - \alpha$ .

Let  $\mathbf{a}' = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$ ,  $[0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$  and so on, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_1 - \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{11}}{n}} &\leq \mu_1 \leq \bar{x}_1 + \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{11}}{n}} \\ \bar{x}_2 - \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{22}}{n}} &\leq \mu_2 \leq \bar{x}_2 + \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{22}}{n}} \\ &\vdots \\ \bar{x}_p - \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{pp}}{n}} &\leq \mu_p \leq \bar{x}_p + \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{s_{pp}}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

all hold simultaneously with confidence coefficient at least  $1 - \alpha$ .





**Remark:**

- The simultaneous  $T^2$  confidence intervals are ideal for “data snooping”.
- We can conclude the statement that  $(\mu_i, \mu_k)$  belong to the sample mean-centered ellipses

$$n[\bar{x}_i - \mu_i, \bar{x}_k - \mu_k] \begin{bmatrix} s_{ii} & s_{ik} \\ s_{ik} & s_{kk} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_i - \mu_i \\ \bar{x}_k - \mu_k \end{bmatrix} \leq \frac{p(n-1)}{n-p} F_{p, n-p}(\alpha)$$

and still maintain the confidence coefficient  $(1 - \alpha)$  for the whole set of statements.

- The simultaneous  $T^2$  confidence intervals for the individual components of a mean vector are just the shadows, or projections, of the confidence ellipsoid on the component axes.



When the sample size is large, tests of hypotheses and confidence regions for  $\mu$  can be constructed without the assumption of a normal population.

### Test of Mean Vector Based on Large Sample Theory

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be random sample from a population with mean  $\mu$  and positive definite covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . When  $n - p$  is large, the hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$  is rejected in favor of  $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ , at a level of significance approximately  $\alpha$ , if the observed

$$n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu_0)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu_0) > \chi_p^2(\alpha),$$

where  $\chi_p^2(\alpha)$  is the upper  $100\alpha$ -th percentile  $\chi_p^2$ .

## Confidence Regions Based on Large Sample Theory

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be random sample from a population with mean  $\mu$  and positive definite covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . When  $n - p$  is large,

$$\mathbf{a}'\bar{\mathbf{x}} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\chi_p^2(\alpha)\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}}{n}}$$

will contain  $\mathbf{a}'\mu$ , for every  $\mathbf{a}$ , with probability approximately  $1 - \alpha$ . Consequently, we can make the  $200(1 - \alpha)\%$  simultaneous confidence statements

$$\bar{x}_1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{\chi_p^2(\alpha)s_{11}}{n}} \text{ contains } \mu_1, \quad \dots, \quad \bar{x}_p \pm \sqrt{\frac{\chi_p^2(\alpha)s_{pp}}{n}} \text{ contains } \mu_p,$$

and, in addition, for all pairs  $(\mu_i, \mu_k)$ ,  $i, k = 1, 2, \dots, p$  the sample mean-centered ellipses

$$n[\bar{x}_i - \mu_i, \bar{x}_k - \mu_k] \begin{bmatrix} s_{ii} & s_{ik} \\ s_{ik} & s_{kk} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}_i - \mu_i \\ \bar{x}_k - \mu_k \end{bmatrix} \leq \chi_p^2(\alpha) \text{ contains } (\mu_i, \mu_k).$$

When the sample size is large, the one-at-a-time confidence intervals for individual means are

$$\bar{x}_i \pm z(\alpha/2) \sqrt{\frac{s_{ii}}{n}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

where  $z(\alpha/2)$  is the upper  $100\alpha/2$ -th percentile of the standard normal distribution.

The Bonferroni SCIs for the  $m = p$  statements about the individual means are

$$\bar{x}_i \pm z(\alpha/(2p)) \sqrt{\frac{s_{ii}}{n}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

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### Topics in the part:

In this part, we shall introduce procedures for compare several mean vectors by assuming multivariate normal distribution or large sample sizes.

