

# Multivariate Statistics

## Lecture 08

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## Theorem 1

Let  $T^2 = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{y}$  is distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}_p(\boldsymbol{\nu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $n\mathbf{S}$  is independently distributed as  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \mathbf{z}_\alpha \mathbf{z}_\alpha^\top$  with  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n$  independent, each with distribution  $\mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ . Then the random variable

$$\frac{T^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-p+1}{p}$$

is distributed as a noncentral  $F$ -distribution with  $p$  and  $n-p+1$  degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter  $\boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}$ . If  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{0}$ , the distribution is central  $F$ .

In the example of likelihood ratio criterion, we consider the special case of  $\mathbf{y} = \sqrt{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = \sqrt{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$  and  $n = N - 1$ .

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## Corollary 1

Let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$  be a sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and let

$$T^2 = N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0).$$

The distribution of

$$\frac{T^2}{N-1} \cdot \frac{N-p}{p}.$$

is noncentral  $F$  with  $p$  and  $N-p$  degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter  $N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$ . If  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$  then the  $F$ -distribution is central.

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## Theorem 2

Suppose  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m$  are independent with  $\mathbf{y}_\alpha$  distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{w}_\alpha, \mathbf{\Phi})$ , where  $\mathbf{w}_\alpha$  is an  $r$ -component vector. Let  $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \mathbf{w}_\alpha \mathbf{w}_\alpha^\top$  assumed non-singular,  $\mathbf{G} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \mathbf{y}_\alpha \mathbf{w}_\alpha^\top \mathbf{H}^{-1}$  and

$$\mathbf{C} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}_\alpha)(\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{w}_\alpha)^\top = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m \mathbf{y}_\alpha \mathbf{y}_\alpha^\top - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{G}^\top.$$

Then  $\mathbf{C}$  is distributed as

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{m-r} \mathbf{u}_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha^\top$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{m-r}$  are independently distributed according to  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Phi})$  independently of  $\mathbf{G}$ .

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For large samples the distribution of  $T^2$  given this corollary is approximately valid even if the parent distribution is not normal.

### Theorem 3

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independently identically distributed random vectors with mean vector  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . Let

$$\bar{x}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{x}_\alpha, \quad \mathbf{S}_N = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top$$

and

$$T_N^2 = N(\bar{x}_N - \mu_0)^\top \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\bar{x}_N - \mu_0).$$

Then the limiting distribution of  $T_N^2$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  is the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $p$  degrees of freedom if  $\mu = \mu_0$ .



## Distribution of $T^2$ -Statistic

When the null hypothesis is true ( $\mu_0 = \mu$ ), the likelihood ratio criterion holds that

$$\lambda^{\frac{2}{N}} = \frac{1}{1 + T^2/(N-1)} = \frac{1}{1 + T^2/n},$$

where  $T^2 =$  and  $n = N - 1$ .

Then  $T^2$  is distributed according to central  $F$ -distribution with degree of freedom  $p$  and  $n - 1 - p$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T^2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-p+1}{p} &\sim \frac{\chi^2(p)/p}{\chi^2(n-1-p)/(n-1-p)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{T^2}{n} &\sim \frac{\chi^2(p)}{\chi^2(n-1-p)} \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^{\frac{2}{N}} &\sim \frac{\chi^2(n-1-p)}{\chi^2(n-1-p) + \chi^2(p)} \end{aligned}$$

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## Theorem 4

Let  $u$  be distributed according to the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $a$  degrees of freedom and  $w$  be distributed according to the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $b$  degrees of freedom. The density of  $v = u/(u + w)$ , when  $u$  and  $w$  are independent is

$$\frac{1}{B\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}\right)} v^{\frac{a}{2}-1} (1-v)^{\frac{b}{2}-1}, \quad (1)$$

where  $B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1} dt$ .

The function (1) is the density of beta distribution with parameters  $a/2$  and  $b/2$ .

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# Testing the Hypothesis for the Mean

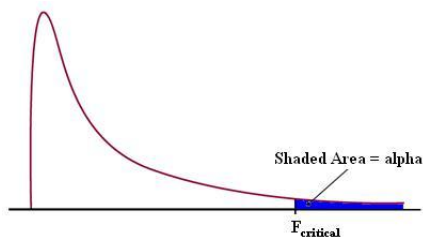
The likelihood ratio test of the hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$  on the basis of a sample of  $N$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  is defined by the critical region

$$T^2 \geq T_0^2,$$

where  $T^2 = N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)$ .

If the significance level is  $\alpha$ , then

$$T_0^2 = \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} F_{p, N-p}(\alpha) \triangleq T_{p, N-1}^2(\alpha).$$



## A Confidence Region for the Mean Vector

The probability of drawing a sample of  $N$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with sample mean  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  and sample covariance matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that

$$N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq T_{p, N-1}^2(\alpha).$$

is  $1 - \alpha$ .

The set

$$\left\{ \mathbf{m} : N(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{m})^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{m}) \leq T_{p, N-1}^2(\alpha) \right\}$$

corresponds to the interior and boundary of an ellipsoid. We state that  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  lies within this ellipsoid with confidence  $1 - \alpha$ .

## Two-Sample Problems (Unknown Covariance)

Suppose  $\mathbf{y}_1^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{N_i}^{(i)}$  is a sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . We wish to test the null hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$ .

