A New Multivariate Kurtosis and Its Asymptotic Distribution

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Abstract

In this paper, we propose a new definition for multivariate kurtosis based on the two measures of multivariate kurtosis defined by Mardia (1970) and Srivastava (1984), respectively. Under normality, the exact values of the expectation and the variance for the new multivariate sample measure of kurtosis are given. We also give the third moments for the sample measure of new multivariate kurtosis. After that standardized statistics and normalizing transformation statistic for the sample measure of a new multivariate kurtosis are derived by using these results. Finally, in order to evaluate accuracy of these statistics, we present the numerical results by Monte Carlo simulation for some selected values of parameters.

\textit{Keywords:} Asymptotic distribution, Measure of multivariate kurtosis, Multivariate normal distribution, Normalizing transformation statistic, Standardized statistics.

1 Introduction

In multivariate statistical analysis, the test for multivariate normality is an important problem. This problem has been considered by many authors. Shapiro and Wilk (1965) derived test statistic, which is well known as the univariate normality test. This Shapiro-Wilk test were extend for the multivariate case by Malkovich and Afifi (1973), Royston (1983), Srivastava and Hui (1987) and so on. Small (1980) gave multivariate extensions of univariate skewness and kurtosis. For a comparison of these methods, see, Looney (1995). To assess multivariate normality, the multivariate sample measures of skewness and kurtosis have been defined and their null distributions have been given in Mardia (1970, 1974). Srivastava (1984) also has proposed another definition for the sample measures of multivariate skewness and kurtosis and their asymptotic distributions. Recently, Song (2001) has given a definition which is different from Mardia’s and Srivastava’s measure of multivariate kurtosis. Srivastava’s sample measures of multivariate skewness and kurtosis have been discussed by many authors. Seo and Ariga (2009) derived the normalizing transformation statistic for Srivastava’s sample measure of multivariate kurtosis and its asymptotic distribution. Okamoto and Seo (2010) derived the exact
values of the expectation and the variance for a sample measure of Srivastava’s skewness and improved approximate $\chi^2$ test statistic for assessing multivariate normality.

On the other hand, Jarque and Bera (1987) proposed the bivariate test using skewness and kurtosis for univariate case. The improved Jarque-Bera test statistics have been considered by many authors. Mardia and Foster (1983) proposed test statistic using Mardia’s sample measures of skewness and kurtosis. Koizumi, Okamoto and Seo (2009) proposed multivariate Jarque-Bera test statistic using Mardia’s and Srivastava’s skewness and kurtosis. Recently, Enomoto, Okamoto and Seo (2010) gave a new multivariate normality test statistic using Srivastava’s skewness and kurtosis.

In this way, it is many studies which the problem for multivariate normality test has been discussed by using skewness and kurtosis. We focus on multivariate kurtosis in this paper. Our purposes are to propose a new definition of multivariate kurtosis from the definition in Mardia (1970) and Srivastava (1984) and to give the asymptotic distribution. In order to achieve our purposes, we derive the first, second and third moments for a sample measure of multivariate kurtosis under multivariate normality where the population covariance matrix $\Sigma$ is known. Further we give the standardized statistics and the normalizing transformation statistic. Finally, we investigate the accuracy of the expectations, the variances, the skewnesses, the kurtosises and the upper percentile for these statistics by Monte Carlo simulation for some selected parameters.

2 Some definitions of multivariate kurtosis
2.1 Mardia’s measure of multivariate kurtosis

First, we discuss a measure of multivariate kurtosis defined by Mardia (1970). Let $x$ be a random $p$-vector with the mean vector $\mu$ and the covariance matrix $\Sigma$. Then Mardia (1970) has defined the population measure of multivariate kurtosis as

$$\beta_M = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ (x - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right\}^2 \right].$$

Then we can write

$$\beta_M = \mathbb{E} \left[ \{\text{tr}Z^2\}^2 \right],$$

(1)

where $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_p)' = \Sigma^{-1/2}(x - \mu)$ and $Z = \text{diag}(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_p)$. We note that $\beta_M = p(p+2)$ under multivariate normality.

Let $x_1, \ldots, x_N$ be sample observation vectors of size $N$ from a multivariate population. Let $\bar{x} = N^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N x_\alpha$ and $S = N^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N (x_\alpha - \bar{x})(x_\alpha - \bar{x})'$ be the sample mean vector and the sample covariance matrix based on sample size $N$, respectively. Then the sample measure of multivariate kurtosis in Mardia (1970) is defined as

$$b_M = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left\{ (x_\alpha - \bar{x})' S^{-1} (x_\alpha - \bar{x}) \right\}^2.$$

Further Mardia (1970) has obtained asymptotic distributions of $b_M$ used them to test the multivariate normality. For the moments and approximation to the null distribution of Mardia’s measure of multivariate kurtosis, see, Mardia and Kanazawa (1983), Siotani, Hayakawa and
Fujikoshi (1985).

