

**A Box-Type Approximation for General Two-Sample
Repeated Measures
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1 Statistical Model and Hypotheses

Throughout this report we will use the following notation. The d -dimensional vector of 1s is denoted by $\mathbf{1}_d = (1, \dots, 1)'$, \mathbf{I}_d denotes the $d \times d$ unit matrix, $\mathbf{J}_d = \mathbf{1}_d \mathbf{1}'_d$ the $d \times d$ matrix of 1s, and finally, $\mathbf{P}_d = \mathbf{I}_d - \frac{1}{d} \mathbf{J}_d$ denotes the centering matrix. The Kronecker product of matrices is denoted by \otimes , the Kronecker sum by \oplus , and the Hadamard product by $\#$.

We consider two groups of independent vectors each containing d repeated measures $\mathbf{X}_{ik} = (X_{ik1}, \dots, X_{ikd})' \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \mathbf{V}_i)$, $i = 1, 2$; $k = 1, \dots, n_i$, where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_i = (\mu_{i1}, \dots, \mu_{id})' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathbf{V}_i > 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. The data are collected in the $(n_i d \times 1)$ data vectors $\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{X}'_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}'_{in_i})'$, $i = 1, 2$, and $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}'_1, \mathbf{X}'_2)' \in \mathbb{R}^{Nd \times 1}$, where $N = n_1 + n_2$. This can be regarded as a split-plot repeated measures design where the whole-plot factor A has 2 levels and the sub-plot factor B has d levels. Let $\bar{\mu}_i = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{s=1}^d \mu_{is}$. Then the hypotheses typically tested in this design can be expressed as

1. $H_0(A) : \bar{\mu}_1 = \bar{\mu}_2$, or in matrix notation $\mathbf{1}'_d(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. This refers to the hypothesis that the averaged effects in both groups are equal.
2. $H_0(B) : \mu_{1k} + \mu_{2k} = \bar{\mu}_1 + \bar{\mu}_2$, $k = 1, \dots, d$ or in matrix notation $\mathbf{P}_d(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. The interpretation of this hypothesis is that the profile averaged over the two groups is flat.
3. $H_0(AB) : \mu_{1k} - \mu_{2k} = \bar{\mu}_1 - \bar{\mu}_2$, $k = 1, \dots, d$ or in matrix notation $\mathbf{P}_d(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. This hypothesis means that the two profiles are parallel.
4. $H_0(A|B) : \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = \boldsymbol{\mu}_2$. This means that the two profiles are identical. This hypothesis includes the two hypotheses $H_0(A)$ and $H_0(AB)$.

To generalize these hypotheses to structured repeated measures designs, the centering matrix \mathbf{P}_d is replaced by a suitable contrast matrix \mathbf{H} and to have a unique equivalent formulation of a hypothesis, we use the projection matrix $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{H}'(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}')^{-1}\mathbf{H}$ and note that for any vector $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ the hypotheses $\mathbf{H}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{0}$ are equivalent. Using this notation, it is obvious that the following general hypotheses in the two-groups split-plot design with structured repeated measures can be tested.

1. $\mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ as a generalization of $H_0(B)$,
2. $\mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ as a generalization of $H_0(AB)$.

To derive a statistic for testing these hypotheses we consider the transformed observations $\mathbf{Y}_{ik} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{X}_{ik} \sim N(\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_i\mathbf{T} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik})$. The transformed observations are collected in the $(n_i d \times 1)$ data vectors $\mathbf{Y}_i = (\mathbf{Y}'_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}'_{in_i})'$, $i = 1, 2$, and in $\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{Y}'_1, \mathbf{Y}'_2)' \in \mathbb{R}^{(Nd \times 1)}$. Then,

$$\mathbf{V} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 (\mathbf{I}_{n_i} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i) \quad (1.1)$$

by independence of the vectors \mathbf{Y}_{ik} . Finally let $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot} = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{Y}_{ik}$, $i = 1, 2$, denote the samples means of the transformed observations.

2 Equal Covariance Matrices

2.1 The Geisser-Greenhouse Procedure and Box's ϵ

A statistic for testing $H_0(\mathbf{T}) : \mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \pm \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ shall be based on the quadratic form

$$Q_N = (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1\cdot} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2\cdot})' (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1\cdot} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2\cdot}). \quad (2.2)$$

Note that under $H_0(\mathbf{T})$, $E_{H_0}(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1\cdot} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2\cdot}) = \mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \pm \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. Then under H_0 , according to the representation theorem of quadratic forms, Q_N can be written as $Q_N = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i C_i^2$, where the random variables $C_i^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ are independent and the constants λ_i are the eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N = \text{Cov}(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1\cdot} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2\cdot}) = \frac{1}{n_1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2$. Under the assumption of equal covariance matrices $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2 = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$, it follows that $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N = \frac{N}{n_1 n_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

Box (1954) approximates the distribution of $\sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i C_i^2$ by a scaled χ^2 -distribution, i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i C_i^2 \dot{\sim} g \cdot \chi_f^2$ such that the first two moments coincide (the symbol $\dot{\sim}$ means *approximately distributed as*). After some simple algebra one obtains $E(g \chi_f^2) = g \cdot f = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i = \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)$ and $\text{Var}(g \chi_f^2) = 2g^2 \cdot f = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i^2 = 2 \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N^2)$. Solving this system of equations one obtains $g \cdot f = \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)$ and $f = [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)]^2 / \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N^2)$. The quantity $f/(d-1)$ is called *Box's ϵ* .

The ratio $Q_N/(g \cdot f) = Q_N/\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)$ follows, approximately, a χ_f^2/f -distribution. Since $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)$ is unknown in general, it has to be estimated from the data. To this end let

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot})(\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot})' \quad (2.3)$$

denote the sample covariance matrix. Finally, let $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_N = \frac{N}{n_1 n_2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_N$ denote the pooled estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N$, where

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_N = \frac{1}{N-2} \left((n_1 - 1) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1 + (n_2 - 1) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_2 \right) \quad (2.4)$$

is the pooled estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. Note that we need the trace of the pooled estimator $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_N$. This trace can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_N) &= \frac{1}{N-2} \left[\text{tr}((n_1 - 1) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1) + \text{tr}((n_2 - 1) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_2) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N-2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \text{tr} [(\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot})(\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot})'] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot})' (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i\cdot}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

using invariance of the trace under cyclic permutations. The quantity in (2.5) is a quadratic form and applying again a two-moment approximation, Geisser and Greenhouse (1958) showed that $\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N) \dot{\sim} \chi_{f_0}^2/f_0$, where $f_0 = (N - 2)f$. Using independence of $(\overline{\mathbf{Y}}_1, \pm \overline{\mathbf{Y}}_2)$ and $\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)$ by verifying Craig-Sakamoto's condition it follows that

$$F_N = \frac{n_1 n_2}{N} \cdot \frac{(\overline{\mathbf{Y}}_1, \pm \overline{\mathbf{Y}}_2)'(\overline{\mathbf{Y}}_1, \pm \overline{\mathbf{Y}}_2)}{\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)} \dot{\sim} F(f, (N - 2)f), \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$f = \frac{[\text{tr}(\Sigma_N)]^2}{\text{tr}(\Sigma_N^2)} \quad (2.7)$$

is unknown and must be estimated from the data. A detailed description of the Geisser-Greenhouse procedure and a comparison with the ANOVA-type statistic is to be found in Bathke et al. (2009).

