

Tests for mean vector with two-step monotone missing data

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Abstract. We consider the problem of testing for multivariate mean vector when the data have two-step monotone pattern missing observations. We obtain two test statistics for this problem: a test statistic similar to Hotelling's T^2 test statistic and the likelihood ratio test statistic. We propose the approximate upper percentiles of these statistics. The accuracy of the approximation is investigated by Monte Carlo simulation. A test statistic for the components of mean vector is outlined. Approximate simultaneous confidence intervals are obtained and the proposed method is illustrated using an example.

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§1. Introduction

In statistical data analyses, missing data is an inevitable problem in many practical situations. For example, in clinical trials that are conducted over several years, missing data often occurs when patients drop out mid-study. Many statistical methods have been developed to analyze data with missing values (see, e.g., Anderson (1957), Bhargava (1962), Little and Rubin (2002), McLachlan and Krishnan (1997)). For a general missing pattern, Srivastava (1985) discussed the likelihood ratio test (LRT) for mean vector in one-sample problem and the LRT for mean vectors in two-sample problem. Srivastava and Carter (1986) and Shutoh et al. (2010) obtained the maximum likelihood estimators (MLEs) of the mean vector and the covariance matrix by the Newton-Raphson method and provided the LRT for the same. Seo and Srivastava (2000) derived a test of equality of means and simultaneous confidence

intervals for monotone missing data in one-sample problem under a covariance matrix with intraclass correlation. As an extension of Seo and Srivastava (2000), Koizumi and Seo (2009a, 2009b) considered testing the equality of means and simultaneous confidence intervals in l -sample problem for k -step monotone missing data. They gave the exact distribution of test statistics under the null hypothesis.

On the other hand, Anderson (1957) developed an approach to derive the MLEs of the mean and the covariance vector by solving the likelihood equations for monotone missing data with several missing patterns. Anderson and Olkin (1985) derived the MLEs for two-step monotone missing data in one-sample problem. Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998) discussed the distribution of the MLEs in the cases of two-step, three-step, and general k -step monotone missing data.

In this paper, we consider two-step monotone missing data drawn from a multivariate normal population that is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1p_1} & x_{1p_1+1} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2p_1} & x_{2p_1+1} & \cdots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{N_1 1} & x_{N_1 2} & \cdots & x_{N_1 p_1} & x_{N_1 p_1+1} & \cdots & x_{N_1 p} \\ x_{N_1+1 1} & x_{N_1+1 2} & \cdots & x_{N_1+1 p_1} & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{N 1} & x_{N 2} & \cdots & x_{N p_1} & * & \cdots & * \end{pmatrix},$$

where $N = N_1 + N_2$ and $p = p_1 + p_2$. “*” indicates a missing observation. That is, we have complete data for N_1 observations with p dimensions and incomplete data for N_2 observations with p_1 dimensions.

Let $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N_1}$ be distributed as the multivariate normal $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and $\mathbf{x}_{1N_1+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1N}$ be distributed as the multivariate normal $N_{p_1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$, where each $\mathbf{x}_j, j = 1, \dots, N_1$ is $p \times 1$ and each $\mathbf{x}_{1j}, j = N_1 + 1, \dots, N$ is $p_1 \times 1$, and

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We partition \mathbf{x}_j into a $p_1 \times 1$ random vector and a $p_2 \times 1$ random vector as $\mathbf{x}_j = (\mathbf{x}'_{1j}, \mathbf{x}'_{2j})'$, where $\mathbf{x}_{ij} : p_i \times 1, i = 1, 2, j = 1, \dots, N_1$. The two-step

monotone missing data can be written in a vector expression as below:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}'_{11} & \mathbf{x}'_{21} \\ \mathbf{x}'_{12} & \mathbf{x}'_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}'_{1N_1} & \mathbf{x}'_{2N_1} \\ \mathbf{x}'_{1N_1+1} & * \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}'_{1N} & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the joint density function of the observed data set $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N_1}, \mathbf{x}_{1N_1+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1N}$ can be written as

$$\prod_{j=1}^{N_1} f(\mathbf{x}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \times \prod_{j=N_1+1}^N f(\mathbf{x}_{1j}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}),$$

where $f(\mathbf{x}_j; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ are the density functions of $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, $f(\mathbf{x}_{1j}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$ are the density functions of $N_{p_1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$.

We define the sample means:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_T &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{x}_{1j}, & \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{1j}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{2j}, & \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{j=N_1+1}^N \mathbf{x}_{1j}, \end{aligned}$$

and the sample covariance matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{N_1 - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}) (\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)})' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{11}^{(1)} & \mathbf{S}_{12}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{S}_{21}^{(1)} & \mathbf{S}_{22}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{S}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{N_2 - 1} \sum_{j=N_1+1}^N (\mathbf{x}_{1j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}) (\mathbf{x}_{1j} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)})'. \end{aligned}$$

We consider the problem of testing $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ against $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ when the data have two-step monotone pattern missing observations. Krishnamoorthy and Pannala (1999) gave a statistic similar to Hotelling's T^2 test statistic. They derived F-approximations of the T^2 type statistic by the method of moments and using simulations illustrated that the T^2 type statistic is as powerful as the LRT. Chang and Richards (2009) also studied the asymptotic distribution of the T^2 type statistic. Romer and Richards (2010) obtained a new

derivation of a stochastic representation for the MLE of mean vector established by Chang and Richards (2009). Krishnamoorthy and Pannala (1999) and Chang and Richards (2009) assumed that the data are missing completely at random (MCAR). They derived the covariance matrix of the MLE of mean vector that is valid only under the assumption of MCAR. Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998) derived the covariance matrix of the MLE of mean vector without the assumption of MCAR. In this paper, we give the T^2 type statistic using Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998). We propose the approximate upper percentile of the T^2 type statistic using the upper percentile of Hotelling's T^2 statistic for non-missing data. The T^2 type statistic is asymptotically distributed as χ^2 when the sample size is large. The proposed method gives a good approximation even when the sample size is not large. We also obtain the LRT statistic and its approximate upper percentile. In the following section, we introduce the MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ in general. We derive the MLE of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ under $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 (= \mathbf{0})$ following Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998). In Section 3, we obtain the T^2 type statistic and the LRT statistic for the null hypothesis and their approximate upper percentiles. In Section 4, the test statistic for the components of mean vector is outlined. Section 5 gives simultaneous confidence intervals for $\boldsymbol{\mu}$. The accuracy of the approximate upper percentiles of the test statistics is investigated by Monte Carlo simulation in Section 6. A numerical example is provided to show the approximate simultaneous confidence intervals in Section 7.