**Theorem 1 (Mardia (1970)).** Let $b_M$ be the sample measure of multivariate kurtosis on the basis of random samples of size $N$ drawn from $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ where $\Sigma$ is unknown. Then

$$z_M = \frac{(b_M - p(p + 2))}{\{8p(p + 2)/N\}^{1/2}}$$

is asymptotically distributed as $N(0, 1)$.

2.2 Srivastava’s measure of multivariate kurtosis

Next, we consider Srivastava’s measure of multivariate kurtosis which is different from the definition by Mardia (1970). Srivastava (1984) gave a definition for a measure of kurtosis for multivariate populations using the principal component method. Let $x$ be a random $p$-vector with the mean vector $\mu$ and the covariance matrix $\Sigma$. Let $\Gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \ldots, \gamma_p)$ be an orthogonal matrix such that $\Sigma = \Gamma D\lambda\Gamma'$, where $D\lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_p)$ and $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_p$ are the characteristic roots of $\Sigma$.

Then Srivastava (1984) defined the population measure of multivariate kurtosis as

$$\beta_S = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{E[(y_i - \theta_i)^4]}{\lambda^2_i},$$

where $y_i = \gamma_i'x$ and $\theta_i = \gamma_i'\mu$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$. Therefore we can write

$$\beta_S = \frac{1}{p} E \left[ \text{tr}Z^4 \right]. \tag{2}$$

We note that $\beta_S = 3$ under multivariate normality. For the moments and approximation to the null distribution of Srivastava’s measure of multivariate kurtosis, see, Seo and Ariga (2006).

Let $x_1, \ldots, x_N$ be samples of size $N$ from a multivariate population. Let $\bar{x}$ and $S = HD\omega H'$ be the sample mean vector and the sample covariance matrix based on sample size $N$, where $H = (h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_p)$ is an orthogonal matrix and $D\omega = \text{diag}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_p)$. We note that $\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_p$ are the characteristic roots of $S$. Then the sample measure of multivariate kurtosis in Srivastava (1984) is defined as

$$b_S = \frac{1}{Np} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\omega^2_i} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} (y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_i)^4.$$

Further Srivastava (1984) has obtained asymptotic distributions of $b_S$ used them to test the multivariate normality.

**Theorem 2 (Srivastava (1984)).** Let $b_S$ be the sample measure of multivariate kurtosis on the basis of random samples of size $N$ drawn from $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ where $\Sigma$ is unknown. Then

$$z_S = \sqrt{\frac{pN}{24}}(b_S - 3)$$

is asymptotically distributed as $N(0, 1)$. 3
3 A new measure of multivariate kurtosis

From Mardia (1970), Srivastava (1984), two measures of multivariate kurtosis are based on forth moments. So we propose a new measure of multivariate kurtosis from Mardia’s definition and Srivastava’s that.

3.1 A new measure of multivariate kurtosis for multivariate populations

Let \( \mathbf{x} \) be a random \( p \)-vector with the mean vector \( \mu \) and the covariance matrix \( \Sigma \). From (1) and (2), we propose that

\[
\beta_{MS} = \frac{1}{p^2} E \left[ \{\text{tr}Z\}^4 \right].
\]

Let \( \Gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \ldots, \gamma_p) \) be an orthogonal matrix such that \( \Sigma = \Gamma D \Lambda \Gamma' \), where \( D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_p) \) and \( \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_p \) are the characteristic roots of \( \Sigma \).

Therefore we can defined as

\[
\beta_{MS} = \frac{1}{p^2} E \left[ \{\text{tr}Z\}^4 \right] = \frac{1}{p^2} E \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{y_i - \theta_i}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} \right)^4 \right],
\]

where, \( y_i = \gamma_i' \mathbf{x} \) and \( \theta_i = \gamma_i' \mu \), \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, p \). We note that \( \beta_{MS} \) under multivariate normality.

