

# Multivariate Analysis Lecture 6: Sample Covariance Matrix and Wishart Distribution

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## Section 1

### The Big Picture

# The Big Picture: Univariate vs Multivariate

- **Review:** A random sample, denoted by  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , from a (univariate) normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 
  - What are the distributions of  $\bar{X}, s^2$ ? What useful statistics can be constructed?
- **New material:** A random sample, denoted by  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ , from a multivariate normal distribution  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ 
  - What are the distributions of  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{S}$ ? What useful statistics can be constructed?

# The Big Picture: Univariate

- A random sample, denoted by  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , from a (univariate) normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Let  $\mathbf{X}_{n \times 1} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T$ . It is random vector with a multivariate normal distribution, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{X}_{n \times 1} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T \sim \mathbf{N}(\mu \mathbf{1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

- 1  $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$
- 2  $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$
- 3 Independence between  $\bar{X}$  and  $s^2$ .
- 4 a t-statistic is

$$\frac{\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2/\sigma^2}{n-1}}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{s}$$

It follows the t-distribution with  $n-1$  degrees of freedom, denoted by  $t_{n-1}$ .

# The Big Picture: Multivariate

- A random sample  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  from a multivariate normal distribution  $\mathbf{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .
- Let

$$\mathbf{X}_{n \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{X}$  follows a matrix normal distribution.

- ① Sample mean vector follows a multivariate normal, i.e.,  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} \sim \mathbf{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}/n)$
- ② Sample covariance matrix  $(n-1)\mathbf{S}$  follows a Wishart distribution, i.e.,  $(n-1)\mathbf{S} \sim \text{Wishart}_p(n-1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$
- ③ Independence between  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$ .
- ④ Hotelling's  $T^2$ :  $T^2 = (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \left(\frac{\mathbf{S}}{n}\right)^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$

# The Big Picture: outline

- Sample variance and chi-squared distribution
- Sample covariance matrix and Wishart distribution
- Hotelling's  $T^2$
- Maximum likelihood estimate

## Section 2

### Sample Variance

# Sample Variance and Chi-squared Distribution

- Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  denote a random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .
- Equivalently,  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mu \mathbf{1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ .
- Let  $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  denote the sample variance.
- We would like to show that

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

- Outline of proof
  - 1 Projection matrices
  - 2 Chi-squared distribution
  - 3 Rewrite  $(n-1)s^2/\sigma^2$  as the sum of squared  $N(0, 1)$  random variables



# Projection Matrices

- A projection matrix is a square matrix that is both idempotent and symmetric

$$\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T$$

# Projection Matrices

- Suppose  $\mathbf{P}$  is a projection matrix. We have
  - The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{P}$  has eigenvalues are either 0 or 1, and the number of 1's is the same as the rank of the projection matrix.
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{P})$
  - The spectral decomposition of  $\mathbf{P}$  is

$$\mathbf{P} = \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i \gamma_i^T$$

where  $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{P})$ , and  $(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r)$  are orthogonal vectors of norm 1, i.e.,

$$\gamma_i^T \gamma_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

## Example: Projection onto a Plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$

## Step 1: Define the Subspace (Plane $x + y + z = 0$ )

The plane equation  $x + y + z = 0$  has normal vector  $\mathbf{n} = [1, 1, 1]^T$ . We need two basis vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$  that span the plane:

```
a1 <- c(1, -1, 0)    # Satisfies  $x + y + z = 0$ 
a2 <- c(0, 1, -1)    # Also satisfies  $x + y + z = 0$ 
A <- cbind(a1, a2)   # Basis matrix
print(A)
```

```
##      a1 a2
## [1,]  1  0
## [2,] -1  1
## [3,]  0 -1
```

## Step 2: Compute Projection Matrix $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$

```
P <- A %*% solve(t(A) %*% A) %*% t(A)
print(P)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,]  0.6666667 -0.3333333 -0.3333333
## [2,] -0.3333333  0.6666667 -0.3333333
## [3,] -0.3333333 -0.3333333  0.6666667
```

**Key Property:** Verify  $P^2 = P$  (idempotent):

```
all.equal(P, P %*% P)  # Should return TRUE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

## Step 3: Project a Vector onto the Plane

Let's project  $\mathbf{v} = [3, 1, 2]^T$ :

```
v <- c(1, 1, 2)
v_proj <- P %*% v
print(v_proj)  # Result should satisfy  $x + y + z = 0$ 
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] -0.3333333
## [2,] -0.3333333
## [3,]  0.6666667
```

**Verification:** Check if  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{proj}}$  lies on the plane:

```
sum(v_proj)  # Should be 0 (or very close due to floating-point errors)
```

```
## [1] 0
```

# Explanation:

- ① **Basis Vectors:** We chose  $\mathbf{a}_1 = [1, -1, 0]^T$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2 = [0, 1, -1]^T$  because they are linearly independent and satisfy the plane equation.
- ② **Projection:** The matrix  $P$  sends any vector to its closest point on the plane.
- ③ **Visual Check:** The red point (projection) lies on the plane, and the blue point (original vector) connects to it via a dashed line (orthogonal to the plane).

**Interactive Tip:** Run this in RStudio and rotate the plot to see orthogonality!

# A Special Projection Matrix: the Centering Matrix

- The centering matrix  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$  is a very special matrix.
- It is a projection matrix, which is defined as both symmetric and idempotent:
  - $\mathbb{C}^T = \mathbb{C}$  (symmetric)
  - $\mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}$  (idempotent)
- One important result about a projection matrix is that its eigenvalues are either zero or one.
- By properties of projection matrices, we have
  - $\text{rank}(\mathbb{C}) = \text{tr}(\mathbb{C}) = n - 1$
  - $\mathbb{C} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma_j \gamma_j^T$



# A Special Projection Matrix: the Centering Matrix

- The centering matrix centers data
- Univariate: Let  $\mathbf{X}_{n \times 1}$  be a random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{X}_{n \times 1} \sim N(\mu \mathbf{1}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$\mathbb{C}\mathbf{X}$  is a linear function of  $\mathbf{X}$  and it can be verified that  $\mathbb{C}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$E[\mathbb{C}\mathbf{X}] = \mu \mathbb{C}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Multivariate: Let  $\mathbf{X}_{n \times p}$  be a random sample from  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$   
Similarly, it can be shown that  $\mathbb{C}\mathbf{X}$  has mean  $\mathbf{0}_{n \times p}$ . We have verified this numerically.
- In either situation, we have  $\mathbb{C}\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])$  This fact will be used later.

# Chi-squared distribution

- **Definition.** Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_k$  be independent standard normal random variables. Then, the sum of squares  $Q = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_k^2$  has a chi-squared distribution with  $k$  degrees of freedom, denoted by  $\chi_k^2$ .
- **Alternative definition.** Let  $\mathbf{Z}_{k \times 1} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ . We say  $\|\mathbf{Z}\|^2 = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$  follows  $\chi_k^2$ .
- The PDF of a chi-squared random variable with  $k$  degrees of freedom is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2}, \quad x > 0$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma function.

# Chi-squared distribution

- The chi-squared distribution is a special case of the gamma distribution, where the shape parameter is  $k/2$  and the rate parameter is  $1/2$ .
- The MGF of a chi-squared random variable with  $k$  degrees of freedom is:

$$M_X(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-k/2}$$

- The mean and variance of a chi-squared random variable with  $k$  degrees of freedom are:

$$E[X] = k, \text{Var}[X] = 2k$$

# Construct Chi-squared R.V.s using Normal R.V.s and Projection Matrices

- Let  $\mathbf{P}_{n \times n}$  be a projection matrix with rank  $r$  and let  $\mathbf{Z}_{n \times 1} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{Z} &= \mathbf{Z}^T \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i \gamma_i^T \mathbf{Z} = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{Z}^T \gamma_i \gamma_i^T \mathbf{Z} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r (\gamma_i^T \mathbf{Z})^T (\gamma_i^T \mathbf{Z})\end{aligned}$$

Let  $Y_i = \gamma_i^T \mathbf{Z}$ . Note that  $Y_i$  is univariate and it is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{Z}$ , from which we can show that  $Y_i \sim N(0, 1)$ . In addition, we can show that  $\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Thus,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_r \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ .

- Note that  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{Z} = \sum_{i=1}^r Y_i^2$ . By the definition of chi-squared distribution, we have  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{Z} \sim \chi_r^2$

# The Sample Variance

- We have shown that
  - $\mathbb{C} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$
  - $\mathbb{C}^T = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}$ .
  - It is a projection matrix with rank  $n - 1$  and

$$\mathbb{C} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma_j \gamma_j^T$$

-The centering matrix does center data, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])$$

- $(n - 1)s^2 = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}$ , where

# The Sample Variance

- Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} &= \frac{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}}{\sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}}{\sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])^T}{\sigma} \mathbb{C} \frac{(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])}{\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

# The Sample Variance

- Let

$$\mathbf{Z} = \frac{(\mathbf{X} - E[\mathbf{X}])}{\sigma}$$

- Easy to see that  $\mathbf{Z} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ . Thus,

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{Z}$$

- Use the result in previous slides, we have

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{Z} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

## Section 3

### Sample Covariance



# The Sample Covariance from A MVN Random Sample

- Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .
- Recall that the sample covariance matrix is defined as

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T$$

- We have shown that

$$(n-1)\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is the  $n \times p$  random matrix.

# The Sample Covariance from A MVN Random Sample

- The goal is to show that  $(n - 1)\mathbf{S}$  follows a Wishart distribution. More specifically, we would like to show that

$$(n - 1)\mathbf{S} \sim \text{Wishart}_p(n - 1, \Sigma)$$

- Outline of proof
  - 1 Wishart-distribution
  - 2 Rewrite  $(n - 1)\mathbf{S}$
  - 3 Apply properties of a projection matrix
  - 4 Use the definition of Wishart distribution

# Wishart Distribution

- The Wishart distribution is named after the British statistician John Wishart, who introduced it in his 1928 paper published in Biometrika.
- Wishart was interested in the problem of estimating the covariance matrix of a multivariate normal distribution.
- Wishart showed that the sample covariance matrix follows a particular probability distribution that we now call the Wishart distribution.
- The Wishart distribution has become a fundamental tool in multivariate statistical analysis

# Definition of Wishart Distribution

- A Wishart distribution can be defined in the following way
- Let  $\mathbf{W}$  be a  $p \times p$  random matrix. We say  $\mathbf{W}$  follows  $Wishart_p(k, \mathbf{\Sigma})$  if  $\mathbf{W}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  where  $\mathbf{X}$  denotes the random matrix formed by a random sample of size  $k$  from MVN  $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ .
- The definition indicates that if we have a random sample  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k$  from  $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ , then  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \sim Wishart_p(k, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ .
- Remark:  $E[\mathbf{W}] = k\mathbf{\Sigma}$ .

# Wishart vs Chi-squared

- **Wishart:** If  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_k \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , then

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \sim \text{Wishart}_p(k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}), \text{ where } \mathbf{X}_{k \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_k^T \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Chi-squared:** If  $X_1, \dots, X_k \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$ , then

$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 \sim \chi_k^2, \text{ where } \mathbf{X}_{k \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_k \end{pmatrix}$$

# Wishart vs Chi-squared (continued)

- When  $p = 1$ ,

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i^2 = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{X_i}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \sigma^2 \chi_k^2$$

# The Sample Covariance Matrix

- Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . The  $\mathbf{X}_{n \times p}$  follows a matrix normal distribution:

$$\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{1}_n \otimes \boldsymbol{\mu}^T, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \mathbf{I}_n)$$

- The sample covariance  $(n-1)\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}$  is based on the centered data. The definition of Wishart distribution is not applicable immediately.
- Next we show that  $(n-1)\mathbf{S}$  follows  $Wishart_p(n-1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

# The Sample Covariance Matrix

- Rewrite  $(n - 1)\mathbf{S}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(n - 1)\mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C}^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X} = (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}) \\&= (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T \mathbb{C} (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}) \\&= (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma_j \gamma_j^T (\mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}) \\&= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\gamma_j^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T (\gamma_j^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})\end{aligned}$$



# The Sample Covariance Matrix

- Let  $Y_i = (\gamma_i^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T$ , we have
  - $E[Y_i] = 0$  because  $\mathbb{C}$  is the centering matrix
  - In the following, we show that  $Y_i$  and  $Y_j$  are uncorrelated for  $i \neq j$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[Y_i, Y_j] &= E[(Y_i - \mathbf{0})(Y_j - \mathbf{0})^T] \\ &= E[Y_i Y_j^T] \\ &= E[(\gamma_i^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})^T (\gamma_j^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X})] \\ &= E[\mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{C} \gamma_i \gamma_j^T \mathbb{C} \mathbf{X}] \\ &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

The last step is true because for  $i \neq j$ ,  $\gamma_i \gamma_j^T = 0$

# The Sample Covariance Matrix

- Since  $Y_i$  and  $Y_j$  are two linear combinations of the same MVN distributed random matrix (or its vectorized version), we have  $Y_i$  and  $Y_j$  are independent for  $i \neq j$ .
- It can also be shown that  $Y_i \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$ .
- By the definition of Wishart, we can conclude that

$$(n - 1)\mathbf{S} \sim \text{Wishart}_p(n - 1, \Sigma)$$

## Some Interesting Results

- Consider a random sample from MVN  $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . Let  $\mathbf{S}$  denote the sample covariance matrix.
- We have already shown that  $(n-1)\mathbf{S} \sim \text{Wishart}_p(n-1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$
- What is the distribution of a diagonal element of  $(n-1)\mathbf{S}$ ?
- What is the distribution of the sum of elements of  $(n-1)\mathbf{S}$ ?  
Note, this is a special case of next question with  $\mathbf{B} = (1, \dots, 1)$ .
- What is the distribution of  $(n-1)\mathbf{BSB}^T$  where  $B$  is a fixed  $q \times p$  matrix?