§2. Maximum likelihood estimators

2.1. MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

Let the MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ denote by $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$, which are partitioned in the same way as $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. We assume that the observation vectors are distributed as $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and $N_1 > p$, which is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence and uniqueness of the MLEs of $(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$. Anderson and Olkin (1985) derived the MLEs of $(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ (see Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998), Chang and Richards (2009)) as follows:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_1 \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_T \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_2^{(1)} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{21} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11}^{-1} (\bar{\boldsymbol{x}}_1^{(1)} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_1) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{12} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{21} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)} + \mathbf{W}^{(2)}) & \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11} (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{12}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{W}_{21}^{(1)} (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11} & \frac{1}{N_1} \mathbf{W}_{22 \cdot 1}^{(1)} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{21} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{12} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{W}^{(1)} &= (N_1 - 1)\mathbf{S}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)} & \mathbf{W}_{12}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{W}_{21}^{(1)} & \mathbf{W}_{22}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{W}^{(2)} &= (N_2 - 1)\mathbf{S}^{(2)} + \frac{N_1 N_2}{N} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}) (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)})', \\ \mathbf{W}_{22 \cdot 1}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{W}_{22}^{(1)} - \mathbf{W}_{21}^{(1)} (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{12}^{(1)}.\end{aligned}$$

These MLEs are derived using the usual transformed parameters

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22 \cdot 1} \end{pmatrix},$$

which have one-to-one correspondence with $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22 \cdot 1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}$. Multiplying the observation vectors \mathbf{x}_j by the transformation matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{p_1} & \mathbf{O} \\ -\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} & \mathbf{I}_{p_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

on the left side, the mean vector and the covariance matrix of the transformed observation vectors are

$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\eta}, \quad \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively. The MLEs of $(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$ are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_1 &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_1, & \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_2 &= \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^{(1)} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{21} \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)}, \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{11} &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11}, & \hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{12} &= (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{12}^{(1)}, & \hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{22} &= \frac{1}{N_1} \mathbf{W}_{22 \cdot 1}^{(1)}.\end{aligned}$$

Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998) derived the next result.

Theorem 1. (*Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998)*)

The mean vector and the covariance matrix of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ are given by

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}] = \boldsymbol{\mu},$$

$$\text{Cov}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \frac{1}{N}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \frac{1}{N}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \text{Cov}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_2] \end{pmatrix},$$

respectively, where

$$\text{Cov}[\widehat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_2] = \frac{1}{N_1} \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \frac{N_2}{N} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \right) + \frac{N_2 p_1}{N N_1 (N_1 - p_1 - 2)} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22 \cdot 1} \\ (N_1 > p_1 + 2).$$

2.2. MLE of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ under $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 (= \mathbf{0})$

In this section, we derive the MLE of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ under $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 (= \mathbf{0})$ to obtain the LRT statistic, following Kanda and Fujikoshi (1998). Let $\mathbf{x}_j = (\mathbf{x}'_{1j}, \mathbf{x}'_{2j})'$ be distributed as $N_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, $j=1, \dots, N_1$ and \mathbf{x}_{1j} be distributed as $N_{p_1}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11})$, $j=N_1+1, \dots, N$, then, the likelihood function is

$$L(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{j=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}'_j \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_j \right) \\ \times \prod_{j=N_1+1}^N \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p_1/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \right).$$

Multiplying the observation vectors by \mathbf{A} on the left side, we have

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \\ \mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \end{pmatrix} \sim N_p \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad j=1, \dots, N_1.$$

We note that $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ is one to one correspondence to $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$. For the parameter $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$, the likelihood function can be written as

$$L(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) = \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p_1/2} |\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}|^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \right) \\ \times \prod_{j=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p_2/2} |\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j})' \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j}) \right\}.$$

Thus, the log likelihood function is

$$\log L(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) = - \left(\frac{p_1 N}{2} + \frac{p_2 N_1}{2} \right) \log(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} \log |\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}| - \frac{N_1}{2} \log |\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}|$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j})' \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j}) \right\}.$$

The partial derivative of $\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}$ is

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}} = -\frac{N}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}^{-1}.$$

Solving the partial derivative of $\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}) = 0$, we obtain the MLE of $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{11}$ as

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{11} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j}.$$

Similarly, the partial derivative of $\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21}$ is

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21}} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{2j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j}),$$

and the partial derivative of $\log L(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\Psi})$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}$ is

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\boldsymbol{\Psi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}} = -\frac{N_1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j}) (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j})' \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}^{-1}.$$

We obtain the MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{21}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{22}$:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{21} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{2j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \right)^{-1},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{22} &= \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j}) (\mathbf{x}_{2j} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{21} \mathbf{x}_{1j})' \\ &= \frac{1}{N_1} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{2j} \mathbf{x}'_{2j} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{2j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{1j} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \mathbf{x}_{1j} \mathbf{x}'_{2j} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The MLE of $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$ is expressed as

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{11} & \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{12} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{21} & \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)} + \mathbf{V}^{(2)}) & (\mathbf{V}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} \mathbf{V}_{12}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{V}_{21}^{(1)} (\mathbf{V}_{11}^{(1)})^{-1} & \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{V}_{22 \cdot 1}^{(1)} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}^{(2)} &= \mathbf{W}^{(2)} + N\bar{\mathbf{x}}_T\bar{\mathbf{x}}_T', & \mathbf{V}_{11}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{W}_{11}^{(1)} + N_1\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)'}, \\ \mathbf{V}_{12}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{W}_{12}^{(1)} + N_1\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^{(1)}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^{(1)'}, & \mathbf{V}_{22}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{W}_{22}^{(1)} + N_1\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^{(1)}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^{(1)'}. \end{aligned}$$

§3. Test statistics for mean vector

In this section, we provide a test statistic for testing the following hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}_0,$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ is known.

