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**Bonferronized t vs Hotelling's T<sup>2</sup>**

Both prescribe rules describing when you reject H<sub>0</sub>.

Two-sample case with H<sub>0</sub>: μ<sub>1</sub> = μ<sub>2</sub>.

**Hotelling's T<sup>2</sup> test** rule is:

Reject H<sub>0</sub> when

$$T^2 = (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2)' \hat{V}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2]^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2) \geq T^2(\alpha)$$

**Bonferronized t test** rule is:

Reject H<sub>0</sub> when any

$$|t_j| > t((\alpha/p)/2)$$

$$\text{with } t_j = (\bar{x}_{j1} - \bar{x}_{j2}) / \sqrt{\{\hat{V}_{jj}[\bar{x}_{j1} - \bar{x}_{j2}]\}}$$

The null hypotheses are identical.

$\hat{V}_{jj}[\bar{x}_{j1} - \bar{x}_{j2}] = (1/n_1 + 1/n_2)s_{jj}$  is a diagonal element of  $\hat{V}[\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2] = (1/n_1 + 1/n_2)\mathbf{S}_{\text{pooled}}$

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**Advantages of Bonferronized t**

- Easy to compute, well understood
- When you reject H<sub>0</sub> (because at least one |t<sub>j</sub>| is large), you know *how* H<sub>0</sub> appears to be violated because you know which t-statistics are significant.
- *Weaker* assumptions: univariate normality and equality of σ<sub>jj</sub>'s not ρ<sub>jk</sub>'s.
- When you have no good reason to believe the variances are equal, you can use the "unpooled" t-statistics

$$t_j = (\bar{x}_{j1} - \bar{x}_{j2}) / \sqrt{\{\hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j1}] + \hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j2}]\}}, \text{ with}$$

$$df \approx \frac{2\{\hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j1}] + \hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j2}]\}^2}{\hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j1}]^2/(n_1-1) + \hat{V}[\bar{x}_{j2}]^2/(n_2-1)}$$

$$\hat{V}[\bar{x}_{jk}] = s_{jj}^{(k)} / n_k, k = 1, 2$$

There is no easy "fix" for T<sup>2</sup> when you can't assume Σ<sub>1</sub> = Σ<sub>2</sub>.

**Disadvantages of Bonferronized t**

- Bonferronized t can give different result from T<sup>2</sup>
- It can give different results when you replace the original p variables by p linear combinations y<sub>j</sub> = a<sub>j</sub>'x, j = 1, ..., p.

That is **x** → **y** = **Ax** = [a<sub>1</sub>'x, ..., a<sub>p</sub>'x] where

**A** = [a<sub>1</sub>, ..., a<sub>p</sub>]' is p×p and invertible.

**Example: A** = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & -(p-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = \mathbf{a}_1' \mathbf{x} = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_p,$$

$$y_2 = \mathbf{a}_2' \mathbf{x} = x_1 - x_2,$$

$$y_3 = \mathbf{a}_3' \mathbf{x} = 2\{(x_1 + x_2)/2 - x_3\}, \dots$$

$$y_p = \mathbf{a}_p' \mathbf{x} = (p-1)\{(x_1 + \dots + x_{p-1})/(p-1) - x_p\}$$

This might be useful with repeated measures data.

Two sample case:

$$\mu_{y_1} = A\mu_1, \mu_{y_2} = A\mu_2,$$

$$\mu_1 = A^{-1}\mu_{y_1}, \mu_2 = A^{-1}\mu_{y_2}.$$

Thus  $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$  and  $H_0: \mu_{y_1} = \mu_{y_2}$  are essentially the same.

**For Hotelling's  $T^2$**

- ( $T^2$  based on  $\mathbf{x}$ ) = ( $T^2$  based on  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax}$ ).
- Conclusions about  $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$  will be the same whether you analyze  $\mathbf{x}$  or  $\mathbf{y}$ .

**But for Bonferronized t**

- The t's computed from  $\{y_j = \mathbf{a}_j'\mathbf{x}\}$  will almost certainly not be the same as the t's computed from  $\{x_j\}$ .
- The conclusions from  $\mathbf{y}$  can differ from the conclusions from  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Simultaneous estimation**

Suppose you are estimating  $q$  unknown parameters  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q$ , say  $q$  means, simultaneously, that is, *in parallel*.

Let  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q]'$ .