2.2 Degrees of Freedom Estimators

A simple plug-in estimator

$$\widehat{f} = \frac{[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2}{\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2)} \quad (2.8)$$

of f is obtained by replacing Σ_N in (2.7) by $\widetilde{\Sigma}_N = \frac{N}{n_1 n_2} \widehat{\Sigma}_N$, where $\widehat{\Sigma}_N$ is given in (2.4). This estimator, however, is biased and the bias increases with increasing dimension d as seen by simulations. Therefore, Huynh and Feldt (1976) suggested a modification of \widehat{f} by deriving the expectations of $[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2$ and $\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2)$, namely

$$E \left\{ [\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2 \right\} = [\text{tr}(\Sigma)]^2 + \frac{2}{N-2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^2) \quad (2.9)$$

$$E \left\{ \text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2) \right\} = \frac{N-1}{N-2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^2) + \frac{1}{N-2} [\text{tr}(\Sigma)]^2. \quad (2.10)$$

Solving this system of equations one obtains the unbiased estimators

$$E \left\{ \frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{N(N-3)} \left[[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2 - \frac{2}{N-1} \text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2) \right] \right\} = [\text{tr}(\Sigma)]^2 \quad (2.11)$$

$$E \left\{ \frac{(N-2)^2}{N(N-3)} \left[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2) - \frac{1}{N-2} [\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2 \right] \right\} = \text{tr}(\Sigma^2). \quad (2.12)$$

Plugging in (2.11) and (2.12) in (2.7), one obtains

$$\widetilde{f} = \frac{(N-1) \left([\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2 - \frac{2}{N-1} \text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2) \right)}{(N-2) \left(\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N^2) - \frac{1}{N-2} [\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_N)]^2 \right)} = \frac{(N-1)\widehat{f} - 2}{N-2-\widehat{f}}, \quad (2.13)$$

which is the formula for modifying \widehat{f} given by Huynh and Feldt (1976) in the corrected form as given by Lecoutre (1991).

2.3 High-Dimensional Data

The validity of the Huynh-Feldt correction in (2.13) for the high-dimensional case is easily seen from the following considerations. First we rearrange the transformed data vectors \mathbf{Y}_{ik} in $(d \times n_i)$ data matrices $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i = (\mathbf{Y}_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{in_i}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n_i}$, $i = 1, 2$, and $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} = (\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_1; \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}$. Then, the pooled sample covariance matrix $\hat{\Sigma}_N$ in (2.4) can be re-written as

$$\hat{\Sigma}_N = \frac{1}{N-2} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}' \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d},$$

where $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbf{P}_{n_2}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{n_i} = \mathbf{I}_{n_i} - \frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{J}_{n_i}$, $i = 1, 2$, are centering matrices. Note that \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{P}_{n_i} are projection matrices. Then, by using invariance of the trace under cyclic permutations of matrices one obtains for $\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N)$

$$\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N) = \frac{1}{N-2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}' \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P}) = \frac{1}{N-2} \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}). \quad (2.14)$$

It is easily seen that $\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N^k) = \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}^k)$, $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, since the matrices

$$\begin{aligned} (N-2) \hat{\Sigma}_N &= \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}' = (\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P})(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P})' && \text{and} \\ \hat{\mathbf{M}} &= \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}' \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P} = (\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P})' (\tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P}) \end{aligned}$$

have the same non-null eigenvalues. We note that $\hat{\Sigma}_N \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{M}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N} \forall d \geq 1$. This property is commonly used when solving the dual eigenvalue problem (see, e.g., Kropf et al., 2005; Läuter, 2004; Läuter et al., 2005). Applying the considerations derived above, one obtains for the estimator \hat{f} of f in (2.8)

$$\hat{f} = \frac{[\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N)]^2}{\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N^2)} = \frac{[\text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}})]^2}{\text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}^2)}. \quad (2.15)$$

Note that always $\hat{\mathbf{M}}, \hat{\mathbf{M}}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, independent of the dimension d . This justifies the use of the Huynh-Feldt correction also in the high-dimensional case.

When the dimension d is large, the use of $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$ instead of $\hat{\Sigma}_N$ may save memory space and computation time considerably. Moreover, the use of Hadamard's product may further reduce computation time. This is obvious from the following consideration. Let $\hat{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}' \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{P}$, then

$$(N-2)^2 \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_N^2) = \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}}^2) = \text{tr}(\hat{\mathbf{M}} \hat{\mathbf{M}}) = \mathbf{1}'_N (\hat{\mathbf{M}} \# \hat{\mathbf{M}}) \mathbf{1}_N,$$

since $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$ is symmetric. In the last step we used the result from matrix algebra that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^2) = \mathbf{1}'_N (\mathbf{A} \# \mathbf{A}') \mathbf{1}_N$ if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$.

3 Unequal Covariance Matrices

3.1 The Box Approximation of Q_N

If equal covariance matrices $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \Sigma$ are not assumed, then $\Sigma_N = Cov(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1.} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2.}) = \frac{1}{n_1}\Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2}\Sigma_2$ is estimated by $\tilde{\Sigma}_N = \frac{1}{n_1}\hat{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{1}{n_2}\hat{\Sigma}_2$, where $\hat{\Sigma}_i$ is given in (2.3). Then, the Box-approximation of Q_N in (2.2) is easily derived in the same way as in Section 2.1. One obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q_N}{\text{tr}(\Sigma_N)} &= \frac{(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1.} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2.})' (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{1.} \pm \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{2.})}{\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n_1}\Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2}\Sigma_2\right)} \underset{\sim}{\sim} \chi_f^2/f, \\ f &= \frac{[\text{tr}(\Sigma_N)]^2}{\text{tr}(\Sigma_N^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

As $\text{tr}(\Sigma_N)$ is unknown, it must be estimated from the data. The natural estimator

$$\text{tr}(\tilde{\Sigma}_N) = \frac{1}{n_1} \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_1) + \frac{1}{n_2} \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}_2)$$

can be written as a quadratic form

$$\text{tr}(\tilde{\Sigma}_N) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i(n_i-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i.})' (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{i.}) = \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{Y},$$

where $\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{Y}'_1, \mathbf{Y}'_2)'$ and

$$\mathbf{W}_N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i(n_i-1)} \mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d.$$

The covariance matrix of \mathbf{Y} is given in (1.1). Now, under H_0 , the distribution of $\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{Y}$ can be approximated by a scaled χ^2 -distribution, i.e., $\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{Y} \underset{\sim}{\sim} g_0 \chi_{f_0}^2$. By a two-moment approximation one obtains under H_0

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{Y}) &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{V}) = \text{tr}(\Sigma_N) = g_0 f_0 \\ \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{Y}) &= 2 \text{tr}[(\mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{V})^2] = 2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i^2(n_i-1)} \text{tr}(\Sigma_i^2) = 2g_0^2 f_0. \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of equations one obtains

$$f_0 = \frac{[\text{tr}(\Sigma_N)]^2}{\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n_1^2(n_1-1)}\Sigma_1^2 + \frac{1}{n_2^2(n_2-1)}\Sigma_2^2\right)}. \quad (3.17)$$

The independence of Q_N and $\text{tr}(\widetilde{\Sigma}_N)$ is easily established by verifying Craig-Sakamoto's condition. This leads to the approximation

$$\frac{Q_N}{\text{tr}(\widetilde{\Sigma}_N)} = \frac{Q_N}{\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n_1}\widehat{\Sigma}_1 + \frac{1}{n_2}\widehat{\Sigma}_2\right)} \dot{\sim} F(f, f_0), \quad (3.18)$$

where f and f_0 are given in (3.16) and (3.17), respectively.

In the special case of $d = 1$, the estimator f_0 given in (3.17) reduces to

$$\nu = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^2 \sigma_i^2/n_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^2 (\sigma_i^2/n_i)^2/(n_i - 1)},$$

which is the well-known Satterthwaite-Smith-Welch approximation for the t statistic in the univariate Behrens-Fisher problem (Moser and Stevens, 1992; Moser et al., 1989).