3.2 A sample measure of the new multivariate kurtosis

Let \( \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_N \) be \( p \)-dimensional sample vectors of size \( N \) from a multivariate population. In addition, let \( \overline{\mathbf{x}} \) and \( S = HD_\omega H' \) be the sample mean vector and the sample covariance matrix, where \( H = (h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_p) \) is an orthogonal matrix and \( D_\omega = \text{diag}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_p) \). We note that \( \omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_p \) are the characteristic roots of \( S \). Then a new sample measure of multivariate kurtosis is defined as

\[
b_{MS} = \frac{1}{Np^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{y_{i\alpha} - \overline{y}_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} \right)^4.
\]

Without loss of generality, we may assume that \( \Sigma = I \) and \( \mu = 0 \) when we consider this sample measure of multivariate kurtosis. In this paper, we consider the moments for the case when \( \Sigma \) is known under normality. Since we can write \( \lambda_i = 1(i = 1, 2, \ldots, p) \) in this case, we can reduce \( b_{MS} \) to as follows;

\[
b_{MS} = \frac{1}{Np^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} \left( y_{i\alpha} - \overline{y}_i \right) \right)^4.
\]
\section{First moment of \( b_{MS} \)}

We consider the expectation of \( b_{MS} \) under multivariate normality. First we can expand \( E[b_{MS}] \) given by

\[
E[b_{MS}] = E \left[ \frac{1}{np^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{p} (y_{ia} - \overline{y}_i) \right\}^4 \right] \\
= \frac{1}{p} E[A_{ia}^4] (A) + \frac{4}{p} (p-1) E[A_{ia}^3 A_{ja}] (B) + \frac{3}{p} (p-1) E[A_{ia}^2 A_{ja}^2] (C) \\
+ \frac{6}{p} (p-1)(p-2) E[A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka}] (D) + \frac{1}{p} (p-1)(p-2)(p-3) E[A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\alpha}] (E),
\]

(3)

where \( A_{ia} = (y_{ia} - \overline{y}_i) \). In order to avoid the dependence of \( y_{ia} \) and \( \overline{y}_i \), let \( \overline{y}_i^{(\alpha)} \) be a mean defined on the subset of \( y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \ldots, y_{iN} \) by deleting \( y_{ia} \), that is,

\[
\overline{y}_i^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1, j \neq \alpha}^{N} y_{ij}.
\]

Putting \( \overline{y}_i^{(\alpha)} = z/\sqrt{N-1} \), we have

\[
A_{ia}^v = (y_{ia} - \overline{y}_i)^v = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right)^v (y_{ia} - \overline{y}_i^{(\alpha)})^v = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right)^v \left( y_{ia} - \frac{z}{\sqrt{N-1}} \right)^v.
\]

Then we note that the odd order moments of \( z \) and \( y_{ia} \) equal zero and

\[
E[z^{2k}] = E[y_{ia}^{2k}] = (2k - 1) \cdots 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \ldots
\]

For the case of \( v = 1, 3, 5, \ldots \), we have

\[
E[A_{ia}^v] = 0.
\]

For the case of \( v = 2, 4, 6, \ldots, 12 \), we have

\[
E[A_{ia}^2] = \frac{N-1}{N}, \quad E[A_{ia}^4] = \frac{3(N-1)^2}{N^2}, \quad E[A_{ia}^6] = \frac{15(N-1)^3}{N^3}, \\
E[A_{ia}^8] = \frac{105(N-1)^4}{N^4}, \quad E[A_{ia}^{10}] = \frac{945(N-1)^5}{N^5}, \quad E[A_{ia}^{12}] = \frac{10395(N-1)^6}{N^6}.
\]

Calculating the cases of (A) \(~\sim\~ (E) in (3) with respect to \( y_{ia} \) and \( z \);

\[
(A) \ E[A_{ia}^4] = \frac{3(N-1)^2}{N^2}, \quad (B) \ E[A_{ia}^3 A_{ja}] = 0, \quad (C) \ E[A_{ia}^2 A_{ja}^2] = \frac{(N-1)^2}{N^2}, \\
(D) \ E[A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka}] = 0, \quad (E) \ E[A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\alpha}] = 0,
\]

we obtain

\[
E[b_{MS}] = 3 - \frac{6}{N} + \frac{3}{N^2}.
\]

(4)
5 Variance of \( b_{MS} \)

In this section, we consider the variance of \( b_{MS} \). To obtain \( \text{Var}[b_{MS}] \), we expand \( E[b_{MS}^2] \) as follows.

