

# ASYMPTOTIC FORMULAS FOR THE HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTION ${}_2F_1$ OF MATRIX ARGUMENT, USEFUL IN MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

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## Summary

Let  $S_i$  have the Wishart distribution  $W_p(\Sigma_i, n_i)$  for  $i=1, 2$ . An asymptotic expansion of the distribution of  $-2 \log \lambda = -2 \log \left[ \prod_{\alpha=1}^2 |S_\alpha/n_\alpha|^{n_\alpha/2} \cdot |(S_1 + S_2)/n|^{-n/2} \right]$  for large  $n = n_1 + n_2$  is derived, when  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1} = I + n^{-1/2} \theta$ , based on an asymptotic solution of the system of partial differential equations for the hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1$ , obtained recently by Muirhead [2]. Another asymptotic formula is also applied to the distributions of  $-2 \log \lambda$  and  $-\log |S_2(S_1 + S_2)^{-1}|$  under fixed  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1}$ , which gives the earlier results by Nagao [4]. Some useful asymptotic formulas for  ${}_1F_1$  were investigated by Sugiura [7].

## 1. Preliminaries

Based on a random sample of size  $n_i + 1$  from  $p$ -variate normal population  $N(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$  for  $i=1$  and  $2$ , the modified likelihood ratio statistic for testing  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$  against  $\Sigma_1 \neq \Sigma_2$  can be expressed as

$$(1.1) \quad \lambda = |S_1/n_1|^{n_1/2} |S_2/n_2|^{n_2/2} / |(S_1 + S_2)/n|^{n/2},$$

where  $S_1$  has the Wishart distribution  $W_p(I, n_1)$  and  $S_2$  has  $W_p(I, n_2)$  independently with  $n = n_1 + n_2$ . The diagonal matrix  $I$  has the characteristic roots of  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1}$  on the diagonal. The moments of  $\lambda$  was given by Sugiura [5] as

$$(1.2) \quad E[\lambda^h] = \left( \frac{n^n}{n_1^{n_1} n_2^{n_2}} \right)^{ph/2} \frac{\Gamma_p(n/2)}{\Gamma_p(n_1/2) \Gamma_p(n_2/2)} \frac{\Gamma_p(n_1(1+h)/2) \Gamma_p(n_2(1+h)/2)}{\Gamma_p(n(1+h)/2)} \\ \cdot |I|^{n_1 h/2} \cdot {}_2F_1(nh/2, n_1(1+h)/2; n(1+h)/2; I - I),$$

which can be derived by starting the joint distribution of  $(S_1, S_2)$  and using the formula

$$\text{etr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (I - \Gamma^{-1}) S_1 \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Sigma_{(k)} C_k \left( \frac{1}{2} (I - \Gamma^{-1}) S_1 \right) / k! ,$$

together with (12) and (22) in Constantine [1]. Kummer transformation formula  ${}_2F_1(a_1, a_2; b; Z) = |I - Z|^{-a_2} {}_2F_1(b - a_1, a_2; b; -Z(I - Z)^{-1})$  is also used in the final expression.

Put  $m_\alpha = \rho n_\alpha$  for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and the correction factor  $\rho = 1 - (2p^2 + 3p - 1)(n_1^{-1} + n_2^{-1} - n^{-1}) / \{6(p+1)\}$  with  $m = m_1 + m_2$ . Asymptotic expansion of the distribution of  $-2\rho \log \lambda$  for large  $m$  and fixed  $\rho_\alpha = m_\alpha / m > 0$ , when  $\Gamma = I + m^{-1}\theta$ , was obtained by Sugiura [5] in terms of  $\chi^2$ -distributions and when  $\Gamma$  is fixed, by Nagao [4] in terms of normal distribution function and its derivatives, in a more general case, namely for  $k$ -sample problem. When  $\Gamma = I + m^{-1/2}\theta$ , however, both methods are not available and the present approach by system of partial differential equations for  ${}_2F_1$  by Muirhead [3] is essentially useful.