We shall often review univariate procedures for comparing several means and then generalize to the corresponding multivariate cases by analogy.



Efficacy of a new drug may be determined by comparing measurements with the “treatment” and without the “treatment”.

One ideal approach is to assign both treatments to the same or identical units. The paired responses are analyzed by computing the their differences, thereby eliminating much of the influence of extraneous unit-to-unit variation.

What we did in univariate response case?

*Data:*

| Obs.     | Trt. 1   | Trt. 2   |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 1        | $X_{11}$ | $X_{12}$ |
| 2        | $X_{21}$ | $X_{22}$ |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ |
| $n$      | $X_{n1}$ | $X_{n2}$ |

Given that the differences  $D_j = X_{j1} - X_{j2}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are i.i.d. observations from  $N(\delta, \sigma_\delta^2)$ , we have

$$t = \frac{\bar{D} - \delta}{s_d / \sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1},$$

where  $\bar{D}$  and  $s_d$  are the sample mean and sample standard deviation of  $D_j$ 's.

## Multivariate Case

Data:

| Obs. | Trt. 1                               | Trt. 2                               |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1    | $(X_{111}, X_{112}, \dots, X_{11p})$ | $(X_{211}, X_{212}, \dots, X_{21p})$ |
| 2    | $(X_{121}, X_{122}, \dots, X_{12p})$ | $(X_{221}, X_{222}, \dots, X_{22p})$ |
| ...  | ...                                  | ...                                  |
| $j$  | $(X_{1j1}, X_{1j2}, \dots, X_{1jp})$ | $(X_{2j1}, X_{2j2}, \dots, X_{2jp})$ |
| ...  | ...                                  | ...                                  |
| $n$  | $(X_{1n1}, X_{1n2}, \dots, X_{1np})$ | $(X_{2n1}, X_{2n2}, \dots, X_{2np})$ |

Let

$$D_{j1} = X_{1j1} - X_{2j1}, D_{j2} = X_{1j2} - X_{2j2}, \dots, D_{jp} = X_{1jp} - X_{2jp}.$$

Define  $\mathbf{D}'_j = [D_{j1}, D_{j2}, \dots, D_{jp}]$ . We assume that  $\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n$  are i.i.d.  $N_p(\delta, \Sigma_d)$ .

Inferences about the vector of mean differences  $\delta$  can be based upon a  $T^2$ -statistic

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{D}} - \delta)' S_d^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{D}} - \delta).$$

Distribution of  $T^2$ 

Let the differences  $\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n$  be a random sample from an  $N_p(\delta, \Sigma_d)$ . Then

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{D}} - \delta)' S_d^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{D}} - \delta) \sim \frac{(n-1)pF_{p, n-p}}{n-p}.$$

**Hypothesis Testing:** An  $\alpha$ -level test of

$$H_0 : \delta = 0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \delta \neq 0$$

rejects  $H_0$  if the observed

$$T^2 = n\bar{\mathbf{d}}' S_d^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{d}} > \frac{(n-1)pF_{p, n-p}(\alpha)}{n-p}$$

**Confidence Interval:** A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence region for  $\delta$

$$n(\bar{\mathbf{d}} - \delta)' S_d^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{d}} - \delta) \leq \frac{(n-1)pF_{p, n-p}(\alpha)}{n-p}.$$

## Simultaneous Confidence Interval

A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  simultaneous confidence intervals for the individual mean differences  $\delta_i$  are given by

$$\bar{d}_i \pm \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)pF_{p,n-p}(\alpha)s_{d_i}^2}{n(n-p)}},$$

where  $\bar{d}_i$  is the  $i$ -th element of  $\bar{\mathbf{d}}$  and  $s_{d_i}^2$  is the  $i$ -th diagonal element of  $\mathbf{S}_d$ .