**Example:** 1 sample multivariate mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

- $q = p =$  dimension of  $\mathbf{x}$
- $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  with  $\theta_j = \mu_j, j = 1, \dots, p$

A **point estimate** of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is a vector  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{X})$  computed from data  $\mathbf{X}$  which is a "good (?) guess" for the value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .

**Power issues**

Depending on

- $\Sigma$
  - and
  - the actual mean vector or vectors,
- $T^2$  may have higher or lower power than Bonferronized t.
- When some correlations  $\rho_{ij}$  are large,  $T^2$  may be much more powerful (more likely to reject  $H_0$ ) than Bonferronized t
  - For some alternative hypothesis  $H_a$ , particularly when one element of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  or  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$  is large and the others are small, Bonferronized t may have larger power than  $T^2$ .

In some cases the best *point estimate* of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is the vector of the best univariate estimates of each  $\theta_i$ .

**Example** (continued):

Estimate  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  by  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}} = [\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_p]'$ .  
Here  $\hat{\theta}_i = \hat{\mu}_i = \bar{x}_i$ .

Even in this simple case, Stein showed that  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  was not an "admissible" estimator with  $p > 2$ , in the sense that with respect to one criterion, you can always find a "better" estimator than  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ .

Nonetheless, we will ignore the problem.

A point estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is not enough. You want to know which values of  $\theta$  are plausible in light of  $\mathbf{X}$ , that is which  $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q)$  are not inconsistent with the data.

For  $q = 1$ , you usually use *interval estimation*. In frequentist statistics this is a confidence interval  $(\theta_L, \theta_U)$ , where  $\theta_L = \theta_L(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\theta_U = \theta_U(\mathbf{X})$  are random variables computed from data  $\mathbf{X}$ . The interval is random.

Generally  $(\theta_L, \theta_U)$  **encloses**  $\hat{\theta}$ , that is  $\theta_L \leq \hat{\theta} \leq \theta_U$ .

Often  $\theta_L = \hat{\theta} - K\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}}$ ,  $\theta_U = \hat{\theta} + K\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}}$ ,  $K=t$  or  $z$  where  $K$  is a *critical value*.  $K\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}}$  is the *margin of error*.

When estimating a scale parameters,  $\theta_L = \hat{\theta}/K_1$ ,  $\theta_U = \hat{\theta}/K_2$  with  $K_1 > 1$  and  $K_2 < 1$ .

With a *vector*  $\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q]'$  of  $q$  parameters, you could work with each  $\theta_i$  *separately*, and compute individual  $1 - \alpha$  confidence intervals  $(\theta_{iL}, \theta_{iU})$  for each  $\theta_i$ :

$$\theta_{iL} = \theta_{iL}(\mathbf{X}), \theta_{iU} = \theta_{iU}(\mathbf{X}), i = 1, \dots, q.$$

With  $q$  intervals, *any* of which might *not* contain the true  $\theta_j$ , there is an *increased* probability that at least one of the intervals does *not* contain the true  $\theta_j$ .

That means

$$P(\text{all intervals contain their } \theta_i) = P(\theta_{1L} \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_{1U}, \dots, \theta_{qL} \leq \theta_q \leq \theta_{qU}) \approx 1 - q\alpha \ll 1 - \alpha$$

so you would not have high *simultaneous* confidence.

This is the *multiple confidence interval problem*.

The **defining property** for  $(\theta_L, \theta_U) = (\theta_L(\mathbf{X}), \theta_U(\mathbf{X}))$  to be a confidence interval with *confidence level*  $1 - \alpha$  is

$$P((\theta_L, \theta_U) \text{ encloses true } \theta) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

where "encloses" means  $\theta_L \leq \theta \leq \theta_U$

This has meaning because  $(\theta_L, \theta_U)$  is a *random interval*.

Often, " $\geq 1 - \alpha$ " is actually " $= 1 - \alpha$ ".

When  $P(\text{encloses}) > 1 - \alpha$ , the interval is *conservative*.

A confidence interval gives a reasonably clear idea of how far  $\hat{\theta}$  *might* be from  $\theta$ .

It also gives an idea as to how far  $\theta$  might be from  $\hat{\theta}$ .

