

Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis

Chapter 2. A Short Excursion into Matrix Algebra

2.6. Geometrical Aspects—Proofs of Theorems

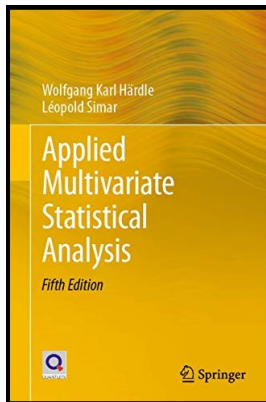


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- (i) The *principal axes* of iso-distance curve E_d with center x_0 are in the direction of $\pm \gamma_i$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.
- (ii) The *half-lengths of the axes* are $\sqrt{d^2/\lambda_i}$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$.
- (iii) The rectangle surrounding the ellipsoid E_d is defined by the inequalities:

$$x_{0i} - \sqrt{d^2 a^{ii}} \leq x_i \leq x_{0i} + \sqrt{d^2 a^{ii}} \text{ where } i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

where a^{ii} is the (i, i) element of \mathcal{A}^{-1} and x_{0i} is the i th component of x_0 . By the *rectangle surrounding the ellipsoid* E_d we mean the rectangle whose sides are parallel to the coordinate axes.

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Proof. We take (i) and (ii) as definitions. We assume $x_0 = 0$ (so that $x_{0i} = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$) and then the general result holds by translating both E_d and the rectangle surrounding it.

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$$x_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^{jj}/d^2}} a^{jj} = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{a^{jj}}} a^{jj} = \sqrt{d^2 a^{jj}} \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

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