① For  $i = 1, 2$ , we have

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \mathbf{y}_{\alpha}^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, \frac{1}{N_i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right).$$

② Since

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{N_1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{1}{N_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{bmatrix}\right),$$

we have

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}, \left(\frac{1}{N_1} + \frac{1}{N_2}\right) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right).$$

## Two-Sample Problems (Unknown Covariance)

Under the null hypothesis, we have

$$\sqrt{N_1 N_2 / (N_1 + N_2)} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

Let

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{y}_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)}) (\mathbf{y}_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)})^\top + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_2} (\mathbf{y}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)}) (\mathbf{y}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})^\top \right),$$

then

$$(N_1 + N_2 - 2)\mathbf{S} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \mathbf{z}_\alpha \mathbf{z}_\alpha^\top,$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_\alpha$  are independent and  $\mathbf{z}_\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

## Two-Sample Problems (Unknown Covariance)

Let

$$T^2 = \frac{N_1 N_2}{N_1 + N_2} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)}),$$

then

$$\frac{T^2}{N_1 + N_2 - 2} \cdot \frac{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}{p}$$

is distributed according to central  $F$ -distribution with  $p$  and  $N_1 + N_2 - p - 1$  degrees of freedom.

The critical region is

$$T^2 \geq \frac{(N_1 + N_2 - 2)p}{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1} F_{p, N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}(\alpha)$$

with significance level  $\alpha$ .



## Two-Sample Problems (Unknown Covariance)

The probability of

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 &= \frac{N_1 N_2}{N_1 + N_2} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)})^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)}) \\ &\leq \frac{(N_1 + N_2 - 2)p}{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1} F_{p, N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

is  $1 - \alpha$ .

A confidence region for  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$  with confidence level  $1 - \alpha$  is the set of vectors  $\mathbf{m}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{N_1 N_2}{N_1 + N_2} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} - \mathbf{m})^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{(2)} - \mathbf{m}) \\ &\leq \frac{(N_1 + N_2 - 2)p}{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1} F_{p, N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

# A Problem of Several Samples

There is a theoretical reason for believing the gene structures of three species of *Iris virginica* to be such that the mean vectors of the three populations are related as

$$3\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(3)} + 2\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}$  is the mean vector of the  $i$ -th population.

# A Problem of Several Samples

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(i)}\}$  for  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, q$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, q$ , respectively. Let us test the hypothesis

$$H : \sum_{i=1}^q \beta_i \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}.$$

where  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q$  are given scalars and  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is a given vector.

# A Problem of Several Samples

The criterion is

$$T^2 = c \left( \sum_{i=1}^q \beta_i \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \right) \mathbf{S}^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^q \beta_i \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \right)^{\top}$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)}, \quad c = \left( \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{\beta_i^2}{N_i} \right)^{-1}$$

and

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^q N_i - q} \sum_{i=1}^q \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}) (\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}^{(i)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)})^{\top}.$$

This  $T^2$  has the  $T^2$ -distribution with  $\sum_{i=1}^q N_i - q$  degrees of freedom.

# A Problem of Symmetry

Consider testing the hypothesis

$$H : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_p$$

on the basis of sample  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , where

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix}.$$

# A Problem of Symmetry

Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be any  $(p-1) \times p$  matrix of rank  $p-1$  such that

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{1}_p = \mathbf{0}_{p-1}.$$

Then we have

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{C}^\top)$$

and the hypothesis  $H$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}_{p-1}$  (why?).

# A Problem of Symmetry

We can construct the  $T^2$  statistic

$$T^2 = N\bar{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{y}_\alpha = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}_\alpha = \mathbf{C} \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})(\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^\top = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \mathbf{C}^\top.$$

## Two-Sample Problems (Unequal Covariance)

Let  $\{\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(i)}\}$  for  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_i$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , respectively. We wish to test the hypothesis

$$H : \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}.$$

We cannot use the technique in the case of equal covariance, because

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}) (\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)})^\top + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_2} (\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}) (\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)})^\top$$

does not correspond to normal distributed variables  $\mathbf{z}_\alpha$  with covariance

$$\frac{1}{N_1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{1}{N_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2.$$



## Two-Sample Problems ( $N_1 = N_2$ )

If  $N_1 = N_2 = N$ , we can use the  $T^2$ -test in an obvious way.

- 1 Let  $\mathbf{y}_\alpha = \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)}$ , then  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N$  are independent and

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2).$$

- 2 Define

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \mathbf{y}_\alpha = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(2)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} (N-1)\mathbf{S} &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^N (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})(\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^\top \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(2)})(\mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(1)} + \bar{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha^{(2)})^\top. \end{aligned}$$

- 3 Then  $T^2 = N\bar{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}}$  is suitable for testing the hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$  and has the  $T^2$ -distribution with  $N-1$  degrees of freedom.

## Two-Sample Problems ( $N_1 \neq N_2$ )

For the case of  $N_1 \neq N_2$ , we let  $N_1 < N_2$  and define

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha = \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(1)} - \sqrt{\frac{N_1}{N_2}} \mathbf{x}_\alpha^{(2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_1 N_2}} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_\beta^{(2)} - \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{N_2} \mathbf{x}_\gamma^{(2)}$$

for  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_1$ . We have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}_\alpha] = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$$

and

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}_\alpha, \mathbf{y}_{\alpha'}) = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{N_1}{N_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2, & \alpha = \alpha', \\ \mathbf{0}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Two-Sample Problems ( $N_1 \neq N_2$ )

We test  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(2)}$  by using

$$T^2 = N_1 \bar{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{S}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{y}},$$

which has  $T^2$ -distribution with  $N_1 - 1$  degrees of freedom, where

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{y}_\alpha = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)},$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N_1 - 1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})(\mathbf{y}_\alpha - \bar{\mathbf{y}})^\top.$$

## Two-Sample Problems ( $N_1 \neq N_2$ )

### Lemma 3

Let  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m$  be independent samples from  $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\alpha, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\alpha)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Define

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N a_\alpha \mathbf{x}_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z}_2 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N b_\alpha \mathbf{x}_\alpha,$$

then

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N a_\alpha b_\alpha \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\alpha.$$