Notice that the degree of freedom, f , and Box's epsilon, $\epsilon = f/(d - 1)$, respectively, are invariant under the choice of sample sizes in both groups and if the different covariance matrices Σ_1 and Σ_2 are generated by scaling one covariance matrix \mathbf{V} using different scaling factors σ_1 and σ_2 . Actually this has no impact on f and ϵ , which is easily seen from the following considerations. Let $\Sigma_1 = \sigma_1 \Sigma = \mathbf{T} \sigma_1 \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}$ and $\Sigma_2 = \sigma_2 \Sigma = \mathbf{T} \sigma_2 \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}$. Then the numerator and denominator of f are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\text{tr} \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right) \right]^2 &= \left[\text{tr} \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right) \Sigma \right) \right]^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^2 \left[\text{tr} (\Sigma) \right]^2 \\ \text{tr} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right)^2 \right] &= \text{tr} \left[\left(\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right) \Sigma \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^2 \text{tr} (\Sigma^2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f = \frac{\left[\text{tr} \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right) \right]^2}{\text{tr} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n_1} \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{n_2} \Sigma_2 \right)^2 \right]} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^2 \left[\text{tr} (\Sigma) \right]^2}{\left(\frac{\sigma_1}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2}{n_2} \right)^2 \text{tr} (\Sigma^2)} = \frac{\left[\text{tr} (\Sigma) \right]^2}{\text{tr} (\Sigma^2)}. \quad (3.19)$$

This shows that f and in turn Box's ϵ are invariant under scaling.

Now we investigate the range of ϵ covered by the covariance structures that are mainly considered in this paper. Table 1 shows the theoretical values of ϵ for three different covariance structures: (a) compound symmetry, (b) autoregressive structure, and (c) a special Toeplitz structure defined below.

The independent vectors \mathbf{X}_{ik} , $i = 1, 2$; $k = 1, \dots, n_i$, and \mathbf{Y}_{ik} are obtained by the linear transformations $\mathbf{X}_{ik} = \sigma_i \mathbf{S}^{1/2} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} + c_i B_{ik} \mathbf{1}_d$ and $\mathbf{Y}_{ik} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{X}_{ik}$, where $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{P}_d = \mathbf{I}_d - \frac{1}{d} \mathbf{J}_d$. The quantities \mathbf{S} , \mathbf{Z}_{ik} , B_{ik} , σ_i , and c_i are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} &= (Z_{ik1}, \dots, Z_{ikd})' \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_d), \quad i = 1, 2; \quad k = 1, \dots, n_i & (3.20) \\ \mathbf{B}_i &= (B_{i1}, \dots, B_{in_i})' \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{n_i}), \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \sigma_i &\in \{1, 1.2, 1.5, 2\}, \quad c_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}, \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \mathbf{S} = (s_{kl})_{k, \ell=1, \dots, d} &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{I}_d, & \text{for a compound symmetry structure} \\ s_{kl} = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \rho^{|k-\ell|}, \quad 0 < \rho < 1, & \text{for an autoregressive structure} \\ s_{kl} = d - |k - \ell|, & \text{for a (linearly decreasing) Toeplitz structure.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\mathbf{V}_i = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_{ik}) = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{S} + c_i^2 \mathbf{J}_d$ and $\Sigma_i = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik}) = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{T} = \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{T} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{T} = \sigma_i^2 \Sigma$ since $\mathbf{T} \mathbf{J}_d = \mathbf{0}$.

We note further that the invariance under scaling of f and ϵ is no longer true in general, if only \mathbf{S} is scaled, i.e. $\mathbf{S}_i = \sigma_i \mathbf{S}$ and $c_1 \neq 0$ or $c_2 \neq 0$. The degrees of Freedom f and Box's ϵ remain, however, unchanged by the scaling factors σ_i and the samples sizes n_i since the covariance matrices $\Sigma_i = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{T}$ of the transformed observations can be written as $\Sigma_i = \mathbf{T} \sigma_i \mathbf{S} \mathbf{T} = \sigma_i \Sigma$.

As an example, we present the computations for ϵ as a function of the dimension d for the one-group setting.

TABLE 1 *Different values of Box's ϵ related to the original covariance matrix $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{J}_d = \Sigma$ (version $\epsilon(\text{or})$) and those (version $\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$) obtained when multiplying the covariance matrix by the centering matrix \mathbf{P}_d for different types of covariance matrices: CS = compound symmetry, AR(ρ) = autoregressive with correlation ρ , and TOEP = Toeplitz-structure with linearly decreasing correlations.*

d	CS		AR(0.2)		AR(0.6)		AR(0.9)		TOEP	
	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$
3	0.889	1	0.790	0.985	0.545	0.900	0.380	0.824	0.568	0.800
5	0.800	1	0.700	0.961	0.436	0.749	0.251	0.577	0.370	0.526
10	0.640	1	0.565	0.941	0.340	0.594	0.154	0.333	0.194	0.266
20	0.457	1	0.415	0.931	0.266	0.519	0.105	0.204	0.099	0.130
30	0.356	1	0.329	0.928	0.225	0.499	0.088	0.163	0.066	0.086
50	0.246	1	0.233	0.926	0.174	0.486	0.073	0.133	0.040	0.051
100	0.139	1	0.135	0.925	0.112	0.478	0.056	0.115	0.020	0.025
200	0.074	1	0.073	0.924	0.066	0.474	0.041	0.109	0.010	0.013
300	0.051	1	0.050	0.924	0.047	0.473	0.032	0.107	0.007	0.008
500	0.031	1	0.031	0.923	0.030	0.472	0.023	0.106	0.004	0.005
1000	0.016	1	0.016	0.923	0.015	0.471	0.013	0.106	0.002	0.003

One can see that, over all dimensions, d , these covariance structures cover the whole range of $\epsilon \in [0, 1]$. This shows that ϵ is not simply a parameter indicating sphericity: Within the same covariance structure, ϵ can decrease with increasing dimension d .

Now we want to investigate whether the goodness of the approximation proposed in this paper does only depend on Box's ϵ . To this end we simulated type I error rates of the nominal level $\alpha = 0.05$ in 10,000 simulation runs for different covariance structures (CS, AR, TOEP). The sample sizes and scaling factors were chosen in a way that both negatively paired ($n_1 = 20$, $n_2 = 10$, $\sigma_1 = 1$, $\sigma_2 = 3$) and positively paired data ($n_1 = 10$, $n_2 = 20$, $\sigma_1 = 1$, $\sigma_2 = 3$) was simulated for each covariance structure. The results are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 *Simulated type I error rates of the nominal level $\alpha = 0.05$ in 10,000 simulation runs for different covariance structures: compound symmetry (CS), autoregressive (AR(ρ)) and Toeplitz (TOEP) structure. Scaling factors are $\sigma_1 = 1, \sigma_2 = 3$ and sample sizes are $n_1 = 10, n_2 = 20$ for positively paired (pp) and $n_1 = 20, n_2 = 10$ for negatively paired (np) data.*

d	CS		AR(0.2)		AR(0.6)		AR(0.9)		TOEP	
	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$	$\epsilon(\text{or})$	$\epsilon(\mathbf{P}_d)$
3	0.0480	0.0471	0.0485	0.0468	0.0477	0.0483	0.0488	0.0499	0.0490	0.0495
5	0.0475	0.0458	0.0473	0.0462	0.0493	0.0503	0.0520	0.0548	0.0504	0.0549
10	0.0475	0.0455	0.0501	0.0459	0.0521	0.0540	0.0524	0.0570	0.0526	0.0590
20	0.0468	0.0433	0.0484	0.0453	0.0507	0.0532	0.0540	0.0585	0.0530	0.0596
30	0.0462	0.0432	0.0482	0.0448	0.0528	0.0536	0.0541	0.0590	0.0536	0.0610
50	0.0468	0.0417	0.0478	0.0441	0.0511	0.0525	0.0554	0.0582	0.0540	0.0600
100	0.0473	0.0411	0.0479	0.0439	0.0498	0.0501	0.0535	0.0563	0.0536	0.0597

Because of the considerations above the approximations for one covariance structure and a dimension d are based on the same ϵ for both the negatively and the positively paired data. If the quality of the approximation only depends on Box's ϵ one would expect that the results for negatively and positively paired data are nearly the same. However, this does not hold for any covariance structure considered in our simulations. In fact the following figures show that for a compound symmetry covariance structure the approximations are a bit more conservative in case of negative pairing. This statement still holds for an autoregressive structure ($\rho = 0.2$). For the autoregressive structure ($\rho = 0.6$) the whole issue goes into reverse: Here the approximations tend to be a bit more liberal in case of negative pairing. The same result can be seen in case of an autoregressive structure with $\rho = 0.9$ and in case of a Toeplitz structure.