\[
E[b_{MS}^2] = \frac{1}{N^2p^4}E \left[ \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} (y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_\alpha) \right) \right\}^2 \right]
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{N^2p^4}E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right)^2 + \cdots + \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(5)} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(2)} \right) + 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(3)} \right) + 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(4)} \right) + 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(5)} \right) + \cdots \right],
\]

where

\[
B_{\alpha}^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\alpha}^4, \quad B_{\alpha}^{(2)} = \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} 4A_{i\alpha}A_{j\alpha}, \quad B_{\alpha}^{(3)} = \sum_{i < j}^{p} 6A_{i\alpha}^2A_{j\alpha}^2,
\]

\[
B_{\alpha}^{(4)} = \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} 12A_{i\alpha}A_{j\alpha}A_{k\alpha}, \quad B_{\alpha}^{(5)} = \sum_{i,j,l,\ell}^{p} A_{i\alpha}A_{j\alpha}A_{k\alpha}A_{\ell\alpha},
\]

and \( A_{i\alpha} = y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_\alpha \). In order to avoid the dependence of \( y_{i\alpha}, y_{i\beta}, \) and \( \bar{y}_\alpha \) in \( E[A_{i\alpha}A_{i\beta}] \), let \( \bar{y}_{i}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \) be a mean defined on the subset \( y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \ldots, y_{iN} \) by deleting \( y_{i\alpha} \) and \( y_{i\beta} \), that is,

\[
\bar{y}_{i}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \frac{1}{N-2} \sum_{j=1,j \neq \alpha, \beta}^{N} y_{ij}.
\]

Putting \( \bar{y}_{i}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = z/\sqrt{N-2} \), where \( z \sim N(0, 1) \), we have

\[
A_{i\alpha}^uA_{i\beta}^v = (y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_\alpha)^u(y_{i\beta} - \bar{y}_\beta)^v
\]

\[
= \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) y_{i\alpha} - \frac{N-2}{N} \bar{y}_{i}^{(\alpha,\beta)} - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\beta} \right\}^u \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) y_{i\beta} - \frac{N-2}{N} \bar{y}_{i}^{(\alpha,\beta)} - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\alpha} \right\}^v
\]

\[
= \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) y_{i\alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{N-2}}{N} z - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\beta} \right\}^u \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \right) y_{i\beta} - \frac{\sqrt{N-2}}{N} z - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\alpha} \right\}^v
\]
If the value of $u$ is odd and that of $v$ is even, then $E[A_{i\alpha}^u A_{i\beta}^v] = 0$. Otherwise, for example, after a great deal of calculation for the expectations, we get

\[
E[A_{i\alpha} A_{i\beta}] = -\frac{1}{N}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^2 A_{i\beta}^2] = \frac{N^2 - 2N + 3}{N^2}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{i\beta}] = -\frac{3(N - 1)}{N^2},
\]
\[
E[A_{i\alpha}^4 A_{i\beta}] = -\frac{3(3N^2 - 6N + 5)}{N^3}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^5 A_{i\beta}] = \frac{3(N - 1)(N^2 - 2N + 5)}{N^3},
\]
\[
E[A_{i\alpha}^6 A_{i\beta}] = \frac{3(3N^4 - 12N^3 + 42N^2 - 60N + 35)}{N^4}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^7 A_{i\beta}] = -\frac{15(N - 1)^2}{N^4},
\]
\[
E[A_{i\alpha}^8 A_{i\beta}] = \frac{15(N - 1)(3N^2 - 6N + 7)}{N^4}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^9 A_{i\beta}] = -\frac{15(N - 1)^2(N^2 - 2N + 7)}{N^4},
\]
\[
E[A_{i\alpha}^{10} A_{i\beta}] = \frac{315(N - 1)(N^2 - 2N + 3)}{N^5}, \quad E[A_{i\alpha}^{11} A_{i\beta}] = \frac{105(N - 1)^3(N^2 - 2N + 9)}{N^5},
\]
\[
E[A_{i\alpha}^{12} A_{i\beta}] = \frac{315(N - 1)^2(N^4 - 4N^3 + 4N^2 - 18N + 33)}{N^6}.
\]

By using the above results, the expectation for the each term of $E[\beta_{MS}^2]$ is given by as follows.

\[
E\left[\left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B^{(1)}_{\alpha}\right)^2\right] = E\left[p \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{i\alpha}^4\right)^2 + p(p - 1) \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{i\alpha}^4 \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{j\alpha}^4\right)\right]
\]
\[
= p \left(3\left(3N^4 + 20N^3 - 86N^2 + 108N - 45\right)\right) + p(p - 1) \left(\frac{9(N - 1)^4}{N^2}\right)
\]
\[
= 3p(N - 1)\left(3N^3 - N^2(9p - 32) + 9N(p - 8) - 3p + 48\right)\frac{1}{N^2},
\]

\[
E\left[\left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B^{(2)}_{\alpha}\right)^2\right] = E\left[\left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha}\right)^2\right]
\]
\[
= E\left[\left(\sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha}\right)^2\right) + \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha}\right) \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{k\alpha}\right)\right]
\]
\[
+ \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha}\right) \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{j\alpha}^3 A_{k\alpha}\right) + \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i\alpha}^3 A_{k\alpha}\right) \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{j\alpha}^3 A_{k\alpha}\right)\right]
\]
\[
= 96p(p - 1)(4N^3 - 13N^2 + 15N - 6)\frac{1}{N^2},
\]
\[ E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(3)} \right)^2 \right] = E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i<j}^{p} 6A_{ia}^2 A_{ja}^2 \right)^2 \right] \]