3.1. T^2 type statistic

When data are non-missing, Hotelling's T^2 statistic is widely used to test the hypothesis $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ against $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$. For two-step monotone missing data, it is easy to construct a test statistic based on Hotelling's T^2 statistic structure:

$$T^2 = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)' \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}^{-1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0),$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}$ is the estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = \text{Cov}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}]$, that is,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} = \widehat{\text{Cov}}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{11} & \frac{1}{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{12} \\ \frac{1}{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{21} & \widehat{\text{Cov}}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_2] \end{pmatrix}.$$

We call this statistic the T^2 type statistic. Under H_0 , the T^2 type statistic is asymptotically distributed as χ^2 with degree of freedom p when $N_1, N \rightarrow \infty$ with $N_1/N \rightarrow \delta \in (0, 1]$ (see Chang and Richards (2009)). However, the χ^2 distribution is not a good approximation to the upper percentile of the T^2 type statistic when the sample size is not large.

The T^2 type statistic is a generalization of Hotelling's test statistic for two-step monotone missing data. If the data are non-missing, $N_2=0$, the T^2 type statistic is equal to Hotelling's test statistic. If we assume that $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$ are distributed as $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, Hotelling's T^2 statistic is related to the F distribution by

$$T_N^2 \sim \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} F_{p, N-p}.$$

If we have N_1 non-missing observations with p dimensions, Hotelling's T^2 statistic is related to the F distribution by

$$T_{N_1}^2 \sim \frac{(N_1 - 1)p}{N_1 - p} F_{p, N_1 - p}.$$

Considering the data structure, the two-step monotone missing data are larger than the non-missing data with N_1 observations, but smaller than the non-missing data with N observations. The test statistic for the two-step monotone missing data should also lie between the two test statistics of non-missing data. We obtain the approximate upper percentile of the T^2 type statistic.

Theorem 2. *Suppose that the data have two-step monotone pattern missing observations. Then the approximate upper 100α percentile of the T^2 type statistic is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} F_\alpha^* &= T_{N_1, \alpha}^2 - \frac{Np - N_2p_2}{Np} (T_{N_1, \alpha}^2 - T_{N, \alpha}^2) \\ &= cT_{N_1, \alpha}^2 + (1 - c)T_{N, \alpha}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c = \frac{N_2p_2}{Np}, \quad T_{N_1, \alpha}^2 = \frac{(N_1 - 1)p}{N_1 - p} F_{p, N_1 - p, \alpha}, \quad T_{N, \alpha}^2 = \frac{(N - 1)p}{N - p} F_{p, N - p, \alpha}$$

and $F_{p, q, \alpha}$ is the upper 100α percentile of the F distribution with p and q degrees of freedom.

3.2. Likelihood ratio test statistic

Using the MLEs derived in Section 2.2, we obtain the LRT statistic for testing the hypothesis $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ against $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\mu} \neq \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $\boldsymbol{\mu}_0 = \mathbf{0}$. The LRT statistic, $-2 \log \lambda$, is asymptotically distributed as χ^2 with p degrees of freedom, where

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{L(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})}{L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})} = \frac{L(\mathbf{0}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}})}{L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}})} \\ &= \frac{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{11}|^{N/2}}{|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{11}|^{N/2}} \times \frac{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{22}|^{N_1/2}}{|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}_{22}|^{N_1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

When the data are non-missing, if we assume that $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$ are distributed as $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, the likelihood ratio can be written using Hotelling's T^2 statistic as

$$\lambda^{\frac{2}{N}} = \left(1 + \frac{T^2}{N - 1} \right)^{-1}.$$

The LRT statistic is

$$-2\log\lambda = N\log\left(1 + \frac{T^2}{N-1}\right).$$

The LRT statistic for the non-missing data with N observations can be written using Hotelling's T^2 statistic, T_N^2 , as

$$Q_N = -2\log\lambda_N = N\log\left(1 + \frac{T_N^2}{N-1}\right),$$

and the LRT statistic for the non-missing data with N_1 observations can be written using Hotelling's T^2 statistic, $T_{N_1}^2$, as

$$Q_{N_1} = -2\log\lambda_{N_1} = N_1\log\left(1 + \frac{T_{N_1}^2}{N_1-1}\right).$$

Using the same idea for the T^2 type statistic, we obtain the approximate upper percentile of the LRT statistic.

Theorem 3. *Suppose that the data have two-step monotone pattern missing observations. Then the approximate upper 100α percentile of the LRT statistic is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} Q_\alpha^* &= Q_{N_1,\alpha} - \frac{Np - N_2p_2}{Np} (Q_{N_1,\alpha} - Q_{N,\alpha}) \\ &= cQ_{N_1,\alpha} + (1-c)Q_{N,\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{N_2p_2}{Np}, \quad Q_{N_1,\alpha} = N_1\log\left(1 + \frac{T_{N_1,\alpha}^2}{N_1-1}\right), \quad Q_{N,\alpha} = N\log\left(1 + \frac{T_{N,\alpha}^2}{N-1}\right), \\ T_{N_1,\alpha}^2 &= \frac{(N_1-1)p}{N_1-p} F_{p,N_1-p,\alpha}, \quad T_{N,\alpha}^2 = \frac{(N-1)p}{N-p} F_{p,N-p,\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

§4. Test statistic for components of mean vector

In this section, we provide a test statistic for the following hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_p \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 \neq H_0.$$

This hypothesis can be written as

$$H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 \neq H_0,$$

where

$$\mathbf{C}_{(p-1) \times p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

When the data have no missing observations, Hotelling's T^2 statistic is

$$T^2 = N(\mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{x}})'(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}')^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\bar{\mathbf{x}}),$$

where \mathbf{S} is a sample covariance matrix. Under the null hypothesis, Hotelling's T^2 statistic is related to the F distribution by

$$T^2 \sim \frac{(N-1)(p-1)}{(N-p+1)} F_{p-1, N-p+1}.$$

Given two-step monotone missing data, we can construct the T^2 type statistic, expanding the case in which the data are not missing. Further, without loss of generality, we assume that $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{I}$ when we consider the T^2 type statistic. We set $\mathbf{C}_i, i = 1, 2$ to be a $(p_i-1) \times p_i$ matrix such that $\mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{C}_i' = \mathbf{I}_{p_i-1}$ as