These findings are graphically displayed in Figure 1. The single dots in the graphs refer to the simulated type-I errors for the negative pairing of scaling factors and sample sizes ($n_1 = 20$, $n_2 = 10$, $\sigma_1 = 1$, $\sigma_2 = 3$) matched with the positive pairing $n_1 = 10$, $n_2 = 20$, $\sigma_1 = 1$, $\sigma_2 = 3$) for the dimensions $d = 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 100$. At large, this leads to the conclusion that the goodness of the approximation does not only depend on Box's ϵ . The underlying covariance structure of the data has an impact on it, too.

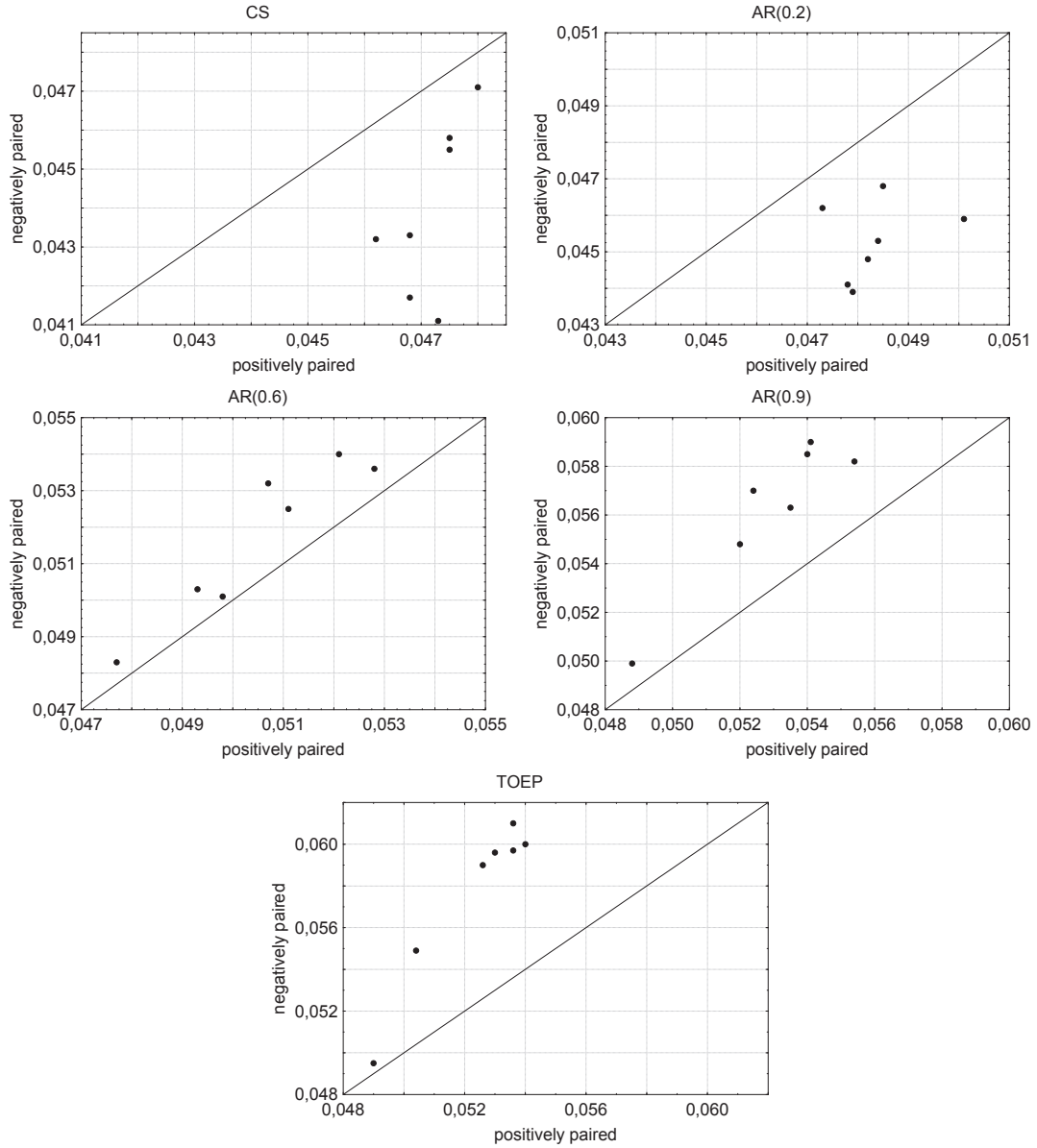


FIGURE 1 *Simulated type-I errors for negatively and positively paired sample sizes and scaling factors in case of different covariance structures but equal values of ϵ .*

3.2 Degrees of Freedom Estimators

In the same way as in the case of equal covariance matrices, we will derive unbiased estimators of the numerators and denominators of f and f_0 . Evaluating these expressions it is easily seen that it suffices to derive unbiased estimators of $[\text{tr}(\Sigma_i)]^2$, $\text{tr}(\Sigma_i^2)$, $\text{tr}(\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2)$, and $\text{tr}(\Sigma_1) \text{tr}(\Sigma_2)$. By independence of Y_{1k} and $Y_{2k'}$, $k = 1, \dots, n_1$; $k' = 1, \dots, n_2$, it follows

that $E[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_1 \widehat{\Sigma}_2)] = \text{tr}(\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2)$ and $E[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_1) \text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_2)] = \text{tr}(\Sigma_1) \text{tr}(\Sigma_2)$. Thus, it remains to obtain unbiased estimators of $[\text{tr}(\Sigma_i)]^2$ and $\text{tr}(\Sigma_i^2)$, $i = 1, 2$.

To conveniently derive unbiased estimators of the above listed quantities, we return to the vector representation of the transformed observations as considered in Section 1. $\mathbf{Y}_i = (\mathbf{Y}'_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}'_{in_i})'$, $i = 1, 2$, $E(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{1}_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{\mu}_i$, $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{I}_{n_i} \otimes \Sigma_i$. Next, \mathbf{Y}_i is centered by its mean $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i = (\frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{1}'_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d) \mathbf{Y}_i$. The centered vector is denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}_i &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_{i1} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Y}_{in_i} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d) \mathbf{Y}_i \\ E(\mathbf{Z}_i) &= (\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d)(\mathbf{1}_{n_i} \otimes \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}_i) = \mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \Sigma_i. \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

For the k -th and ℓ -th components $\mathbf{Z}_{ik} = \mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i$ and $\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} = \mathbf{Y}_{i\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i$ of \mathbf{Z}_i it follows that

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}_{ik}) = \frac{n_i - 1}{n_i} \Sigma_i \quad (3.22)$$

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}_{ik}, \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) = -\frac{1}{n_i} \Sigma_i \quad \text{if } k \neq \ell. \quad (3.23)$$

To determine the expectation and variance of $\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_i)$ we re-write this sample covariance matrix as $\widehat{\Sigma}_i = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{S}_{ik}$, where $\mathbf{S}_{ik} = \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \mathbf{Z}'_{ik} = (\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i)(\mathbf{Y}_{ik} - \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_i)'$. Let $S_{ik} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{ik}) = \mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{ik}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_i) &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{ik}) = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \\ &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \mathbf{Z}'_i \mathbf{Z}_i = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \mathbf{Y}'_i (\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d) \mathbf{Y}_i. \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Expectation and variance of $\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_i)$ are obtained immediately from the above considerations.

