

Quasi- χ^2 Distribution and the Independence of Wishart Distribution

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Abstract: In this paper, the authors generalize the definition of χ^2 distribution and introduce a quasi- χ^2 distribution, and then prove several properties of it, find the necessary and sufficient conditions of independence about multivariate normal distributions, matrix normal distributions and two parts of the Wishart distribution.

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Definition Let $x \sim N_n(\mu, \Lambda_n)$, $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, $\lambda_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n$, then $x'x$ is a quasi- χ^2 distribution. And we denote it as $x'x \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda_n)$. If $\mu = 0$, then it is written as $x'x \sim g\chi^2(\Lambda_n)$. Obviously, if $\Lambda_n = I_n$, then quasi- χ^2 distribution is a χ^2 one. It's obtained that quasi- χ^2 distribution generalizes the χ^2 one. First an important lemma proved in Ref. [4] is introduced.

Lemma 1 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\lambda}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{itx - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\lambda}} dx = (1 - 2i\lambda t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \exp\left\{\frac{i\mu^2 t}{1 - 2i\lambda t}\right\}, \lambda > 0.$

Then the following properties of quasi- χ^2 distribution are obtained.

Proposition 1 If $z \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda_n)$, $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)'$, $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, then the characteristic function (c.f.) of z is $\Phi_z(t) = \exp\left\{\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{i\mu_j^2 t}{1 - 2i\lambda_j t}\right\} \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - 2i\lambda_j t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. The proof can be found in page 141 of Ref. [4].

Corollary 1 If $z \sim g\chi^2(\Lambda_n)$, then the c.f. of z is $\Phi_z(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - 2i\lambda_j t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Corollary 2 If $z \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda_n)$, $z + a \sim g\chi^2\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$, where a is a positive constant with $\mu_{n+1}^2 = a$. From this, the condition with $\lambda_{n+1} = 0$ can be changed into the addition of a constant and a $g\chi^2$ variable with all λ_j are positive. So in the following discuss, we let $\lambda_j > 0, j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proposition 2 If $z \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda_n)$, $Ez = \mu'\mu +$

$\text{tr}(\Lambda_n), \text{Var}(z) = 4\mu'\Lambda_n\mu + 2\text{tr}(\Lambda_n^2).$

Proof We get it through the differentiation on of the c.f. of z .

Proposition 3 Let $x \sim N_n(\mu, \Sigma)$, then $x'x \sim g\chi^2(P'\mu, \Lambda_n)$, where $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, and $\lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ are the latent roots of Σ . P is orthogonal matrix with the standardized latent vectors corresponding to Σ .

Proof For $\Sigma \geq 0$, we make a transformation from Σ to its latent roots and vectors i.e., put $P'\Sigma P = \Lambda_n \geq 0$, where $P \in O(n)$ and $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$. Let $y = P'x \sim N_n(P'\mu, \Lambda_n)$, by the definition, we get $x'x = y'y \sim g\chi^2(P'\mu, \Lambda_n)$.

Lemma 2 If $P' \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{n_1} & \Lambda_{12} \\ \Lambda_{21} & \Lambda_{n_2} \end{pmatrix} P = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{n_2} \end{pmatrix}$,

where Λ_{n_a} is the positive defined diagonal matrix and $P \in O(n)$, $\Lambda_{12} = \Lambda'_{21}$, then $\Lambda_{12} = 0$.

Proof By page 67 in Ref. [4], the square sum of matrix's elements does not change under orthogonal transformation. So the square sum of the elements in Λ_{12} is zero, this holds $\Lambda_{12} = 0$.

Proposition 4 let $z_1 \sim g\chi^2(\mu_1, \Lambda_{n_1})$, $z_2 \sim g\chi^2(\mu_2, \Lambda_{n_2})$, $z_1 = x'_1 x_1, z_2 = x'_2 x_2, x_i \sim N(\mu_i, \Lambda_{n_i}), i = 1, 2$, then z_1 is independent of z_2 if and only if $z_1 + z_2 \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda)$, and the joint distribution of x_i is a normal distribution, $\mu = (\mu'_1, \mu'_2)'$, and $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\Lambda_{n_1}, \Lambda_{n_2})$.

