

STT 843: Multivariate Analysis

9. Multivariate Analysis of Variance

Guanqun Cao

Department of Statistics and Probability
Michigan State University

Spring 2026

Outline

- 1 MANOVA (one-way)
- 2 MANOVA Table (one-way)
- 3 Wilks' Λ
- 4 Simultaneous Confidence Intervals for Treatment Effects
- 5 Repeated measure designs and growth curves

MANOVA (one-way)

Comparing means from g groups

- Sample from population 1: $\mathbf{x}_{11}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1n_1}$
- Sample from population 2: $\mathbf{x}_{21}, \mathbf{x}_{22}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{2n_2}$
- \vdots
- Sample from population g : $\mathbf{x}_{g1}, \mathbf{x}_{g2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{gn_g}$

independent random samples $\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\ell, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \quad \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ is the common covariance matrix

- Instead of testing

$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_g$ vs. $H_1 : \text{at least two } \mu\text{'s are unequal}$

we usually reparameterize

$$\mu_\ell = \mu + \tau_\ell \quad \leftarrow \text{treatment effect}$$

- Thus $\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} \sim N(\mu + \tau_\ell, \Sigma)$ and

$$H_0 : \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \cdots = \tau_g$$

- Our model:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} = \mu + \tau_\ell + \mathbf{e}_{\ell j}, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, g, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_\ell$$

- For uniqueness (identifiability), we impose the constraint

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_\ell \tau_\ell = \mathbf{0}$$

- Decomposition of sample:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \mathbf{x}_{\ell j} & = & \bar{\mathbf{x}} & + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) & + (\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell}) \\
 \text{observed} & & \uparrow & & \\
 & & \text{overall} & \text{estimated} & \text{residual} \\
 & & \text{sample} & \text{treatment} & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\ell j} \\
 & & \text{mean} & \text{effect} & \\
 & & \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_{\ell} &
 \end{array}$$

- Multivariate analog of total (corrected) sum of squares is

$$\underbrace{\sum_{\ell=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\ell}} (\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{1})'}_{\substack{\text{total corrected} \\ \text{sum of squares} \\ \text{and cross} \\ \text{products matrix}}} = \underbrace{\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{1})'}_{\substack{= \mathbf{H} \\ \text{"Between"} \\ \text{groups} \\ \text{matrix}}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\ell=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\ell}} (\mathbf{x}_{\ell j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell})(\mathbf{1})'}_{\substack{= \mathbf{E} \\ \text{"Within" groups} \\ \text{matrix} \\ = \sum_{\ell=1}^g (n_{\ell} - 1) \mathbf{S}_{\ell}}}$$

Notes:

- Assuming no linear dependencies, $\text{rank}\{\mathbf{H}\} = \min(p, \nu_H)$
- \mathbf{S}_ℓ is the covariance matrix for the ℓ^{th} sample. So,

$$E \left\{ \frac{1}{(\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_\ell) - g} \mathbf{E} \right\} = \mathbf{\Sigma}$$

where $\text{rank}\{\mathbf{E}\} = \min(p, \nu_E)$

MANOVA TABLE (one-way)

Source	SS Matrix	d.f.
Treatment	H	$\nu_H = g - 1$
Error	E	$\nu_E = (\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell}) - g$
Total (corrected)	H + E	$(\sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell}) - 1$

The likelihood ratio test of $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_g$ rejects H_0 when

$$\Lambda = \frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H}|} \leq \Lambda_{\alpha, p, \nu_H, \nu_E}$$

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H} = \sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T.$$

- We have that $\mathbf{E} \sim W_p(n - g, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ and under H_0 , $\mathbf{H} \sim W_p(g - 1, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ independently of \mathbf{E} (how?), hence $\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{E} \sim W_p(n - 1, \mathbf{\Sigma})$.
- The exact (null) distributions of (transformations of) Λ^* are known in some special cases: $p = 1, 2$ and $g = 2, 3$ - see Table 6.3.