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_i)] &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} [\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \Sigma_i) + \mathbf{0}'\mathbf{0}] = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} (n_i - 1) \text{tr}(\Sigma_i) = \text{tr}(\Sigma_i), \\ \text{Var}[\widehat{\Sigma}_i] &= \frac{1}{(n_i - 1)^2} \text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}'_i \mathbf{Z}_i) = \frac{2}{(n_i - 1)^2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \Sigma_i^2) = \frac{2}{n_i - 1} \text{tr}(\Sigma_i^2). \end{aligned}$$

The last step follows from the representation theorem of quadratic forms using the normal distribution and $E(\mathbf{Z}_i) = \mathbf{0}$. One obtains

$$\mathbf{Z}'_i \mathbf{Z}_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=1}^d \lambda_{iks} C_{iks}^2,$$

where the random variables $C_{iks}^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ are independent and the constants λ_{iks} are the eigenvalues of $Cov(\mathbf{Z}_i) = \mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i$. Thus, $Var(\mathbf{Z}'_i \mathbf{Z}_i) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{s=1}^d \lambda_{iks}^2 = 2 \text{tr}[(\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)^2] = 2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) = 2(n_i - 1) \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2)$. It follows that

$$E\left([\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)]^2\right) = Var[\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)] + E^2[\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)] = \frac{2}{n_i - 1} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2. \quad (3.25)$$

In the sequel, we will derive the expectation of $\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2)$, which is the plug-in estimator of the denominator of f . First, $\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2)$ is represented by means of the matrices $\mathbf{S}_{ik} = \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \mathbf{Z}'_{ik}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (n_i - 1)^2 \text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2) &= \text{tr}\left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{S}_{ik}\right)^2\right] = \text{tr}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{S}_{ik} \mathbf{S}_{i\ell}\right) \\ &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} \mathbf{Z}'_{i\ell}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n_i} \mathbf{Z}'_{i\ell} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n_i} (\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})^2, \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} = \mathbf{Z}'_{i\ell} \mathbf{Z}_{ik}$. Now consider the expectation

$$E(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})^2 = Var(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) + E^2(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}).$$

It remains to compute the two quantities $E(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})$ and $Var(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})$. To this end, the bilinear form $\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}$ of the non-independent vectors \mathbf{Z}_{ik} and $\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}$ is written as a quadratic form in the combined vector $\mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell} = (\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}, \mathbf{Z}'_{i\ell})'$, namely

$$\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} = (\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}, \mathbf{Z}'_{i\ell}) \cdot \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_{ik} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{Z}'_{ik\ell} \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d \right] \mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell}.$$

The covariance matrix of $\mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell}$ is obtained from (3.22) and (3.23)

$$\mathbf{G} = Cov(\mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_i-1}{n_i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i & -\frac{1}{n_i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i \\ -\frac{1}{n_i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i & \frac{n_i-1}{n_i} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{I}_2 - \frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{J}_2) \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i.$$

The expectation follows from Lancaster's theorem by noting that $E(\mathbf{Z}_{ik}) = \mathbf{0}$.

a) if $k \neq \ell$,

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik} \mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) &= E\left(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik\ell} \left[\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d \right] \mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left[\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d \cdot \mathbf{G}\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left[\left(\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{J}_2\right] \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i\right)\right] = -\frac{1}{n_i} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i), \end{aligned}$$

b) if $k = \ell$,
$$E(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{ik}) = \text{tr}\left(\frac{n_i-1}{n_i}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i\right) = \frac{n_i-1}{n_i}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i).$$

Note that the normal distribution is assumed and thus one obtains for the variance

a) if $k \neq \ell$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) &= \text{Var}\left(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik\ell}\left[\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d\right]\mathbf{Z}_{ik\ell}\right) \\ &= 2\text{tr}\left(\left[\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_d \cdot \mathbf{G}\right]^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}\left(\left(\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{n_i}\mathbf{J}_2\right] \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i\right)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}\left(\mathbf{I}_2 - \frac{2(n_i-1)}{n_i^2}\mathbf{J}_2\right) \cdot \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) = \frac{n_i^2 - 2n_i + 2}{n_i^2}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2), \end{aligned}$$

b) if $k = \ell$,
$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{ik}) = 2\text{tr}\left(\frac{(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2\right) = \frac{2(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2).$$

Combining the results derived above it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E[(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})^2] &= \text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) + E^2(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell}) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{2(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \frac{(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2}[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2, & k = \ell \\ \frac{n_i^2 - 2n_i + 2}{n_i^2}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \frac{1}{n_i^2}[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2, & k \neq \ell \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and finally,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2)] &= \frac{1}{(n_i-1)^2}\sum_{k=1}^{n_i}\sum_{\ell=1}^{n_i}E[(\mathbf{Z}'_{ik}\mathbf{Z}_{i\ell})^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{(n_i-1)^2}\left\{\left[n_i \cdot \frac{2(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2} + n_i(n_i-1) \cdot \frac{n_i^2 - 2n_i + 2}{n_i^2}\right]\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[n_i \cdot \frac{(n_i-1)^2}{n_i^2} + n_i(n_i-1) \cdot \frac{1}{n_i^2}\right][\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{n_i}{n_i-1}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \frac{1}{n_i-1}[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (3.25) one obtains the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} E([\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)]^2) &= \frac{2}{n_i-1}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2 \\ E[\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2)] &= \frac{n_i}{n_i-1}\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \frac{1}{n_i-1}[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of equations one obtains unbiased estimators of $[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2$ and $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2)$

$$E \left[\frac{n_i(n_i - 1)}{(n_i - 2)(n_i + 1)} \left\{ [\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)]^2 - \frac{2}{n_i} \text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2) \right\} \right] = [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2 \quad (3.26)$$

$$E \left[\frac{(n_i - 1)^2}{(n_i - 2)(n_i + 1)} \left(\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^2) - \frac{1}{n_i - 1} [\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i)]^2 \right) \right] = \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2). \quad (3.27)$$

Simulations show that the corrections of f and f_0 obtained by (3.26) and (3.27) might be slightly liberal for some covariance structures. This can be turned to a slightly conservativ behavior replacing $(n_i - 1)^2$ in (3.27) by $n_i(n_i - 1)$.

3.3 High-Dimensional Data

As in Section 2.3, we consider the validity of our suggested estimation of Box's ϵ for high-dimensional data. In particular, we want to avoid handling $d \times d$ matrices if $d > n_i$. All considerations in Section 2.3 can be applied also in the case of unequal covariance matrices.

Let \mathbf{P}_{n_i} and $\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i$ as defined in Section 2.3. Then,

$$\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i) = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_{n_i} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i' \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i}) = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_i), \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (3.28)$$

Then it follows that $\text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i^k) = \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_i^k)$, $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ since the matrices

$$(n_i - 1) \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i = \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i' = (\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i})(\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i})' \quad \text{and} \quad (3.29)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_i = \mathbf{P}_{n_i} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i' \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i} = (\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i})' (\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_i \mathbf{P}_{n_i}) \quad (3.30)$$

have the same non-null eigenvalues. We note that $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times n_i}$, $\forall d \geq 1$. In addition to the considerations in Section 2.3, in the case of unequal covariance matrices it remains to consider handling the mixed product

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1 \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_2 = \frac{1}{(n_1 - 1)(n_2 - 1)} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_1 \mathbf{P}_{n_1} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_1' \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_2 \mathbf{P}_{n_2} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_2', \quad (3.31)$$

if $d > n_i$. Let $\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{12} = \mathbf{P}_{n_1} \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_1' \widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_2 \mathbf{P}_{n_2}$, then it follows by invariance of the trace under cyclic permutations of matrices that

$$(n_1 - 1)(n_2 - 1) \text{tr}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1 \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_2) = \text{tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{12} \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{12}') = \mathbf{1}'_{n_1} (\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{12} \# \widehat{\mathbf{M}}_{12}) \mathbf{1}_{n_2}, \quad (3.32)$$

where we used the result from matrix algebra that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}') = \mathbf{1}'_r (\mathbf{A} \# \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{1}_s$ if $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$.

4 Simulations

4.1 Data Generation

Here we report some simulation results which should supplement the simulations presented by Huynh (1978), Algina and Oshima (1994), Keselman et al. (2000), and Keselman et al.(2001) and references cited therein. We will concentrate here on additional simulations involving extremely small sample sizes ($n_i = 5, 10$) and / or dimensions $d > 100$.

The observations involving different covariance structures of the repeated measures are generated according to the explanations given in (3.20). We list the simulation results for 100 000 runs for $\alpha = 10\%, 5\%$, and 1% nominal type-I errors and the combinations of sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5), (5, 10), (10, 10)$, and $(10, 20)$ and scaling factors $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$, and $(3, 1)$.