## Bonferroni Simultaneous Confidence Interval

A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  Bonferroni simultaneous confidence intervals for the individual mean differences  $\delta_i$  are given by

$$\bar{d}_i \pm t_{n-1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right) \sqrt{\frac{s_{d_i}^2}{n}}.$$

**Simultaneous Confidence Interval: Non-Normal Data:** If  $n - p$  is large, replace

$$\frac{(n-1)pF_{p,n-p}(\alpha)}{n-p} \quad \text{with} \quad \chi_p^2(\alpha).$$

**Example 4.3 (Checking for a mean difference with paired observations)** Municipal wastewater treatment plants are required by law to monitor their discharges into rivers and streams on a regular basis. Concern about the reliability of data from one of these self-monitoring programs led to a study in which samples of effluent were divided and sent to two laboratories for testing. One-half of each sample was sent to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and one-half was sent to a private commercial laboratory routinely used in the monitoring program. Measurements of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) were obtained, for  $n = 11$  sample splits, from the two laboratories.

| Effluent Data |                 |                |                      |                |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Sample $j$    | Commercial lab  |                | State lab of hygiene |                |
|               | $x_{1j1}$ (BOD) | $x_{1j2}$ (SS) | $x_{2j1}$ (BOD)      | $x_{2j2}$ (SS) |
| 1             | 6               | 27             | 25                   | 15             |
| 2             | 6               | 23             | 28                   | 13             |
| 3             | 18              | 64             | 36                   | 22             |
| 4             | 8               | 44             | 35                   | 29             |
| 5             | 11              | 30             | 15                   | 31             |
| 6             | 34              | 75             | 44                   | 64             |
| 7             | 28              | 26             | 42                   | 30             |
| 8             | 71              | 124            | 54                   | 64             |
| 9             | 43              | 54             | 34                   | 56             |
| 10            | 33              | 30             | 29                   | 20             |
| 11            | 20              | 14             | 39                   | 21             |

Consider a situation where  $q$  treatments are compared with respect to a single response variable. Each subject or experimental unit receives each treatment once over successive periods of time.

*Data:*

| Obs. | Trt.1    | Trt.2    | ... | Trt. $q$ |                 |
|------|----------|----------|-----|----------|-----------------|
| 1    | $X_{11}$ | $X_{12}$ | ... | $X_{1q}$ | $\mathbf{X}'_1$ |
| 2    | $X_{21}$ | $X_{22}$ | ... | $X_{2q}$ | $\mathbf{X}'_2$ |
| ...  | ...      | ...      | ... | ...      | ...             |
| $n$  | $X_{n1}$ | $X_{n2}$ | ... | $X_{nq}$ | $\mathbf{X}'_n$ |

*Model:* Assume that  $\mathbf{X}_j$ 's are i.i.d. with  $N_q(\mu, \Sigma)$ .

*Statistical Inference:* Test of Equality of Treatments.

The null hypothesis of testing the equality of treatment means can be formulated as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 - \mu_2 \\ \mu_1 - \mu_3 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_1 - \mu_q \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mu_2 - \mu_1 \\ \mu_3 - \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_q - \mu_{q-1} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

If we define

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

the testing the equality of treatment means is equivalent to testing  $C_1\mu = 0$  or  $C_2\mu = 0$ .

$C_1, C_2$  are called contrast matrix.



## Test for Equality of Treatments

Consider an  $N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  population, and let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a contrast matrix. An  $\alpha$ -level test of  $H_0: \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$  (equal treatment means) versus  $H_1: \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \mathbf{0}$  is as follows:  
Reject  $H_0$  if

$$T^2 = n(\mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{x}})'(\mathbf{CSC}')^{-1}\mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{x}} > \frac{(n-1)(q-1)}{(n-q+1)} F_{q-1, n-q+1}(\alpha) \quad (*)$$

where  $F_{q-1, n-q+1}(\alpha)$  is the upper  $(100\alpha)$ th percentile of an  $F$ -distribution with  $q-1$  and  $n-q+1$  d.f. Here  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  are the sample mean vector and covariance matrix defined, respectively, by

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}})'$$

Note:  $T^2$  does not depend on the particular choice of  $\mathbf{C}$ .

