### Multivariate Statistics

Lecture 08

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#### Theorem 1

Let  $T^2 = \mathbf{y}^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{y}$  is distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\nu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $n\mathbf{S}$  is independently distributed as  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \mathbf{z}_{\alpha} \mathbf{z}_{\alpha}^{\top}$  with  $\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_n$  independent, each with distribution  $\mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . Then the random variable

$$\frac{T^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-p+1}{p}$$

is distributed as a noncentral F-distribution with p and n-p+1 degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter  $\boldsymbol{\nu}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}$ . If  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{0}$ , the distribution is central F.

In the example of likelihood ratio criterion, we consider the special case of  $\mathbf{y}=\sqrt{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_0),\ \nu=\sqrt{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$  and n=N-1.

#### Corollary 1

Let  $\mathbf{x}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{x}_N$  be a sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and let

$$\mathcal{T}^2 = \mathcal{N}(ar{\mathbf{x}} - oldsymbol{\mu}_0)^{ op} \mathbf{S}^{-1}(ar{\mathbf{x}} - oldsymbol{\mu}_0).$$

The distribution of

$$\frac{T^2}{N-1}\cdot\frac{N-p}{p}.$$

is noncentral F with p and N-p degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter  $N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^{\top}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$ . If  $\boldsymbol{\mu}=\boldsymbol{\mu}_0$  then the F-distribution is central.

#### Theorem 2

Suppose  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m$  are independent with  $\mathbf{y}_\alpha$  distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{w}_\alpha, \mathbf{\Phi})$ , where  $\mathbf{w}_\alpha$  is an r-component vector. Let  $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \mathbf{w}_\alpha \mathbf{w}_\alpha^\top$  assumed non-singular,  $\mathbf{G} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \mathbf{y}_\alpha \mathbf{w}_\alpha^\top \mathbf{H}^{-1}$  and

$$\mathbf{C} = \sum_{lpha=1}^m (\mathbf{y}_lpha - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}_lpha) (\mathbf{y}_lpha - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}_lpha)^ op = \sum_{lpha=1}^m \mathbf{y}_lpha \mathbf{y}_lpha^ op - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{G}^ op.$$

Then C is distributed as

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{m-r} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}^{\top}$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{m-r}$  are independently distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Phi})$  independently of  $\mathbf{G}$ .

For large samples the distribution of  $T^2$  given this corollary is approximately valid even if the parent distribution is not normal.

#### Theorem 3

Let  $x_1, x_2,...$  be a sequence of independently identically distributed random vectors with mean vector  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Let

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}, \qquad \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{N} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^{\top}$$

and

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}^2 = \mathcal{N}(ar{\mathtt{x}}_{\mathcal{N}} - oldsymbol{\mu}_0)^{ op} \mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{N}}^{-1}(ar{\mathtt{x}}_{\mathcal{N}} - oldsymbol{\mu}_0).$$

Then the limiting distribution of  $T_N^2$  as  $N \to \infty$  is the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $\rho$  degrees of freedom if  $\mu = \mu_0$ .

When the null hypothesis is true  $(\mu_0 = \mu)$ , the likelihood ratio criterion holds that

$$\lambda^{\frac{2}{N}} = \frac{1}{1 + T^2/(N-1)} = \frac{1}{1 + T^2/n},$$

where  $T^2 = \text{and } n = N - 1$ .

Then  $T^2$  is distributed according to central F-distribution with degree of freedom p and n-1-p:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{T^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-p+1}{p} \sim \frac{\chi^2(p)/p}{\chi^2(n-1-p)/(n-1-p)} \\ \Longrightarrow &\frac{T^2}{n} \sim \frac{\chi^2(p)}{\chi^2(n-1-p)} \\ \Longrightarrow &\lambda^{\frac{2}{N}} \sim \frac{\chi^2(n-1-p)}{\chi^2(n-1-p)+\chi^2(p)} \end{split}$$

#### Theorem 4

Let u be distributed according to the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with a degrees of freedom and w be distributed according to the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with b degrees of freedom. The density of v=u/(u+w), when u and w are independent is

$$\frac{1}{B\left(\frac{a}{2},\frac{b}{2}\right)}v^{\frac{a}{2}-1}(1-v)^{\frac{b}{2}-1},\tag{1}$$

where 
$$B(\alpha,\beta)=\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1}(1-t)^{\beta-1}\,\mathrm{d}t.$$

The function (1) is the density of beta distribution with parameters a/2 and b/2.

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## Testing the Hypothesis for the Mean

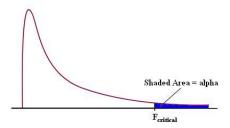
The likelihood ratio test of the hypothesis  $\mu=\mu_0$  on the basis of a sample of N from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \mathbf{\Sigma})$  is defined by the critical region

$$T^2 \geq T_0^2$$

where  $T^2 = N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$ .

