

# Two-Sample Inferences

## 1 Review of univariate two-sample tests

Two *independent* random samples with the same population variance  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$ :

$$X_{11}, \dots, X_{1n_1} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$$

and

$$X_{21}, \dots, X_{2n_2} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2).$$

Let

$$x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}$$

and

$$x_{21}, \dots, x_{2n_2}$$

be two observed samples with the summary statistics  $\bar{x}_1$ ,  $\bar{x}_2$ ,  $s_1^2$  and  $s_2^2$ . The problem of two-sample test is to test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$ , or more generally, to find a confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ .

The two random sample means obey the following sampling distributions

$$\bar{X}_1 = \frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} X_{1i} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_1, \frac{1}{n_1} \sigma^2\right), \quad \bar{X}_2 = \frac{1}{n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} X_{2i} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_2, \frac{1}{n_2} \sigma^2\right).$$

Since  $\bar{X}_1$  and  $\bar{X}_2$  are independent, we have

$$\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_1 - \mu_2, \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right) \sigma^2\right),$$

which implies

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

In practice, we need to estimate  $\sigma^2$  by the two samples. Here we use the pooled sample variance to estimate the population variance

$$S_{pooled}^2 = \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} S_1^2 + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} S_2^2.$$

Then we know  $S_{pooled}^2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(S_{pooled}^2) &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbb{E}(S_1^2) + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbb{E}(S_2^2) \\ &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \sigma^2 + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \sigma^2 = \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

There actually holds

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{S_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim t_{n_1 + n_2 - 2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P} \left\{ \frac{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{S_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \in [-t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025), t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025)] \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left\{ \mu_1 - \mu_2 \in \left[ \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 - S_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025), \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 + S_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025) \right] \right\} \\
&= 0.95
\end{aligned}$$

Based on the two observed samples, the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  is

$$\left[ \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - s_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025), \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 + s_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2}(0.025) \right].$$

In particular, the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$  is rejected at the level of  $\alpha$  if

$$\left| \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{s_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \right| > t_{n_1+n_2-2}(\alpha/2),$$

since the type I error is

$$\mathbb{P}_{null} \left\{ \left| \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{S_{pooled} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \right| > t_{n_1+n_2-2}(\alpha/2) \right\} = \alpha.$$

## 2 Multivariate two-sample test by Hotelling's $T^2$

**Question** Two independent  $p$ -variate random samples with the same population covariance  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$ :

$$\vec{X}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_1, \Sigma_1) : \vec{X}_{11}, \dots, \vec{X}_{1n_1},$$

and

$$\vec{X}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_2, \Sigma_2) : \vec{X}_{21}, \dots, \vec{X}_{2n_2}.$$

Let

$$\vec{x}_{11}, \dots, \vec{x}_{1n_1}$$

and

$$\vec{x}_{21}, \dots, \vec{x}_{2n_2}$$

be two observed samples with the summary statistics  $\bar{\vec{x}}_1$ ,  $\bar{\vec{x}}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_1$  and  $\mathbf{S}_2$ . Test  $H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 = \vec{\mu}_2$ .

### 2.1 Hotelling's $T^2$

We have shown that

$$\bar{\vec{X}}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}_p \left( \vec{\mu}_1, \frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 \right), \quad \bar{\vec{X}}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_p \left( \vec{\mu}_2, \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right).$$

Since  $\bar{\vec{X}}_1$  and  $\bar{\vec{X}}_2$  are independent, we have

$$\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_p \left( \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2, \frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right).$$

Moreover, since  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_1 = \mathbf{\Sigma}_2 = \mathbf{\Sigma}$ , we have

$$\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_p \left( \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2, \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{\Sigma} \right).$$

This result implies

$$\left( (\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right)^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{\Sigma} \right)^{-1} \left( (\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right) \sim \chi_p^2.$$

In practice, we need to estimate  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  by the two samples. Here we use the pooled sample covariance to estimate the population covariance

$$\mathbf{S}_{pooled} = \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_1 + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_2.$$

Then we know  $\mathbf{S}_{pooled}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{S}_{pooled}) &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{S}_1) + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{S}_2) \\ &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{\Sigma} + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{\Sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have the following sampling distribution result:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( (\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right)^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} \left( (\bar{\vec{X}}_1 - \bar{\vec{X}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right) \\ &\sim \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}. \end{aligned}$$