Another asymptotic formula for  ${}_2F_1$ , based on the differential equations gives the asymptotic expansions of the distributions of  $-2\rho \log \lambda$  and  $-\log |S_2(S_1 + S_2)^{-1}|$  under fixed  $\Gamma$  obtained in Nagao [4] by different technique. The characteristic function of  $-\sqrt{n} \log |S_2(S_1 + S_2)^{-1}|$  can be written as

$$(1.3) \quad \Gamma_p \left( \frac{1}{2} n_2 - \sqrt{n} it \right) \Gamma_p \left( \frac{1}{2} n \right) / \left[ \Gamma_p \left( \frac{1}{2} n_2 \right) \Gamma_p \left( \frac{1}{2} n - \sqrt{n} it \right) \right] \\ \cdot {}_2F_1 \left( -\sqrt{n} it, \frac{1}{2} n_1; \frac{1}{2} n - \sqrt{n} it; I - \Gamma \right) ,$$

by the similar argument as for (1.2), which was remarked by Sugiura [6]. This statistic can be used to test  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$  against  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1} \geq I$  for two normal populations.

## 2. General asymptotic formulas for ${}_2F_1$

Muirhead [2] has proved that the hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; R)$  for  $R = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_p)$  can be characterized as the unique solution of the partial differential equation

$$(2.1) \quad r_i(1-r_i) \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial r_i^2} + \left[ c - \frac{1}{2}(p-1) - \left\{ a + b + 1 - \frac{1}{2}(p-1) \right\} r_i \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_i(1-r_i)}{r_i - r_j} \right] \frac{\partial F}{\partial r_i} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_j(1-r_j)}{r_i - r_j} \frac{\partial F}{\partial r_j} = abF ,$$

subject to the condition that  $F$  is symmetric with respect to  $r_i$  and  $F$  is analytic at  $R=0$  with  $F(0)=1$ .

Generalizing the characteristic function of  $-2\rho \log \lambda$  obtained by putting  $h = -2\rho it$  in (1.2) under  $\Gamma = I + m^{-1/2}\theta$ , we shall consider  $G(R) =$

$\log [{}_2F_1(\alpha n; \beta_1 n + \beta_0; \gamma_1 n + \gamma_0; n^{-1/2} R)]$  for  $\gamma_1 \neq 0$ , which is the unique solution for

$$(2.2) \quad r_1(1-r_1/\sqrt{n}) \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial r_1^2} + \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial r_1} \right)^2 \right\} + \left[ \gamma_1 n - (\alpha + \beta_1) \sqrt{n} r_1 - \frac{1}{2} (p-1) + \gamma_0 \right. \\ \left. - \left( \beta_0 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} (p-1) \right) r_1 / \sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_1}{r_1 - r_j} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_1^2}{r_1 - r_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right] \frac{\partial G}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_j}{r_1 - r_j} \frac{\partial G}{\partial r_j} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{r_j^2}{r_1 - r_j} \frac{\partial G}{\partial r_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \alpha \beta_1 n \sqrt{n} + \alpha \beta_0 \sqrt{n},$$

subject to  $G(0) = 0$  and  $G$  is symmetric for  $R$ . Putting  $G(R) = \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} Q_k(R) n^{-k/2}$  with  $Q_k(0) = 0$  as in Sugiura [7], we can successively determine  $Q_k(R)$  from (2.2). Equating the term of order  $n\sqrt{n}$  in (2.2) yields  $\gamma_1 \partial Q_{-1} / \partial r_1 = \alpha \beta_1$ , which implies  $Q_{-1} = (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1) \sum_{j=1}^p r_j$ . We shall write  $\sigma_j = \text{tr } R^j$  and put  $\xi_1 = \alpha + \beta_1 - \alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1$ ,  $\xi_2 = \alpha + \beta_1 - 2\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1$  for abbreviation. Then equating the term of order  $n$ ,  $\sqrt{n}$  and 1 in (2.2) yields, after some computation:

$$Q_0 = \frac{1}{2} (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1^2) \xi_1 \sigma_2, \\ (2.3) \quad Q_1 = \frac{1}{3} \sigma_3 (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1^3) (\alpha \beta_1 + \xi_1 \xi_2) + (\alpha / \gamma_1) (\beta_0 - \beta_1 \gamma_0 / \gamma_1) \sigma_1, \\ Q_2 = \frac{1}{4} (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1^4) \sigma_4 \{ \alpha \beta_1 \xi_1 (2 - \xi_1 / \gamma_1) + \xi_2 (\alpha \beta_1 + \xi_1 \xi_2) \} \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\alpha / \gamma_1^2) \sigma_2 \left\{ -(\beta_1 / \gamma_1) \left( \gamma_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \xi_1 + (\beta_0 - \gamma_0 \beta_1 / \gamma_1) \xi_2 + \beta_1 \left( \beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{4} (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1^2) \sigma_1^2 (1 - \xi_1 / \gamma_1).$$

Hence we have:

**THEOREM 2.1.** *An asymptotic formula of  ${}_2F_1(\alpha n, \beta_1 n + \beta_0; \gamma_1 n + \gamma_0; n^{-1/2} R)$  for large value of  $n$ , when  $\gamma_1 \neq 0$  is given by*

$$(2.4) \quad \exp \left[ \sqrt{n} (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1) \sigma_1 + \frac{1}{2} (\alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1^2) \xi_1 \sigma_2 + n^{-1/2} Q_1 + n^{-1} Q_2 + O(n^{-3/2}) \right],$$

where  $\sigma_j = \text{tr } R^j$ ,  $\xi_1 = \alpha + \beta_1 - \alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1$  and  $Q_1, Q_2$  are given by (2.3) with  $\xi_2 = \xi_1 - \alpha \beta_1 / \gamma_1$ .

Generalizing the characteristic function (1.3), an asymptotic formula

for  ${}_2F_1(\alpha\sqrt{n}, \beta_2n + \beta_1\sqrt{n} + \beta_0; \gamma_2n + \gamma_1\sqrt{n} + \gamma_0; R)$ , when  $\gamma_2 \neq 0$  should be investigated. As in Muirhead [3], transforming the variables  $R$  to  $W = I - (I - (\beta_2/\gamma_2)R)^{-1}$  and putting  $F = |I - W|^{\alpha\sqrt{n}}G$ , we can rewrite the partial differential equation (2.1) for the function  $G(W)$ . Further the transformation  $H = \log G$  is useful to simplify the right-hand side of the equation. Denoting  $a = \alpha\sqrt{n}$ ,  $b = \beta_2n + \beta_1\sqrt{n} + \beta_0$  and  $c = \gamma_2n + \gamma_1\sqrt{n} + \gamma_0$  for abbreviation, the differential equation for  $H(W)$  is expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad & (-\beta_2/\gamma_2)\{1 - (1 - \gamma_2/\beta_2)w_1\} \left[ a(a+1) - 2(a+1)(1-w_1) \frac{\partial H}{\partial w_1} \right. \\
 & \left. + (1-w_1)^2 \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial w_1^2} + \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial w_1} \right)^2 \right\} \right] - (\beta_2/\gamma_2) \left[ \{c - (p-1)/2\}(1-w_1) \right. \\
 & \left. - \{a+b+1 - (p-1)/2\}(\gamma_2/\beta_2)w_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{w_1(1-w_j)}{w_1-w_j} \right. \\
 & \left. \cdot \{1 - (1 - \gamma_2/\beta_2)w_1\} \right] \left[ -a + (1-w_1) \frac{\partial H}{\partial w_1} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta_2}{\gamma_2} \\
 & \cdot \sum_{j=2}^p \frac{(1-w_1)(1-w_j)w_j}{w_1-w_j} \left\{ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma_2}{\beta_2} \right) w_j \right\} \left\{ -\frac{a}{1-w_j} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial w_j} \right\} \\
 & = ab.
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $H(W) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_k(w)n^{-k/2}$  with  $Q_k(0) = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , and equating the term of order  $n$ ,  $\sqrt{n}$ , and 1 in (2.5), we can get:

**THEOREM 2.2.** *An asymptotic formula for  ${}_2F_1(\alpha\sqrt{n}; \beta_2n + \beta_1\sqrt{n} + \beta_0; \gamma_2n + \gamma_1\sqrt{n} + \gamma_0; R)$  for large value of  $n$ , when  $\gamma_2 \neq 0$  is given by*

$$(2.6) \quad |I - W|^{\alpha\sqrt{n}} \exp \left[ -\alpha\delta_1\sigma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2\delta_2\sigma_2 + n^{-1/2}Q_1 + n^{-1}Q_2 + O(n^{-3/2}) \right],$$

where  $\sigma_j = \text{tr } W^j$ ,  $W = I - (I - (\beta_2/\gamma_2)R)^{-1}$  and  $\delta_1 = \beta_1/\beta_2 - \gamma_1/\gamma_2$ ,  $\delta_2 = \beta_2^{-1} - \gamma_2^{-1}$ . The coefficients  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are given by, using  $\delta_0 = \beta_0/\beta_2 - \gamma_0/\gamma_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad & Q_1 = \alpha\sigma_1(-\delta_0 + \gamma_1\delta_1/\gamma_2) + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\sigma_2 \left\{ \delta_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \alpha\gamma_1/\gamma_2 \right) + \delta_1(\delta_1 + \alpha\delta_2 - \alpha/\gamma_2) \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{3}\alpha^2\delta_2\sigma_3 \{ -3\delta_1 + \alpha(\gamma_2^{-1} - \delta_2) \} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^3\sigma_4\delta_2^2 + \frac{1}{4}\alpha\delta_2\sigma_1^2, \\
 & Q_2 = (\alpha/\gamma_2)\sigma_1[\gamma_0\delta_1 + \gamma_1(\delta_0 - \gamma_1\delta_1/\gamma_2)] + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\sigma_2 \left[ -(\alpha/\gamma_2) \{ \delta_1^2 + (1 + \gamma_0)\delta_2 \} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2}\delta_1(2\delta_0 + \delta_2 - \gamma_2^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_1/\gamma_2)\delta_2(1 - \alpha\gamma_1^{-1} - 2\alpha\gamma_1\gamma_2^{-1}) \right. \\
 & \left. + (\alpha\delta_2 + \delta_1 - \alpha/\gamma_2)(\delta_0 - 2\delta_1\gamma_1/\gamma_2) \right] + \frac{1}{3}\sigma_3 \left[ \alpha\delta_1\delta_2 \left( -\frac{3}{2} + 6\alpha\gamma_1\gamma_2^{-1} \right) \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 2\alpha^2\gamma_2^{-1}) + (\gamma_2^{-1} - \delta_2) \left( \delta_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta_2 \right) \alpha^2 - 3\alpha^2\delta_0\delta_2 - \alpha^2\delta_2(\delta_2 - \gamma_2^{-1}) \\
& \cdot (1 - 2\alpha\gamma_1\gamma_2^{-1}) - \alpha\delta_1(\delta_1 + \alpha\delta_2 - \alpha/\gamma_2)^2 \Big] \\
& + \frac{1}{4}\sigma_4\alpha^2\delta_2 \left[ \delta_1^2 + \delta_2 \left( \frac{5}{2} - \alpha^2\gamma_2^{-1} - 4\alpha\gamma_1\gamma_2^{-1} \right) - 2\alpha\delta_1(\gamma_2^{-1} - \delta_2) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + (\alpha\delta_2 + \delta_1 - \alpha\gamma_2^{-1})(5\delta_1 + \alpha\delta_2 - \alpha\gamma_2^{-1}) \right] + \sigma_5\alpha^3\delta_2^2[-2\delta_1 + \alpha\gamma_2^{-1} - \alpha\delta_2] \\
& + \frac{5}{6}\alpha^4\delta_2^3\sigma_6 + \frac{1}{4}\alpha\sigma_1^2[\delta_1(\delta_2 - \gamma_2^{-1}) - \gamma_2^{-1}\delta_2(\gamma_1 + \alpha)] \\
& - \frac{1}{2}\alpha\delta_2\sigma_1\sigma_2[\delta_1 + \alpha\delta_2 - \alpha\gamma_2^{-1}] + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2\delta_2^2\sigma_1\sigma_3 + \frac{1}{8}\alpha^2\delta_2^2\sigma_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Asymptotic expansions

