
Inferences about a Mean Vector

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Reading: Johnson & Wichern pages 210–260



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Inference: To make a valid conclusion about the means of a population based on a sample (information about the population).

When we have p correlated variables, they must be analyzed **jointly**

Simultaneous analysis yields stronger tests, with better error control.

The tests covered in this set of notes are all of the form:

$$H_o : \mu = \mu_o$$

where $\mu_{p \times 1}$ vector of populations means and $\mu_o, p \times 1$ is the some specified values under the null hypothesis.



Univariate Case

We're interested in the mean of a population and we have a random sample of n observations from the population,

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$$

where (i.e., **Assumptions**):

■ Observations are independent (i.e., X_j is independent from $X_{j'}$ for $j \neq j'$).

■ Observations are from the same population; that is,

$$E(X_j) = \mu \text{ for all } j$$

■ If the sample size is "small", we'll also assume that

$$X_j \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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Hypothesis & Test

■ Hypothesis:

$$H_o : \mu = \mu_o \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_o$$

where μ_o is some specified value. In this case, H_1 is 2-sided alternative.

■ Test Statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_o}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

where $\bar{X} = (1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$ and $s = \sqrt{(1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2}$

■ **Sampling Distribution:** If H_o and assumptions are true, then the sampling distribution of t is **Student's - t** distribution with $df = n - 1$.

■ **Decision:** Reject H_o when t is “large” (i.e., has a small p -value).

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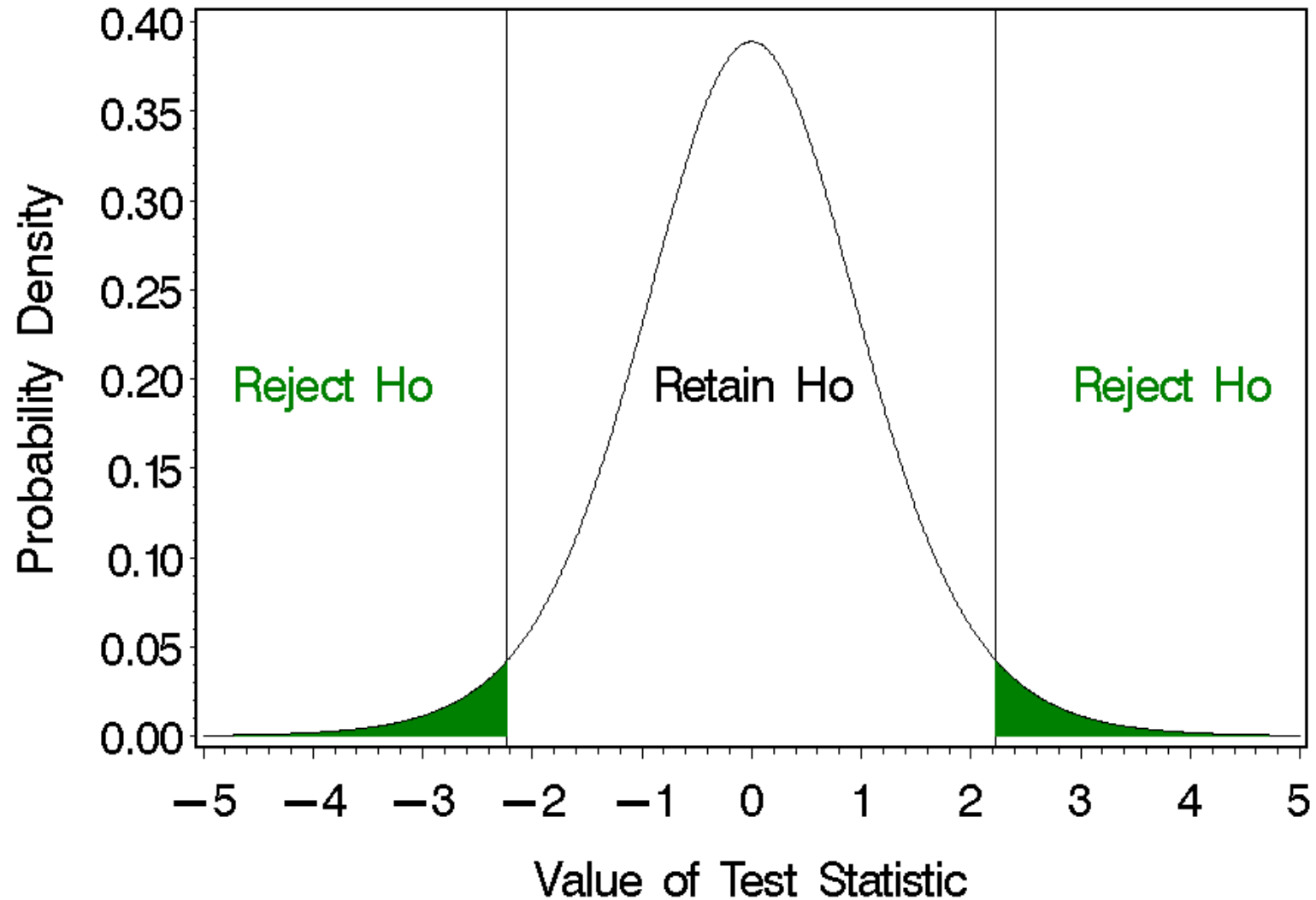
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Each green area = $\alpha/2 = .025\dots$

Students t-distribution with $df=10$



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Confidence Interval

Confidence Interval: A region or range of plausible μ 's (given observations/data). The set of all μ 's such that

$$\left| \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_o}{s/\sqrt{n}} \right| \leq t_{n-1}(\alpha/2)$$

where $t_{n-1}(\alpha/2)$ is the upper $(\alpha/2)100\%$ percentile of Student's t-distribution with $df = n - 1$.

OR

$$\left\{ \mu_o \text{ such that } \bar{x} - t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu_o \leq \bar{x} + t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right\}$$

A $100(1 - \alpha)^{th}$ confidence interval or region for μ is

$$\left(\bar{x} - t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad \bar{x} + t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Before for sample is selected, the ends of the interval depend on random variables \bar{X} 's and s ; this is a random interval.

$100(1 - \alpha)^{th}$ percent of the time such intervals with contain the "true" mean μ .

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Square the test statistic t :

$$t^2 = \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_o)^2}{s^2/n} = n(\bar{x} - \mu_o)(s^2)^{-1}(\bar{x} - \mu_o)$$

So t^2 is the **squared statistical distance** between the sample mean \bar{x} and the hypothesized value μ_o .

Remember that $t_{df}^2 = \mathcal{F}_{1,df}$?