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_i(p_i-1)}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_i(p_i-1)}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_i(p_i-1)}} & \dots & -\frac{p_i-1}{\sqrt{p_i(p_i-1)}} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)'$. Considering that $\mathbf{y}_j^{(1)} = \mathbf{C}_1 \mathbf{x}_j^{(1)}, j = 1, 2, \dots, N_1$ and $\mathbf{y}_j^{(2)} = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{x}_j^{(2)}, j = N_1 + 1, \dots, N$, $\mathbf{y}_j^{(1)}$ are distributed as $N_{p-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}^*, \mathbf{I})$ and $\mathbf{y}_j^{(2)}$ are distributed as $N_{p_1-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1^*, \mathbf{I})$, where $\boldsymbol{\mu}^* = \mathbf{C}_1 \boldsymbol{\mu}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1^* = \mathbf{C}_2 \boldsymbol{\mu}_1$. The T^2 type statistic for $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu}^* (= \mathbf{C}_1 \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \mathbf{0}$ can be constructed as

$$T^{*2} = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^*)'(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}^*)^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^*),$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^*$ is the MLE of $\boldsymbol{\mu}^*$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}^*$ is the estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^* = \text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^*)$. $\text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}^*)$ can be given by Theorem 1 in Section 2.1.

It can be easily shown that the test for the components of mean vector with p dimensions is equivalent to the test for mean vector with $p-1$ dimensions. Therefore, we can use the same F_α^* values derived in Section 3.1 for the approximate upper percentile of the test statistic.

As a remark, we can use the proposed approximation method for $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$, which is the hypothesis testing for the components of mean vector when $p = 2$ ($p_1 = p_2 = 1$).

§5. Simultaneous confidence intervals

Using the T^2 type statistic in Section 3.1, we obtain the simultaneous confidence intervals for any and all linear compounds of the mean. Suppose that we have a sample of N observations with two-step monotone missing observations with mean vector $\boldsymbol{\mu}$. Then, for any vector $\boldsymbol{a}' = (a_1, \dots, a_p)$,

$$T^2(\boldsymbol{a}) = \frac{[\boldsymbol{a}'(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]^2}{\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}\boldsymbol{a}} \leq (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

and from the distribution of the T^2 type statistic it follows that the probability statement

$$P[T^2(\boldsymbol{a}) \leq t_{p,\alpha}^2 \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{a}] = 1 - \alpha$$

holds for all \boldsymbol{a} , where $t_{p,\alpha}^2$ denotes the upper 100α percentile of the T^2 type statistic. Then we obtain the simultaneous confidence intervals for $\boldsymbol{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu}$

$$\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \sqrt{\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}\boldsymbol{a}t_{p,\alpha}^2} \leq \boldsymbol{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu} \leq \boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \sqrt{\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}\boldsymbol{a}t_{p,\alpha}^2}, \quad \forall \boldsymbol{a} \in \boldsymbol{R}^p - \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

Since the asymptotic distribution of the T^2 type statistic is χ^2 , asymptotic simultaneous confidence intervals can be given using the upper 100α percentile of the χ^2 distribution, $\chi_{p,\alpha}^2$, instead of $t_{p,\alpha}^2$. However, as stated in Section 3.1, F_α^* is a better approximation to the upper 100α percentiles of the T^2 type statistic. The approximate simultaneous confidence intervals for $\boldsymbol{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu}$ can be improved using F_α^* :

$$\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} - \sqrt{\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}\boldsymbol{a}F_\alpha^*} \leq \boldsymbol{a}'\boldsymbol{\mu} \leq \boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \sqrt{\boldsymbol{a}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}\boldsymbol{a}F_\alpha^*}, \quad \forall \boldsymbol{a} \in \boldsymbol{R}^p - \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

§6. Simulation studies

We compute the upper 100α percentiles of the T^2 type statistic and the LRT statistic by Monte Carlo simulation (10^6 runs) for $\alpha = 0.05, 0.01$ and various conditions of p, N_1, N_2 . We generate artificial two-step monotone missing data from $N_p(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{I}_p)$. We examine the asymptotic distributions of these statistics when $\rho_i = n_i/n \rightarrow$ positive constants as N_i s tend to infinity ($i = 1, 2$), where $n_i = N_i - 1$ and $n = n_1 + n_2$. We also examine the cases in which $\rho_1 = 1$ as N_1 is large and N_2 is fixed. Then we evaluate the accuracy of the proposed approximate upper percentiles of the test statistics.

The simulated upper percentiles of the T^2 type statistic and F_α^* values are given in Table 1 for three conditions $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 1/2$, $\rho_1 = 2/3$ and $\rho_2 = 1/3$, $\rho_1 = 1/3$ and $\rho_2 = 2/3$. It can be seen from Table 1 that the simulated upper percentiles of the T^2 type statistic are closer to the upper percentiles

of χ_p^2 distribution as N_1 and N_2 get larger. Meanwhile, F_α^* values are much closer to the simulated upper percentiles of the T^2 type statistic than the upper percentiles of χ_p^2 distribution even when the sample sizes are not large. Table 2 shows the results for $\rho_1 = 1$. We can see that the simulated upper percentiles of the T^2 type statistic are close to the upper percentiles of χ^2 distribution when the sample sizes get larger. F_α^* is a good approximation to the upper percentile of the T^2 type statistic. Here, we note that the obtained upper percentiles of the T^2 type statistic are slightly overestimated in simulation when N_2 is very small relative to N_1 .

Tables 3 and 4 present the type I error rate when the null hypothesis is rejected using F_α^* and χ_p^2 under the simulated T^2 type statistic. The rejection regions of F_α^* and χ_p^2 are bigger than the true rejection regions when the sample sizes are small. However, F_α^* always gives smaller rejection regions compared to χ_p^2 . It is clear from these tables that F_α^* is a very good approximation to the upper percentile of the T^2 type statistic.