This sampling distribution result implies the following Hotelling's  $T^2$  for two-sample test  $H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2 = \vec{\delta}_0$

$$T^2 = \left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - \vec{\delta}_0 \right)^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} \left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - \vec{\delta}_0 \right)$$

We reject  $H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2 = \vec{\delta}_0$  at the level of  $\alpha$  if

$$T^2 > \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha),$$

with the Type I error control

$$\mathbb{P}_{null} \left( T^2 > \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha) \right) = \alpha.$$

## 2.2 Confidence ellipse for the mean difference

The  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence ellipse of  $\vec{\delta} = \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2$  is

$$\left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right)^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} \left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right) \leq \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha).$$

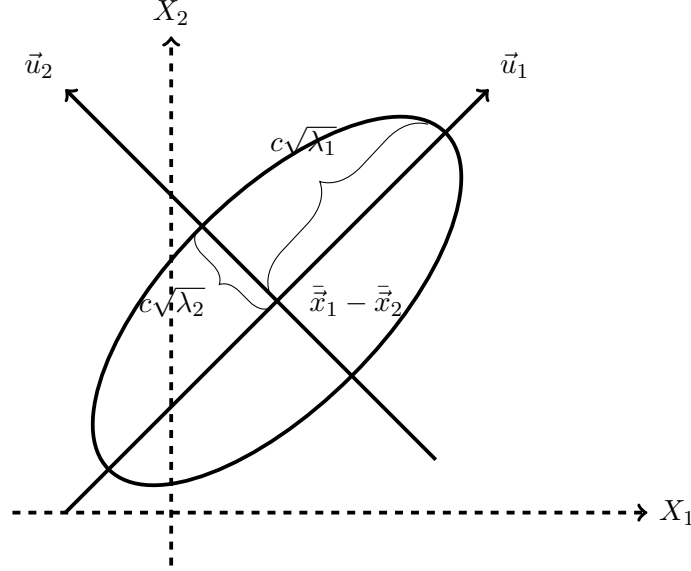
When  $n_1 \gg p$  and  $n_2 \gg p$ , the  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence ellipse of  $\vec{\delta} = \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2$  is

$$\left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right)^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} \left( (\bar{\vec{x}}_1 - \bar{\vec{x}}_2) - (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \right) \leq \chi_p^2(\alpha).$$

In the case  $p = 2$ , by finding the spectral decomposition

$$\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} = \lambda_1 \vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_1^\top + \lambda_2 \vec{u}_2 \vec{u}_2^\top,$$

and denoting  $c = \sqrt{\frac{(n_1+n_2-2)p}{n_1+n_2-1-p} F_{p, n_1+n_2-1-p}(\alpha)}$ , the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence ellipse of  $\vec{\delta} = \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2$  is plotted as follows:



### 2.3 Equivalence under invertible linear transformations

Recall the problem of two-sample test: Two independent  $p$ -variate random samples with the same population covariance  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$ :

$$\vec{X}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_1, \Sigma_1) : \vec{X}_{11}, \dots, \vec{X}_{1n_1},$$

and

$$\vec{X}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_2, \Sigma_2) : \vec{X}_{21}, \dots, \vec{X}_{2n_2}.$$

Let

$$\vec{x}_{11}, \dots, \vec{x}_{1n_1}$$

and

$$\vec{x}_{21}, \dots, \vec{x}_{2n_2}$$

be two observed samples with the summary statistics  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \mathbf{S}_1^x$  and  $\mathbf{S}_2^x$ . Test  $H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 = \vec{\mu}_2$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $p \times p$  invertible matrix and  $\vec{d}$  is a  $p \times 1$  vector. Consider the transformation  $\vec{Y}_1 = \mathbf{C}\vec{X}_1 + \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{Y}_2 = \mathbf{C}\vec{X}_2 + \vec{d}$ . Then we have

$$\vec{Y}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}\vec{\mu}_1 + \vec{d}, \mathbf{C}\Sigma\mathbf{C}^\top), \quad \vec{Y}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}\vec{\mu}_2 + \vec{d}, \mathbf{C}\Sigma\mathbf{C}^\top),$$

with independent samples  $\vec{y}_{lj} = \mathbf{C}\vec{x}_{lj} + \vec{d}$  for all  $l = 1, 2$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_l$ .