That is, the sampling distribution of

$$t^2 = n(\bar{x} - \mu_o)(s^2)^{-1}(\bar{x} - \mu_o) \sim \mathcal{F}_{1,n-1}.$$



Multivariate Case: Hotelling's T^2

For the extension from the univariate to multivariate case, replace scalars with vectors and matrices:

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)$$

where

- $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{p \times 1} = (1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{X}_j$
- $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{o, (p \times 1)} = (\mu_{1o}, \mu_{2o}, \dots, \mu_{po})$
- $\mathbf{S}_{p \times p} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})'$

T^2 is “Hotelling's T^2 ”

The sample distribution of T^2

$$T^2 \sim \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)}$$

We can use this to test $H_o : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_o \dots$ **assuming** that observations are a random sample from $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ *i.i.d.*

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Since

$$T^2 \sim \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)}$$

We can compute T^2 and compare it to

$$\frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)}(\alpha)$$

OR use the fact that

$$\frac{n-p}{(n-1)p} T^2 \sim \mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)}$$

Compute T^2 as

$$T^2 = n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o) \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)'$$

and the

$$p\text{-value} = \text{Prob} \left\{ \mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)} \geq \frac{(n-p)}{(n-1)p} T^2 \right\}$$

Reject H_o when p -value is small (i.e., when T^2 is large).

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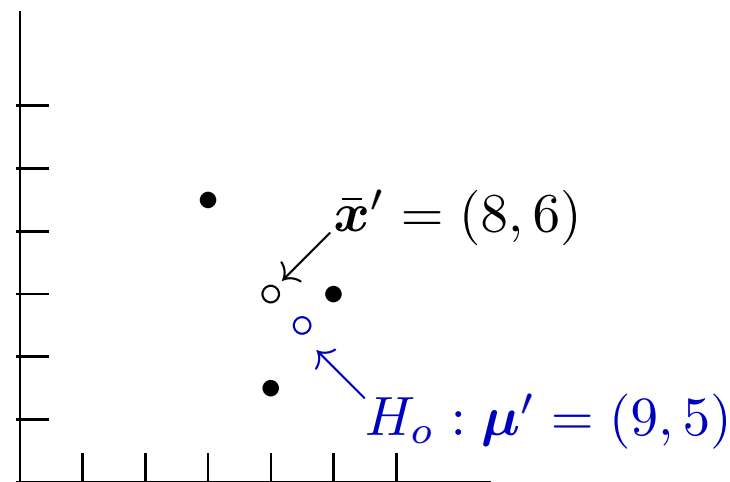


A Really Little Example

$n = 3$ and $p = 2$

$$\text{Data: } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 10 & 6 \\ 8 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_o : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



Assuming data come from a multivariate normal distribution and independent observations,

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -3 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \frac{1}{4(9) - (-3)(-3)} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 4/27 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
T^2 &= n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o) \\
&= 3((8 - 9), (6 - 5)) \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 4/27 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (8 - 9) \\ (6 - 5) \end{pmatrix} \\
&= 3(-1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 4/27 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= 3(7/27) = 7/9
\end{aligned}$$

Value we need for $\alpha = .05$ is $\mathcal{F}_{2,1}(.05)199.51$.

$$\frac{(3 - 1)2}{3 - 2} 199.51 = 4(199.51) = 798.04.$$

Since $T^2 \sim \frac{(n-1)p}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}$, we can compare our T^2 to 798.04.

Alternatively, we could compute p -value: compare $.25(7/9) = 0.194$ to $\mathcal{F}_{2,1}$ and we get p -value = .85.

Do not reject H_o . (see how close $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ are in the figure).

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Example: WAIS and $n = 101$ elderly subjects

From Morrison (1990), *Multivariate Statistical Methods*, pp 136–137:

There are two variables, **verbal and performance** scores for $n = 101$ elderly subjects aged 60–64 on the Wechsler Adult Intelligence test (WAIS).

Assume that the data are from a bivariate normal distribution with unknown mean vector μ and unknown covariance matrix Σ .

$$H_o : \mu = \begin{pmatrix} 60 \\ 50 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{versus} \quad H_o : \mu \neq \begin{pmatrix} 60 \\ 50 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sample mean vector and covariance matrix:

$$\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 55.24 \\ 34.97 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 210.54 & 126.99 \\ 126.99 & 119.68 \end{pmatrix}$$

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T^2 for WAIS example

We need

$$S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} .01319 & -.0140 \\ -.0140 & .02321 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 &= n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' S^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ &= 101 ((55.24 - 60), (34.97 - 50)) \begin{pmatrix} .01319 & -.0140 \\ -.0140 & .02321 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 55.24 - 60 \\ 34.97 - 50 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 357.43 \end{aligned}$$

So to test the hypothesis, compute

$$\frac{(n - p)}{(n - 1)p} T^2 = \frac{(101 - 2)}{(101 - 1)2} 357.43 = 176.93$$

which under the null hypothesis is distributed as $\mathcal{F}_{p, (n-p)}$.

Since $\mathcal{F}_{2, 99}(\alpha = .05) = 3.11$, we reject the null hypothesis.

Big question: was the null hypothesis rejected because of the verbal score, performance score, or both?

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Recall that for the univariate case

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_o}{s/\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{or} \quad t^2 = \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu_o)^2}{s^2/n} = n(\bar{X} - \mu_o)(s^2)^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu_o)$$

Since $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, (1/n)\sigma^2)$,

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_o) \sim \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_o), \sigma^2)$$

This is a linear function of \bar{X} , which is a random variable.

We also know that

$$(n-1)s^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2 \sim \sigma^2 \chi_{(n-1)}^2$$

because

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j^2 \sim \chi_{(n-1)}^2$$

where $Z_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ *i.i.d.*

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So

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{\text{chi-square random variable}}{\text{degrees of freedom}}$$

Putting this all together, we find

$$t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{normal} \\ \text{random} \\ \text{variable} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{chi-square random variable} \\ \text{degrees of freedom} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \text{normal} \\ \text{random} \\ \text{variable} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we'll go through the same thing but with the multivariate case...

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$$T^2 = \sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)'(\mathbf{S})^{-1}\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)$$

Since $\bar{\mathbf{X}} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, (1/n)\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and $\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)$ is a linear combination of $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$,

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{\mathbf{X}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o) \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\sqrt{n}(\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o), \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})'}{(n-1)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{Z}_j \mathbf{Z}_j'}{(n-1)} \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Wishart random matrix with df} = n - 1 \\ \hline \text{degrees of freedom} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{Z}_j \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ *i.i.d.* . . . if H_o is true.

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Recall that a Wishart distribution is a matrix generalization of the chi-square distribution.

The sampling distribution of $(n - 1)S$ is Wishart where

$$W_m(\cdot | \Sigma) = \sum_{j=1}^m Z_j Z_j'$$

where $Z_j \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$ *i.i.d.*.