As stated in Section 4, the simulation results for the T^2 type statistic can be applied to the test for the components of mean vector since the test for the components of mean vector with p dimensions is equivalent to the test for mean vector with $p - 1$ dimensions.

Tables 5 and 6 present the simulated upper percentiles of the LRT statistic and Q_α^* values. We can see that the simulated upper percentiles of the LRT statistic are close to the upper percentiles of χ_p^2 distribution when the sample sizes get larger and that Q_α^* is a good approximation to the upper percentile of the LRT statistic. Tables 7 and 8 present the type I error rate when the null hypothesis is rejected using Q_α^* and χ_p^2 under the simulated LRT statistic. The type I error rates show that Q_α^* is a very good approximation to the upper percentiles of the LRT statistic.

Table 1: Upper percentiles of T^2 type statistic and F_α^* value

p	p_1	p_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
								T^2	F_α^*	T^2	F_α^*			
4	2	2	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	23.81	17.51	47.95	30.72			
					40	20	20	13.47	12.13	20.87	18.31			
					100	50	50	10.73	10.37	15.44	14.90			
					200	100	100	10.06	9.91	14.30	14.04			
					300	150	150	9.86	9.76	13.90	13.77			
					400	200	200	9.78	9.69	13.75	13.65			
			2/3	1/3	30	20	10	13.94	12.58	44.87	30.61			
					60	40	20	11.27	10.81	16.47	15.71			
					120	80	40	10.30	10.10	14.71	14.40			
					240	160	80	9.90	9.79	13.96	13.81			
					480	320	160	9.67	9.63	13.59	13.54			
			1/3	2/3	30	10	20	22.16	17.22	21.75	19.17			
					60	20	40	12.99	11.89	20.07	17.88			
					120	40	80	10.90	10.51	15.83	15.15			
					240	80	160	10.13	9.96	14.41	14.14			
					480	160	320	9.80	9.72	13.79	13.69			
			8	4	4	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	510.79	201.40	2633.73	937.11
								40	20	20	31.42	25.43	49.03	37.11
100	50	50						19.19	18.23	26.00	24.43			
200	100	100						17.15	16.75	22.60	22.03			
300	150	150						16.53	16.31	21.64	21.34			
400	200	200						16.26	16.10	21.26	21.01			
2/3	1/3	30				20	10	33.29	27.07	52.30	39.84			
		60				40	20	21.07	19.70	29.13	26.82			
		120				80	40	17.86	17.35	23.76	22.99			
		240				160	80	16.60	16.38	21.72	21.45			
		480				320	160	16.03	15.93	20.88	20.75			
1/3	2/3	30				10	20	460.49	249.30	52.13	39.84			
		60				20	40	29.68	24.87	46.58	36.39			
		120				40	80	19.93	18.75	27.18	25.32			
		240				80	160	17.32	16.93	22.88	22.32			
		480				160	320	16.33	16.18	21.34	21.13			
20	10	10				1/2	1/2	100	50	50	54.91	47.39	71.55	60.08
								200	100	100	39.48	37.56	48.57	45.95
			300	150	150			36.25	35.23	44.07	42.74			
			400	200	200			34.88	34.18	42.23	41.30			
			500	250	250			34.11	33.58	41.23	40.49			
			600	300	300			33.66	33.20	40.56	39.97			
			2/3	1/3	240	160	80	36.48	35.54	44.35	43.15			
					480	320	160	33.74	33.35	40.66	40.17			
					960	640	320	32.52	32.35	39.02	38.83			
					1920	1280	640	31.99	31.87	38.27	38.19			
			1/3	2/3	240	80	160	41.07	38.79	50.94	47.72			
					480	160	320	35.35	34.59	42.87	41.87			
					960	320	640	33.24	32.90	39.97	39.57			
					1920	640	1280	32.32	32.13	38.77	38.54			

Table 2: Upper percentiles of T^2 type statistic and F_α^* value when N_2 is fixed

p	p_1	p_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
						T^2	F_α^*	T^2	F_α^*			
4	2	2	20	10	10	23.81	17.51	47.95	30.72			
			30	20	10	13.94	12.58	21.75	19.17			
			60	50	10	11.04	10.71	16.09	15.53			
			110	100	10	10.26	10.11	14.62	14.41			
			60	10	50	20.95	17.57	42.69	31.90			
			70	20	50	12.90	11.85	19.87	17.82			
			100	50	50	10.73	10.37	15.44	14.90			
			150	100	50	10.14	9.97	14.44	14.16			
			110	10	100	20.48	17.88	41.43	32.81			
			120	20	100	12.54	11.82	19.30	17.79			
			150	50	100	10.57	10.28	15.21	14.73			
			200	100	100	10.06	9.91	14.30	14.04			
			8	4	4	20	10	10	510.79	201.40	2648.20	937.11
						30	20	10	33.29	27.07	52.13	39.84
60	50	10				20.14	19.34	27.42	26.23			
110	100	10				17.61	17.37	23.38	23.02			
60	10	50				419.47	301.80	2174.61	1505.83			
70	20	50				29.29	24.86	45.76	36.45			
100	50	50				19.19	18.23	25.89	24.43			
150	100	50				17.34	16.95	22.89	22.35			
110	10	100				401.03	326.45	2094.58	1638.67			
120	20	100				28.25	25.06	43.94	37.01			
150	50	100				18.76	17.96	25.26	24.00			
200	100	100				17.15	16.75	22.62	22.03			
20	10	10				100	50	50	54.91	47.39	71.55	60.08
						150	100	50	40.43	38.58	49.88	47.36
			200	150	50	37.19	36.25	45.31	44.14			
			150	50	100	52.38	46.28	68.26	58.66			
			200	100	100	39.48	37.56	48.57	45.95			
			250	150	100	36.62	35.57	44.53	43.21			