Wilks' Λ

- Note: Reject for small values of Λ . As in univariate anova F -test, we "accept" when total SS (**E** + **H**) is dominated by error (**E**).
- Note: We sometimes refer to the subscripts of the Λ_{p,ν_H,ν_E} distribution as "dimension," "numerator df," and "denominator df" (e.g., $\Lambda_{\text{dim}, \text{df}_{\text{num}}, \text{df}_{\text{den}}}$)

Properties of Wilk's Λ

- ① For statistic to be obtained, we need $\nu_E \geq p$.
- ② Degrees of freedom ν_H and ν_E are the same as in analogous univariate case; e.g., one-way model: $\nu_H = g - 1$ and $\nu_E = \sum_{\ell=1}^g n_{\ell} - g$
- ③ Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s$ be the s non-zero eigenvalues of $\mathbf{E}^{-1}\mathbf{H}$, where $s = \min(p, \nu_H)$. Then $\Lambda = \prod_{i=1}^s \frac{1}{1+\lambda_i}$.
- ④ Critical value $\Lambda_{\alpha, p, \nu_H, \nu_E}$ decreases as p increases. Thus, adding variables decreases power unless variables contribute to separation.
- ⑤ When $\nu_H = 1$ or $\nu_H = 2$ or $p = 1$ or $p = 2$, Λ can be transformed to follow an F distribution.

- If $\nu_H = 1$

$$\frac{\nu_E - p + 1}{p} \frac{1 - \Lambda}{\Lambda} \sim F_{p, \nu_E - p + 1}$$

- If $\nu_H = 2$

$$\frac{\nu_E - p + 1}{p} \frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda}}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \sim F_{2p, 2(\nu_E - p + 1)}$$

- If $p = 1$

$$\frac{\nu_E}{\nu_H} \frac{1 - \Lambda}{\Lambda} \sim F_{\nu_H, \nu_E}$$

- If $p = 2$

$$\frac{(\nu_E - 1)}{\nu_H} \frac{1 - \sqrt{\Lambda}}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \sim F_{2\nu_H, 2(\nu_E - 1)}$$

6 Approximate tests

For $p > 2$ or $\nu_H > 2$ and n large

$$\chi^2 = - \left[\nu_E - \frac{1}{2} (p - \nu_H + 1) \right] \ln \Lambda \stackrel{\text{approx}}{\sim} \chi^2_{p\nu_H}$$

Approximately valid when $p^2 + \nu_H^2 \leq \frac{1}{3} \left[\nu_E - \frac{1}{2} (p - \nu_H + 1) \right]$

- More correct approximate distribution for Λ (exact when ν_H or p is 1 or 2):

$$F = \frac{1 - \Lambda^{1/t}}{\Lambda^{1/t}} \frac{df_2}{df_1} \underset{\sim}{\text{approx}} F_{df_1, df_2}$$

$$df_1 = p\nu_H$$

$$df_2 = wt - \frac{1}{2}(p\nu_H - 2)$$

$$w = \nu_E + \nu_H - \frac{1}{2}(p + \nu_H + 1)$$

$$t = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{p^2\nu_H^2 - 4}{p^2 + \nu_H^2 - 5}} & \text{for } p^2 + \nu_H^2 - 5 > 0 \quad (\text{or } p + \nu_H > 3) \\ 1 & \text{for } p^2 + \nu_H^2 - 5 \leq 0 \quad (\text{or } p + \nu_H \leq 3) \end{cases}$$

Other MANOVA Tests

Let $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s)$ be the ordered eigenvalues of $\mathbf{E}^{-1}\mathbf{H}$, where $s = \min(p, \nu_H) = \text{rank of } \mathbf{H}$

- Roy's Largest Root:

$$\theta = \lambda_1$$

- Note: SAS and most authors denote Roy's Largest Root as λ_1 (the largest root of $\mathbf{E}^{-1}\mathbf{H}$). If Roy's Largest Root is $\xi_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{1+\lambda_1}$, it is the largest root of $(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}$.