\[
= E \left[ \sum_{i<j}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^2 A_{ja}^2 \right)^2 + \sum_{i<j<k}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^2 A_{ja}^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 6A_{ka}^2 A_{la}^2 \right) \right] \\
= \frac{9p(N-1)\{N^3p(p-1) - N^2(p^3 - 11) + N(3p^2 - 19p - 8) + 9p + 16\}}{N^2},
\]

\[ E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(4)} \right)^2 \right] = E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} \right)^2 \right] \]

\[
= E \left[ \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} \right)^2 + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \right] \\
+ \sum_{i,j,k,l}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k,l,m}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \\
+ \sum_{i,j,k,l,m,n}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ka}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \\
+ \sum_{i,j,k,l,m,n}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ja}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12A_{ka}^2 A_{ka} A_{ka} \right) \right] \\
= \frac{72(N-1)p(p-1)(p-2)\{N^2p - 2N(p+1) + p + 4\}}{N^2},
\]
\[
E \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(5)} \right)^2 = E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell} 24A_{\alpha i a} A_{\alpha j a} A_{\alpha k a} A_{\alpha \ell a} \right) \right]^2
\]

\[
= E \left[ \sum_{i,j,k,\ell} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 24A_{\alpha i a} A_{\alpha j a} A_{\alpha k a} A_{\alpha \ell a} \right)^2 \right] + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell,m} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 24A_{\alpha i a} A_{\alpha j a} A_{\alpha k a} A_{\alpha \ell a} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 24A_{\alpha m a} A_{\alpha n a} A_{\alpha o a} A_{\alpha q a} \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{24p(p - 1)(p - 2)(p - 3)(N^3 - 4N^2 + 6N - 3)}{N^2},
\]

\[
E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(2)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i a \alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} 4A_{i a \alpha}^3 A_{j a \alpha} \right) \right]
\]

\[
= E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{i a \alpha}^4 \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i a \alpha}^3 A_{j a \alpha} \right) \right) + \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{i a \alpha}^3 A_{i a \alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4A_{j a \alpha}^3 A_{j a \alpha} \right) \right]
\]

\[
= 0,
\]

\[
E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(3)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i a \alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i < j}^{p} 6A_{i a \alpha}^2 A_{j a \alpha}^2 \right) \right]
\]

\[
= E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{i a \alpha}^4 \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 6A_{i a \alpha}^2 A_{j a \alpha}^2 \right) \right) + \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{i a \alpha}^4 \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 6A_{j a \alpha}^2 A_{i a \alpha}^2 \right) \right]
\]

\[
= \frac{18p(p - 1)(N - 1)^3 \{(N - 1)p + 8\}}{N^2},
\]

9
\[
E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(4)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i a}^{4} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k} 12 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \right]
\]
\[
= E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i,j \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} A_{i a}^{4} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} A_{i a}^{4} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \right) \right]
\]
\[
= 0,
\]
\[
E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(1)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(5)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i a}^{4} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell} 24 A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) \right]
\]
\[
= E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} A_{i a}^{4} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 24 A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) \right) \right]
\]
\[
= 0,
\]
\[
E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(2)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_{a}^{(3)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} 4 A_{i a}^{3} A_{ja} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} 6 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \right]
\]
\[
= E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 4 A_{i a}^{3} A_{ja} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 4 A_{i a}^{3} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6 A_{ia}^{2} A_{ka}^{2} \right) \right) \right]
\]
\[
= 0,
\]
\[
\mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(2)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(4)} \right) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i \neq j}^{p} \frac{12 A_{\alpha}^2 A_{j\alpha} A_{k\alpha}}{B_{\alpha}^{(4)}} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k}^{12} A_{\alpha}^2 A_{j\alpha} A_{k\alpha} \right) \right]
\]
\[
= \mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left\{ \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4 A_{\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12 A_{j\alpha}^2 A_{k\alpha} A_{\alpha} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4 A_{\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 12 A_{j\alpha}^2 A_{\alpha} A_{\ell\alpha} \right) \right\} \right]
\]
\[
= \frac{288p(p-1)(p-2)(N-1)^3}{N^2},
\]