The characteristic function of the likelihood ratio statistic  $-2\rho \log \lambda$  under  $\Gamma = I + m^{-1/2}\theta$  is expressed by (1.2) as

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.1) \quad & \left( \frac{m^m}{m_1^{m_1} m_2^{m_2}} \right)^{-pit} \frac{\Gamma_p(m/2 + \Delta) \Gamma_p(m_1(1-2it)/2 + \Delta_1) \Gamma_p(m_2(1-2it)/2 + \Delta_2)}{\Gamma_p(m_1/2 + \Delta_1) \Gamma_p(m_2/2 + \Delta_2) \Gamma_p(m(1-2it)/2 + \Delta)} \\
& \cdot |I + m^{-1/2}\theta|^{-m_1 it} \cdot {}_2F_1(-mit, m_1(1-2it)/2 + \Delta_1; \\
& \quad m(1-2it)/2 + \Delta; -m^{-1/2}\theta),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_i = \rho_i \Delta = (n_i - m_i)/2$  and  $\rho_i = n_i/n$ . By Stirling's formula, the first factor in (3.1), namely, the product of gamma functions can be evaluated as

$$(3.2) \quad \text{The first factor} = (1-2it)^{-f/2} + O(m^{-2})$$

for  $f = p(p+1)/2$ . The second factor can easily be written by

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad & \log |I + m^{-1/2}\theta|^{-m_1 it} = \rho_1 it \left( -\sqrt{m}\sigma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2 - \frac{1}{3}m^{-1/2}\sigma_3 + \frac{1}{4}m^{-1}\sigma_4 \right) \\
& + O(m^{-3/2}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_j = \text{tr } \theta^j$ . Finally putting  $n = m$ ,  $\alpha = -it$ ,  $\beta_1 = \rho_1(1-2it)/2$ ,  $\beta_0 = \Delta_1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = (1-2it)/2$ ,  $\gamma_0 = \Delta$  and  $R = -\theta$  in Theorem 2.1, we can evaluate the third factor in (3.1) as, denoting  $(1-2it)$  by  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad & \log {}_2F_1 = \sqrt{m}\rho_1 it\sigma_1 + \frac{1}{4}\rho_1\sigma_2(-2it - \rho_2 + \rho_2 T^{-1}) - \frac{1}{6}\rho_1\sigma_3 m^{-1/2} \\
& \cdot [-2it - \rho_2 - \rho_2^2 + 3\rho_2^2 T^{-1} + \rho_2(1-2\rho_2)T^{-2}] \\
& + m^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{8}\rho_1\sigma_4 \{-2it - \rho_2 - \rho_2^2 - \rho_2^3 + 6\rho_2^3 T^{-1} + 2\rho_2^2(3-5\rho_2)T^{-2} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \rho_2(1-5\rho_2+5\rho_2^2)T^{-3}\} + \frac{1}{4}\rho_1\rho_2\sigma_2\{-2\Delta+(1+4\Delta)T^{-1} \\ - (1+2\Delta)T^{-2}\} + \frac{1}{4}\rho_1\rho_2\sigma_1^2(T^{-1}-T^{-2})\Big] + O(m^{-3/2}).$$

Combined with (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4), we can get the asymptotic expansion of the distribution of  $-2\rho \log \lambda$  in terms of noncentral  $\chi^2$ -distributions with noncentrality  $\delta = \rho_1\rho_2\sigma_2/4$  as

$$(3.5) \quad P(-2\rho \log \lambda < x) = P_f + \frac{1}{6}\rho_1\rho_2\sigma_3m^{-1/2}\{(1+\rho_2)P_f - 3\rho_2P_{f+2} \\ - (1-2\rho_2)P_{f+4}\} + m^{-1}\sum_{k=0}^4 h_k P_{f+2k} + O(m^{-3/2}),$$

where  $P_f = P(\chi_f^2(\delta) < x)$  for the noncentral  $\chi^2$ -variate and