Clearly, we have the equivalence of two-sample tests:

$$H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 = \vec{\mu}_2 \iff H_0 : \mathbf{C}\vec{\mu}_1 + \vec{d} = \mathbf{C}\vec{\mu}_2 + \vec{d}.$$

Now the question is whether Hotelling's  $T^2$  gives us the same result before and after linear transformation.

The  $T^2$  applied to the two original samples is denoted as

$$T_x^2 = ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^x \right)^{-1} ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}_{pooled}^x = \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_1^x + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_2^x.$$

Similarly, the  $T^2$  applied to the two samples after transformation is denoted as

$$T_y^2 = ((\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^y \right)^{-1} ((\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2))$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}_{pooled}^y = \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_1^y + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_2^y.$$

The linear transformations give

$$\bar{y}_1 = \mathbf{C} \bar{x}_1, \quad \bar{y}_2 = \mathbf{C} \bar{x}_2, \quad \mathbf{S}_1^y = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{S}_1^x \mathbf{C}^\top, \quad \mathbf{S}_2^y = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{S}_2^x \mathbf{C}^\top.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^y &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_1^y + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_2^y. \\ &= \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{S}_1^x \mathbf{C}^\top + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{S}_2^x \mathbf{C}^\top \\ &= \mathbf{C} \left( \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_1^x + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \mathbf{S}_2^x \right) \mathbf{C}^\top. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can establish the equivalence between the Hotelling's  $T^2$ 's:

$$\begin{aligned} T_y^2 &= ((\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^y \right)^{-1} ((\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2)) \\ &= (\mathbf{C} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))^\top \left( \mathbf{C} \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^x \mathbf{C}^\top \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{C} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)) \\ &= ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))^\top \mathbf{C}^\top (\mathbf{C}^\top)^{-1} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^x \right)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{C} ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)) \quad (\because \mathbf{C} \text{ is invertible}) \\ &= ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled}^x \right)^{-1} ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)) \\ &= T_x^2. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Simultaneous confidence intervals

#### 3.1 Bonferroni correction

Two random samples:

$$\vec{X}_{11}, \dots, \vec{X}_{1n_1} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma}_1)$$

and

$$\vec{X}_{21}, \dots, \vec{X}_{2n_2} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_p(\vec{\mu}_2, \mathbf{\Sigma}_2).$$

For  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , let's just investigate the two samples on the  $j$ -th variate:

$$X_{11j}, \dots, X_{1n_1j} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{1j}, \sigma_{1j}^2)$$

and

$$X_{21j}, \dots, X_{2n_2j} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{2j}, \sigma_{2j}^2)$$

Assume for each  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , the variances of the  $j$ -th variate in the two samples are equal:

$$\sigma_{1j}^2 = \sigma_{2j}^2 := \sigma_j^2.$$

The summary statistics are

$$\bar{X}_{1j}, \quad S_{1j}^2, \quad \bar{X}_{2j}, \quad S_{2j}^2.$$

For an observation of these two samples, the summary statistics are

$$\bar{x}_{1j}, \quad s_{1j}^2, \quad \bar{x}_{2j}, \quad s_{2j}^2.$$

**Question:** How to test  $H_0 : \vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2 = \vec{0}$ ? How to find simultaneous intervals for  $\mu_j$ ?

Recall that we have the following sampling distributions

$$\bar{X}_{1j} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{1j}, \frac{1}{n} \sigma_{1j}^2\right), \quad \bar{X}_{2j} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{2j}, \frac{1}{n} \sigma_{2j}^2\right), \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

By the assumption of equal variances:  $\sigma_{1j}^2 = \sigma_{2j}^2 = \sigma_j^2$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$  and the independence of the two samples, we have

$$\bar{X}_{1j} - \bar{X}_{2j} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j}, \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right) \sigma_j^2\right),$$

which implies

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_{1j} - \bar{X}_{2j}) - (\mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j})}{\sigma_j \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Since  $\sigma_j$  is unknown, we need to estimate it from the data. Here we use the pooled sample variance to estimate the population variance

$$S_{pooled,j}^2 = \frac{n_1 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} S_{1j}^2 + \frac{n_2 - 1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} S_{2j}^2.$$