\[
\mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(2)} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} B_{\alpha}^{(5)} \right) \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \frac{24 A_{i\alpha} A_{j\alpha} A_{k\alpha} A_{\ell\alpha}}{B_{\alpha}^{(5)}} \right) \right]
\]
\[
= \mathbb{E} \left[ 2 \left\{ \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 4 A_{\alpha}^3 A_{j\alpha} \right) \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} 24 A_{i\alpha} A_{j\alpha} A_{k\alpha} A_{\ell\alpha} \right) \right\} \right]
\]
\[
= 0,
\]
\[ E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(3)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(4)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i<j}^{p} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \right] \\
\quad = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i,j,k}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{\ell a} \right) \right) \right] \\
\quad \quad + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell,m}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{\ell a} A_{ma} A_{na} \right) \right] = 0, \\
\]

\[ E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(3)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(5)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i<j}^{p} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} 24A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) \right] \\
\quad = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 24A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell,m}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 6A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 24A_{ia} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} A_{ma} A_{na} \right) \right) \right] = 0, \\
\]

\[ E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(4)} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} B_a^{(5)} \right) \right] = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i<j}^{p} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja}^{2} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} 24A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) \right] \\
\quad = E \left[ 2 \left( \sum_{i,j,k,\ell}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 24A_{ia} A_{ja} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} \right) \right) \right] \\
\quad \quad + \sum_{i,j,k,\ell,m}^{p} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 12A_{ia}^{2} A_{ja} A_{ka} \right) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{N} 24A_{ia} A_{ka} A_{\ell a} A_{ma} A_{na} \right) \right] = 0. \\
\]
Therefore
\[ E[b_{MS}^2] = 9 + \frac{60}{N} - \frac{258}{N^2} + \frac{324}{N^3} - \frac{135}{N^4}. \]

Hence we get
\[ \text{Var}[b_{MS}] = \frac{96}{N} - \frac{312}{N^2} + \frac{360}{N^3} - \frac{144}{N^4}. \]

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6 Third moment of \( b_{MS} \)

In this section, we consider \( E[b_{MS}^3] \) in order to obtain normalizing transformation statistic. As for the normalizing transformation statistic, we discuss in Section 7. Now we can expand \( E[b_{MS}^3] \) given by

\[
E[b_{MS}^3] = E \left\{ \frac{1}{N^p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} (y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_i) \right)^4 \right\}^3
\]

\[ = \frac{1}{N^3p^6} E \left[ \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} A_{\alpha} \right)^{12} \right] + \frac{3(N-1)}{N^2p^6} E \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\alpha} \right)^8 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\beta} \right)^4 \right]
\]

\[ + \frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{N^2p^6} E \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\alpha} \right)^4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\beta} \right)^4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i\gamma} \right)^4 \right],
\]

where \( \chi_{\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{P} (y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{P} A_{i\alpha} \). In order to avoid the dependence of \( y_{i\alpha}, y_{i\beta}, y_{i\gamma} \) and \( \bar{y}_i \), let \( \bar{y}_i^{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} \) be a mean defined on the subset of \( y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \ldots, y_{iN} \) by deleting \( y_{i\alpha}, y_{i\beta} \) and \( y_{i\gamma} \), that is,

\[
\bar{y}_i^{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} = \frac{1}{N-3} \sum_{j=1, j\neq\alpha,\beta,\gamma}^{N} y_{ij}.
\]

Putting \( \bar{y}_i^{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)} = z/\sqrt{N-3} \), we have

\[
E[(y_{i\alpha} - \bar{y}_i)^u(y_{i\beta} - \bar{y}_i)^v(y_{i\gamma} - \bar{y}_i)^w] = E \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - 1}{N} \right) y_{i\alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{N-3}}{N} z - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\beta} - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\gamma} \right)^u
\times \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - 1}{N} \right) y_{i\beta} - \frac{\sqrt{N-3}}{N} z - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\gamma} - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\alpha} \right)^v
\times \left\{ \left( \frac{1 - 1}{N} \right) y_{i\gamma} - \frac{\sqrt{N-3}}{N} z - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\alpha} - \frac{1}{N} y_{i\beta} \right)^w \right\}.
\]