- If time permits, we will run some simulations

## Some Interesting Results (continued)

- If you cannot get the answer to the last question, let's use the definition of Wishart distribution.
- Let  $\mathbf{W} = (n - 1)S$ . Because it follows  $Wishart_p(n - 1, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ , we know that  $\mathbf{W} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j^T$  where  $\mathbf{Z}_j$ 's are iid from  $N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ .
- Then

$$\begin{aligned}(n - 1)\mathbf{B}S\mathbf{B}^T &= \mathbf{B} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j^T \mathbf{B} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j^T \mathbf{B}^T \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{Z}_j)(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{Z}_j)^T\end{aligned}$$

## Some Interesting Results (continued)

Let  $\mathbf{Y}_j = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}_j$ . Note that it is a linear function of  $\mathbf{Z}_j$ ; therefore

$$\mathbf{Y}_j \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{B}\Sigma\mathbf{B}^T)$$

and the  $\mathbf{Y}_j$ 's are iid (because ...).

By the definition of Wishart distribution, we have

$$(n-1)\mathbf{BSB}^T \sim \text{Wishart}_q(n-1, \mathbf{B}\Sigma\mathbf{B}^T)$$

## Section 4

### Hotelling's $T^2$

# The Hotelling's $T^2$ Statistic

- Finally we are ready to introduce Hotelling's
- The student's  $t$  is used for making inference of mean(s) of normal distribution(s)
- Hotelling generalized the student's  $t$ , which is for univariate, to Hotelling's  $T^2$ , which is the multivariate version

# Definition Hotelling's $T^2$

- **Definition.** We say a random variable follows Hotelling's  $T^2_{p,\nu}$  if the random variable can be written as  $\mathbf{Z}^T \left( \frac{\mathbf{W}}{\nu} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}$  where
  - 1  $\mathbf{Z} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$
  - 2  $\mathbf{W} \sim W_p(\nu, \mathbf{\Sigma})$
  - 3  $\mathbf{Z} \perp \mathbf{W}$



# One-Sample Hotelling $T^2$

- Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .
- The sample mean vector and sample covariance matrix are denoted by  $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$ , respectively.
- The null hypothesis of interest  $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$
- The one-sample Hotelling  $T^2$  is defined as

$$T^2 = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^T (\text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}))^{-1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$$

# One-Sample Hotelling $T^2$ (continued)

- To see that  $T^2$  does follow Hotelling's  $T^2$ , we rewrite it

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 &= (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^T (\text{Cov}(\hat{\mu}))^{-1} (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0) \\ &= (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)^T (\text{Cov}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}))^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0) \\ &= (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)^T \left( \frac{S}{n} \right)^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0) \\ &= [\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)]^T \left( \frac{(n-1)S}{n-1} \right)^{-1} [\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \mu_0)] \end{aligned}$$

- We have shown that all the three conditions for constructing a Hotelling's  $T^2$  are satisfied
- As a result,  $T^2 \sim T_{p, n-1}^2$  when  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ .

# Hotelling's $T^2$ Distribution vs $F$ Distribution

## Hotelling's $T^2$

Claim:  $T_{p,\nu}^2 \sim \frac{\nu p}{\nu+1-p} F_{p,\nu+1-p}$ .

For the  $T^2$  statistic, we have  $T^2 \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} F_{p,n-p}$ . We reject  $H_0$  at significance level  $\alpha$  when  $T^2 > \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} F_{p,n-p,1-\alpha}$ .

Corollary.

$$\frac{n-p}{p} (\bar{X} - \mu_0)^T (\hat{\Sigma})^{-1} (\bar{X} - \mu_0) \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} F_{p,n-p}$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} X^T H X = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})^T = \frac{(n-1)S}{n}$ .

## Section 5

### MLE

# MLE: Introduction

- The maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) is a widely used method for estimating the parameters of a statistical model.
- In this presentation, we will focus on the MLE for a multivariate normal distribution.

# MLE: Multivariate Normal Distribution

- A random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  follows a  $p$ -dimensional multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , if its probability density function is given by:

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

where  $|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|$  denotes the determinant of  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .

# MLE: Maximum Likelihood Estimate

- Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample from a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .
- The log-likelihood function for the sample is given by:

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{X}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

- The MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the sample mean  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i$ .

## MLE: Maximum Likelihood Estimate (continued)

- To derive the MLE of  $\Sigma$ , we first take the derivative of the log-likelihood function with respect to  $\Sigma$  and set it equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Sigma} = -\frac{n}{2} \Sigma^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-2} = 0$$

- Solving for  $\Sigma$ , we obtain the MLE as:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mu})^T$$

- where  $\hat{\mu}$  is the MLE of  $\mu$ , as previously derived.