So,

$$T^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{multiavirate} \\ \text{normal} \\ \text{random} \\ \text{vector} \end{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\text{Wishar random matrix}}{\text{degress of freedom}} \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \text{multiavirate} \\ \text{normal} \\ \text{random} \\ \text{vector} \end{pmatrix}$$

Significance of this: This gives the mathematical justification for replacing scalars with vectors and matrices when going from uni- to multivariate (actually t^2 is special case of T^2).

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Invariance of T^2

T^2 is invariant with respect to change of location (i.e., mean) or scale (i.e. covariance matrix); that is, a T^2 is invariant by linear transformation.

Rather than $X_{p \times 1}$, we may want to consider

$$Y_{p \times 1} = \underbrace{C_{p \times p}}_{scale} X_{p \times 1} + \underbrace{d_{p \times 1}}_{location}$$

where C is non-singular (or equivalently $|C| > 0$, or C has p linearly independent rows (columns), or C^{-1} exists).

$$\mu_Y = C\mu_x + d \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_Y = C\Sigma_x C'$$

The T^2 for the Y -data is exactly the same as the T^2 for the X -data (see text for proof).

The T^2 for testing $H_o : \mu_x = \mu_o$ for the X -data is equivalent to testing $H_o : \mu_y = C\mu_o + d$.

This result is true for the univariate t -test.

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Likelihood Ratio

- Another approach to testing null hypothesis about mean vector μ (as well as other multivariate tests in general).
- It's equivalent to Hotelling's T^2 for $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$ or $H_o : \mu_1 = \mu_2$.
- It's more general than T^2 in that it can be used to test other hypotheses (e.g., those regarding Σ) and in different circumstances.
- Foreshadow: When testing more than 1 or 2 mean vectors, there are lots of different test statistics (about 5 common ones).
- T^2 and likelihood ratio tests are based on different underlying principles.

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Underlying Principles

T^2 is based on the [union-intersection](#) principle, which takes a multivariate hypothesis and turns it into a univariate problem by considering linear combinations of variables. i.e.,

$$T^2 = a'(\bar{X} - \mu_o)$$

is a linear combination.

We select the combination vector a that lead to the largest possible value of T^2 . (We'll talk more about this later). The emphasis is on the “[direction of maximal difference](#)”.

The [likelihood ratio test](#) the emphasis is on [overall difference](#).

[The plan](#): First talk about the basic idea behind Likelihood ratio tests and then we'll apply it to the specific problem of testing $\mu = \mu_o$.

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Basic idea of Likelihood Ratio Tests

Θ_o = a set of unknown parameters under H_o (e.g., Σ).

Θ = the set of unknown parameters under the alternative hypothesis (model), which is more general (e.g., μ and Σ).

$\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$ is the likelihood function. It is a function of parameters that indicates “how likely Θ (or Θ_o) is given the data”.

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta) \geq \mathcal{L}(\Theta_o).$$

The more general model/hypothesis is always more (or equally) likely than the more restrictive model/hypothesis.

The **Likelihood Ratio Statistic** is

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max \mathcal{L}(\Theta_o)}{\max \mathcal{L}(\Theta)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \bar{X} = \hat{\mu} & \text{MLE of mean} \\ S_n = \hat{\Sigma} & \text{MLE of covariance matrix} \end{array}$$

If Λ is “**small**”, then the data is not likely to have occurred under $H_o \rightarrow$ **Reject H_o** .

If Λ is “**large**”, then the data is likely to have occurred under $H_o \rightarrow$ **Retain H_o** .

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Let $\mathbf{X}_j \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and *i.i.d.*

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} [\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_o, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})]}{\max_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}} [\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})]}$$

where

$\max_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$ = the maximum of $\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$ over all possible $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$'s.

$\max_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$ = the maximum of $\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$ over all possible $\boldsymbol{\mu}$'s & $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$'s.

$$\Lambda = \left(\frac{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}|}{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_o|} \right)^{n/2}$$

where

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \text{MLE of } \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})' = \mathbf{S}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_o &= \text{MLE of } \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \text{ assuming that } \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_o \\ &= (1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)(\mathbf{X}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_o)' \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Lambda = \left(\frac{|\hat{\Sigma}|}{|\hat{\Sigma}_o|} \right)^{n/2}$$

$$\Lambda = (\text{ratio of two generalized sample variances})^{n/2}$$

If μ_o is really “far” from μ , then $|\hat{\Sigma}_o|$ will be much larger than $|\hat{\Sigma}|$, which uses a “good” estimator of μ (i.e., \bar{X}).

The likelihood ratio statistic Λ is called “**Wilk’s Lambda**” for the special case of testing hypotheses about mean vectors.

For large samples (i.e., large n),

$$-2 \ln(\Lambda) \sim \chi_p^2,$$

which can be used to test $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$

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Degrees of Freedom for LR Test

We need to consider the number of parameter estimates under each hypothesis:

The alternative hypothesis (“full model”) ,

$$\Theta = \{\mu, \Sigma\} \longrightarrow p \text{ means} \quad \& \quad \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \text{ covariances}$$

The null hypothesis,

$$\Theta_o = \{\Sigma\} \longrightarrow \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \text{ covariances}$$

degrees of freedom = df = difference between number of parameters estimated under each hypothesis
= p

If the H_o is true and all assumptions valid, then for large samples, $-2 \ln(\lambda) \sim \chi_p^2$.

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$$n = 64, p = 4, \bar{\mathbf{x}}' = (14.15, 14.91, 21.92, 22.34),$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 10.388 & 7.793 & 15.298 & 5.3740 \\ 7.793 & 16.658 & 13.707 & 6.1756 \\ 15.298 & 13.707 & 57.058 & 15.932 \\ 5.374 & 6.176 & 15.932 & 22.134 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } \det(\mathbf{S}) = 61952.085$$

Test: $H_o : \boldsymbol{\mu}' = (20, 20, 20, 20)$ versus $H_o : \boldsymbol{\mu}' \neq (20, 20, 20, 20)$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_o = \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{1}\boldsymbol{\mu}'_o)' (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{1}\boldsymbol{\mu}'_o) = \begin{pmatrix} 44.375 & 37.438 & 3.828 & -8.406 \\ 37.438 & 42.344 & 3.703 & -5.859 \\ 3.828 & 3.703 & 59.859 & 20.187 \\ -8.406 & -5.859 & 20.187 & 27.281 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_o) = 518123.8.$$

Wilk's Lambda is $\Lambda = (61952.085/518123.8)^{64/2} = 3.047E - 30$,
and Comparing $-2 \ln(\Lambda) = 135.92659$ to a χ_4^2 gives p -value
 $\ll .01$.

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Comparison of T^2 & Likelihood Ratio

Hotelling's T^2 and Wilk's Lambda are functionally related.

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a $\mathcal{N}_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ population, then the test of $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$ versus $H_A : \mu \neq \mu_o$ based on T^2 is equivalent to the test based on Λ .