## Confidence Region for Constrasts

A confidence region for contrasts  $C\mu$ , with  $\mu$  the mean of a normal population, is determined by the set of all  $C\mu$  such that

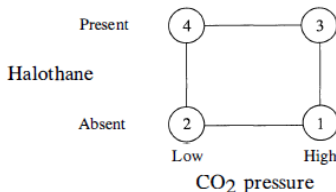
$$n(C\bar{x} - C\mu)'(CSC')^{-1}(C\bar{x} - C\mu) \leq \frac{(n-1)(q-1)}{(n-q+1)} F_{q-1, n-q+1}(\alpha)$$

where  $\bar{x}$  and  $S$  are as defined in (\*). Consequently, simultaneous  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence intervals for single contrasts  $c'\mu$  for any contrast vectors of interest are given by

$$c'\mu: c'\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)(q-1)}{(n-q+1)} F_{q-1, n-q+1}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{c'Sc}{n}}$$

**Example 4.4** (Testing for equal treatments in a repeated measure design)

Improved anesthetics are often developed by first studying their effects on animals. In one study, 19 dogs were initially given the drug pentobarbitol. Each dog was then administered carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) at each of two pressure levels. Next, halothane (H) was added, and the administration of ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) was repeated. The response, milliseconds between heartbeats, was measured for the four treatment combinations:



Treatment 1 = high  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure without H

Treatment 2 = low  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure without H

Treatment 3 = high  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure with H

Treatment 4 = low  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure with H

Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  and  $\mu_4$  correspond to the mean responses for treatment 1,2,3, and 4, respectively.

Consider the following three treatment contrasts:

$$(\mu_3 + \mu_4) - (\mu_1 + \mu_2) : \text{Halothane effect}$$

$$(\mu_1 + \mu_3) - (\mu_2 + \mu_4) : \text{CO}_2 \text{ effect}$$

$$(\mu_1 + \mu_4) - (\mu_2 + \mu_3) : \text{Interaction effect}$$

Test all three effects are 0. That is,

$$H_0 : C\mu = 0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : C\mu \neq 0,$$

where

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Data Structure

Suppose we have two populations  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$ .

## Assumptions Concerning the Structure of the Data:

- The sample  $\mathbf{X}_{11}, \mathbf{X}_{12}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{1n_1}$  is from  $\mathbf{X}_1$ ;
- The sample  $\mathbf{X}_{21}, \mathbf{X}_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{2n_2}$  is from  $\mathbf{X}_2$ ;
- These two samples are independent.

# Normal Populations with Equal Covariance

We further assume that

- $\mathbf{X}_1 \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \Sigma_1)$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_2 \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \Sigma_2)$ ,
- $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$ .

Note that

- $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1$  can be estimated by  $\bar{X}_1$ , the sample mean of  $\mathbf{X}_{11}, \mathbf{X}_{12}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{1n_1}$ ,
- $\boldsymbol{\mu}_2$  can be estimated by  $\bar{X}_2$ , the sample mean of  $\mathbf{X}_{21}, \mathbf{X}_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{2n_2}$ ,
- $\Sigma$  can be estimated by the pooled covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} = \frac{(n_1 - 1)\mathbf{S}_1 + (n_2 - 1)\mathbf{S}_2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2},$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_1$  and  $\mathbf{S}_2$  are the sample covariance of these two samples, respectively.

