

$\Delta_x = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}_{0n})^\top \mathbf{C}_{0n}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{T}_{0n})$ the squared Mahalanobis distance of \mathbf{x} using the initial location and dispersion estimates, the set can be rewritten as $C^\beta(F) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p | \Delta_{\mathbf{x}} > (\chi_p^2)^{-1}(\beta)\}$, where $(\chi_p^2)^{-1}(\beta)$ is a large quantile of a chi-squared distribution with p degrees of freedom. Now we want to show that the result given by Proposition holds for this particular case. Consider a random vector $(\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n) \sim \mathbf{F}_0(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ and suppose that F_0 is an elliptically symmetric distribution. Also consider a pair of location and dispersion estimators \mathbf{T}_{0n} and \mathbf{C}_{0n} such that $\mathbf{T}_{0n} \rightarrow \mu_0$ and $\mathbf{C}_{0n} \rightarrow \Sigma_0$ a.s.. Let F be a chosen reference distribution and \hat{F}_n the empirical distribution function. If the reference distribution satisfies

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F}_0)} [d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0)] < 0$$

where β is some large quantile of F_0 , then

$$nd_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof. In ?, it is proved that for i.i.d. $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ with distribution F_0 , as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\sup_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d} |d_{HS}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{F}_0) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

Note that, by the continuity of F , $F(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n}) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ a.s.. Hence, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists n_0 such that for all $n > n_0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F}_0)} \{d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n}))\} &\leq \\ \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F}_0)} \{d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0(\mu_0, \Sigma_0))\} &+ \\ \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F}_0)} \{d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0))\} &+ \\ \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F}_0)} \{d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n}))\} & \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + 0 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

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In the next example, we illustrate a univariate filter based on half-space depth that controls independently the left and the right tail of the distribution. In the univariate case, given a point x there exist only two halfspaces including it, hence the half-space depth assumes the explicit form

$$\begin{aligned} d_{HS}(x; F) &= \min(P_F((-\infty, x]), P_F([x, \infty))) \\ &= \min(F(x), 1 - F(x) + P_F(X = x)), \end{aligned}$$