The relationship is given by

$$(\Lambda)^{2/n} = \left(1 + \frac{T^2}{(n-1)}\right)^{-1}$$

So,

$$\Lambda = \left(1 + \frac{T^2}{(n-1)}\right)^{-n/2} \quad \text{and} \quad T^2 = (n-1)\Lambda^{-2/n} - (n-1)$$

Since they are inversely related,

- We reject H_o for “large” T^2
- We reject H_o for “small” Λ .

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Example: Comparison of T^2 & Likelihood Ratio

Using our 4 psychological test data, we found that

$$(\Lambda) = 3.047E - 30$$

If we compute Hotelling's T^2 for these data we'd find that

$$T^2 = 463.88783$$

$$\Lambda = \left(1 + \frac{463.88783}{(64 - 1)} \right)^{-64/2} = 3.047E - 30$$

and

$$T^2 = (64 - 1)(3.047E - 30)^{-2/64} - (64 - 1)$$

Note: I did this in SAS. The SAS/IML code is on the web-site if you want to check this for yourself.

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Our goal is to make inferences about populations from samples.

In univariate statistics, we form confidence intervals; we'll generalize this to multivariate confidence region.

General definition: A confidence region is a region of likely values of parameters θ which is determined by data:

$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \text{confidence region}$$

where

- $\mathbf{X}' = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)$; that is, data.
- $R(\mathbf{X})$ is a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence region if before the sample was selected

$$\text{Prob}[R(\mathbf{X}) \text{ contains the true } \theta] = 1 - \alpha$$

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Confidence Region for μ

For $\mu_{p \times 1}$ of a p -dimensional multivariate normal distribution,

$$\text{Prob}\left[n(\bar{X} - \mu)'S^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu) \leq \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)\right] = 1 - \alpha$$

... before we have data (observations).

i.e., \bar{X} is within $\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)}$ of μ with probability $1 - \alpha$ (where distance is measured or defined in terms of nS^{-1}).

For a typical sample,

1. Calculate \bar{x} and S .
2. Find $(n-1)p/(n-p)\mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)$.
3. Consider all μ 's that satisfy the equation

$$n(\bar{X} - \mu)'S^{-1}(\bar{X} - \mu) \leq \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)$$

This is the confidence region, which is an equation of an ellipsoid.

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To determine whether a particular μ^* falls within in a confidence region, compute the squared statistical distance of \bar{X} to μ^* and see if it's less than or greater than

$$\frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha).$$

The confidence region consists of all vectors μ_o that lead to retaining the $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$ using Hotelling's T^2 (or equivalently Wilk's lambda).

These regions are ellipsoids where their shapes are determined by S (the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of S).

We'll continue our WAIS example of $n = 101$ elderly and the verbal and performance sub-tests of WAIS ($p = 2$).

Recall that $H_o : \mu' = (60, 50)$

But first a closer look at the ellipsoid...

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The Shape of the Ellipsoid

- The ellipsoid is **centered** at \bar{x} .
- The **direction** of the axes are given by the eigenvectors e_i of S .
- The (half) **length** of the axes equal

$$\sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_i}}{\sqrt{n}} c$$

So, from the center, which is at \bar{x} , the axes are

$$\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha)} e_i$$

where $S e_i = \lambda_i e_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

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Equation for the $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ confidence region:

$$n(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq \frac{(n-1)p}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)$$

or
$$T^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)p}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)$$

The confidence region is an ellipse (ellipsoid for $p > 2$) centered at $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ with axes

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \pm \sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \mathbf{e}_i$$

where λ_i and \mathbf{e}_i are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, respectively, of \mathbf{S} (λ_i is not Wilk's lambda).

For the WAIS data,

$$\lambda_1 = 299.982, \quad \mathbf{e}'_1 = (.818, .576)$$

$$\lambda_2 = 30.238, \quad \mathbf{e}'_2 = (-.576, .818)$$

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$$\bar{x} \pm \sqrt{\lambda_i} \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{n(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} e_i$$

The major axis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 55.24 \\ 34.97 \end{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{299.982} \sqrt{\frac{2(101-1)}{101(101-2)}} 3.11 \begin{pmatrix} .818 \\ .576 \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives us (51.71, 32.48) and (58.77, 37.46).

The minor axis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 55.24 \\ 34.97 \end{pmatrix} \pm \sqrt{30.238} \sqrt{\frac{2(101-1)}{101(101-2)}} 3.11 \begin{pmatrix} -.576 \\ .818 \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives us (56.03, 33.85) and (54.45, 36.09).

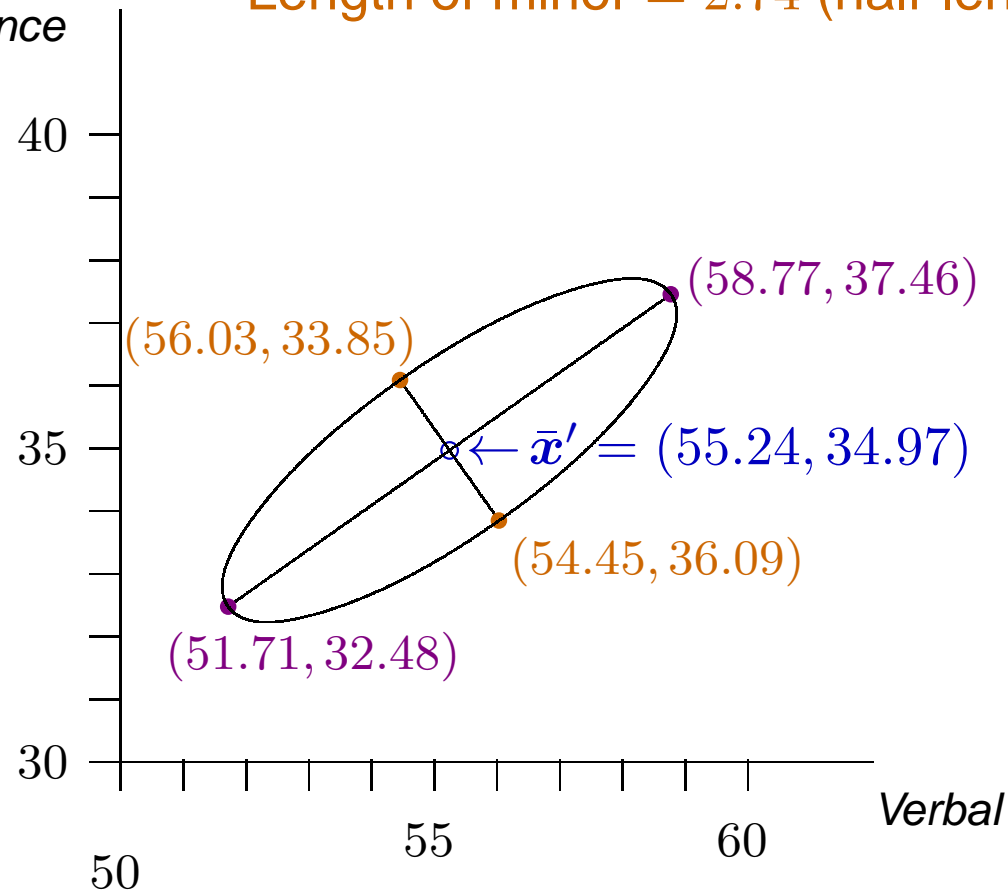


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Length of major = 8.64 (half-length= 4.32)
Length of minor = 2.74 (half-length= 1.37)

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We note that $(60, 50)$ is not in the confidence region. Using the equation for the ellipse, we find

$$T^2 = 357.43 > (100(2)/99)(3.11) = 6.283,$$

so $(60, 50)$ is not in the 95% confidence region.