The statistic is given in (3.18) and the degrees of freedom f and f_0 are given by

$$f = \frac{[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)]^2}{\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N^2)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i^2} [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2 + \frac{2}{n_1 n_2} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i^2} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2) + \frac{2}{n_1 n_2} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_N)]^2}{\text{tr}\left(\frac{1}{n_1^2(n_1-1)} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1^2 + \frac{1}{n_2^2(n_2-1)} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2^2\right)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i^2} [\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2 + \frac{2}{n_1 n_2} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{n_i^2(n_i-1)} \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2)},$$

where an unbiased estimator of $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$ is given in (3.24) and in case of $d > n_i$ (3.28) should be used for convenience. An unbiased estimator of $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1) \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)$ is the product of the estimators of the traces since the two estimators are independent by assumption. In (3.26) and (3.27), unbiased estimators of $[\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)]^2$ and $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^2)$ are given while an unbiased estimator of $\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2)$ is obtained from (3.31) and in case of $d > n_i$ from (3.32) for convenience.

4.2 Simulation Results

TABLE 3 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a compound symmetry structure (CS) and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
CS	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0896	0.0425	0.0081	0.0917	0.0454	0.0101
5	0.0897	0.0420	0.0075	0.0881	0.0432	0.0095
10	0.0896	0.0428	0.0081	0.0866	0.0416	0.0083
20	0.0852	0.0408	0.0070	0.0846	0.0406	0.0082
30	0.0865	0.0406	0.0066	0.0847	0.0403	0.0075
50	0.0854	0.0396	0.0073	0.0821	0.0393	0.0072
100	0.0851	0.0390	0.0068	0.0817	0.0382	0.0071
200	0.0850	0.0399	0.0068	0.0799	0.0379	0.0067
300	0.0826	0.0390	0.0068	0.0813	0.0371	0.0067
500	0.0838	0.0391	0.0066	0.0810	0.0371	0.0070
1000	0.0839	0.0398	0.0069	0.0799	0.0371	0.0067

TABLE 4 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a compound symmetry structure (CS) and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
CS	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0960	0.0468	0.0097	0.0943	0.0459	0.0080	0.0921	0.0457	0.0113
5	0.0938	0.0455	0.0096	0.0946	0.0458	0.0092	0.0884	0.0436	0.0096
10	0.0908	0.0435	0.0088	0.0926	0.0442	0.0084	0.0851	0.0409	0.0079
20	0.0905	0.0429	0.0088	0.0921	0.0446	0.0080	0.0844	0.0404	0.0078
30	0.0888	0.0424	0.0081	0.0918	0.0438	0.0085	0.0825	0.0383	0.0076
50	0.0870	0.0402	0.0078	0.0905	0.0430	0.0079	0.0816	0.0389	0.0075
100	0.0855	0.0397	0.0073	0.0890	0.0427	0.0077	0.0801	0.0368	0.0066
200	0.0850	0.0395	0.0073	0.0902	0.0425	0.0078	0.0790	0.0363	0.0066
300	0.0865	0.0410	0.0072	0.0881	0.0415	0.0075	0.0807	0.0385	0.0073
500	0.0846	0.0387	0.0067	0.0876	0.0422	0.0076	0.0802	0.0374	0.0064
1000	0.0858	0.0401	0.0072	0.0890	0.0427	0.0073	0.0798	0.0367	0.0068

TABLE 5 Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a compound symmetry structure (CS) and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
CS	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0968	0.0467	0.0085	0.0974	0.0477	0.0091
5	0.0962	0.0468	0.0088	0.0934	0.0457	0.0087
10	0.0962	0.0468	0.0084	0.0926	0.0448	0.0082
20	0.0948	0.0459	0.0082	0.0891	0.0426	0.0081
30	0.0941	0.0447	0.0084	0.0910	0.0439	0.0080
50	0.0931	0.0451	0.0085	0.0891	0.0430	0.0077
100	0.0938	0.0445	0.0087	0.0883	0.0415	0.0073
200	0.0911	0.0433	0.0079	0.0886	0.0424	0.0079
300	0.0915	0.0442	0.0086	0.0887	0.0412	0.0073
500	0.0901	0.0428	0.0079	0.0892	0.0421	0.0079
1000	0.0924	0.0444	0.0083	0.0888	0.0417	0.0076

TABLE 6 Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a compound symmetry structure (CS) and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
CS	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0973	0.0487	0.0094	0.0969	0.0465	0.0088	0.0944	0.0462	0.0087
5	0.0970	0.0484	0.0094	0.0971	0.0480	0.0094	0.0936	0.0456	0.0090
10	0.0944	0.0463	0.0089	0.0950	0.0467	0.0088	0.0922	0.0440	0.0087
20	0.0950	0.0459	0.0083	0.0961	0.0476	0.0090	0.0910	0.0432	0.0079
30	0.0944	0.0464	0.0087	0.0957	0.0481	0.0088	0.0892	0.0423	0.0079
50	0.0933	0.0451	0.0084	0.0955	0.0467	0.0088	0.0893	0.0424	0.0076
100	0.0925	0.0443	0.0080	0.0944	0.0464	0.0087	0.0886	0.0417	0.0074
200	0.0935	0.0454	0.0084	0.0946	0.0465	0.0082	0.0856	0.0395	0.0072
300	0.0918	0.0441	0.0081	0.0946	0.0458	0.0085	0.0886	0.0417	0.0074
500	0.0920	0.0438	0.0080	0.0954	0.0460	0.0087	0.0875	0.0411	0.0071
1000	0.0919	0.0436	0.0080	0.0945	0.0464	0.0087	0.0881	0.0417	0.0076

TABLE 7 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.2) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.2)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0908	0.0429	0.0076	0.0938	0.0476	0.0105
5	0.0900	0.0448	0.0091	0.0921	0.0464	0.0110
10	0.0883	0.0427	0.0086	0.0900	0.0443	0.0093
20	0.0895	0.0416	0.0080	0.0876	0.0420	0.0096
30	0.0908	0.0441	0.0085	0.0871	0.0420	0.0086
50	0.0893	0.0417	0.0081	0.0835	0.0399	0.0082
100	0.0888	0.0421	0.0077	0.0839	0.0409	0.0083
200	0.0866	0.0415	0.0079	0.0837	0.0397	0.0077
300	0.0865	0.0417	0.0077	0.0839	0.0403	0.0080
500	0.0864	0.0410	0.0076	0.0838	0.0395	0.0078
1000	0.0867	0.0419	0.0076	0.0834	0.0399	0.0074

TABLE 8 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.2) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.2)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0959	0.0485	0.0101	0.0960	0.0474	0.0092	0.0920	0.0468	0.0106
5	0.0948	0.0474	0.0100	0.0941	0.0458	0.0095	0.0906	0.0450	0.0100
10	0.0927	0.0456	0.0093	0.0937	0.0456	0.0093	0.0890	0.0442	0.0101
20	0.0918	0.0456	0.0094	0.0942	0.0454	0.0095	0.0854	0.0420	0.0089
30	0.0889	0.0431	0.0087	0.0929	0.0451	0.0091	0.0850	0.0411	0.0084
50	0.0905	0.0441	0.0085	0.0923	0.0452	0.0091	0.0846	0.0408	0.0090
100	0.0885	0.0432	0.0084	0.0923	0.0447	0.0085	0.0830	0.0398	0.0080
200	0.0898	0.0435	0.0082	0.0918	0.0442	0.0087	0.0814	0.0387	0.0081
300	0.0887	0.0431	0.0085	0.0923	0.0459	0.0089	0.0821	0.0397	0.0074
500	0.0882	0.0417	0.0079	0.0912	0.0445	0.0083	0.0841	0.0399	0.0078
1000	0.0862	0.0415	0.0078	0.0916	0.0437	0.0079	0.0821	0.0388	0.0073