**Note** the switch of  $\theta$  and  $\hat{\theta}$ .

If the  $\{\theta_{iL}\}$  and  $\{\theta_{iU}\}$  are computed so that  $P(\theta_{1L} \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_{1U} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } \theta_{qL} \leq \theta_q \leq \theta_{qU}) \geq 1 - \alpha$  the intervals  $(\theta_{iL}, \theta_{iU})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, q$  are called *simultaneous confidence intervals* with confidence level  $\geq 1 - \alpha$ .

You can accomplish this is by *Bonferonizing* univariate confidence intervals, that is using  $\alpha' = \alpha/q$  to compute each interval (individual confidence level  $1 - \alpha/q$ ). Then

$$1 - P(\theta_{1L} \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_{1U}, \dots, \theta_{qL} \leq \theta_q \leq \theta_{qU}) = P((\theta_{iL}, \theta_{iU}) \text{ does not contain } \theta_i \text{ for some } i) \leq q\alpha' = \alpha,$$

so

$$P(\theta_{1L} \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_{1U}, \dots, \theta_{qL} \leq \theta_q \leq \theta_{qU}) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

so the simultaneous confidence level is at least  $1 - \alpha$ .

### Confidence regions

- Suppose  $\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q]'$  is a vector of  $q$  unknown parameters.
- Let  $R(\mathbf{X})$  be a  $q$  dimensional region (area, volume, etc.) that depends on a data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ .

For any  $\theta$ , when you know  $\mathbf{X}$ , you can determine whether or not  $\theta$  is in  $R(\mathbf{X})$ .

Since  $\mathbf{X}$  is random

- $R(\mathbf{X})$  is random
- For each  $\theta$ , whether  $R(\mathbf{X})$  contains  $\theta$  is random event with some probability.

When  $p = 1$ ,  $R(\mathbf{X})$  is usually the interval:

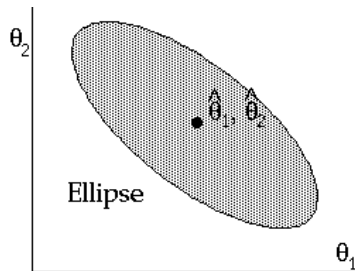
$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \{\theta \mid \theta_L(\mathbf{X}) \leq \theta \leq \theta_U(\mathbf{X})\}$$

between *confidence limits*  $\theta_L$  and  $\theta_U$ .

In higher dimensions,  $R(\mathbf{X})$  can have a variety of shapes, including (hyper) rectangular or ellipsoidal.

### Shapes

- *Ellipses* ( $p = 2$ ) or *ellipsoids* ( $p > 2$ )  
 $\{\theta \mid (\theta - \hat{\theta})' \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\theta}) \leq K^2\}$



$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X})$  is an invertible matrix which depends on sample size usually on the data  $\mathbf{X}$ .

The region  $R(\mathbf{X})$  consists of the interior and boundary of the ellipse.

$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X})$  will usually be  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}[\hat{\theta}]$ .

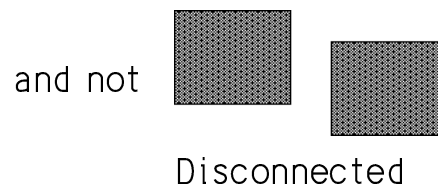
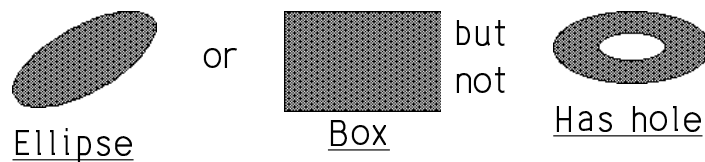
For example,  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{S}/n$  when  $\theta = \mu$  and  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ .

### Definition

$R(\mathbf{X})$  is a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence region for  $\theta$  if  $P(R(\mathbf{X}) \text{ contains } \theta) \geq 1 - \alpha$ , for all  $\theta$

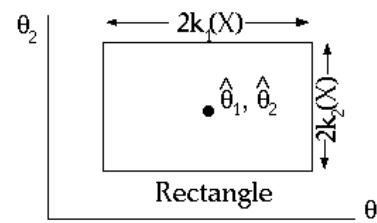
When  $q > 1$ , useful confidence regions are usually

