

(Comparing Two Mean Vector) Assume there are two populations $X_{i1} \sim N_p(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$, with $i = 1, \dots, n_1$ and $X_{i2} \sim N_p(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$, with $j = 1, \dots, n_2$, where all the variables are independent. The realizations are recorded in the data set as 200×6 matrix where the observations 1 ~ 100 come from the first population and the other 100 observations are the second one. The number of variate $p = 6$. Now we want to compare the two mean vector; that is

$$H_1 : \mu_1 = \mu_2, \text{ vs. } H_2 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2.$$

Please answer the following questions.

- (a) We first consider the problem with the same covariance matrix $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$. Let $\bar{x}_k, S_k, k = 1, 2$ and $\delta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$. we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) &\sim N_p\left(\delta, \frac{n_1 + n_2}{n_1 n_2} \Sigma\right) \\ n_1 S_1 + n_2 S_2 &\sim W_p(\Sigma, n_1 + n_2 - 2). \end{aligned}$$

Let $S = (n_1 + n_2)^{-1}(n_1 S_1 + n_2 S_2)$ be the weighted mean of S_1 and S_2 . Since the two samples are independent and since S_k is independent of $\bar{x}_k, k = 1, 2$, it follows that S is independent of $(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$. Hence,

$$\frac{(n_1 n_2)(n_1 + n_2 - 2)}{(n_1 + n_2)^2} \{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - \delta\}^T S^{-1} \{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - \delta\} \sim T^2(p, n_1 + n_2 - 2),$$

or

$$\{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - \delta\}^T S^{-1} \{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - \delta\} \sim \frac{p(n_1 + n_2)^2}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)n_1 n_2} F_{p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1},$$

where $T^2(p, n)$ is the Hotelling T^2 -distribution with p and n degrees of freedom, and $F_{1-\alpha; p, n}$ is the $1 - \alpha$ quantile of the F -distribution with p and n degrees of freedom.

This result can be used to test $H_1 : \delta = 0$ or to construct a confidence region for $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p$. The rejection region is given by:

$$\frac{n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)}{p(n_1 + n_2)^2} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^T S^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \geq F_{1-\alpha; p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}.$$

A $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence region for δ is given by the ellipsoid centered at $(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$

$$\{\delta - (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)\}^T S^{-1} \{\delta - (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)\} \leq \frac{p(n_1 + n_2)^2}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)(n_1 n_2)} F_{1-\alpha; p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1},$$

and the simultaneous confidence intervals for all linear combinations $a^T \delta$ of the elements δ are given by

$$a^T \delta \in a^T (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm \sqrt{\frac{p(n_1 + n_2)^2}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)(n_1 n_2)} F_{1-\alpha; p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}} a^T S a.$$

In particular we have at the $(1 - \alpha)$ level, for $j = 1, \dots, p$,

$$\delta_j \in (\bar{x}_{1j} - \bar{x}_{2j}) \pm \sqrt{\frac{p(n_1 + n_2)^2}{(n_1 + n_2 - p - 1)(n_1 n_2)} F_{1-\alpha; p, n_1 + n_2 - p - 1}} S_{jj}.$$

With $\alpha = 0.05$, do we reject the hypothesis? Please calculate the confidence intervals for the differences $\delta_j = \mu_{1j} - \mu_{2j}$, $j = 1, \dots, p$.

(b) For the case of unequal covariance matrices and large samples, we have

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \sim N_p \left(\delta, \frac{\Sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\Sigma_2}{n_2} \right).$$

Therefore,

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^T \left(\frac{\Sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\Sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \sim \chi_p^2.$$

Since S_k is a consistent estimator of Σ_k for $k = 1, 2$, we have

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^T \left(\frac{S_1}{n_1} + \frac{S_2}{n_2} \right)^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \rightarrow \chi_p^2 \quad \text{in distribution.}$$

Hence the rejection region for $\delta = 0$ at the level α will be

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^T \left(\frac{\Sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\Sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^{-1} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) > \chi_{1-\alpha, p}^2,$$

where $\chi_{1-\alpha, p}^2$ is the $1 - \alpha$ quantile of the χ^2 distribution with p degrees of freedom.

The $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence intervals for δ_j , $1, \dots, p$ are

$$\delta_j \in (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm \sqrt{\chi_{1-\alpha, p}^2 \left(\frac{S_{1,jj}}{n_1} + \frac{S_{2,jj}}{n_2} \right)}.$$

Similarly, Do we reject the hypothesis with $\alpha = 0.05$ and what are the confidence intervals of δ_j , $j = 1, \dots, 5$.