By replacing  $\sigma_j$  with  $S_{pooled,j}$ , we have the following sampling distribution result

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_{1j} - \bar{X}_{2j}) - (\mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j})}{S_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \sim t_{n_1+n_2-2}.$$

Then we have the following covering probability

$$\mathbb{P}(A_j) = 1 - \alpha/p.$$

where

$$A_j := \left\{ \bar{X}_{1j} - \bar{X}_{2j} - S_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right) \leq \mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j} \leq \bar{X}_{1j} - \bar{X}_{2j} + S_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right) \right\}.$$

With this fact, we actually get simultaneous confidence intervals:

$$\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_p) = 1 - \mathbb{P}((A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_p)^c) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A_1^c \cup \dots \cup A_p^c) \geq 1 - \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbb{P}(A_j^c) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Then we have the  $(1 - \alpha)$  simultaneous confidence intervals

$$\bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j} - s_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right) \leq \mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j} \leq \bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j} + s_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} t_{n_1+n_2-2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right).$$

Moreover, Bonferroni correction rejects  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha$ , if

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq p} \left| \frac{\bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j}}{s_{pooled,j} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \right| \geq t_{n_1+n_2-2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{2p} \right),$$

### 3.2 Simultaneous confidence intervals from confidence region

In order to derive simultaneous confidence intervals from the confidence region, we need the following inequalities:

- Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2 \leq (\vec{x}^\top \vec{x})(\vec{d}^\top \vec{d}).$$

- Extended Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: For positive definite  $\mathbf{B}$ , and two vectors  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{d}$ , then

$$(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2 \leq (\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x})(\vec{d}^\top \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}).$$

*Proof.*

$$(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2 = (\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{B}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \vec{d})^2 = \left( (\mathbf{B}^{\frac{1}{2}} \vec{x})^\top (\mathbf{B}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \vec{d}) \right)^2 \leq (\mathbf{B}^{\frac{1}{2}} \vec{x})^\top (\mathbf{B}^{\frac{1}{2}} \vec{x}) (\mathbf{B}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \vec{d})^\top (\mathbf{B}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \vec{d}) = (\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x})(\vec{d}^\top \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}).$$

□

- Maximization lemma: Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be positive definite and  $\vec{d}$  be a given vector. Then for an arbitrary nonzero vector  $\vec{x}$ ,

$$\max_{\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2}{\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x}} = \vec{d}^\top \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d},$$

with the maximum attained when  $\vec{x} = c \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}$  for  $c \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* By the extended Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2 \leq (\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x})(\vec{d}^\top \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}).$$

Since  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is positive definite, we have  $\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x} > 0$ , which implies

$$\frac{(\vec{x}^\top \vec{d})^2}{\vec{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \vec{x}} \leq \vec{d}^\top \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}.$$

It is easy to verify that the bound is attained for  $\vec{x} = c \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{d}$ .

□

Now we are ready to introduce how to derive simultaneous intervals from the confidence region. Recall that the  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence region is

$$((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2)) \leq \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha).$$

By the maximization lemma,

$$\max_{\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{(\vec{a}^\top ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2)))^2}{\vec{a}^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right) \vec{a}} = ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2))^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right)^{-1} ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2)).$$

Therefore, when  $\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2$  lies in the confidence region, for all  $\vec{a}$ ,

$$\frac{(\vec{a}^\top ((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2)))^2}{\vec{a}^\top \left( \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \right) \vec{a}} \leq \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha),$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vec{a}^\top (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2) - \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha) \vec{a}^\top \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \vec{a}} \\
& \leq \vec{a}^\top (\vec{\mu}_1 - \vec{\mu}_2) \\
& \leq \vec{a}^\top (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2) + \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha) \vec{a}^\top \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \mathbf{S}_{pooled} \vec{a}}.
\end{aligned}$$

In particular, by choosing  $\vec{a} = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^\top, [0, 1, 0, \dots, 0], \dots, [0, \dots, 0, 1]$ , we have the simultaneous intervals

$$\begin{aligned}
& \bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j} - s_{pooled, j} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha)} \\
& \leq \mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j} \\
& \leq \bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j} + s_{pooled, j} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \frac{(n_1 + n_2 - 2)p}{n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - 1 - p}(\alpha)}.
\end{aligned}$$