Table 3: Type I error rate using F_α^* and χ_p^2 values under T^2 type statistic

p	p_1	p_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$	
								F_α^*	χ_p^2	F_α^*	χ_p^2
4	2	2	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	0.094	0.264	0.029	0.156
					40	20	20	0.068	0.131	0.017	0.052
					100	50	50	0.057	0.076	0.012	0.021
					200	100	100	0.053	0.062	0.011	0.015
					300	150	150	0.052	0.058	0.011	0.013
					400	200	200	0.052	0.056	0.011	0.012
			2/3	1/3	30	20	10	0.068	0.140	0.017	0.058
					60	40	20	0.058	0.088	0.013	0.027
					120	80	40	0.054	0.067	0.011	0.017
					240	160	80	0.052	0.058	0.011	0.013
					480	320	160	0.051	0.054	0.010	0.011
					30	10	20	0.085	0.243	0.025	0.139
			1/3	2/3	60	20	40	0.066	0.121	0.016	0.047
					120	40	80	0.057	0.080	0.012	0.023
					240	80	160	0.053	0.064	0.011	0.015
					480	160	320	0.052	0.057	0.010	0.012
					20	10	10	0.120	0.773	0.028	0.690
					40	20	20	0.094	0.334	0.029	0.176
100	50	50	0.063	0.118	0.014	0.040					
200	100	100	0.056	0.079	0.012	0.021					
300	150	150	0.053	0.068	0.011	0.017					
400	200	200	0.053	0.063	0.011	0.015					
2/3	1/3	30	20	10	0.094	0.334	0.027	0.199			
		60	40	20	0.066	0.154	0.016	0.061			
		120	80	40	0.057	0.093	0.012	0.027			
		240	160	80	0.053	0.069	0.011	0.017			
		480	320	160	0.052	0.059	0.010	0.013			
		30	10	20	0.089	0.742	0.019	0.653			
1/3	2/3	60	20	40	0.086	0.280	0.025	0.156			
		120	40	80	0.065	0.015	0.015	0.048			
		240	80	160	0.056	0.083	0.012	0.023			
		480	160	320	0.052	0.064	0.011	0.015			
		100	50	50	0.104	0.424	0.030	0.257			
		200	100	100	0.069	0.178	0.016	0.068			
300	150	150	0.061	0.122	0.013	0.039					
400	200	200	0.058	0.099	0.012	0.028					
500	250	250	0.056	0.088	0.012	0.023					
600	300	300	0.055	0.081	0.012	0.020					
2/3	1/3	240	160	80	0.060	0.126	0.013	0.041			
		480	320	160	0.054	0.082	0.011	0.021			
		960	640	320	0.052	0.064	0.011	0.015			
		1920	1280	640	0.051	0.057	0.010	0.012			
		240	80	160	0.071	0.206	0.017	0.086			
		480	160	320	0.058	0.107	0.013	0.032			
960	320	640	0.054	0.074	0.011	0.018					
1920	640	1280	0.052	0.062	0.011	0.014					

Table 4: Type I error rate using F_α^* and χ_p^2 values under T^2 type statistic when N_2 is fixed

p	p_1	p_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
						F_α^*	χ_p^2	F_α^*	χ_p^2			
4	2	2	20	10	10	0.094	0.264	0.029	0.156			
			30	20	10	0.068	0.140	0.017	0.058			
			60	50	10	0.055	0.082	0.012	0.024			
			110	100	10	0.052	0.066	0.011	0.016			
			60	10	50	0.072	0.223	0.020	0.125			
			70	20	50	0.064	0.119	0.015	0.045			
			100	50	50	0.057	0.076	0.012	0.021			
			150	100	50	0.053	0.064	0.011	0.016			
			110	10	100	0.066	0.214	0.018	0.118			
			120	20	100	0.060	0.112	0.014	0.041			
			150	50	100	0.055	0.073	0.012	0.020			
			200	100	100	0.053	0.062	0.011	0.015			
			8	4	4	20	10	10	0.120	0.773	0.028	0.690
						30	20	10	0.094	0.334	0.027	0.199
60	50	10				0.059	0.136	0.013	0.050			
110	100	10				0.054	0.088	0.011	0.025			
60	10	50				0.068	0.710	0.014	0.619			
70	20	50				0.083	0.274	0.023	0.151			
100	50	50				0.063	0.118	0.014	0.040			
150	100	50				0.056	0.083	0.012	0.023			
110	10	100				0.061	0.697	0.013	0.605			
120	20	100				0.073	0.254	0.019	0.137			
150	50	100				0.061	0.110	0.014	0.036			
200	100	100				0.056	0.079	0.012	0.021			
20	10	10				100	50	50	0.104	0.424	0.030	0.257
						150	100	50	0.068	0.196	0.016	0.079
			200	150	50	0.059	0.138	0.013	0.047			
			150	50	100	0.094	0.383	0.026	0.221			
			200	100	100	0.069	0.178	0.016	0.068			
			250	150	100	0.061	0.127	0.013	0.042			