If the values of \( u, v \) and \( w \) are odd, even and even, respectively, or if all of them are odd, then we have \( E[A_{i\alpha}^u A_{i\beta}^v A_{i\gamma}^w] = 0 \). Otherwise, for example, after a great deal of calculation for the
expected, we obtain

\[
E\left[A_{i_α}A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^2\right] = -\frac{1}{N} + \frac{3}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}), \quad E\left[A_{i_α}A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^4\right] = -\frac{3}{N} + \frac{18}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}),
\]

\[
E\left[A_{i_α}^2A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^2\right] = 1 - \frac{3}{N} + \frac{9}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}), \quad E\left[A_{i_α}^2A_{i_β}^2A_{i_γ}^4\right] = 3 - \frac{12}{N} + \frac{48}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}),
\]

\[
E\left[A_{i_α}^2A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^3\right] = -\frac{9}{N} + \frac{45}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}), \quad E\left[A_{i_α}^4A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^4\right] = 9 - \frac{45}{N} + \frac{234}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}),
\]

\[
E\left[A_{i_α}^3A_{i_β}A_{i_γ}^4\right] = 1 - \frac{27}{N} + \frac{216}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}), \quad E\left[A_{i_α}^4A_{i_β}^4A_{i_γ}^4\right] = 27 - \frac{162}{N} + \frac{1053}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}).
\]

Therefore the expectation for the each term of $E[b_{MS}^3]$ is given by as follows.

\[
\frac{1}{N^2p^6}E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_α}\right)^{12}\right] = \frac{10395}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}),
\]

\[
\frac{3(N-1)}{N^2p^6}E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_α}\right)^8\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_β}\right)^4\right] = \frac{945}{N} + \frac{6615}{N^2} + O(N^{-3}),
\]

\[
\frac{(N-1)(N-2)}{N^2p^6}E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_α}\right)^4\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_β}\right)^4\left(\sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i_γ}\right)^4\right] = 27 - \frac{243}{N} + \frac{27(12p^4 - 72p^3 + 251p^2 - 240p + 108)}{N^2p^2} + O(N^{-3}).
\]

Summarizing these results, we get

\[
E[b_{MS}^3] = 27 + \frac{702}{N} + \frac{27(12p^4 - 72p^3 + 391p^2 - 240p + 108)}{N^2p^2} + O(N^{-3}). \tag{6}
\]

7 Standardized Statistics and normalizing transformation statistic for $E[b_{MS}]$

By using the results of the expectation and the variance for the sample measures of multivariate kurtosis, we obtain as following theorem.

**Theorem 3** Let $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N$ be random samples of size $N$ drawn from $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$, where $\Sigma$ is known. Then

\[
z_{MS} = \sqrt{\frac{pN}{24}} (b_{MS} - 3),
\]

\[
z_{MS} = \sqrt{\frac{24N^4}{4N^3 - 13N^2 + 15N - 6}} \left\{ b_{MS} - \left(3 - \frac{6}{N} + \frac{3}{N^2}\right) \right\}
\]

are asymptotically distributed as $N(0, 1)$.

Next an asymptotic expansion of the distribution function for a new sample measure of multivariate kurtosis $b_{MS}$ is given under the multivariate normal population. Further, as an
Improved approximation to a standard normal distribution, we derive the normalizing transformation for the distribution of $\sqrt{N}(b_{MS} - \beta_{MS})$.

Let $Y_{MS} = \sqrt{N}(b_{MS} - \beta_{MS})$. Then we have the following distribution function for $b_{MS}$.

$$\Pr \left[ \frac{\sqrt{N}(b_{MS} - \beta_{MS})}{\sigma} \leq y \right] = \Phi(y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left\{ \frac{a_1}{\sigma} \Phi^{(1)}(y) + \frac{a_3}{\sigma^3} \Phi^{(3)}(y) \right\} + O \left( N^{-1} \right),$$

where $\Phi(y)$ is the cumulative distribution function of $N(0, 1)$ and $\Phi^{(j)}(y)$ is the $j$th derivation of $\Phi(y)$. Also $a_1$, $\sigma^2$ and $a_3$ are coefficients for the first three cumulants of $Y_{MS}$ taken the following form:

$$\kappa_1(Y_{MS}) = \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{N}} + O \left( N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

$$\kappa_2(Y_{MS}) = \sigma^2 + O \left( N^{-1} \right),$$

$$\kappa_3(Y_{MS}) = \frac{6a_3}{\sqrt{N}} + O \left( N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

where $a_1 = 6$, $\sigma^2 = 96$, $a_3 = \frac{1584}{p^2}$.

Further we put the function $g(b_{MS})$ satisfying the following equation.

$$\frac{a_3}{\sigma^3} + \frac{\sigma g'(b_{MS})}{2g''(b_{MS})} = 0$$

where $g'(\beta_3) \neq 0$. Solving this equation, we have $g(b_{MS}) = -(32/11)\exp[-(11/32)b_{MS}]$. Therefore the above distribution function is transformed as

$$\Pr \left[ \frac{\sqrt{N} \{ g(b_{MS}) - g(\beta_{MS} - c/N) \} }{\sigma} \leq y \right] = \Phi(y) + O \left( N^{-1} \right),$$

where $c = -(45/2)\exp[-(11/32)b_{MS}]$

Hence we have a following theorem.