What about $\mu' = (60, 40)$?

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 &= 101 ((55.24 - 60), (34.97 - 40)) \\ &\quad \times \begin{pmatrix} .01319 & -.0140 \\ -.0140 & .02321 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 55.24 - 60 \\ 34.97 - 40 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 21.80 \end{aligned}$$

Since 21.80 is greater than 6.28, $(60, 40)$ also in not in 95% confidence region.

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Alternatives to Confidence Regions

The confidence regions consider all the components of μ jointly.

We often desire a confidence statement (i.e, confidence interval) about individual components of μ or a linear combination of the μ_i 's.

We want all such statements to hold simultaneously with some specified large probability; that is, we want to make sure that the probability that any one of the confidence statements is incorrect is small.

We'll consider three ways of forming simultaneous confidence intervals:

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“One-at-a-Time” Intervals

(they’re related to the confidence region).

Let $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, where $\mathbf{X}' = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ and consider the linear combination

$$Z = a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + \dots + a_pX_p = \mathbf{a}'\mathbf{X}$$

From what we know about linear combinations of random vectors and multivariate normal distribution, we know

$$\begin{aligned} E(Z) &= \mu_z = \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu} \\ \text{var}(Z) &= \sigma_z^2 = \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{a} \\ Z &\sim \mathcal{N}_1(\mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{a}) \end{aligned}$$

Estimate μ_z by $\mathbf{a}'\bar{\mathbf{X}}$ and estimate $\text{var}(Z) = \mathbf{a}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{a}$ by $\mathbf{a}'S\mathbf{a}$.

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Univariate Intervals

A Simultaneous $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ_Z where $Z = a'X$ with unknown Σ (but known a) is

$$\bar{z} \pm t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \sqrt{\frac{a'Sa}{n}}$$

where $t_{n-1}(\alpha/2)$ is the upper $100(\alpha/2)$ percentile of Student's t-distribution with $df = n - 1$

We can use this to put intervals around any element of μ by choosing a 's appropriately:

$$a = (0, 0, \dots, \underbrace{1}_{i^{th} \text{ element}}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\text{So } a'\mu = \mu_i \quad a'\bar{x} = \bar{x}_i \quad \text{and} \quad a'Sa = s_{ii}$$

and the “one-at-a-time” interval for μ_i is

$$\bar{x}_i \pm t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \sqrt{\frac{s_{ii}}{n}}$$

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Univariate Confidence Intervals

$$\bar{x}_i \pm t_{n-1}(\alpha/2) \sqrt{s_{ii}/n}$$

We'll let $\alpha = .05$ (for a 95% confidence interval), so $t_{100}(.025) = 1.99$.

For verbal score:

$$55.24 \pm 1.99 \sqrt{210.54/101}$$

$$55.24 \pm 2.87 \quad \longrightarrow \quad (52.37, 58.11)$$

For performance score:

$$34.97 \pm 1.99 \sqrt{119.68/101} = 2.17$$

$$34.97 \pm 2.17 \quad \longrightarrow \quad (32.80, 37.14)$$

For our hypothesized values $\mu_{o1} = 60$ and $\mu_{o2} = 40$, neither are in the respective intervals.

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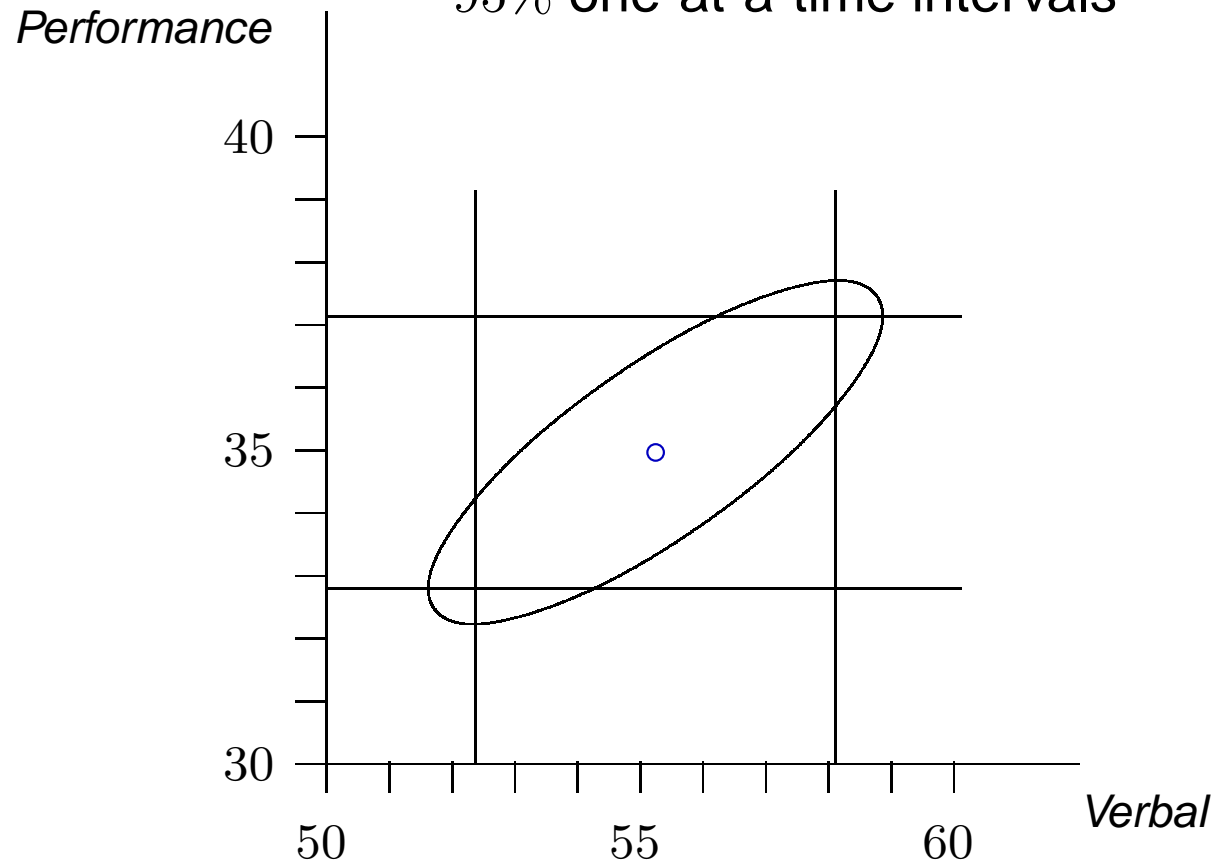


Graph of one-at-a time intervals

Multivariate versus Univariate:

95% Confidence region (ellipse)

95% one-at-a-time intervals



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Problem with Univariate Intervals

Problem with the Global coverage rate: If the rate is $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ for one interval, then the overall experimentwise coverage rate could be much less than $100(1 - \alpha)\%$.