- Approximate F -statistic (used by SAS):

$$F_{\theta} = \frac{(\nu_E - d + \nu_H)}{d} \lambda_1$$

is an upper bound for "true F " which is distributed

$$F_{d, \nu_E - d + \nu_H}$$

where ($d = \max(p, \nu_H)$)

F_{θ} -test is anti-conservative (yields lower bound on p -value)

Pillai's Trace

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{\lambda_i}{1 + \lambda_i} \\ &= \text{tr} \{ (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H} \} = \sum_{i=1}^s \xi_i \end{aligned}$$

where ξ_1, \dots, ξ_s are the s ordered eigen-values of $(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}$

- Note 1:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{E}^{-1}\mathbf{H} \text{ is analagous to } \frac{\text{between SS}}{\text{within SS}} \\ (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H} \text{ is analagous to } \frac{\text{between SS}}{\text{total SS}} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{"Large Ratio"} \\ \text{Reject } H_0 \end{array}$$

- Note 2:

$$\xi_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{1 + \lambda_i} \text{ and } \lambda_i = \frac{\xi_i}{1 - \xi_i}$$

Approximate F -statistic (used in SAS):

$$F_V = \frac{(2N + s + 1)}{(2m + s + 1)} \left(\frac{V}{s - V} \right) \sim F_{s(2m+s+1), s(2N+s+1)}$$

where

$$s = \min(\nu_H, p)$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2} (|\nu_H - p| - 1)$$

$$N = \frac{1}{2} (\nu_E - p - 1)$$

Lawley-Hotelling Trace

$$U = \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i$$

$$= \text{tr} \{ \mathbf{E}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \}$$

Approximate F -statistic (used in SAS):

$$F_u = \frac{2(sN + 1)}{s^2(2m + s + 1)} U \sim F_{s(2m+s+1), 2(sN+1)}$$

→ Also known as "Hotelling's generalized T^2 "

Why four test statistics?

- All 4 are exact tests (i.e., have size α), but when H_0 not true they have different power
- For $p = 1$, μ_1, \dots, μ_k can be ordered along 1 dimension (line) and F -test is U.M.P.
- For $p > 1$, μ_1, \dots, μ_k are points in $s = \min(p, \nu_H)$ dimensions. But means may in fact occupy only a subspace of the s dimensions; e.g., they may lie close to a line (1-D) or a plane (2-D).

Comparison of Multivariate Test Statistics Performance

Condition	“Best” Statistic
Concentrated Effect (one eigenvalue is large)	Roy's Largest Root
Diffuse Effect (spread across many dimensions)	Wilks' Lambda or Hotelling-Lawley
Small Samples or Violations of Assumptions	Pillai's Trace

Diffuse Effect

- Wilks' Lambda ($\Lambda = \prod \frac{1}{1+\lambda_i}$): Because it is a product-based statistic, it incorporates the "contribution" of every single eigenvalue. If multiple λ_i are greater than zero, their product compounds, making it easier to reject the null hypothesis.
- Hotelling-Lawley Trace ($T = \sum \lambda_i$): This is a direct sum of all eigenvalues. It captures the total volume of the treatment effect across all dimensions.

Small Samples or Violations of Assumptions

- Wilks' Lambda is a product. If a single eigenvalue is very small (potentially due to noise or a small sample size causing a near-singular matrix), the entire product is severely affected.
- Pillai's Trace is a sum, which acts as an averaging mechanism. This "averaging" prevents any single outlier eigenvalue from dominating the test statistic.
- When group sizes are unequal and covariance matrices differ, Wilks' Lambda, Hotelling-Lawley, and Roy's Root become highly susceptible to Type I errors (falsely claiming a significant result).
- In small sample sizes (n is close to p): The estimation of the Error matrix \mathbf{E} is unstable.