If the significance level is  $\alpha$ , then

$$T_0^2 = \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} F_{p,N-p}(\alpha) \triangleq T_{p,N-1}^2(\alpha).$$



## A Confidence Region for the Mean Vector

The probability of drawing a sample of N from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$  with sample mean  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  and sample covariance matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that

$$N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq T_{p,N-1}^2(\alpha).$$

is  $1-\alpha$ .

The set

$$\left\{\mathbf{m}: \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{m})^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{m}) \leq T_{\rho, N-1}^{2}(\alpha)\right\}$$

corresponds to the interior and boundary of an ellipsoid. We state that  $\mu$  lies within this ellipsoid with confidence  $1-\alpha$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{y}_1^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{N_i}^{(i)}$  is a sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  for i = 1, 2. We wish to test the null hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$ .

• For i = 1, 2, we have

$$ar{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} = rac{1}{N_i} \sum_{lpha=1}^{N_i} \mathbf{y}_lpha^{(i)} \, \sim \, \mathcal{N}\left(oldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, rac{1}{N_i} oldsymbol{\Sigma}
ight).$$

Since

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{N_1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{1}{N_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

we have

$$\label{eq:problem} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}, \left(\frac{1}{\textit{N}_1} + \frac{1}{\textit{N}_2}\right)\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right).$$

Under the null hypothesis, we have

$$\sqrt{\textit{N}_{1}\textit{N}_{2}/(\textit{N}_{1}+\textit{N}_{2})}\left(\boldsymbol{\bar{y}}^{(1)}-\boldsymbol{\bar{y}}^{(2)}\right)\sim\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{0},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

Let

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S} &= \frac{1}{\textit{N}_1 + \textit{N}_2 - 2} \Bigg( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\textit{N}_1} \big( \mathbf{y}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \big) \big( \mathbf{y}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \big)^{\top} \\ &+ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\textit{N}_2} \big( \mathbf{y}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \big) \big( \mathbf{y}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \big)^{\top} \Bigg), \end{split}$$

then

$$(\textit{N}_1 + \textit{N}_2 - 2)\textbf{S} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\textit{N}_1 + \textit{N}_2 - 2} \textbf{z}_{\alpha} \textbf{z}_{\alpha}^{\top},$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_{\alpha}$  are independent and  $\mathbf{z}_{\alpha} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{T}^2 = \frac{N_1 N_2}{N_1 + N_2} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)}),$$

then

$$\frac{T^2}{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \cdot \frac{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}{p}$$

is distributed according to central F-distribution with p and  $N_1 + N_2 - p - 1$  degrees of freedom.

The critical region is

$$T^2 \ge \frac{(N_1 + N_2 - 2)p}{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1} F_{p, N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}(\alpha)$$

with significance level  $\alpha$ .

The probability of

$$T^{2} = \frac{N_{1} N_{2}}{N_{1} + N_{2}} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})$$

$$\leq \frac{(N_{1} + N_{2} - 2)\rho}{N_{1} + N_{2} - \rho - 1} F_{\rho, N_{1} + N_{2} - \rho - 1}(\alpha)$$

is  $1-\alpha$ .

A confidence region for  $\mu^{(1)} - \mu^{(2)}$  with confidence level  $1-\alpha$  is the set of vectors  ${\bf m}$  satisfying

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\textit{N}_{1}\,\textit{N}_{2}}{\textit{N}_{1} + \textit{N}_{2}} \big(\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} - \mathbf{m}\big)^{\top} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \big(\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} - \mathbf{m}\big) \\ \leq & \frac{(\textit{N}_{1} + \textit{N}_{2} - 2)p}{\textit{N}_{1} + \textit{N}_{2} - p - 1} \textit{F}_{\textit{p},\textit{N}_{1} + \textit{N}_{2} - p - 1}(\alpha). \end{split}$$

## A Problem of Several Samples

There is a theoretical reason for believing the gene structures of three species of Iris virginica to be such that the mean vectors of the three populations are related as

$$3\mu^{(1)} = \mu^{(3)} + 2\mu^{(2)},$$

where  $\mu^{(i)}$  is the mean vector of the *i*-th population.

## A Problem of Several Samples

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)}\}$  for  $\alpha=1,\ldots,N_i,\ i=1,\ldots,q$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}),\ i=1,\ldots,q$ , respectively. Let us test the hypothesis

$$H: \sum_{i=1}^q \beta_i \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}.$$

where  $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_q$  are given scalars and  $\mu$  is a given vector.