If you want the overall coverage rate to be $100(1 - \alpha)\%$, then we have to consider simultaneously all possible choices for the vector a such that the coverage rate over all of them is $100(1 - \alpha)\%$

How?

What a gives the maximum possible test-statistic? Using this a , consider the distribution for the maximum.

If we achieve $(1 - \alpha)$ for the maximum, then the remainder (all others) have $> (1 - \alpha)$.

We use the distribution of the maximum for our “fudge-factor.”

The largest value is proportional to $S^{-1}(\bar{x} - \mu_o)$

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T^2 Intervals

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $\mathcal{N}_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ population with $\det(\Sigma) > 0$, then simultaneously for all a , the interval

$$a' \bar{x} \pm \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{a' S a}{n}}$$

will contain $a' \mu$ with coverage rate $100(1 - \alpha)\%$.

These are called “ T^2 -intervals” because the “fudge-factor” $(p(n-1)/(n-p)) \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}$ is the distribution of Hotelling’s T^2 .

To get an interval for each of the p means, set

$$a'_i = (0, 0, \dots, \underbrace{1}_{i^{th} \text{ element}}, 0, \dots, 0) \quad i = 1, \dots, p.$$

& compute

$$\underbrace{a'_i \bar{x}}_{\bar{x}_i} \pm \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{a' S a}{n}}}_{s_{ii}/n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p.$$

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$$\mathbf{a}'_i \bar{\mathbf{x}} \pm \sqrt{\frac{p(n-1)}{(n-p)} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{a}' \mathbf{S} \mathbf{a}}{n}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p.$$

are **Component T^2 Intervals** and are useful for “data snooping” because the coverage rate remains fixed at $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ regardless of

- The number of intervals you construct
- Whether or not the \mathbf{a} 's are chosen *a priori*

WAIS Example:

For the verbal score:

$$55.24 \pm \sqrt{\frac{100(2)}{99}} (3.11) \sqrt{210.54/101} = 55.24 \pm 3.62 \rightarrow (51.62, 58.86)$$

For the performance score:

$$34.97 \pm \sqrt{\frac{100(2)}{99}} (3.11) \sqrt{119.68/101} = 34.97 \pm 2.73 \rightarrow (32.24, 37.70)$$

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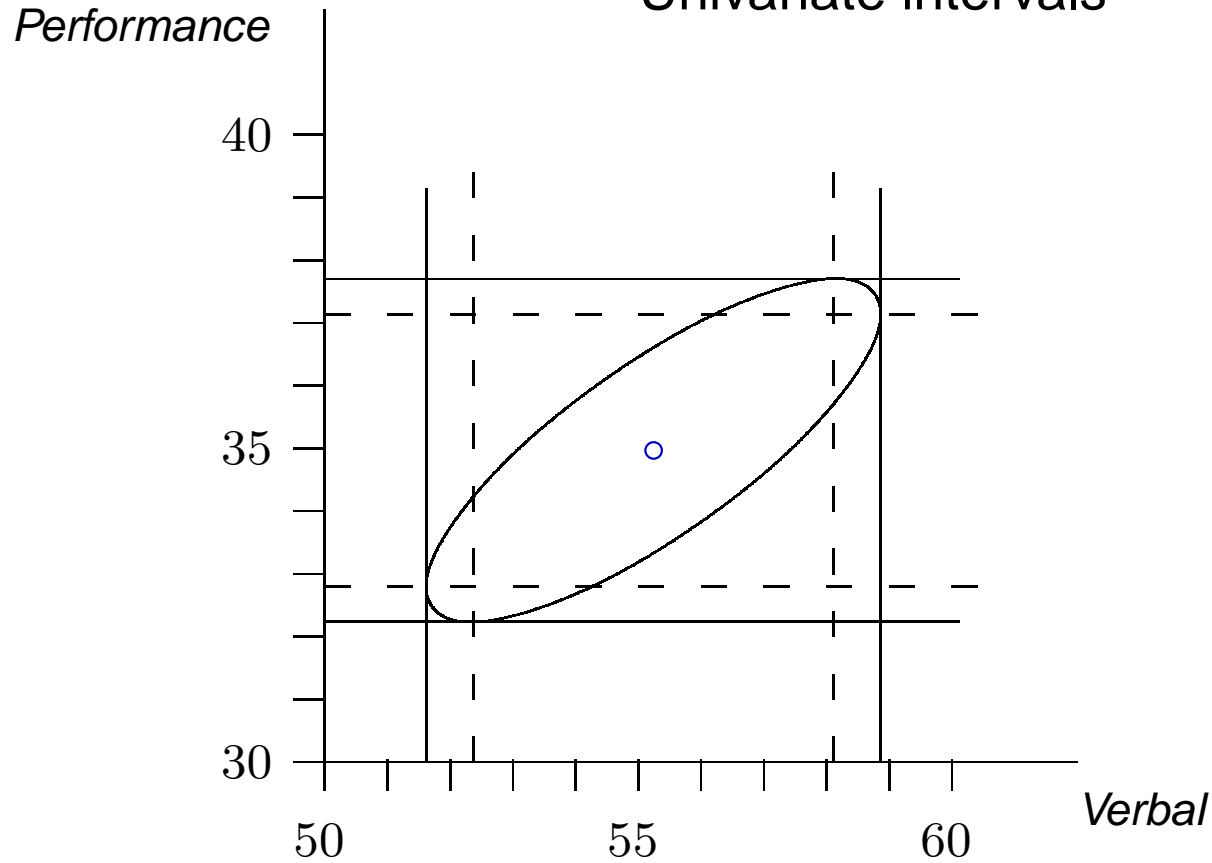
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One-at-a-Time

- Narrower (more precise)
- More powerful
- Liberal
- Coverage rate $< 100(1 - \alpha)$
- Coverage rate depends on number of intervals and S .
- Accuracy may be OK provided that first test (& reject) $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$.