## Test: Two Populations

If  $\mathbf{X}_{11}, \mathbf{X}_{12}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{1n_1}$  is a random sample of size  $n_1$  from  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \Sigma)$ , and  $\mathbf{X}_{21}, \mathbf{X}_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{2n_2}$  is a random sample of size  $n_2$  from  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \Sigma)$ , then

$$T^2 = [(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2) - (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)]' \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) S_{\text{pooled}} \right]^{-1} [(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2) - (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)]$$

is distributed as

$$\frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}.$$

**Hypothesis Testing:** Reject  $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$  and in favor of  $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$  at the significance level  $\alpha$  if

$$(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2)' \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) S_{\text{pooled}} \right]^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2) \geq \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}(\alpha).$$

**Confidence Region:** A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence region of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$  is given by

$$T^2 \leq \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}(\alpha).$$

### Example (Constructing a confidence region for the difference of two mean vectors)

Fifty bars of soap are manufactured in each of two ways. Two characteristics,  $X_1 =$  lather and  $X_2 =$  mildness, are measured. The summary statistics for bars produced by methods 1 and 2 are

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 8.3 \\ 4.1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{S}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 10.2 \\ 3.9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{S}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Obtain a 95% confidence region for  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$ .



$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} = \frac{49}{98}\mathbf{S}_1 + \frac{49}{98}\mathbf{S}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.9 \\ .2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the confidence ellipse is centered at  $[-1.9, .2]'$ . The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}$  are obtained from the equation

$$0 = |\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 9$$

so  $\lambda = (7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 36})/2$ . Consequently,  $\lambda_1 = 5.303$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1.697$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$ , determined from

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} \mathbf{e}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{e}_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} .290 \\ .957 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .957 \\ -.290 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Result 6.2,

$$\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)c^2 = \left(\frac{1}{50} + \frac{1}{50}\right) \frac{(98)(2)}{(97)} F_{2,97}(.05) = .25$$

since  $F_{2,97}(.05) = 3.1$ . The confidence ellipse extends

$$\sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)c^2} = \sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{.25}$$

units along the eigenvector  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , or 1.15 units in the  $\mathbf{e}_1$  direction and .65 units in the  $\mathbf{e}_2$  direction.



Suppose we have samples from  $g$  populations

Population 1:  $\mathbf{X}_{11}, \mathbf{X}_{12}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{1n_1}$ ;

Population 2:  $\mathbf{X}_{21}, \mathbf{X}_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{2n_2}$ ;

$\dots, \dots$ ;

Population  $g$ :  $\mathbf{X}_{g1}, \mathbf{X}_{g2}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{gn_g}$ .

### Assumptions:

- The random samples from different populations are independent;
- All populations have a common covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ ;
- The  $k$ -th population has a normal distribution:  $N_p(\mu_k, \Sigma)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, g$ .

### Hypothesis to test:

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_g \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : H_0 \text{ is not true.}$$

## MANOVA Statistical Model

We shall assume the data are from the following model

$$\mathbf{X}_{lj} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_l + \mathbf{e}_{lj}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n_l \text{ and } l = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

where the  $\mathbf{e}_{lj}$  are independent  $N_p(0, \Sigma)$  variables. Here the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the overall mean, and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_l$  represents the  $l$ -th treatment effect with  $\sum_{l=1}^g n_l \boldsymbol{\tau}_l = 0$ .

Accordingly, a vector of observation may be decomposed as

$$\mathbf{x}_{lj} = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l).$$

Then we have the following decomposition of sample covariances

$$\sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})' = \sum_{l=1}^g n_l (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \bar{\mathbf{x}})' + \sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l)(\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l)'$$

Total SS                      Treatment (**B**etween) SS                      +                      Residual (**W**ithin) SS

## MANOVA Table

MANOVA TABLE FOR COMPARING POPULATION MEAN VECTORS

| Source of variation            | Matrix of sum of squares and cross products (SSP)  | Degrees of freedom (d.f.)      |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Treatment                      | $\mathbf{B} = \sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})'$                     | $g - 1$                        |
| Residual (Error)               | $\mathbf{W} = \sum_{\ell=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\ell}} (\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell})(\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell})'$ | $\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell} - g$ |
| Total (corrected for the mean) | $\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{W} = \sum_{\ell=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\ell}} (\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})'$  | $\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell} - 1$ |

The hypothesis  $H_0$  will be rejected if

$$\Lambda^* = \frac{|\mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{W}|} = \frac{\left| \sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l)(\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l)' \right|}{\left| \sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})' \right|}$$

is too small.