## A Problem of Several Samples

The criterion is

$$T^{2} = c \left( \sum_{i=1}^{q} \beta_{i} \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \right) \mathbf{S}^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{q} \beta_{i} \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \right)^{\top}$$

where

$$ar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} = rac{1}{N_i} \sum_{lpha=1}^{N_i} \mathbf{x}_{lpha}^{(i)}, \qquad c = \left(\sum_{i=1}^q rac{eta_i^2}{N_i}
ight)^{-1}$$

and

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{q} N_i - q} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \left( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} \right) \left( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{\top}.$$

This  $T^2$  has the  $T^2$ -distribution with  $\sum_{i=1}^q N_i - q$  degrees of freedom.

## A Problem of Symmetry

Consider testing the hypothesis

$$H: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_p$$

on the basis of sample  $\mathbf{x}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{x}_N$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , where

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

## A Problem of Symmetry

Let **C** be any  $(p-1) \times p$  matrix of rank p-1 such that

$$C1_p = 0_{p-1}$$
.

Then we have

$$\mathbf{y}_{lpha} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_{lpha} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{C}oldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}oldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{C}^{ op}
ight)$$

and the hypothesis H is equivalent to  $\mathbf{C}\mu = \mathbf{0}_{p-1}$  (why?).

## A Problem of Symmetry

We can construct the  $T^2$  statistic

$$\mathcal{T}^2 = \mathbf{N}\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\top}\mathbf{S}^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

where

$$\begin{split} &\bar{\mathbf{y}} = &\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \mathbf{y}_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{C} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ &\mathbf{S} = &\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} (\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}) (\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^{\top} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \mathbf{C}^{\top}. \end{split}$$

## Two-Sample Problems (Unequal Covariance)

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)}\}$  for  $\alpha=1,\ldots,N_i,\ i=1,\ldots,q$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$  for i=1,2, respectively. We wish to test the hypothesis

$$H: \mu^{(1)} = \mu^{(2)}.$$

We cannot use the technique in the case of equal covariance, because

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{\textit{N}_{1}} \big( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} \big) \big( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} \big)^{\top} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\textit{N}_{2}} \big( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)} \big) \big( \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)} \big)^{\top}$$

does not correspond to normal distributed variables  $\mathbf{z}_{\alpha}$  with covariance

$$\frac{1}{N_1}\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{1}{N_2}\mathbf{\Sigma}_2.$$

# Two-Sample Problems ( $N_1 = N_2$ )

If  $N_1 = N_2 = N$ , we can use the  $T^2$ -test in an obvious way.

**1** Let  $\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)}$ , then  $\mathbf{y}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{N}$  are independent and

$$\mathbf{y}_{lpha} \sim \mathcal{N}ig(oldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - oldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}, oldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + oldsymbol{\Sigma}_2ig).$$

2 Define

$$\begin{split} \bar{\mathbf{y}} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \mathbf{y}_{\alpha} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(2)}, \\ (N-1)\mathbf{S} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} (\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})(\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^{\top} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(2)})(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha}^{(2)})^{\top}. \end{split}$$

**3** Then  $T^2 = N\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\top}\mathbf{S}^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{y}}$  is suitable for testing the hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$  and has the  $T^2$ -distribution with N-1 degrees of freedom.

# Two-Sample Problems $(N_1 \neq N_2)$

For the case of  $N_1 \neq N_2$ , we let  $N_1 < N_2$  and define

$$\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(1)} - \sqrt{\frac{\textit{N}_{1}}{\textit{N}_{2}}}\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\textit{N}_{1}\textit{N}_{2}}}\sum_{\beta=1}^{\textit{N}_{1}}\mathbf{x}_{\beta}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{\textit{N}_{2}}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{\textit{N}_{2}}\mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^{(2)}$$

for  $\alpha = 1, \ldots, N_1$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}_{lpha}] = oldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - oldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$$

and

$$\mathrm{Cov}(\mathbf{y}_{lpha},\mathbf{y}_{lpha'}) = egin{cases} \mathbf{\Sigma}_1 + rac{N_1}{N_2}\mathbf{\Sigma}_2, & lpha = lpha', \\ \mathbf{0}, & ext{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

# Two-Sample Problems $(N_1 \neq N_2)$

We test  $oldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = oldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$  by using

$$T^2 = N_1 \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}},$$

which has  $T^2$ -distribution with  $N_1 - 1$  degrees of freedom, where

$$ar{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{y}_{\alpha} = ar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} - ar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)},$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N_1 - 1} \sum_{\alpha = 1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}) (\mathbf{y}_{\alpha} - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^{\top}.$$

# Two-Sample Problems $(N_1 \neq N_2)$

#### Lemma 3

Let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\alpha})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Define

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \sum_{lpha=1}^N \mathsf{a}_lpha \mathbf{x}_lpha \quad ext{and} \quad \mathbf{z}_2 = \sum_{lpha=1}^N b_lpha \mathbf{x}_lpha,$$

then

$$\operatorname{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} a_{\alpha} b_{\alpha} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{\alpha}.$$