

# TESTING OF COVARIANCE MATRIX

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample (iid) from  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$   
 $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\Sigma > 0$  are unknown

①  $H_0: \Sigma = \lambda I$ , where  $I$  is identity

against  $H_A$ : not  $H_0$ .

Under  $H_0$

$$\bar{X} \sim N_p\left(\mu, \frac{\lambda}{n} I\right)$$

The likelihood function is

$$L(\mu, \Sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} A)\right) \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2} (\bar{X} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\bar{X} - \mu)\right)$$

where,

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})^T$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \{(\mu, \Sigma) : \mu \in \mathbb{R}^p, \Sigma > 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{(\mu, \Sigma) : \mu \in \mathbb{R}^p, \Sigma = \lambda I, \lambda > 0\}$$

$$\dim \mathcal{H} = p + \frac{p(p+1)}{2}, \quad \dim \mathcal{H}_0 = p+1$$

The likelihood ratio

$$\Lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{H}_0} L}{\sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{H}} L}$$

Let us compute  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L$ .

Unrestricted mle

$$\hat{\mu}_{mle} = \bar{x} \quad \& \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{mle} = \frac{A}{n}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L &= (2\pi)^{-np/2} |n^{-1}A|^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}np\right) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-np/2} |A|^{-n/2} n^{n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}np\right) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L = ?$$

Under  $\Theta_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mu}_{mle} &= \bar{x} \\ \tilde{\lambda}_{mle} &= \frac{1}{np} \text{tr}(A) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L = (2\pi)^{-np/2} \left(\text{tr}(A)/np\right)^{-np/2} \exp\left(-\frac{np}{2}\right) \quad \text{check this!}$$

→ Therefore,

$$\Lambda = \frac{(np)^{np/2} (\text{tr}(A))^{-np/2}}{n^{np/2} |A|^{-n/2}}$$

→ Large Sample Test

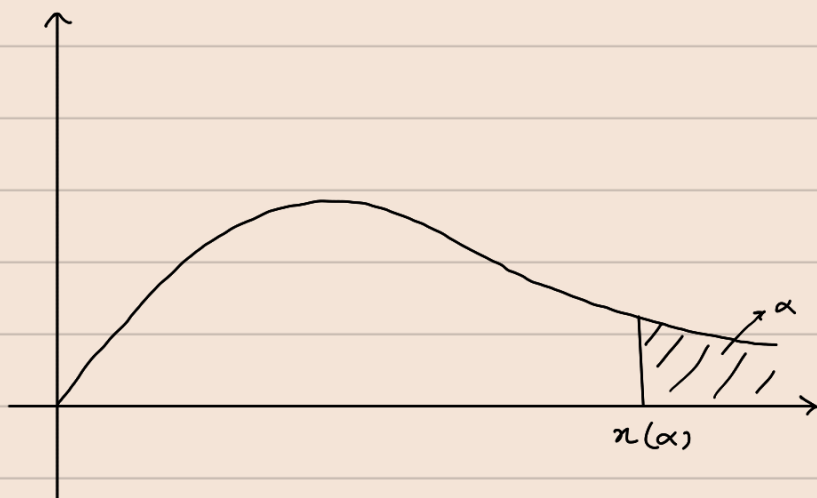
$$-2 \log \Lambda \stackrel{\text{asymptotic}}{\sim} \chi^2_{\dim \Theta - \dim \Theta_0}, \quad \text{Under } H_0$$

So, under  $H_0$ , for large  $n$

$$-2 \log \Lambda \sim \chi^2_{\frac{p(p+1)}{2} - 1}$$

At level  $\alpha$ , let  $n(\alpha)$  be s.t.

$$P \left( \chi^2_{\frac{p(p+1)}{2} - 1} > n(\alpha) \right) = \alpha$$



we will reject  $H_0$  if

$$\text{observed } -2 \log \Lambda > n(\alpha)$$

$$\text{p-value of } \Lambda = P \left( \chi^2_{\frac{p(p+1)}{2} - 1} > \text{obs}(-2 \log \Lambda) \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \Lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{H}_0} L}{\sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{H}} L}$$

Eg:

cities:	(A)	(B)
infection rate	20%	5%

$$\mathcal{H} = \{A, B\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \{A\}$$

$\rightarrow$  The test we discussed is known as test of sphericity

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$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right)$$

If  $\Sigma = \lambda I$

$$\dots \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\lambda} (x - \mu)^T (x - \mu) \right) \quad (\text{contours are sphere})$$

Equality of  $r$  cov matrices

Pop<sup>n</sup> I -  $N_p(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$  ;

Samples  
 $x_1^{(1)} \dots x_{n_1}^{(1)}$

Pop<sup>n</sup> II -  $N_p(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$  ;

$\vdots$

Pop<sup>n</sup>  $r$  -  $N_p(\mu_r, \Sigma_r)$  ;

$x_1^{(r)} \dots x_{n_r}^{(r)}$

$$H_0: \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \dots = \Sigma_r$$

against,

$$H_A: \text{not } H_0$$

we will use LRT (Likelihood ratio test)

→ The likelihood function is

$$L = L(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r, \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_r)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^r \left[ (2\pi)^{-n_i p/2} |\Sigma_i|^{-n_i/2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \Sigma_i^{-1} A_i \right) \right) \right]$$

$$\exp \left( -\frac{n_i}{2} \left( \bar{x}^{(i)} - \mu_i \right)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} \left( \bar{x}^{(i)} - \mu_i \right) \right)$$

→ Unrestricted MLE, under  $(H)$ , Let  $n = \sum_{i=1}^r n_i$

$$\hat{\mu}_i = \bar{X}^{(i)} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Sigma}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} A_i$$

So,

$$\sup_{\theta \in (H)} L = (2\pi)^{-np/2} \left( \prod_{i=1}^r n_i^{n_i p/2} \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^r |A_i|^{-n_i/2} \right) \exp(-np/2)$$