Table 5: Upper percentiles of LRT statistic and Q_α^* value

p	p_1	p_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
								LRT	Q_α^*	LRT	Q_α^*			
4	2	2	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	13.32	11.89	18.84	16.68			
					40	20	20	10.95	10.50	15.39	14.70			
					100	50	50	10.01	9.86	14.03	13.80			
					200	100	100	9.75	9.67	13.63	13.53			
					300	150	150	9.65	9.61	13.51	13.45			
					400	200	200	9.60	9.58	13.42	13.40			
			2/3	1/3	30	20	10	11.06	10.67	15.49	14.94			
					60	40	20	10.19	10.04	14.25	14.05			
					120	80	40	9.82	9.75	13.73	13.65			
					240	160	80	9.65	9.62	13.53	13.46			
					480	320	160	9.58	9.55	13.36	13.37			
					1/3	2/3	30	10	20	13.17	11.68	18.67	16.39	
			60	20	40	10.86	10.40	15.24	14.56					
			120	40	80	10.12	9.91	14.16	13.87					
			240	80	160	9.78	9.69	13.67	13.56					
			480	160	320	9.63	9.59	13.48	13.42					
			8	4	4	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	42.15	26.87	58.36	35.76
								40	20	20	20.60	18.68	26.87	24.26
100	50	50						17.02	16.57	22.09	21.48			
200	100	100						16.24	16.01	21.00	20.75			
300	150	150						15.96	15.84	20.67	20.52			
400	200	200						15.84	15.76	20.54	20.41			
2/3	1/3	30				20	10	20.80	19.22	27.14	24.96			
		60				40	20	17.58	17.10	22.85	22.16			
		120				80	40	16.47	16.25	21.31	21.06			
		240				160	80	15.94	15.87	20.65	20.56			
		480				320	160	15.72	15.68	20.36	20.32			
		1/3				2/3	30	10	20	41.78	27.08	58.04	36.23	
60	20	40				20.39	18.40	26.62	23.89					
120	40	80				17.39	16.73	22.56	21.68					
240	80	160				16.35	16.08	21.19	20.83					
480	160	320				15.91	15.78	20.61	20.45					
20	10	10				1/2	1/2	100	50	50	40.25	36.95	48.29	44.25
								200	100	100	34.95	33.83	41.81	40.46
			300	150	150			33.65	32.96	40.26	39.42			
			400	200	200			33.00	32.55	32.55	38.93			
			500	250	250			32.66	32.31	39.04	38.65			
			600	300	300			32.46	32.16	38.77	38.46			
			2/3	1/3	240	160	80	33.56	33.09	40.15	39.57			
					480	320	160	32.44	32.22	38.84	38.53			
					960	640	320	31.93	31.81	38.19	38.04			
					1920	1280	640	31.65	31.61	37.89	37.80			
					1/3	2/3	240	80	160	35.89	34.21	43.01	40.93	
					480	160	320	33.37	32.70	40.00	39.11			
			960	320	640	32.30	32.03	38.65	38.31					
			1920	640	1280	31.88	31.72	38.08	37.93					

Table 6: Upper percentiles of LRT statistic and Q_α^* value when N_2 is fixed

p	p_1	p_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
						LRT	Q_α^*	LRT	Q_α^*			
4	2	2	20	10	10	13.32	11.89	18.84	16.68			
			30	20	10	11.06	10.67	15.49	14.94			
			60	50	10	10.06	10.00	14.06	14.00			
			110	100	10	9.78	9.76	13.66	13.65			
			60	10	50	13.00	11.63	18.49	16.32			
			70	20	50	10.81	10.38	15.17	14.53			
			100	50	50	10.01	9.86	14.03	13.80			
			150	100	50	9.76	9.70	13.63	13.57			
			110	10	100	12.94	11.65	18.42	16.35			
			120	20	100	10.77	10.35	15.13	14.49			
			150	50	100	9.95	9.82	13.91	13.74			
			200	100	100	9.75	9.67	13.63	13.53			
			8	4	4	20	10	10	42.15	26.87	58.36	35.76
						30	20	10	20.80	19.22	27.14	24.96
60	50	10				17.20	16.98	22.30	22.01			
110	100	10				16.32	16.26	21.19	21.07			
60	10	50				41.49	28.07	57.70	37.77			
70	20	50				20.32	18.35	26.61	23.83			
100	50	50				17.02	16.57	22.09	21.48			
150	100	50				16.25	16.09	21.06	20.85			
110	10	100				41.30	28.70	57.52	38.70			
120	20	100				20.20	18.31	26.42	23.79			
150	50	100				16.95	16.46	21.97	21.33			
200	100	100				16.24	16.01	21.00	20.75			
20	10	10				100	50	50	40.25	36.95	48.29	44.25
						150	100	50	35.13	34.22	42.04	40.94
			200	150	50	33.81	33.36	40.43	39.91			
			150	50	100	39.92	36.44	47.90	43.64			
			200	100	100	34.95	33.83	41.81	40.46			
			250	150	100	33.70	33.10	40.31	39.59			

Table 7: Type I error rate using Q_α^* and χ_p^2 values under LRT statistic

p	p_1	p_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
								Q_α^*	χ_p^2	Q_α^*	χ_p^2			
4	2	2	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	0.075	0.146	0.019	0.051			
					40	20	20	0.059	0.084	0.013	0.022			
					100	50	50	0.053	0.061	0.011	0.014			
					200	100	100	0.052	0.055	0.010	0.012			
					300	150	150	0.051	0.053	0.010	0.011			
					400	200	200	0.050	0.052	0.010	0.011			
			2/3	1/3	30	20	10	0.057	0.086	0.012	0.022			
					60	40	20	0.053	0.065	0.011	0.015			
					120	80	40	0.051	0.057	0.010	0.012			
					240	160	80	0.051	0.053	0.010	0.011			
					480	320	160	0.051	0.052	0.010	0.010			
					1/3	2/3	30	10	20	0.077	0.141	0.020	0.049	
			60	20			40	0.059	0.081	0.013	0.021			
			120	40			80	0.054	0.064	0.011	0.014			
			240	80			160	0.052	0.056	0.010	0.012			
			480	160			320	0.051	0.053	0.010	0.011			
			8	4			4	1/2	1/2	20	10	10	0.217	0.570
					40	20				20	0.079	0.162	0.020	0.057
100	50	50			0.057	0.079				0.012	0.019			
200	100	100			0.054	0.063				0.011	0.014			
300	150	150			0.052	0.058				0.011	0.012			
400	200	200			0.051	0.056				0.010	0.012			
2/3	1/3	30			20	10		0.073	0.168	0.018	0.059			
		60			40	20		0.058	0.091	0.012	0.024			
		120			80	40		0.054	0.067	0.011	0.015			
		240			160	80		0.051	0.057	0.010	0.012			
		480			320	160		0.051	0.054	0.010	0.011			
		1/3			2/3	30		10	20	0.206	0.557	0.086	0.386	
60	20					40		0.081	0.157	0.021	0.054			
120	40					80		0.061	0.086	0.013	0.022			
240	80					160		0.054	0.065	0.011	0.015			
480	160					320		0.052	0.057	0.011	0.012			
20	10					10		1/2	1/2	100	50	50	0.090	0.216
		200			100					100	0.064	0.104	0.014	0.028
		300	150	150	0.058		0.081			0.012	0.020			
		400	200	200	0.056		0.071			0.011	0.016			
		500	250	250	0.054		0.066			0.011	0.015			
		600	300	300	0.054		0.064			0.011	0.014			
		2/3	1/3	240	160		80	0.056	0.081	0.012	0.019			
				480	320		160	0.053	0.064	0.011	0.014			
				960	640		320	0.051	0.056	0.010	0.012			
				1920	1280		640	0.051	0.053	0.010	0.011			
				1/3	2/3		240	80	160	0.070	0.121	0.016	0.035	
							480	160	320	0.058	0.077	0.013	0.018	
		960	320				640	0.053	0.062	0.011	0.014			
		1920	640				1280	0.052	0.056	0.010	0.012			