**Theorem 4** Let $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_N$ be random samples of size $N$ drawn from $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$, where $\Sigma$ is known. Then

$$z_{NT} = \sqrt{N} \left\{ -\frac{11}{32} \exp \left[ -\frac{11}{32} b_{MS} \right] + \frac{32}{11} \exp \left[ -\frac{33}{32} \right] - c/N \right\} \sqrt{96\exp \left[ -\frac{33}{32} \right]}$$

is normalizing transformation for $b_{MS}$, where $c = -(45/2)\exp[-(33/32)b_{MS}]$.

For the normalizing transformation of some statistics in multivariate analysis, see, Konishi (1981), Seo, Kanda and Fujikoshi (1994) and so on.
8 Simulation studies

We investigate the accuracy of standardized statistics $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and normalizing transformation statistic $z_{NT}$ by Monte Carlo simulation. Parameters of the dimension and the sample size in simulation are as follows: $p = 3, 5, 7, 10$, $N = 20, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800$. As a numerical experiment, we carry out 1,000,000 replications for the case where $\Sigma (= I)$ is known.

Table 1 gives the values of the expectation and the variance for $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$. LT’s in Table 1 denote the limiting term for the expectation and the variance of a new multivariate kurtosis. Table 2 gives the values of the skewness and the kurtosis for $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$. LT’s in Table 2 denote the limiting term for the skewness and the kurtosis of a new multivariate kurtosis. From Tables 1 and 2, it may be noted that the values for each statistic give good normal approximations as $N$ is large.

It may be seen from Table 1 that the expectation and the variance of all statistics converge to zero and one, as $N$ is large. The results show that the theorems 3 and 4 hold. Particularly, the expectations and the variances of the statistic $z_{MS}^*$ are almost same for any $N$. That is, $z_{MS}^*$ is almost close to the limiting term even for small $N$, respectively, since $z_{MS}$ is an standardized statistic using the exact values of the expectation and the variance derived in this paper. As for the expectation, the accuracy of approximation for $z_{NT}$ is better than that for $z_{MS}$ for any $N$. Hence, it may be noticed that both $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$ are improvement statistics of $z_{MS}$. It may be seen from Table 1 that there is not the effect of dimension at all.

We note that the value of skewness is zero and the value of kurtosis is three under standard normal distribution. It may be seen from Table 2 that all statistics converge to zero and three as $N$ is large. $z_{MS}$ and $z_{MS}^*$ are the same values since they are improved statistics for the expectation and the variance. On the other hand, from Theorem 4, we note that $z_{NT}$ is improved for the distribution function. Therefore it may be noted from Table 2 that the values of skewness and kurtosis for $z_{NT}$ rapidly converge to zero and three. Further it may be seen that the normalizing transformation statistic $z_{NT}$ is pretty good normal approximation even for small $N$.

Tables 3, 4 and 5 give the upper 10, 5 and 1% points of $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$, respectively. Note that the notation of $z(0.90)$, $z(0.95)$ and $z(0.99)$ mean the upper percent points of normal distribution. In Table 3, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$ are closer to the upper 10% point of normal distribution even when $N$ is small. In Table 4, the accuracy of approximation for $z_{MS}$ is good when $N$ is small. However the upper approximate percent points of $z_{NT}$ are better as $N$ is large. Finally it may be seen from Table 5 that the values for $z_{NT}$ is closer to the upper 1% point of normal distribution for any $N$.

Some histograms of the sample distributions for $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$ by simulation are given in Figure 1 ($p = 10$). Also, we compute the cases $p = 3, 5, 7$, and obtain results similar to these for the case $p = 10$.

In conclusion, it is noted from various points of view that the normalizing transformation statistic improved for the distribution function $z_{NT}$ proposed in this paper is extremely good normal approximation and is useful for the multivariate normal test.

9 Conclusion and problems

In this paper, we proposed a new definition for multivariate kurtosis. It is noticed that a new definition for multivariate kurtosis is based on fourth moment from definitions proposed by
Mardia (1970) and Srivastava (1984). Under normality, we derived the expectation, the variance
and the third moment for a sample measure of new multivariate kurtosis. Further, standardized
statistics and normalizing transformation statistic were given by using these results. Finally,
we evaluated the accuracy of statistics derived in this paper by Monte Carlo simulation, and
we recommend to use $z_{NT}$ for the multivariate normality test. It is left as a future problem for
the case when $\Sigma$ is unknown.

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Table 1: Expectation and variance for $z_{MS}$, $z_{MS}^*$ and $z_{NT}$

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