

# Hotelling's $T^2$

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# Model

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- Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $d \times 1$  random vectors each distributed as  $\mathbf{N}_d(0, \Sigma)$ ,  $\Sigma > 0$  (i.e.  $\Sigma$  is positive definite). It is assumed throughout that  $\Sigma$  is positive definite, and that  $n - 1 \geq d$ .
- MLE's and their distributions:

The MLE's are

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i,$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = Q/n,$$

where  $Q := \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})^\top$ .

- Note that the usual sample covariance matrix is  $S = Q/(n-1)$ . The sample mean  $\bar{X} \sim \mathbf{N}_d(\mu, \Sigma/n)$ , and is independent of  $Q = (n-1)S$ .

## Hotelling's $T^2$

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$$T^2 := n(\bar{X} - \mu)^\top S^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu) \sim T_{d,n-1}^2,$$

and

$$n(\bar{X} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu) \sim \chi_d^2.$$

# Hypothesis testing, the one-sample problem

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- $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ .

- Under  $H_0$ ,

$$T_0^2 := n(\bar{X} - \mu_0)^\top S^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu_0) \sim T_{d,n-1}^2, \quad F_0 := \frac{n-d}{(n-1)d} T_0^2 \sim F_{d,n-d}.$$

- For a size- $\alpha$  test, reject  $H_0$  if  $F_0$  exceeds the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of the  $F_{d,n-d}$  distribution.
- $T_0^2$  is the likelihood-ratio statistic for  $H_0$  against  $H_1$ .
- The case  $d = 1$ ?

## Idea: Reduction to univariate

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- **Linear combinations**
- If  $H_0$  is true then  $H_a : a^\top \mu = a^\top \mu_0$  will be true for all  $a \in R^d$ .
- $H_a$  can be tested by a univariate one-sample t-test (of  $H_a : \mathbf{E}[a^\top X_i] = a^\top \mu_0$ , since  $a^\top X_i$  and  $a^\top \mu_0$  are scalars).
- The “most-significant” univariate test (the largest possible  $|t|$ ) is obtained by  $a \propto S^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)$ .
- Since we maximized over all possible linear combinations  $a$ , the usual  $t_{n-1}$  is not valid if  $d > 1$ . The correct distribution under  $H_0$  is Hotelling’s  $T^2$ .
- **Power:**  
If  $H_0$  is false then  $F_0 \sim F_{d,n-d,\delta}$  where  $\delta = n(\mu - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mu - \mu_0)$ . Power of the test is  $\text{pr}\{F_{d,n-d,\delta} > F_{d,n-d,0,1-\alpha}\}$ .
- Note that the non-centrality parameter is proportional to sample size  $n$ . This fact will be used later in sample size calculations.

## Idea: Using Contrasts

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- Linear combinations
- Suppose that  $H_0$  states that the means  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_d$  follow a linear trend, while the alternative,  $H_1$ , places no restrictions at all.
- $H_0$  does not specify what the linear trend is (intercept and slope unspecified).
- $H_0$  can be written as

$$\mu_1 = \alpha,$$

$$\mu_2 = \alpha + \beta,$$

$$\mu_3 = \alpha + 2\beta,$$

$$\mu_4 = \alpha + 3\beta,$$

$\dots$ .

for some unspecified  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

- $\mathbf{E}[X_{i2} - X_{i1}] = \beta$   
 $\mathbf{E}[X_{i3} - X_{i2}] = \beta$   
 $\mathbf{E}[X_{i4} - X_{i3}] = \beta$   
 $\dots$

- **Define**

$$Y_{i1} := X_{i3} - 2X_{i2} + X_{i1}$$

$$Y_{i2} := X_{i4} - 2X_{i3} + X_{i2}$$

$$Y_{i3} := X_{i5} - 2X_{i4} + X_{i3}$$

$Y$  is  $(d - 2) \times 1$ .

- If  $H_0$  is true then  $H_0^* : \mathbf{E}[Y] = 0$  will be true.
- If  $H_0^*$  is true then  $H_0$  will be true.
- $H_0^* = H_0$ .  
 $H_0$  can be tested by testing  $H_0^*$ .
- Hotelling's  $T^2$  can be used.
- Converted a “linear trend” problem to a “one-sample problem”

- Profile analysis



# The two-sample problem

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- Hypothesis testing, the two-sample problem with a common covariance matrix:
- The two independent samples are:

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $d \times 1$  random vectors each distributed as  $\mathbf{N}_d(\mu_1, \Sigma)$ ,  
 $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  are iid  $d \times 1$  random vectors each distributed as  $\mathbf{N}_d(\mu_2, \Sigma)$ ,  
 $\Sigma > 0$ .

- Define

$$\theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2,$$

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i,$$

$$\hat{\mu}_2 = \bar{Y} = (1/m) \sum_{i=1}^m Y_i,$$

$$Q_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})^\top,$$

$$Q_2 := \sum_{i=1}^m (Y_i - \bar{Y})(Y_i - \bar{Y})^\top,$$

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2,$$

$$S_p = Q/(n + m - 2).$$

- **Distributions:**

$\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, Q_1, Q_2$  are mutually independent.

$$\bar{X} \sim \mathbf{N}_d(\mu_1, \Sigma/n),$$

$$\bar{Y} \sim \mathbf{N}_d(\mu_2, \Sigma/m),$$

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \sim \mathbf{N}_d(\theta, (1/n + 1/m)\Sigma).$$

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$$T^2 = \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}\right)^{-1} (\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta)^\top S_p^{-1} (\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \theta) \sim T_{d, n+m-2}^2,$$

$$T^2 \frac{n + m - d - 1}{(n + m - 2)d} \sim F_{d, n+m-d-1}.$$

- **To test  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  against  $H_1 : \theta \neq 0$ , the test statistic  $T_0^2$  is obtained as  $T^2$  above with  $\theta$  replaced by 0, and  $F_0 = T_0^2(n + m - d - 1)/\{(n + m - 2)d\}$ . For a size- $\alpha$  test, reject  $H_0$  if  $F_0$  exceeds the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of the  $F_{d, n+m-d-1}$  distribution.**

## Strengths

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- Exact in small samples
- Easy to apply.

## Weaknesses

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- Rely on normality and equal variance
- Missing data not easily handled
- All subjects must be observed at the same time points

## Non-normality, unequal variance

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- Large sample tests, but need large samples
- Missing data not easily handled
- All subjects must be observed at the same time points
- Still need more general approaches to ...
- allow unequal number of observations per subject
- allow different observation times for different subject

## Regression models (marginal)

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- Based on normal theory
- Non-normal data
- In *both* of the above, we'll rely on large-sample methods (standard errors, confidence intervals, hypothesis test)

# Likelihood methods

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