Proof ① **The sufficiency** Let $z_1 + z_2 \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda)$ and $\mu_a = (\mu_{a1}, \dots, \mu_{an_a})', \Lambda_{n_a} = \text{diag}$

$(\lambda_{a1}, \dots, \lambda_{an_a}), \alpha = 1, 2$, then from the definition of $g\chi^2$ and the above conditions, there exist two random vectors x_1, x_2 which satisfy $z_1 = x'_1 x_1, z_2 = x'_2 x_2, x = (x'_1, x'_2)' \sim N_{n_1+n_2}(\mu, \Lambda_n)$ where $\Lambda_n = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{n_1} & \Lambda_{12} \\ \Lambda_{21} & \Lambda_{n_2} \end{pmatrix}$.

Note that $z = z_1 + z_2 = x'x \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda)$, but by proposition 3, $z = x'x \sim g\chi^2(\mu^*, \bar{\Lambda}_n)$, where $\mu^* = P'\mu, P = (P_1, P_2)$ is an orthogonal matrix, and p_i is the latent vector of $\Lambda_n, \bar{\Lambda}_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n_1+n_2})$, and λ_i is the latent root for p_i .

For the c.f. of $g\chi^2$ is unique, by comparing the singular points of the c.f. The latent roots must be λ_{a_j} ,

$\alpha = 1, 2, j = 1, \dots, n_a$, they follows that $\begin{pmatrix} P'_1 \\ P'_2 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_n (P_1, P_2) = \bar{\Lambda}_n = \Lambda$. From the lemma 2, $\Lambda_{12} = 0$ is obtained.

So x_1 is independent of x_2 , i.e. z_1 and z_2 are independent.

② **The necessity** If z_1 is independent of z_2 , we get the equation

$$\Phi_{z_1+z_2}(t) = \Phi_{z_1}(t)\Phi_{z_2}(t) = \prod_{a=1}^2 \prod_{j=1}^{n_a} (1 - 2i\lambda_{aj}t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left\{\sum_{a=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{n_a} \frac{i\mu_{aj}^2 t}{1 - 2i\lambda_{aj}t}\right\}, \text{ so } z_1 + z_2 \sim g\chi^2(\mu, \Lambda).$$

Theorem 1 Let $x_1 \sim N_{n_1}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), x_2 \sim N_{n_2}(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$, then x_1 is independent of x_2 if and only if $x'_1 x_1$ is independent of $x'_2 x_2$ and the joint distribution of x_1 and x_2 is a multivariate normal distribution.

① **The necessity** If x_1 is independent of x_2 , then $x'_1 x_1$ is independent of $x'_2 x_2$, and the joint distribution of x_1 and x_2 is the product of their density functions, so the joint distribution of x_1 and x_2 is a multivariate normal distribution.

② **The sufficiency** For $\Sigma_a \geq 0$, there exist an orthogonal matrix P_a such that $P'_a \Sigma_a P_a = \Lambda_{n_a}, \Lambda_{n_a} = \text{diag}(\lambda_{a1}, \dots, \lambda_{an_a}), \alpha = 1, 2$. Let $y_a = P'_a x_a, \alpha = 1, 2$, Since x_1, x_2 have normal distribution

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & P'_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_{n_1+n_2} \left(\begin{pmatrix} P'_1 \mu_1 \\ P'_2 \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{n_1} & \Lambda_{12} \\ \Lambda_{21} & \Lambda_{n_2} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

So $y'_a y_a \sim g\chi^2(P'_a \mu_a, \Lambda_{n_a}), \alpha = 1, 2$. Note that $x'_1 x_1, x'_2 x_2$ are independent, and $x'_a x_a = y'_a y_a, \alpha = 1, 2$. Therefore $y'_1 y_1$ and $y'_2 y_2$ are independent, then from the proof of the necessity of proposition 4, $y'_1 y_1 +$

$$y'_2 y_2 \text{ is a } g\chi^2 \left(\begin{pmatrix} P'_1 \mu_1 \\ P'_2 \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{n_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{n_2} \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

From lemma 2 $\Lambda_{12} = 0$, so y_1 and y_2 are independent, i.e. x_1 and x_2 are also independent.

Corollary 3 Let $x \sim N_n(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), y \sim N_m(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$, then x and y are independent if and only if $x'x$ and $y'y$ are independent and the joint distribution of x and y is a multivariate normal distribution.