TABLE 9 Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.2) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.2)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0978	0.0472	0.0091	0.0960	0.0472	0.0096
5	0.0969	0.0487	0.0097	0.0951	0.0468	0.0092
10	0.0950	0.0473	0.0095	0.0928	0.0456	0.0091
20	0.0940	0.0468	0.0097	0.0941	0.0469	0.0089
30	0.0929	0.0462	0.0093	0.0912	0.0449	0.0092
50	0.0937	0.0467	0.0095	0.0909	0.0439	0.0085
100	0.0953	0.0469	0.0089	0.0925	0.0447	0.0089
200	0.0934	0.0461	0.0091	0.0904	0.0442	0.0084
300	0.0938	0.0455	0.0089	0.0917	0.0441	0.0082
500	0.0946	0.0469	0.0092	0.0899	0.0425	0.0078
1000	0.0942	0.0469	0.0089	0.0918	0.0446	0.0084

TABLE 10 Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.2) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.2)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0968	0.0472	0.0095	0.0987	0.0487	0.0093	0.0939	0.0458	0.0087
5	0.0955	0.0478	0.0097	0.0976	0.0483	0.0098	0.0947	0.0463	0.0093
10	0.0969	0.0480	0.0099	0.0962	0.0485	0.0102	0.0937	0.0452	0.0094
20	0.0970	0.0484	0.0100	0.0957	0.0484	0.0102	0.0921	0.0459	0.0095
30	0.0930	0.0462	0.0095	0.0962	0.0483	0.0097	0.0917	0.0448	0.0091
50	0.0951	0.0467	0.0095	0.0966	0.0490	0.0100	0.0908	0.0444	0.0092
100	0.0944	0.0466	0.0097	0.0965	0.0480	0.0095	0.0894	0.0433	0.0084
200	0.0942	0.0462	0.0090	0.0963	0.0478	0.0093	0.0901	0.0440	0.0090
300	0.0949	0.0468	0.0094	0.0980	0.0486	0.0096	0.0909	0.0445	0.0086
500	0.0943	0.0464	0.0088	0.0968	0.0479	0.0095	0.0886	0.0426	0.0083
1000	0.0932	0.0456	0.0090	0.0973	0.0479	0.0094	0.0906	0.0436	0.0085

TABLE 11 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.6) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.6)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0908	0.0439	0.0094	0.0940	0.0487	0.0118
5	0.0931	0.0483	0.0128	0.0975	0.0529	0.0149
10	0.0957	0.0523	0.0146	0.0993	0.0555	0.0170
20	0.0973	0.0533	0.0158	0.1018	0.0582	0.0185
30	0.0945	0.0503	0.0141	0.1003	0.0561	0.0167
50	0.0949	0.0501	0.0130	0.0979	0.0543	0.0167
100	0.0949	0.0495	0.0119	0.0962	0.0529	0.0151
200	0.0967	0.0492	0.0116	0.0945	0.0511	0.0137
300	0.0920	0.0468	0.0111	0.0934	0.0488	0.0131
500	0.0926	0.0460	0.0101	0.0949	0.0497	0.0136
1000	0.0925	0.0468	0.0106	0.0935	0.0482	0.0124

TABLE 12 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.6) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.6)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0959	0.0492	0.0112	0.0952	0.0474	0.0103	0.0952	0.0493	0.0126
5	0.0978	0.0515	0.0139	0.0954	0.0507	0.0131	0.0968	0.0528	0.0157
10	0.0986	0.0545	0.0161	0.0965	0.0523	0.0141	0.1020	0.0572	0.0186
20	0.0978	0.0534	0.0156	0.0984	0.0532	0.0149	0.1012	0.0584	0.0182
30	0.0964	0.0519	0.0150	0.0980	0.0529	0.0135	0.1021	0.0584	0.0187
50	0.0985	0.0525	0.0146	0.0966	0.0513	0.0132	0.0999	0.0567	0.0174
100	0.0971	0.0508	0.0126	0.0961	0.0495	0.0120	0.0965	0.0530	0.0154
200	0.0936	0.0483	0.0118	0.0944	0.0487	0.0110	0.0947	0.0514	0.0143
300	0.0949	0.0484	0.0119	0.0941	0.0480	0.0112	0.0937	0.0500	0.0139
500	0.0943	0.0482	0.0110	0.0938	0.0471	0.0100	0.0948	0.0509	0.0145
1000	0.0924	0.0466	0.0100	0.0941	0.0472	0.0103	0.0931	0.0495	0.0131

TABLE 13 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.6) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.6)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0966	0.0492	0.0103	0.0954	0.0470	0.0105
5	0.0951	0.0501	0.0121	0.0953	0.0499	0.0130
10	0.0968	0.0520	0.0141	0.0974	0.0527	0.0149
20	0.0983	0.0533	0.0145	0.0991	0.0555	0.0156
30	0.0978	0.0531	0.0138	0.0992	0.0536	0.0143
50	0.0976	0.0519	0.0132	0.0965	0.0513	0.0128
100	0.0975	0.0508	0.0121	0.0960	0.0489	0.0118
200	0.0987	0.0501	0.0108	0.0959	0.0487	0.0110
300	0.0963	0.0489	0.0105	0.0955	0.0488	0.0116
500	0.0959	0.0477	0.0097	0.0951	0.0474	0.0102
1000	0.0954	0.0477	0.0092	0.0944	0.0469	0.0099

TABLE 14 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.6) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.6)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0966	0.0497	0.0110	0.0969	0.0488	0.0110	0.0966	0.0499	0.0109
5	0.0952	0.0508	0.0133	0.0966	0.0510	0.0130	0.0971	0.0516	0.0128
10	0.0957	0.0521	0.0145	0.0979	0.0528	0.0148	0.0990	0.0543	0.0152
20	0.0969	0.0519	0.0136	0.0972	0.0532	0.0142	0.0978	0.0531	0.0147
30	0.0977	0.0529	0.0141	0.1004	0.0534	0.0137	0.0984	0.0533	0.0140
50	0.0986	0.0520	0.0130	0.0972	0.0521	0.0127	0.0981	0.0519	0.0131
100	0.0972	0.0505	0.0118	0.0974	0.0500	0.0114	0.0972	0.0505	0.0124
200	0.0959	0.0481	0.0110	0.0998	0.0505	0.0115	0.0965	0.0491	0.0114
300	0.0967	0.0495	0.0107	0.0985	0.0503	0.0114	0.0953	0.0485	0.0110
500	0.0971	0.0487	0.0102	0.0977	0.0484	0.0103	0.0941	0.0478	0.0105
1000	0.0966	0.0487	0.0104	0.0979	0.0491	0.0105	0.0939	0.0466	0.0101

TABLE 15 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.9) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.9)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0920	0.0463	0.0106	0.0951	0.0503	0.0132
5	0.0952	0.0513	0.0154	0.1019	0.0583	0.0196
10	0.0991	0.0574	0.0194	0.1054	0.0627	0.0233
20	0.1025	0.0603	0.0202	0.1085	0.0664	0.0248
30	0.1001	0.0588	0.0203	0.1088	0.0662	0.0245
50	0.0992	0.0576	0.0196	0.1080	0.0651	0.0243
100	0.0973	0.0552	0.0173	0.1048	0.0619	0.0220
200	0.0982	0.0534	0.0146	0.1008	0.0575	0.0184
300	0.0957	0.0512	0.0138	0.1006	0.0560	0.0178
500	0.0965	0.0510	0.0129	0.1000	0.0552	0.0167
1000	0.0937	0.0489	0.0118	0.0971	0.0524	0.0152