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= \frac{1}{8}\rho_1\rho_2\left\{-\sigma_4(1+\rho_2+\rho_2^2)-4\Delta\sigma_2+\frac{1}{9}\rho_1\rho_2\sigma_3^2(1+\rho_2)^2\right\}, \\ h_1 &= \frac{1}{8}\rho_1\rho_2\left\{6\rho_2^2\sigma_4+2(1+4\Delta)\sigma_2+2\sigma_1^2-\frac{2}{3}\rho_1\rho_2^2(1+\rho_2)\sigma_3^2\right\}, \\ (3.6) \quad h_2 &= \frac{1}{8}\rho_1\rho_2\left\{2\rho_2(3-5\rho_2)\sigma_4-2(2\Delta+1)\sigma_2-2\sigma_1^2+\frac{1}{9}\rho_1\rho_2\sigma_3^2(13\rho_2^2+2\rho_2-2)\right\}, \\ h_3 &= \frac{1}{8}\rho_1\rho_2\left\{(1-5\rho_2+5\rho_2^2)\sigma_4+\frac{2}{3}\rho_1\rho_2^2(1-2\rho_2)\sigma_3^2\right\}, \\ h_4 &= \frac{1}{72}\rho_1^2\rho_2^2\sigma_3^2(1-2\rho_2)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we shall consider the distribution of  $-2\rho m^{-1/2} \log \lambda$  under fixed  $\Gamma$ , the characteristic function of which can be expressed from (1.2) as

$$(3.7) \quad \left(\frac{m^m}{m_1^{m_1}m_2^{m_2}}\right)^{-itp/\sqrt{m}} \\ \cdot \frac{\Gamma_p(m/2+\Delta)\Gamma_p(m_1/2-\rho_1it\sqrt{m}+\Delta_1)\Gamma_p(m_2/2-\rho_2it\sqrt{m}+\Delta_2)}{\Gamma_p(m_1/2+\Delta_1)\Gamma_p(m_2/2+\Delta_2)\Gamma_p(m/2-\sqrt{m}it+\Delta)} \\ \cdot |\Gamma|^{-\rho_1it\sqrt{m}} {}_2F_1(-\sqrt{m}it, m_1/2-\rho_1it\sqrt{m}+\Delta_1; \\ m/2-it\sqrt{m}+\Delta; I-\Gamma).$$

By Stirling's formula, the first factor in (3.7) can be evaluated as

$$(3.8) \quad \exp\left[\frac{1}{2}p(p+1)itm^{-1/2}+\frac{1}{2}p(p+1)(it)^2m^{-1}+O(m^{-3/2})\right].$$

Putting  $n=m$ ,  $\alpha=-it$ ,  $\beta_2=\rho_1/2$ ,  $\beta_1=-\rho_1it$ ,  $\beta_0=\Delta_1$ ,  $\gamma_2=1/2$ ,  $\gamma_1=-it$ ,  $\gamma_0=\Delta$  and  $R=I-\Gamma$  in Theorem 2.2, we can get an asymptotic formula for

the second factor in (3.7) with respect to  $W=I-\tilde{I}^{-1}$  for  $\tilde{I}=\rho_1 I+\rho_2 I$ , which gives the following asymptotic expansion under fixed  $I$  in terms of the standard normal distribution function  $\Phi(x)$  and the derivatives:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &P(-2\rho m^{-1/2} \log \lambda + \sqrt{m} \log(|I|^{\rho_1}/|\tilde{I}|) < \tau_1 x) \\ &= \Phi(x) + m^{-1/2} \{g_1 \Phi^{(1)}(x)/\tau_1 + g_3 \Phi^{(3)}(x)/\tau_1^3\} + m^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^3 h_{2k} \Phi^{(2k)}(x)/\tau_1^{2k} \\ &\quad + O(m^{-3/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau_1^2 = 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2$  for  $\sigma_j = \text{tr } W^j = \text{tr } (I - \tilde{I}^{-1})^j$  and

