

# smsets: Simple multivariate statistical estimation and tests

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## Abstract

The document describes the functions implemented in the `smsets` package, which focuses on the estimation and comparison of means and measures of variation, and one distance measure (Penrose's distance) as described in Chapters 4 and 5 of the book *Multivariate Statistical Methods: A Primer. 5th Edition* (MSMAP5) by Manly et al. (2024). Worked examples for each function are presented, all of them characterized by the simple input

function arguments, given the simple data layout needed to perform the statistical analyses (ranging from two univariate/multivariate samples to multivariate samples classified by one-single factor with  $m$  levels). Multiple two-sample  $t$ -tests and Levene tests on more than one response vector can be optionally corrected by any of the significance level adjustment methods for multiple comparisons offered by the `p.adjust` function. Effects sizes are also computed in these multiple univariate tests. The two-sample comparison of multivariate means is performed by Hotelling's test while the comparison of multivariate variation in two samples can be executed with two unconventional methods: a Levene's test based on Hotelling's  $T^2$ , and van Valen's test. The comparison of multivariate means for a single factor is also available as well as the comparison of variation using Box's M test using an approximate F-statistic. Following the idea behind Levene's test for one single variable, robust tests for the comparison of variation in  $m$  samples from multivariate data are also included in the package. Finally, a Penrose's distance calculator has been implemented as an alternative procedure to compare  $m$  multivariate populations, using means and variances only.

## 1 Comparison of Mean Values for Two Samples

Tests of significance for means and variances can be performed when several variables are measured on the same sample units and the approach to be taken can be either univariate or multivariate. This vignette covers both approaches, using **base** R- commands and functions implemented in the **smsets** package to ease the calculations described in Chapter 4 of MSMA5.

### 1.1 Comparison of Mean Values for Two Samples: The Single-Variable Case

The standard approach for the comparison of means for two univariate samples is the  $t$ -test. This can be easily computed using the **base** function `t.test` for the case of two (non-paired) samples. The **alternative** argument is useful for the specification of the type of alternative hypothesis to be considered (either one-sided (**less** or **greater**) or **two.sided**). In addition, the user may choose whether the two population variances are treated as equal (`var.equal = TRUE`) or not (`var.equal = FALSE`, the default). See the documentation of `t.test` for details.

#### 1.1.1 Example

Consider the Bumpus' sparrows data described in Section 1.1 of MSMA5. These data were used to exemplify most of the tests of significance in Chapter 4. The corresponding data frame **sparrows** is included in **smsets** and can be invoked once the package has been loaded into the R session.

```
library(smsets)
data("sparrows")
str(sparrows)
'data.frame': 49 obs. of 6 variables:
 $ Survivorship : Factor w/ 2 levels "NS","S": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
 $ Total_length : num 156 154 153 153 155 163 157 155 164 158 ...
 $ Alar_extent : num 245 240 240 236 243 247 238 239 248 238 ...
 $ L_beak_head : num 31.6 30.4 31 30.9 31.5 32 30.9 32.8 32.7 31 ...
 $ L_humerus : num 18.5 17.9 18.4 17.7 18.6 19 18.4 18.6 19.1 18.8 ...
 $ L_keel_sternum: num 20.5 19.6 20.6 20.2 20.3 20.9 20.2 21.2 21.1 22 ...
```

The data frame **sparrows** contains the two-level factor **Survivorship** (with levels **S** and **NS**). The R-code giving the list of means and variances for all variables and the univariate  $t$ -test for **Total\_length** as shown in Table 4.1 of MSMA5, are

```
# Table 4.1
# Means
aggregate(sparrows[, 2:5], by = list(Survivorship = sparrows$Survivorship),
          FUN = mean)
Survivorship Total_length Alar_extent L_beak_head L_humerus
```

```

1      NS      158.4286      241.5714      31.47857  18.44643
2      S      157.3810      241.0000      31.43333  18.50000
# Variances
aggregate(sparrows[, 2:5], by = list(Survivorship = sparrows$Survivorship),
          FUN = var)
  Survivorship Total_length Alar_extent L_beak_head L_humerus
1      NS      15.06878      32.55026      0.7284127 0.4344312
2      S      11.04762      17.50000      0.5313333 0.1760000
# t.test using a formula
t.test(Total_length ~ Survivorship, data = sparrows, var.equal = TRUE)

      Two Sample t-test

data: Total_length by Survivorship
t = 0.99295, df = 47, p-value = 0.3258
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group NS and group S is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -1.074874  3.170113
sample estimates:
mean in group NS  mean in group S
      158.4286      157.3810

```

To produce the corresponding t-tests for any of the remaining four variables, the last expression has to be modified by writing the chosen variable name before the `~` symbol. The `smsets` package facilitates this task by implementing tests for differences between sample means for all variables.