TABLE 16 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.9) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.9)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0956	0.0504	0.0125	0.0952	0.0484	0.0110	0.0976	0.0509	0.0131
5	0.0990	0.0555	0.0169	0.0946	0.0514	0.0142	0.1031	0.0605	0.0207
10	0.1017	0.0593	0.0208	0.0960	0.0543	0.0174	0.1104	0.0681	0.0263
20	0.1024	0.0606	0.0206	0.0997	0.0578	0.0187	0.1098	0.0682	0.0268
30	0.1022	0.0596	0.0208	0.0986	0.0572	0.0188	0.1102	0.0678	0.0267
50	0.1020	0.0593	0.0193	0.0988	0.0565	0.0177	0.1082	0.0653	0.0248
100	0.1005	0.0569	0.0177	0.0989	0.0545	0.0156	0.1044	0.0623	0.0220
200	0.0995	0.0541	0.0157	0.0987	0.0536	0.0142	0.1027	0.0594	0.0202
300	0.0973	0.0530	0.0149	0.0975	0.0519	0.0134	0.1021	0.0583	0.0191
500	0.0969	0.0514	0.0133	0.0970	0.0498	0.0124	0.0996	0.0556	0.0174
1000	0.0962	0.0498	0.0128	0.0966	0.0499	0.0125	0.0962	0.0533	0.0163

TABLE 17 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.9) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
AR(0.9)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0953	0.0480	0.0110	0.0970	0.0507	0.0122
5	0.0952	0.0519	0.0140	0.0972	0.0538	0.0158
10	0.0946	0.0527	0.0158	0.0986	0.0574	0.0189
20	0.0961	0.0553	0.0172	0.0986	0.0579	0.0189
30	0.0955	0.0538	0.0166	0.1002	0.0578	0.0185
50	0.0990	0.0553	0.0174	0.0995	0.0572	0.0184
100	0.0964	0.0535	0.0149	0.1005	0.0555	0.0167
200	0.0986	0.0519	0.0137	0.0987	0.0543	0.0148
300	0.0993	0.0529	0.0132	0.0970	0.0517	0.0135
500	0.0973	0.0511	0.0124	0.0986	0.0517	0.0129
1000	0.0975	0.0500	0.0118	0.0964	0.0503	0.0124

TABLE 18 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for an autoregressive structure - AR(0.9) - and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
AR(0.9)	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0953	0.0492	0.0112	0.0953	0.0491	0.0109	0.0957	0.0488	0.0123
5	0.0964	0.0529	0.0150	0.0941	0.0513	0.0137	0.0969	0.0533	0.0158
10	0.0953	0.0537	0.0160	0.0935	0.0523	0.0157	0.1016	0.0587	0.0190
20	0.0969	0.0547	0.0173	0.0955	0.0537	0.0167	0.1004	0.0588	0.0197
30	0.0970	0.0553	0.0174	0.0961	0.0545	0.0171	0.1012	0.0589	0.0197
50	0.0977	0.0560	0.0162	0.0981	0.0545	0.0164	0.0999	0.0573	0.0192
100	0.0992	0.0550	0.0151	0.0986	0.0543	0.0153	0.1002	0.0567	0.0172
200	0.0996	0.0536	0.0149	0.0981	0.0531	0.0142	0.0993	0.0545	0.0154
300	0.0987	0.0527	0.0136	0.1000	0.0532	0.0128	0.0994	0.0529	0.0146
500	0.0990	0.0524	0.0126	0.0997	0.0528	0.0135	0.0977	0.0515	0.0127
1000	0.0981	0.0512	0.0114	0.0992	0.0506	0.0115	0.0965	0.0507	0.0120

TABLE 19 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a Toeplitz structure with linearly decreasing covariances and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 5) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
TOEP	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0941	0.0483	0.0111	0.0972	0.0515	0.0132
5	0.0977	0.0550	0.0158	0.1033	0.0607	0.0207
10	0.0995	0.0583	0.0205	0.1085	0.0666	0.0262
20	0.1000	0.0601	0.0220	0.1096	0.0688	0.0269
30	0.0999	0.0595	0.0213	0.1105	0.0698	0.0282
50	0.0999	0.0599	0.0216	0.1099	0.0692	0.0293
100	0.1013	0.0606	0.0225	0.1110	0.0698	0.0285
200	0.1012	0.0601	0.0217	0.1108	0.0698	0.0291
300	0.1031	0.0623	0.0225	0.1112	0.0711	0.0284
500	0.1009	0.0606	0.0223	0.1106	0.0702	0.0285
1000	0.1005	0.0602	0.0217	0.1121	0.0709	0.0291

TABLE 20 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a Toeplitz structure with linearly decreasing covariances and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (5, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
TOEP	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0957	0.0501	0.0126	0.0946	0.0482	0.0112	0.0975	0.0522	0.0144
5	0.0990	0.0558	0.0173	0.0965	0.0534	0.0156	0.1041	0.0610	0.0204
10	0.0994	0.0593	0.0217	0.0989	0.0576	0.0189	0.1099	0.0686	0.0284
20	0.1022	0.0612	0.0223	0.0973	0.0559	0.0189	0.1126	0.0708	0.0297
30	0.1035	0.0621	0.0226	0.1004	0.0583	0.0195	0.1144	0.0734	0.0310
50	0.1014	0.0615	0.0225	0.0994	0.0575	0.0193	0.1111	0.0713	0.0303
100	0.1037	0.0630	0.0231	0.0976	0.0579	0.0199	0.1128	0.0719	0.0311
200	0.1037	0.0622	0.0225	0.0979	0.0579	0.0197	0.1119	0.0719	0.0303
300	0.1020	0.0603	0.0220	0.0984	0.0568	0.0192	0.1143	0.0732	0.0318
500	0.1023	0.0605	0.0216	0.0975	0.0570	0.0190	0.1141	0.0732	0.0312
1000	0.1036	0.0625	0.0233	0.0998	0.0584	0.0198	0.1146	0.0724	0.0314

TABLE 21 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a Toeplitz structure with linearly decreasing covariances and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 10) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$						
TOEP	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0939	0.0479	0.0113	0.0972	0.0501	0.0125
5	0.0947	0.0508	0.0139	0.0976	0.0549	0.0164
10	0.0939	0.0536	0.0172	0.0979	0.0574	0.0190
20	0.0942	0.0537	0.0169	0.0992	0.0579	0.0207
30	0.0948	0.0544	0.0169	0.0999	0.0593	0.0207
50	0.0941	0.0535	0.0171	0.0990	0.0583	0.0203
100	0.0964	0.0553	0.0175	0.1009	0.0601	0.0204
200	0.0951	0.0547	0.0176	0.0991	0.0583	0.0201
300	0.0947	0.0544	0.0163	0.0990	0.0585	0.0200
500	0.0965	0.0545	0.0171	0.1004	0.0588	0.0208
1000	0.0966	0.0556	0.0171	0.1004	0.0582	0.0206

TABLE 22 *Simulated type-I error rates in 100 000 simulation runs for a Toeplitz structure with linearly decreasing covariances and sample sizes $(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20)$ for $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 1)$.*

$(n_1, n_2) = (10, 20) / \text{nsim} = 100\ 000$									
TOEP	$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 1)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (1, 3)$			$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (3, 1)$		
	Nominal level			Nominal level			Nominal level		
d	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%	10%	5%	1%
3	0.0964	0.0505	0.0117	0.0955	0.0481	0.0112	0.0957	0.0507	0.0124
5	0.0947	0.0520	0.0146	0.0944	0.0512	0.0139	0.0977	0.0543	0.0170
10	0.0964	0.0533	0.0164	0.0932	0.0530	0.0154	0.1002	0.0589	0.0207
20	0.0966	0.0555	0.0174	0.0951	0.0539	0.0166	0.1016	0.0603	0.0212
30	0.0970	0.0561	0.0179	0.0915	0.0527	0.0160	0.1024	0.0604	0.0214
50	0.0972	0.0559	0.0181	0.0952	0.0536	0.0161	0.1013	0.0597	0.0213
100	0.0961	0.0561	0.0181	0.0943	0.0538	0.0160	0.0999	0.0603	0.0219
200	0.0961	0.0548	0.0176	0.0945	0.0539	0.0162	0.1021	0.0604	0.0210
300	0.0954	0.0550	0.0175	0.0944	0.0542	0.0165	0.1011	0.0604	0.0212
500	0.0967	0.0562	0.0179	0.0931	0.0528	0.0165	0.0982	0.0580	0.0205
1000	0.0975	0.0562	0.0182	0.0946	0.0531	0.0160	0.1003	0.0591	0.0212

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