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)(\sigma_2 + \sigma_1^2) - \frac{1}{2}p(p+1), \\ g_3 &= 2(\rho_2/\rho_1) \left\{ -\sigma_2 + \frac{2}{3}(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_3 + (\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_4 \right\}, \\ h_2 &= \frac{1}{2}p(p+1) - 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)(1 + 4)\sigma_2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_3 + \frac{5}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_4 \\ &\quad - 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_1^2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_1\sigma_3 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}g_1^2, \\ h_4 &= 4(\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2 - \frac{16}{3}(\rho_2/\rho_1)(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_3 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)\{1 - 7\rho_2/\rho_1 + (\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\}\sigma_4 \\ &\quad + 8(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_5 + \frac{20}{3}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^3\sigma_6 + g_1g_3, \\ h_6 &= \frac{1}{2}g_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

After some computation, we can verify that the above result agrees with the Theorem 8.1 in Nagao [4] for  $k=2$ .

Finally for the characteristic function of  $-\sqrt{n} \log |S_2(S_1+S_2)^{-1}|$  given in (1.3), the first factor can be reduced to

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} &-\sqrt{n} itp \log \rho_2 - pt^2 \rho_1/\rho_2 + 2pitn^{-1/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \rho_1[(1 + \rho_2)/\rho_2^2](it)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(p+1)\rho_1/\rho_2 \right\} + p(it)^2 n^{-1} \\ &\quad \cdot \left\{ \frac{2}{3}(\rho_1/\rho_2)(it)^2(1 + \rho_2^{-1} + \rho_2^{-2}) + \frac{1}{2}(p+1)\rho_1(1 + \rho_2)/\rho_2^2 \right\} \\ &\quad + O(n^{-3/2}). \end{aligned}$$

The second factor can be expanded by Theorem 2.2, which implies

$$(3.12) \quad P(-\sqrt{n} \log |S_2(S_1+S_2)^{-1}| - \sqrt{n} \log |\rho_2 \tilde{I}| < x\tau_2)$$

$$= \Phi(x) + n^{-1/2} \{g_1 \Phi^{(1)}(x)/\tau_2 + g_3 \Phi^{(3)}(x)/\tau_2^3\} + n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^3 h_{2k} \Phi^{(2k)}(x)/\tau_2^{2k} \\ + O(n^{-3/2}),$$

where  $\tau_2^2 = 2(2\sigma_1 + (\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2 + p\rho_1/\rho_2)$  for  $\sigma_j = \text{tr}(I - \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1})^j$  with  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \rho_1 \Gamma + \rho_2 I$  and

$$g_1 = -\frac{1}{2}(\rho_1/\rho_2)p(p+1) + \frac{1}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2), \\ g_3 = -\frac{2}{3}(\rho_1/\rho_2)p(2 + \rho_1/\rho_2) - 4\sigma_1 + 4(1 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2 \\ + \frac{4}{3}(\rho_2/\rho_1)(4 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_3 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_4, \\ h_2 = \frac{1}{2}p(p+1)(\rho_1/\rho_2)(2 + \rho_1/\rho_2) + (1 - 3\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)(2 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_3 \\ + \frac{5}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_4 + (1 - 3\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_1^2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)(2 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_1\sigma_3 \\ + \frac{1}{2}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\sigma_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}g_1^2, \\ h_4 = \frac{2}{3}p(\rho_1/\rho_2)(1 + \rho_2^{-1} + \rho_2^{-2}) + 8\sigma_1 - 4(5 - 3\rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_2 \\ + \frac{8}{3}\{5 - 15\rho_2/\rho_1 + 3(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\}\sigma_3 + (\rho_2/\rho_1)\{30 - 30\rho_2/\rho_1 + 2(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2\}\sigma_4 \\ + 8(\rho_2/\rho_1)^2(3 - \rho_2/\rho_1)\sigma_5 + \frac{20}{3}(\rho_2/\rho_1)^3\sigma_6 + g_1g_3, \\ h_6 = \frac{1}{2}g_3^2.$$

Though this result is the same as the Theorem 11.1 in Nagao [4], our expression is somewhat simpler.

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