# Distribution of Wilk's Lambda

## Special Cases

| DISTRIBUTION OF WILKS' LAMBDA, $\Lambda^* =  \mathbf{W} / \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{W} $ |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| No. of variables  | No. of groups | Sampling distribution for multivariate normal data  |
| $p = 1$   | $g \geq 2$    | $\left(\frac{\sum n_\ell - g}{g - 1}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \Lambda^*}{\Lambda^*}\right) \sim F_{g-1, \sum n_\ell - g}$                             |
| $p = 2$   | $g \geq 2$    | $\left(\frac{\sum n_\ell - g - 1}{g - 1}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda^*}}{\sqrt{\Lambda^*}}\right) \sim F_{2(g-1), 2(\sum n_\ell - g - 1)}$ |
| $p \geq 1$  | $g = 2$       | $\left(\frac{\sum n_\ell - p - 1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \Lambda^*}{\Lambda^*}\right) \sim F_{p, \sum n_\ell - p - 1}$                           |
| $p \geq 1$  | $g = 3$       | $\left(\frac{\sum n_\ell - p - 2}{p}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda^*}}{\sqrt{\Lambda^*}}\right) \sim F_{2p, 2(\sum n_\ell - p - 2)}$         |

**Large Sample Cases:** Bartlett has shown that if  $H_0$  is true and  $\sum_{l=1}^g n_l = n$  is large, then

$$-\left(n - 1 - \frac{p + q}{2}\right) \ln \Lambda^* \implies \chi_{p(q-1)}^2.$$

Consequently, we reject  $H_0$  at the significance level  $\alpha$  if

$$-\left(n - 1 - \frac{p + q}{2}\right) \ln \Lambda^* > \chi_{p(q-1)}^2(\alpha).$$

**Example 4.5 (A multivariate analysis of Wisconsin nursing home data)**

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services reimburses nursing homes in the state for the services provided. The department develops a set of formulas for rates for each facility, based on factors such as level of care, mean wage rate, and average wage rate in the state.

Nursing homes can be classified on the basis of ownership (private party, nonprofit organization, and government) and certification (skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or a combination of the two).

One purpose of a recent study was to investigate the effects of ownership or certification (or both) on costs. Four costs, computed on a per-patient-day basis and measured in hours per patient day, were selected for analysis:  $X_1$  =cost of nursing labor,  $X_2$  =cost of dietary labor,  $X_3$  =cost of plant operation and maintenance labor, and  $X_4$  =cost of housekeeping and laundry labor. A total of  $n = 516$  observations on each of the  $p = 4$  cost variables were initially separated according to ownership. Summary statistics for each of the  $g = 3$  groups are given in the following table.

## Comparing Several Multivariate Population Means

| Group  | Number of observations         | Sample mean vectors  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| $\ell = 1$ (private)   | $n_1 = 271$                    |  |
| $\ell = 2$ (nonprofit)   | $n_2 = 138$                    | $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.066 \\ .480 \\ .082 \\ .360 \end{bmatrix}; \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.167 \\ .596 \\ .124 \\ .418 \end{bmatrix}; \bar{\mathbf{x}}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.273 \\ .521 \\ .125 \\ .383 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $\ell = 3$ (government)  | $n_3 = 107$                    |  |
|  | $\sum_{\ell=1}^3 n_\ell = 516$ |  |
| $\mathbf{S}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} .291 & & & & \\ -.001 & .011 & & & \\ .002 & .000 & .001 & & \\ .010 & .003 & .000 & .010 & \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{S}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} .561 & & & & \\ .011 & .025 & & & \\ .001 & .004 & .005 & & \\ .037 & .007 & .002 & .019 & \end{bmatrix};$ |                                |  |
| $\mathbf{S}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} .261 & & & & \\ .030 & .017 & & & \\ .003 & -.000 & .004 & & \\ .018 & .006 & .001 & .013 & \end{bmatrix}$   |                                |  |