Table 8: Type I error rate using Q_α^* and χ_p^2 values under LRT statistic when N_2 is fixed

p	p_1	p_2	N	N_1	N_2	$\alpha = 0.05$		$\alpha = 0.01$				
						Q_α^*	χ_p^2	Q_α^*	χ_p^2			
4	2	2	20	10	10	0.075	0.146	0.019	0.051			
			30	20	10	0.057	0.086	0.012	0.022			
			60	50	10	0.051	0.062	0.010	0.014			
			110	100	10	0.050	0.056	0.010	0.012			
			60	10	50	0.074	0.136	0.019	0.046			
			70	20	50	0.058	0.080	0.013	0.020			
			100	50	50	0.053	0.061	0.011	0.014			
			150	100	50	0.051	0.056	0.010	0.012			
			110	10	100	0.073	0.134	0.018	0.045			
			120	20	100	0.058	0.079	0.013	0.020			
			150	50	100	0.053	0.060	0.011	0.013			
			200	100	100	0.052	0.055	0.010	0.012			
			8	4	4	20	10	10	0.217	0.570	0.093	0.396
						30	20	10	0.073	0.168	0.018	0.059
60	50	10				0.053	0.082	0.011	0.020			
110	100	10				0.051	0.065	0.010	0.015			
60	10	50				0.183	0.548	0.072	0.377			
70	20	50				0.081	0.155	0.021	0.053			
100	50	50				0.057	0.079	0.012	0.019			
150	100	50				0.052	0.063	0.011	0.014			
110	10	100				0.374	0.543	0.065	0.170			
120	20	100				0.079	0.151	0.020	0.051			
150	50	100				0.058	0.077	0.012	0.019			
200	100	100				0.054	0.063	0.011	0.014			
20	10	10				100	50	50	0.090	0.216	0.023	0.081
						150	100	50	0.061	0.107	0.013	0.029
			200	150	50	0.055	0.084	0.011	0.021			
			150	50	100	0.093	0.208	0.024	0.077			
			200	100	100	0.064	0.104	0.014	0.028			
			250	150	100	0.057	0.082	0.012	0.020			

§7. Numerical example

We illustrate how F_α^* improves the approximation of simultaneous confidence intervals using an example. The sample data consist of serum cholesterol values that were measured under treatment at five different time points, baseline and months 6, 12, 20, and 24 (Wei and Lachin (1984)). The original data has 36 complete observations. We randomly selected 30 observations and deleted values for ten observations for months 20 and 24 to create two-step monotone missing data. We are interested in the change from the baseline at each post-baseline time point. Thus, we have the two-step monotone missing data of $N_1 = 20$, $N_2 = 10$, and $p_1 = p_2 = 2$. The hypothesis $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\mu} = 0$ is considered for this data. We obtained $T^2 = 19.62$. Since $t_{4,0.05}^2 = 13.94$ from the simulation study, the null hypothesis is rejected at the significance level of 0.05. When we use $F_{0.05}^* = 12.58$ or $\chi_{4,0.05}^2 = 9.46$, the null hypothesis is also rejected. 95 % simultaneous confidence intervals for the change from the baseline at each time point are shown in Figure 1. Considering the confidence intervals using the upper 100α percentile of the T^2 type statistic to be true results, Figure 1 shows that F_α^* gives the same results as the T^2 type statistic, while the χ^2 distribution leads to incorrect conclusions at months 6 and 20.

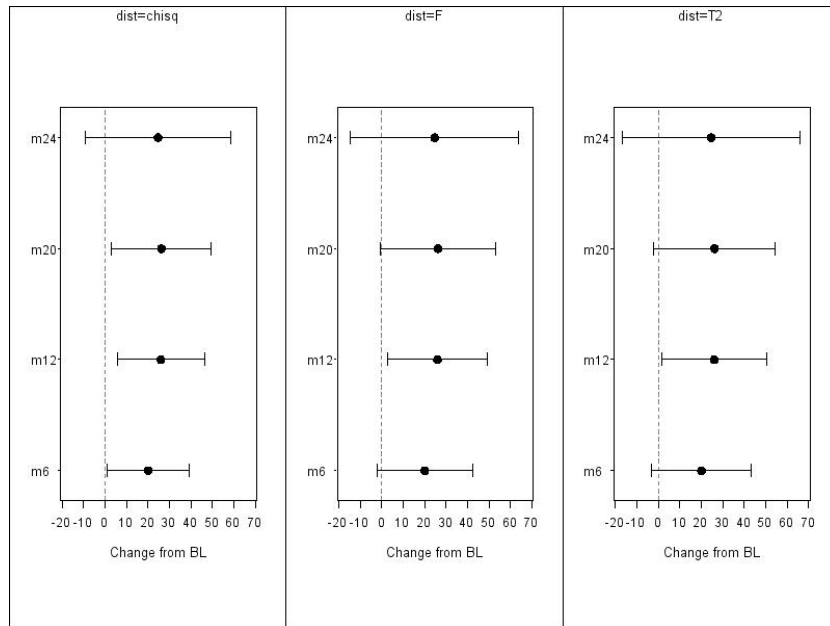


Figure 1: Mean and 95 % simultaneous confidence interval for change from baseline

§8. Conclusion remarks

In this paper, we have developed the approximate upper percentiles of Hotelling's T^2 type statistic and the likelihood ratio test for mean vector based on two-step monotone missing data. The approximate values can be calculated easily and the approximation is much better than the chi-squared approximation even when the sample size is small. The approximate values can also be used for the test of the components of mean vector and for the approximate simultaneous confidence intervals.

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