

Testing independence by step-down multiple comparison procedure

Sho Takahashi¹, Takahiro Nishiyama¹, Takashi Seo¹,
and Tsunehisa Imada²

¹Tokyo University of Science, Japan

²Tokai University, Japan

Abstract

We consider testing independence among components of the random vector in multivariate normal populations. The likelihood ratio test statistic and the chi-square distribution which is the asymptotic distribution are used for this test. In addition, the modified likelihood ratio test statistic which makes the chi-square approximation better is known (see, e.g., Muirhead (1982)). In this study, we consider the case to test which components there is a correlation among of the random vector. Also, we propose a step-down multiple comparison procedure based on the closed testing procedure (Marcus, Peritz and Gabriel (1976)) to perform simultaneous test for independence among components of the random vector.

Keywords

Closed testing procedure, Modified likelihood ratio, Step-down multiple comparison procedure, Testing independence.

References

- Marcus, R., Peritz, E., and Gabriel, K.R. (1976). On closed testing procedures with special reference to ordered analysis of variance. *Biometrika* 63, 655–660.
- Muirhead, R.J. (1982). *Aspects of Multivariate Statistical Theory*. New York: Wiley.