- *bounded*
- *connected*
- *have no holes.*



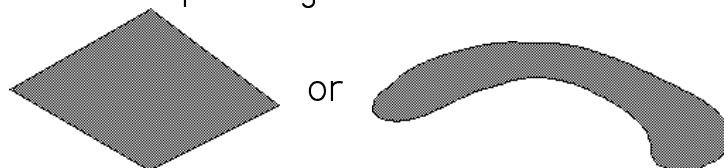
- "Boxes": rectangles when  $p = 2$ , rectangular boxes when  $p=3$ , or their generalization to  $p > 3$ :

$$\{\theta \mid |\theta_i - \hat{\theta}_i| \leq k_i(\mathbf{X}), i = 1, \dots, q\}$$



where  $k_i(\mathbf{X})$  are numbers computed from the data and critical values, for instance  $k_i(\mathbf{X}) = t_{n-1}((\alpha/p)/2)\sqrt{\{s_{ii}/n\}}$

Other shapes might be



Shapes like the one on the right arise in non-linear problems.

## Relationship of confidence regions and tests

Suppose for every value  $\theta^*$  of  $\theta$  there is a test statistic  $T(\mathbf{X}, \theta^*)$  and critical value designed to test  $H_0(\theta^*): \theta = \theta^*$  at significance level  $\alpha$ . Then

$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \{\theta \mid H_0(\theta) \text{ not rejected by } T(\mathbf{X}, \theta)\}$$

is a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence region for  $\theta$ .

### Why?

The true value  $\theta$  is contained in  $R(\mathbf{X})$  when and only when  $H_0(\theta)$  is *not* rejected and this occurs with probability  $1 - \alpha$ .

**Conversely**, when  $R(\mathbf{X})$  is a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence region it defines a significance level  $\alpha$  test of  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ :

“Reject  $H_0$  if  $\theta_0$  is not in  $R(\mathbf{X})$ ”

When  $H_0$  is true,  $P(\text{reject } H_0) \leq \alpha$

The confidence region  $R(\mathbf{X})$  corresponding to  $T^2$  consists of all  $\theta$  you would *not* reject ( $T^2(\theta) \leq K_\alpha^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} R(\mathbf{X}) &= \{\theta \mid T^2(\theta) \leq K_\alpha^2\} \\ &= \{\theta \mid (\hat{\theta} - \theta)' \{\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]\}^{-1} (\hat{\theta} - \theta) \leq K_\alpha^2\} \\ &= \{\theta \mid (\theta - \hat{\theta})' \{\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]\}^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\theta}) \leq K_\alpha^2\} \end{aligned}$$

Note the swap of  $\theta$  in  $\hat{\theta}$  in this last.

- $R(\mathbf{X})$  is an *ellipsoid*
- $R(\mathbf{X})$  is *centered* at  $\hat{\theta}$
- $R(\mathbf{X})$  has shape and orientation determined by the eigenvalues and vectors of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]$
- $R(\mathbf{X})$  has size proportional to  $K_\alpha$ .

**Note:** In the formula for an ellipsoid

$$E = \{\mathbf{x} \mid (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)' \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \leq K^2\},$$

$\mathbf{x} = \theta$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \hat{\theta}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]$ .

## Shape of a confidence region based on Hotelling's $T^2$ test

Suppose a test of  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  is

Reject  $H_0$  when  $T^2 = T^2(\theta_0) = T^2(\theta_0, \mathbf{X}) > K_\alpha^2$  where  $T^2(\theta_0, \mathbf{X}) = (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)' \{\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]\}^{-1} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)$

with

$$K_\alpha^2 = \chi_q^2(\alpha) \text{ (large } n)$$

or

$$K_\alpha^2 = \{(f_e q) / (f_e - q + 1)\} F_{q, f_e - q + 1}(\alpha) \text{ (small } n)$$

$f_e = n - 1$  or  $n_1 + n_2 - 2$ , or whatever is appropriate.

### When do you use small as opposed to large sample critical values?

In my opinion, you use the small sample critical value whenever  $f_e$  is defined and you can determine  $F_{q, f_e - q + 1}(\alpha)$ .

That is, essentially always.

When  $\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}] = c \times \mathbf{S}$ , with  $c = 1/n$  (1 sample) or  $c = 1/n_1 + 1/n_2$  (2 sample), say,

- $\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]$  has the same eigenvectors as  $\mathbf{S}$
- The eigenvalues of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\theta}]$  are  $c \times \lambda_i$ , where  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{S}$
- Lengths of axes are  $2K_\alpha \sqrt{c \times \lambda_i}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  *orientation* and *shape* of  $R(\mathbf{X})$  is determined by the eigenvectors and eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $\mathbf{S}$ .