**Example 4.6** The relationship of size and shape for painted turtles is studied. The following table contains their measurements on the carapaces of 24 female and 24 male turtles. Test for equality of the two population mean vectors using  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS (IN MILLIMETERS)  
FOR PAINTED TURTLES

| Female              |                    |                     | Male                |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Length<br>( $x_1$ ) | Width<br>( $x_2$ ) | Height<br>( $x_3$ ) | Length<br>( $x_1$ ) | Width<br>( $x_2$ ) | Height<br>( $x_3$ ) |
| 98                  | 81                 | 38                  | 93                  | 74                 | 37                  |
| 103                 | 84                 | 38                  | 94                  | 78                 | 35                  |
| 103                 | 86                 | 42                  | 96                  | 80                 | 35                  |
| 105                 | 86                 | 42                  | 101                 | 84                 | 39                  |
| 109                 | 88                 | 44                  | 102                 | 85                 | 38                  |
| 123                 | 92                 | 50                  | 103                 | 81                 | 37                  |
| 123                 | 95                 | 46                  | 104                 | 83                 | 39                  |
| 133                 | 99                 | 51                  | 106                 | 83                 | 39                  |

# SCIs for Treatment Effects

When the hypothesis of equal treatment effects is rejected, those effects that led to the rejection of the hypothesis are of interest.

For pairwise comparisons, the Bonferroni approach will be used to construct the SCIs for the component differences  $\tau_k - \tau_l$ .

## SCIs for Treatment Effects

Let  $n = \sum_{k=1}^g n_k$ . For the model in (6-38), with confidence at least  $(1 - \alpha)$ ,

$$\tau_{ki} - \tau_{li} \text{ belongs to } \bar{x}_{ki} - \bar{x}_{li} \pm t_{n-g} \left( \frac{\alpha}{pg(g-1)} \right) \sqrt{\frac{w_{ii}}{n-g} \left( \frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_l} \right)}$$

for all components  $i = 1, \dots, p$  and all differences  $\ell < k = 1, \dots, g$ . Here  $w_{ii}$  is the  $i$ th diagonal element of  $\mathbf{W}$ .

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- 3 Testing of Equality of Covariance Matrices

When comparing two or more multivariate mean vectors, we often assume that the covariance matrices of the potentially different populations are the same.

With  $g$  populations, the null hypothesis of interest is

$$H_0 : \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \cdots = \Sigma_g = \Sigma.$$

The alternative hypothesis is that at least two of the covariance matrices are not equal.

**Likelihood Ratio Test Statistic:**

$$\Lambda = \prod_{j=1}^g \left( \frac{|\mathbf{S}_j|}{|\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}|} \right)^{(n_j-1)/2}$$

where

- $\mathbf{S}_j$ : the sample covariance matrix from  $j$ -th group;
- $\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}$ : the pooled sample covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} = \frac{(n_1 - 1)\mathbf{S}_1 + \cdots + (n_g - 1)\mathbf{S}_g}{\sum_{j=1}^g (n_j - 1)}.$$

# Box's $M$ Test Statistic

Box's test is based on the  $\chi^2$  approximation to the sampling distribution of

$$M = -2 \log \Lambda = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^g (n_j - 1) \right] \log |\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}| - \sum_{j=1}^g [(n_j - 1) \log |\mathbf{S}_j|].$$

## Box's Test for Equality of Covariance Matrices

Set

$$u = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^g \frac{1}{n_j - 1} - \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^g (n_j - 1)} \right] \cdot \frac{2p^2 + 3p - 1}{6(p + 1)(g - 1)}.$$

Then

$$C = (1 - u)M$$

has an approximate  $\chi^2$  distribution with degrees of freedom

$v = 0.5p(p + 1)(g - 1)$ . Thus, at significant level  $\alpha$ , reject  $H_0$  if  $C > \chi_v^2(\alpha)$ .