

Multivariate Analysis

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Multiple (quantitative) Response
Variables

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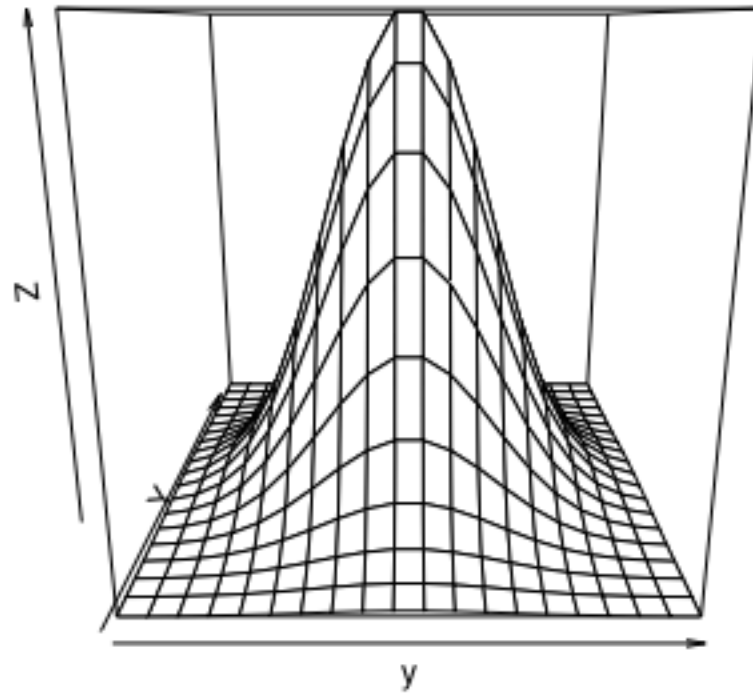
More than one response variable at once: Why do it?

- Control Type I error probability.
- More powerful than a set of Bonferroni-corrected univariate tests.
- In principle, could detect an effect that is not significant in any of the univariate tests, even without correction.

Model Assumptions

- There are k response variables: $\mathbf{y}=(y_1, \dots, y_k)$
- At each combination of explanatory variable values, there is a conditional distribution of \mathbf{y} .
- Each conditional distribution is multivariate normal, with
 - The same variance-covariance matrix
 - A linear regression structure for the set of means.

Multivariate Normal



Multivariate Normal Parameters

- Vector of means $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4)$
- Variance-covariance matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_{1,3} & \sigma_{1,4} \\ \sigma_{2,1} & \sigma_2^2 & \sigma_{2,3} & \sigma_{2,4} \\ \sigma_{3,1} & \sigma_{3,2} & \sigma_3^2 & \sigma_{3,4} \\ \sigma_{4,1} & \sigma_{4,2} & \sigma_{4,3} & \sigma_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multivariate Regression

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E(y_1|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}) \\ E(y_2|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ E(y_k|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{0,1} + \beta_{1,1}x_1 + \cdots + \beta_{p-1,1}x_{p-1} \\ \beta_{0,2} + \beta_{1,2}x_1 + \cdots + \beta_{p-1,2}x_{p-1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{0,k} + \beta_{1,k}x_1 + \cdots + \beta_{p-1,k}x_{p-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- There are k regression equations, one for each response variable.
- Second subscript on the betas says which response variable.
- Same explanatory variables in each equation
- Estimate betas by least squares - same as univariate regression.
- Dummy variables, etc.
- Only the significance tests are different.

Multivariate test statistics

- Wilks' Lambda
- Pillai's Trace
- Hotelling-Lawley Trace
- Roy's Greatest Root

The four multivariate test statistics

- All control Type I error properly.
- Differ somewhat in power, sometimes, but none is most powerful all the time.
- Distributions under H_0 are known
 - Tables of critical values are available.
 - Exact p-values are nasty to compute.
 - There are *F approximations*, sometimes exact.

I like Wilks' Lambda

- F approximations are best (p-values are more often exactly right).
- Based most directly on the likelihood ratio, so it's easier to understand.
- Scheffé tests are relatively easy to construct.
- So let's use Wilks' Lambda.

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