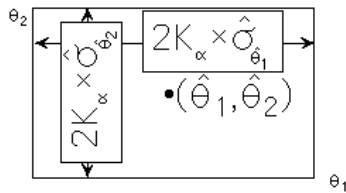
- The “cloud of points” in a scatter plot of the data will have the same shape orientation as a confidence ellipse for the mean.
- The cloud of points will be larger than the confidence ellipse.

### Shape of a confidence region corresponding to Bonferroni z- or t-tests

A confidence region  $R(\mathbf{X})$  related to q Bonferroni z- or t-tests of  $H_0: \boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$   $((\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_{0j})/\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j})$   $j = 1, \dots, q$ , is

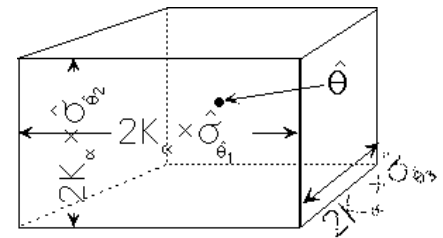
$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \hat{\theta}_j - K_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j} \leq \theta_j \leq \hat{\theta}_j + K_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}, j=1, \dots, q\},$$

with  $K_\alpha = t_{f_e}(\alpha'/2)$  or  $K_\alpha = z(\alpha'/2)$ ,  $\alpha' = \alpha/q$   
 $R(\mathbf{X})$  is rectangular or "box shaped".



When  $q = 2$ ,  $R(\mathbf{X})$  is

a rectangle centered at  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  with sides having lengths  $k_j(\mathbf{X}) = 2K_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}$ :



When  $q = 3$ ,  $R(\mathbf{X})$  is

a box with sides  $k_j(\mathbf{X}) = 2 \times K_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}$ .

The length  $2K_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}$  of dimension  $j$  of the box is proportional to the estimated standard error  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}$  of  $\hat{\theta}_j$ .

- $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}^2$  is a diagonal element of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}]$ .
- Smaller  $\alpha \Rightarrow$  larger  $K_\alpha \Rightarrow$  larger box
- The area or volume of the box is proportional to  $(K_\alpha)^q$ .

For box-shaped confidence regions,

$$P(R(\mathbf{X}) \text{ contains } \boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

with inequality ( $> 1 - \alpha$ ) when  $p > 1$

#### Example:

When  $\theta_j = \mu_j$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , so  $q = p$ , the dimensions of the box are proportional to the standard errors

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{x}_j} = \sqrt{(s_{jj}/n)} = \sqrt{(s_j^2/n)} = s_j/\sqrt{n},$$

$s_{jj} = s_j^2$  = the sample variance of  $x_j$ .

Here

$$k_j(\mathbf{X}) = 2K_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{x}_j} = 2K_\alpha \sqrt{(s_{jj}/n)}, j = 1, \dots, p$$

with

•  $K_\alpha = t_{f_e}(\alpha'/2)$  small sample

or

•  $K_\alpha = z(\alpha'/2)$  large sample

where Bonferroni  $\alpha' = \alpha/p$

### Summary

- **Box shaped** confidence regions based on Bonferroni z-tests or -t-tests

$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \hat{\theta}_j - \tilde{K}_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j} \leq \theta_j \leq \hat{\theta}_j + \tilde{K}_\alpha \times \hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}, j=1, \dots, q\},$$

with

$$\tilde{K}_\alpha = t_{f_e}(\alpha'/2) \text{ or } \tilde{K}_\alpha = z(\alpha'/2), \alpha' = \alpha/q$$

$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}$  is the estimated standard error of  $\hat{\theta}_j$ .

The shape is determined by the values of  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\theta}_j}^2$ , the diagonal elements of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}]$ .

- **Ellipsoidal** confidence regions based on Hotelling's  $T^2$  test:

$$R(\mathbf{X}) = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' \{\hat{V}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}]\}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \leq K_\alpha^2\},$$

$$K_\alpha^2 = \chi_{q, f_e}^2(\alpha) \text{ or } \{(f_e q)/(f_e - q + 1)\} F_{q, f_e - q + 1}(\alpha).$$

The shape is determined by eigenvalues of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}]$ . The orientation is determined by the eigenvectors of  $\hat{V}[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}]$ .