Corollary 4 Let $x \sim N_n(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), y \sim N_m(\mu_2, \Sigma_2), x'x \sim \chi_p^2(\delta_1), y'y \sim \chi_q^2(\delta_2)$, then x is independent of y if and only if $x'x + y'y \sim \chi_{p+q}^2(\delta_1 + \delta_2)$, and the joint distribution of x and y is a multivariate normal distribution.

Proof ① **The sufficiency** If $x'x + y'y \sim \chi_{p+q}^2(\delta_1 + \delta_2)$, $x'x$ is independent of $y'y$ by Cochran theorem, hence x and y are independent due to theorem 1.

② **The Necessity** If x is independent of y , the joint distribution of x and y is a multivariate normal distribution, and $x'x$ is independent of $y'y$, $x'x \sim \chi_p^2(\delta_1), y'y \sim \chi_q^2(\delta_2)$, therefore $x'x + y'y \sim \chi_{p+q}^2(\delta_1 + \delta_2)$.

Theorem 2 Let $X \sim N_{n \times p}(M, W \otimes V), Y \sim N_{m \times q}(D, A \otimes B)$, then X is independent of Y if and only if $X'X$ is independent of $Y'Y$ and the joint distribution of $\text{Vec}X$ and $\text{Vec}Y$ is a multivariate normal distribution.

Proof ① **The necessity** If X and Y are independent, then $X'X$ and $Y'Y$ are independent, and $\text{Vec}X$ is independent of $\text{Vec}Y$, Since $\text{Vec}X \sim N_{np}(\text{Vec}M, V \otimes W), \text{Vec}Y \sim N_{mq}(\text{Vec}D, B \otimes A)$, the joint distribution of $\text{Vec}X$ and $\text{Vec}Y$ is a multivariate normal distribution.

② **The sufficiency** If $X'X$ is independent of $Y'Y$, then $\text{tr}(X'X)$ is independent of $\text{tr}(Y'Y)$, i.e., $\sum_i \sum_j x_{ij}^2 = (\text{Vec}X)' \text{Vec}X$ and $\sum_s \sum_t y_{st}^2 = (\text{Vec}Y)' \text{Vec}Y$ are independent. The joint distribution of $\text{Vec}X$ and $\text{Vec}Y$ is a multivariate normal distribution. From theorem 1, $\text{Vec}X$ and $\text{Vec}Y$ are independent, hence X is independent of Y .

Corollary 5 Let X and Y satisfy the conditions of theorem 2, then X is independent of Y if and only if $\text{tr}(X'X)$ is independent of $\text{tr}(Y'Y)$, and the joint distribution of $\text{Vec}X$ and $\text{Vec}Y$ is a multivariate normal.

Theorem 3 Let $W \sim W_p(n, \Sigma, \Delta), W =$

$\begin{pmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$, where W_{11} and Σ_{11} are $q \times q$ matrixes, W_{11} and W_{22} are Wishart distributions then W_{11} is independent of W_{22} if and only if $\Sigma_{12} = 0$.

Proof From the definition of $W_p(n, \Sigma, \Delta)$, there exists $x \sim N_{n \times p}(M, I \otimes \Sigma)$ such that $W = x'x$, where $M'M = \Delta$. Partitioning X and M as $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$, where $M'M = \Delta$. Partitioning X and M as $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$, $M = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \end{pmatrix}$, so $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_{n \times q}(\begin{pmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix})$, $I \otimes \begin{pmatrix} I_q & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = N_{n \times q}(M_1 \quad I \otimes \Sigma_{11})$ and $x_2 \sim N_{n \times (p-q)}(M_2, I \otimes \Sigma_{22})$. This shows that

$$W_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} I_q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = x'_1 x_1 \text{ and } W_{22} = x'_2 x_2. \text{ On the other hand, } \text{Vec}x \sim N_{np}(\text{Vec}M, \Sigma \otimes I) \text{ leads to } \begin{pmatrix} \text{Vec}x_1 \\ \text{Vec}x_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N_{np} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \text{Vec}M_1 \\ \text{Vec}M_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} \otimes I & \Sigma_{12} \otimes I \\ \Sigma_{21} \otimes I & \Sigma_{22} \otimes I \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

If $\Sigma_{12} = 0$, we have $\Sigma_{12} \otimes I = 0$, then $\text{Vec}x_1$ is independent of $\text{Vec}x_2$, hence x_1 is independent of x_2 so $x'_1 x_1$ is independent of $x'_2 x_2$. i.e., W_{11} is independent of W_{22} .