Simultaneous Confidence Intervals for Treatment Effects

- Let τ_{ki} be the i -th component of τ_k . Since τ_k is estimated by $\hat{\tau}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_k - \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\hat{\tau}_{ki} - \hat{\tau}_{li} = \bar{x}_{ki} - \bar{x}_{li}$ is the difference between two independent sample means.
- Note that $Var(\hat{\tau}_{ki} - \hat{\tau}_{li}) = Var(\bar{X}_{ki} - \bar{X}_{li}) = \left(\frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_l} \right) \frac{E_{ii}}{n-g}$, where E_{ii} is the i th diagonal element of \mathbf{E} and $n = \sum_k n_k$

- There are p variables and $g(g-1)/2$ pairwise differences, critical value is $t_{n-g}(\alpha/2m)$, where $m = pg(g-1)/2$
- With confidence at least $(1 - \alpha)$, $\tau_{ki} - \tau_{li}$ belongs to $(\bar{X}_{ki} - \bar{X}_{li}) \pm t_{n-g} \left(\frac{\alpha}{pg(g-1)} \right) \sqrt{\frac{E_{ij}}{n-g}} \left(\frac{1}{n_k} + \frac{1}{n_l} \right)$ for all components $i = 1, \dots, p$.

Repeated measure designs and growth curves

- A variation on repeated measures - treatment l ($l = 1, \dots, g$) is applied to each of n_l subjects and then a certain characteristic is monitored over time.
- For instance each of $n = \sum n_l$ plants is fertilized (using one of the g fertilizers) and their weights are measured at times t_1, \dots, t_p .
- Any one plant is viewed as an observation from a $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ population with μ_i = mean size at time t_i .

Potthoff-Roy model for quadratic growth

The 'Potthoff-Roy model for quadratic growth' (there are others) takes

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_1 + \beta_2 t_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_0 + \beta_1 t_p + \beta_2 t_p^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

in an obvious notation. The coefficient vectors $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ vary from one group to another.

- Thus the sample data are

$$\{\mathbf{x}_{lj} \mid j = 1, \dots, n_l, l = 1, \dots, g\}$$

with $\mathbf{x}_{lj} \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}_l = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\beta}_l, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$.

- We wish to compare the curves in varying groups. In the unrestricted model, with no assumed structure on $\boldsymbol{\mu}_l$, the MLEs are $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_l = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \mathbf{E}/n$, where $\mathbf{E} = (n - g)\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}$, exactly as in one-way MANOVA.
- To test the adequacy of a particular growth curve model $\boldsymbol{\mu}_l = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\beta}_l$, where \mathbf{B} is $p \times (q + 1)$ (for instance when a q^{th} -order polynomial is fitted), we must find the MLE's of the $\boldsymbol{\beta}_l$.

These minimize the trace in the exponent of the likelihood, which is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Sigma^{-1} \left\{ \sum_I \sum_j (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \mathbf{B}\beta_l) (\cdots)^T \right\} \\
 &= \Sigma^{-1} \left\{ \sum_I \sum_j ((\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l) + (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \mathbf{B}\beta_l)) (\cdots)^T \right\} \\
 &= \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{W} + \sum_I n_l (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \mathbf{B}\beta_l)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \mathbf{B}\beta_l) \\
 &= \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{W} + \sum_I n_l \left\| \Sigma^{-1/2} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \Sigma^{-1/2} \mathbf{B}\beta_l \right\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\hat{\beta}_I$ minimizes $\|\Sigma^{-1/2}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_I - \Sigma^{-1/2}\mathbf{B}\beta_I\|^2$; by standard least squares theory this is

$$\hat{\beta}_I = (\mathbf{B}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \Sigma^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_I.$$

- It is usual (because it is much simpler) to take $\hat{\Sigma} = \mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}$, where $\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}} = \frac{1}{n-g} \mathbf{E}$
- To test a particular growth model, i.e. $H_0 : \mu = \mathbf{B}\beta$ (for any fixed \mathbf{B} and $\beta_{(q+1) \times 1}$, not necessarily representing quadratic effects) we fit without restrictions and then under the hypothesis, obtaining

$$\Lambda^* = \frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{E}_q|}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_q &= \sum_{l=1}^g \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \mathbf{B}\hat{\beta}_l) (\mathbf{x}_{lj} - \mathbf{B}\hat{\beta}_l)^T \\ &= \mathbf{E} + \sum_l n_l (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \mathbf{B}\hat{\beta}_l) (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_l - \mathbf{B}\hat{\beta}_l)^T. \end{aligned}$$

Bartlett's approximation:

$$- \left(n - \frac{p - q + g}{2} \right) \log \Lambda^* \sim \chi^2_{(p-q-1)g}$$