T^2 Intervals

- Wider (less precise)
- Less powerful
- Conservative
- Coverage rate $\geq 100(1 - \alpha)$
- Coverage rate does not depend on number of intervals.
- Good if do a lot of intervals (e.g., $> p$)

Compromise: Bonferroni



Bonferroni Intervals

This method will

- Give narrower (more precise) intervals than T^2 , but not as narrow as the univariate ones.
- Good if
 - ◆ The intervals that you construct are decided upon *a priori*.
 - ◆ You only construct $\leq p$ intervals.
- Suppose that we want to make m confidence statements about m linear combinations

$$a'_1\mu, \quad a'_2\mu, \quad \dots, \quad a'_m\mu$$

- It uses a form of the Bonferroni inequality.

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Bonferroni Inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Prob}\{\text{all intervals are valid}\} &= 1 - \text{Prob}\{\text{at least 1 false}\} \\
&\geq 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Prob}\{i^{\text{th}} \text{ interval is false}\} \\
&= 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m 1 - \text{Prob}\{i^{\text{th}} \text{ interval is true}\} \\
&= 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i
\end{aligned}$$

This is a form of the Bonferroni inequality:

$$\text{Prob}\{\text{all intervals are true}\} \geq 1 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_m)$$

We set $\alpha_i = \alpha/m$ using a pre-determined α -level, then

$$\text{Prob}\{\text{all intervals are true}\} \geq 1 - \underbrace{(\alpha/m + \alpha/m + \cdots + \alpha/m)}_{m \text{ of these}} = 1 - \alpha$$

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Bonferroni Confidence Statements

Use α/m for each of the m intervals (both α and specific intervals pre-determined)

$$a' \bar{x} \pm \underbrace{t_{n-1}}_{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2m}\right)} \sqrt{\frac{a' S a}{n}}$$

We just replace the “fudge-factor”

WAIS example: We'll only consider $a'_1 = (1, 0)$ and $a_2 = (0, 1)$ (i.e., the component means).

$$df = n - 1 = 101 - 1 = 100$$

$$\alpha = .05 \longrightarrow \alpha/2 = .025$$

$$t_{100}(.025/2) = 2.2757$$

You can get t 's from the “pvalue.exe” program on course web-site (under handy programs and links), or from SAS using, for example ...

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data tvalue;

df= 100;

p = 1 - .05/(2 * 2);

t= quantile('t',p,100);

proc print;

run;

Verbal Scores:

$$55.25 \pm 2.2757 \sqrt{210.54/101}$$

$$\pm 2.2757(1.4438)$$

$$\pm 3.2856 \longrightarrow (51.95, 58.53)$$

Performance Scores:

$$34.97 \pm 2.2757 \sqrt{119.68/101}$$

$$\pm 2.2757(1.08855)$$

$$\pm 2.477 \longrightarrow (32.49, 37.45)$$

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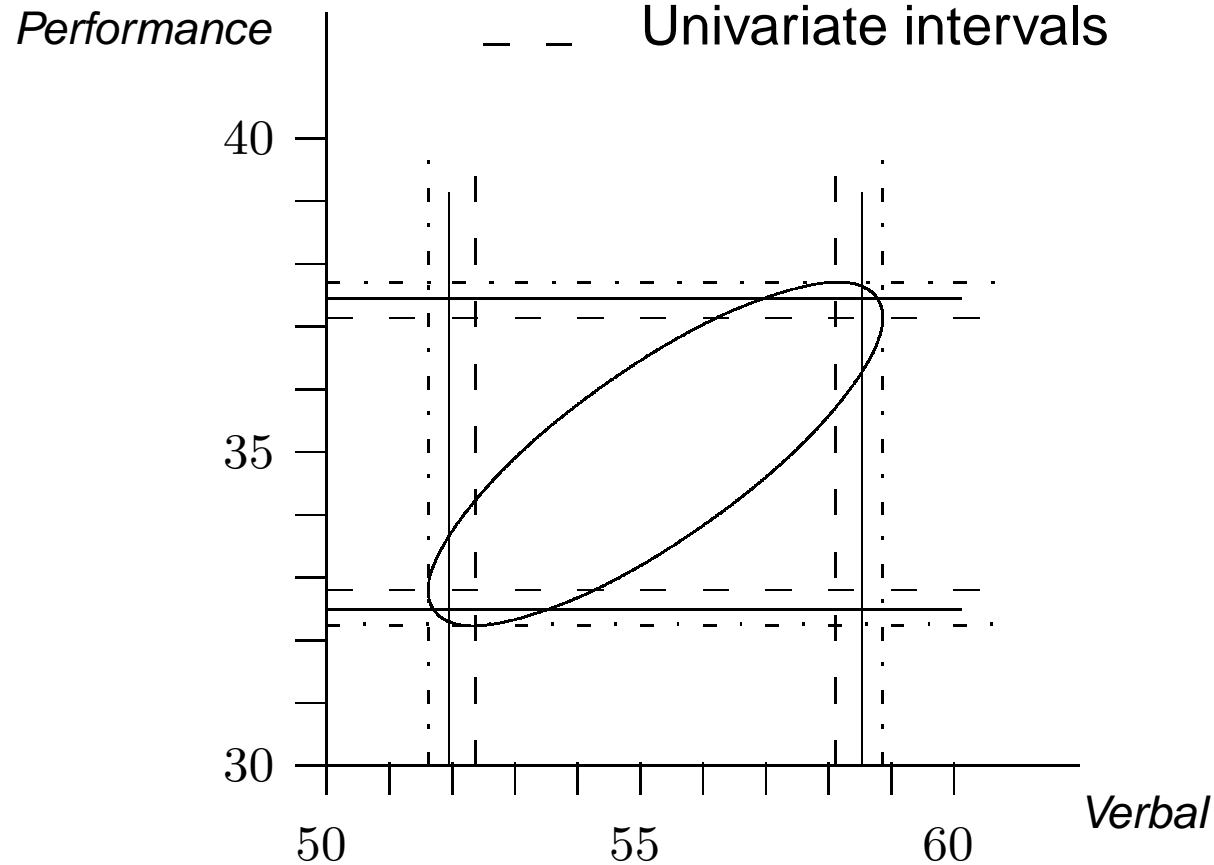
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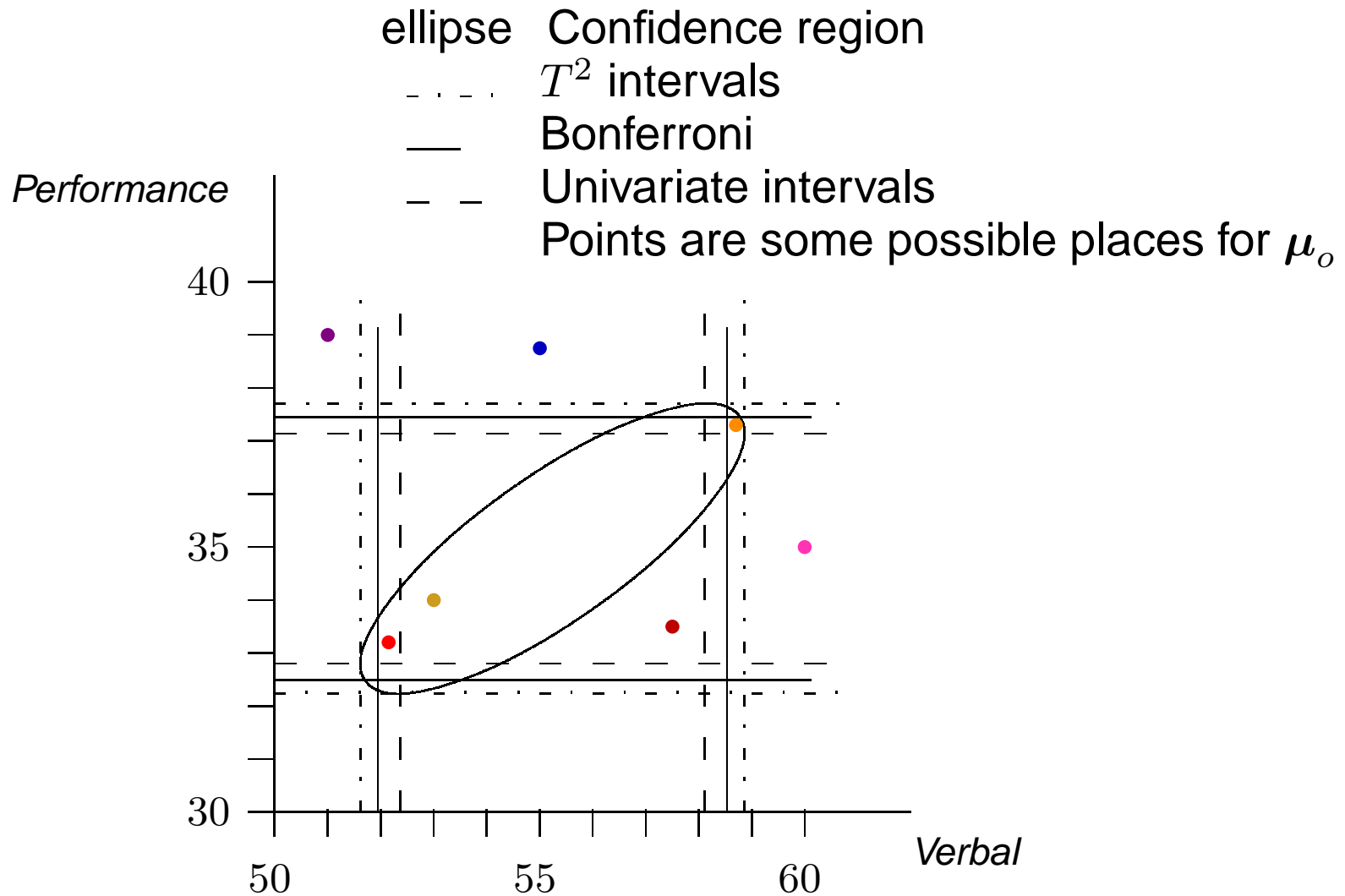
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- Hypothesis testing of $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$ may lead to some seemingly inconsistent results. For example,
 - ◆ The multivariate tests may reject H_o , but the component means are within their respective confidence intervals for them (regardless of how intervals are computed, e.g., the red dot).
 - ◆ Separate t -tests for component means may not be rejected, but you do reject for multivariate (e.g., orange dot).
- The confidence region, which contains all values of μ_o for which the null hypothesis would not be rejected, is the only one that takes into consideration the covariances, as well as variances.
- Multivariate approach is most powerful.
- In higher dimensions, we can't "see" what's going on, but concepts are same.



In the Face of Inconsistencies

or to get a better idea of what's going on...

Recall that T^2 is based on the “union intersection” principle:

$$T^2 = na'(\bar{X} - \mu_o)$$

where a is the one that gives the largest value for T^2 among all possible vectors a . This vector is

$$a = (\bar{X} - \mu_o)'S^{-1}$$

Examining a can lead to insight into why $H_o : \mu = \mu_o$ was rejected.

For the WAIS example when $H_o : \mu' = (60, 50)$,

$$(\bar{X} - \mu_o)'S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.15 & -0.28 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: $(\bar{X} - \mu_o)' = (-4.76, -15.03)$

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Large-Sample Inferences

about a population mean vector μ

So far, we've assumed that $X_j \sim \mathcal{N}_p(\mu, \Sigma)$. But what if the data are not multivariate normal?

We can still make inferences (hypothesis testing & make confidence statements) about population means **IF** we have **Large** samples relative to p (i.e., $n - p$ is large).

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a population with μ and Σ (Σ is positive definite)

$$T^2 = n(\bar{x} - \mu_o)' S^{-1} (\bar{x} - \mu_o) \approx \chi_p^2$$

- \approx means “approximately”.
- $\text{Prob}(n(\bar{x} - \mu_o)' S^{-1} (\bar{x} - \mu_o)) \leq \chi_p^2(\alpha) \approx 1 - \alpha$.
- As n gets large, $\mathcal{F}_{p, n-p}$ and $\chi_p^2(\alpha)$ become closer in value:

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p, n-p} \rightarrow \chi_p^2$$

(Show this)

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Large-Sample Inferences continued

For large $n - p$,

■ Hypothesis test:

$$H_o : \mu = \mu_o$$

Reject H_o if $T^2 > \chi_p^2(\alpha)$ where $\chi_p^2(\alpha)$ is the upper α^{th} percentile of the chi-square distribution with $df = p$.

■ Simultaneous T^2 intervals:

$$\mathbf{a}'\bar{\mathbf{x}} \pm \sqrt{\chi_p^2(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{a}'\mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}}{n}}$$

■ Confidence region for μ :

$$(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu)' \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mu) \leq \frac{\chi_p^2(\alpha)}{n}$$

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- WAIS example with $n = 101$,

$$\mathcal{F}_{p,n-p}(\alpha) = \mathcal{F}_{2,99}(.05) = 3.11$$

$$\frac{(n-1)p}{n-p} \mathcal{F}_{p,n-p} = \frac{100(2)}{99} (3.11) = 6.28$$

$$\chi_2^2(.05) = 5.99$$

The value 6.28 is fairly close to 5.99.

- It's generally true that the more you assume, the more powerful your test (more precise estimates).
- The larger $n \rightarrow$, the more power.

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- Use Psychological test scores (on course web-site)