The sufficiency If W_{11} is independent of W_{22} , from the above discussion, $x'_1 x_1$ is independent of $x'_2 x_2$, and $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ is normal random matrix.

Therefore $\text{Vec}x = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Vec}x_1 \\ \text{Vec}x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ is a multivariate normal distribution, $\text{Vec}x_1$ and $\text{Vec}x_2$ are independent by theorem 2. This leads $\Sigma_{12} \otimes I = 0$, hence $\Sigma_{12} = 0$.

Right now we'll cite an example to demonstrate that if the joint distribution of x_1 and x_2 is not multivariate normal distribution, x_1 and x_2 cannot be independent even if $x'_1 x_1$ and $x'_2 x_2$ are independent.

Example Let the density function of $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}'$ be

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \times \left(\text{sign} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) + 1 \right) \quad x \in R^n$$

then the following conclusions hold.

1) $\forall m, 1 \leq m < n, (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})' \sim N_m(0, I)$, i.e., that any marginal distribution of x is standard multivariate normal distribution.

2) If $\{1, \dots, n\} = \{i_1, \dots, i_m\} \cup \{j_1, \dots, j_{n-m}\}$, then $(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})'$ and $(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_{n-m}})'$ are not

independent, so $(x_1, \dots, x_m)'$ and $(x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n)'$ are not independent.

3) Any m random variables of x_1, \dots, x_n ($2 \leq m < n$) are independent of each other, and x_1^2, \dots, x_n^2 are independent of each other, so $\sum_{k=1}^m x_{i_k}^2$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{n-m} x_{j_k}^2$ are independent.

Proof ① First prove $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})' \sim N_{n-1}(0, I)$. For any given x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} , $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \text{sign} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$, is an odd function in $(-\infty, +\infty)$ of x_n , its integral is 0. So $f_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx_n = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \left(\text{sign} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) + 1 \right) dx_n = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) dx_n = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{n-1} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j^2 \right)$ this leads $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})' \sim N_{n-1}(0, I_{n-1})$.

Note that $f(x)$ is symmetric about its variables, so its any marginal vector with $n-1$ dimension is $N_{n-1}(0, I)$. And for $\forall m, 1 \leq m < n-1, (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})'$ must be a portioned vector of a $(n-1)$ -dimensional vector of x , this shows that $(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})' \sim N_m(0, I_m)$.

② From ①, the density function of $(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})'$ and $(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_{n-m}})'$ are

$$g(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^m \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^m x_{i_k}^2 \right), \\ h(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_{n-m}}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^{n-m} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-m} x_{j_k}^2 \right),$$

respectively.

It is easily to check that $f(x) \neq g(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) h(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_{n-m}})$, so $(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})'$ and $(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_{n-m}})'$ are not independent.

③ From ①, $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})' \sim N_{n-1}(0, I_{n-1})$, so x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} are independent. And from the other $(n-1)$ -dimensional marginal distributions, it's easily obtained that x_n is independent of any of $\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$. So any two variables of $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ are independent. But from ②, x_1, \dots, x_n are not independent of each other. Now, we will prove x_1^2, \dots, x_n^2 are independent of each other.

Since, $x_i \sim N(0, 1)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $y_i = x_i^2$,

$i = 1, \cdots, n$, then $y_i \sim \chi^2_1$, its density function is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp\left(-\frac{y_i}{2}\right)y_i^{-\frac{1}{2}}, (y_i > 0)$. From the joint density function of x , we get the joint density function of (y_1, \cdots, y_n) as $(2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) \cdot 2^{-n} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2^n, (|J| = \prod_{j=1}^n (2x_j)^{-1} \cdot 2^n)$ which is the product of the marginal density function, so x_1^2, \cdots, x_n^2 are all independent.

Actually the distribution of x is generated from an $N_n(0, I_n)$ through centralizing its density function into 2^{n-1} convex sets which are generated by the coordinate planes. Hence there are two convex sets possessed a

common coordinate plane, the density is 0 in one, and the other is the twice of the original.

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拟 χ^2 分布与 Wishart 分布独立性

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摘 要 推广了卡方分布到拟卡方分布,证明了它的若干性质,并利用这些性质找到了 Wishart 分布内部及 2 个多元正态分布或矩阵正态分布之间独立的充要条件.
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