### 1.1.2 Simultaneous (Multiple) Univariate Tests on Several variables

Assume that  $p$  variables are measured for two independent samples. Function `ttests2s.mv` in the `smsets` package extends the `t.test` function to produce all  $p$  univariate t-tests; the function includes a `P.adjust` argument useful to correct significance levels of multiple t-tests by any of the adjustment methods for multiple comparisons implemented in the function `p.stats`. The following code executes function `ttests2s.mv` with Bonferroni's correction for the five two-sided t-tests shown in table 4.1. Notice that `level1` is a character string identifying "Sample 1". The string is "S" in this case; it is one of the factor levels in `group`. In addition, all morphological variables in the sparrows data frame are measured in mm, thus the character string for `unit` is "mm" :

```

# Two-sample t-tests with p values adjusted by the Bonferroni correction.
# The default alternatives are two-sided.
ttests.sparrows <- ttests2s.mv(sparrows, group = Survivorship, level1 = "S",
                              var.equal = TRUE, P.adjust = "bonferroni", unit = "mm")

```

```

ttests.sparrows
Multiple Two Sample t-tests for Multivariate Data

```

```

Data: sparrows
Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS

```

```

Variable: Total_length

```

```

Sample estimates:

```

```

      Mean of S  Variance of S      Mean of NS  Variance of NS
      157.38      11.05      158.43      15.07

```

```

t = -0.9930 , df = 47 , p-value = 1.0000

```

```

Effect size: Raw = -1.048 mm ; Hedges' d = 0.993

```

```

Variable: Alar_extent

```

Sample estimates:  
 Mean of S   Variance of S      Mean of NS   Variance of NS  
           241.00            17.50            241.57            32.55  
 t = -0.3871 , df = 47 , p-value = 1.0000  
 Effect size: Raw = -0.571 mm ;   Hedges' d = 0.387

Variable: L\_beak\_head

Sample estimates:  
 Mean of S   Variance of S      Mean of NS   Variance of NS  
           31.43            0.53            31.48            0.73  
 t = -0.1952 , df = 47 , p-value = 1.0000  
 Effect size: Raw = -0.045 mm ;   Hedges' d = 0.195

Variable: L\_humerus

Sample estimates:  
 Mean of S   Variance of S      Mean of NS   Variance of NS  
           18.50            0.18            18.45            0.43  
 t = 0.3258 , df = 47 , p-value = 1.0000  
 Effect size: Raw = 0.054 mm ;   Hedges' d = 0.326

Variable: L\_keel\_sternum

Sample estimates:  
 Mean of S   Variance of S      Mean of NS   Variance of NS  
           20.81            0.57            20.84            1.32  
 t = -0.1029 , df = 47 , p-value = 1.0000  
 Effect size: Raw = -0.030 mm ;   Hedges' d = 0.103

Alternative hypothesis for all tests: true difference in means is not equal to 0  
 P-values adjusted using Bonferroni method

Compare these Bonferroni-corrected  $p$ -values with those shown in Table 4.1.

## 2 Comparison of Mean Values for Two Samples: The Multivariate Case

In the multivariate case, covariance between all possible pairs of variables are accounted for in the calculation of test statistics developed to test the difference of mean vectors. For the comparison of two multivariate samples, a generalization of the t-test is Hotelling's  $T^2$  test, introduced in Section 4.3 of MSMAF5.

### 2.1 Hotelling's $T^2$ test

The multivariate comparison of mean measurements between survivor and nonsurvivor Bumpus' sparrows can be obtained with the `hotelling.test` function from package Hotelling (Curran & Hersh, 2021).

```
library(Hotelling)
Loading required package: corpcor
# Hotelling's T2 test. The result is a list
T2.sparrows <- with(sparrows, hotelling.test(Total_length + Alar_extent +
                                             L_beak_head + L_humerus +
                                             L_keel_sternum ~ Survivorship))
# Output of the function hotelling.test is given
T2.sparrows
Test stat: 2.8237
Numerator df: 5
```

Denominator df: 43  
P-value: 0.7622

The alternative R-function for the  $T^2$  test is provided by the function `Hotelling.mat` in the `smsets` package. The syntax of the function is

```
Hotelling.mat(x, group, level1)
```

where `x` is a data frame with  $p + 1$  columns, being  $p$  of them numeric response variables, and the remaining column, `group`, is a two-factor variable, written without quotes. Finally, `level1` is a character string specifying the first level of interest in `group`. In addition to Hotelling's test statistics, the `long = TRUE` option in the `print` method outputs the mean vectors and matrices involved in the calculation of the  $T^2$  statistic.

```
# Hotelling's T2 test. Comparing multivariate means between survivor and
# nonsurvivor sparrows using function Hotelling.mat
results.T2 <- Hotelling.mat(sparrows, group = Survivorship, level1 = "S")
# Long output
print(results.T2, long = TRUE)
Hotelling's T2 test for the comparison of two multivariate samples
(Assuming equal covariance matrices)
Data: sparrows
Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS
```

Mean vectors and Covariance Matrices

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
S	157.381	241	31.43333	18.5	20.80952

Covariance Matrix:

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
Total_length	11.047619	9.10	1.5566667	0.8700	1.2861905
Alar_extent	9.100000	17.50	1.9100000	1.3100	0.8800000
L_beak_head	1.556667	1.91	0.5313333	0.1890	0.2396667
L_humerus	0.870000	1.31	0.1890000	0.1760	0.1325000
L_keel_sternum	1.286190	0.88	0.2396667	0.1325	0.5749048

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
NS	158.4286	241.5714	31.47857	18.44643	20.83929

Covariance Matrix:

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
Total_length	15.068783	17.190476	2.2428571	1.7460317	2.9306878
Alar_extent	17.190476	32.550265	3.3978836	2.9502646	4.0656085
L_beak_head	2.242857	3.397884	0.7284127	0.4695503	0.5590212
L_humerus	1.746032	2.950265	0.4695503	0.4344312	0.5058862
L_keel_sternum	2.930688	4.065608	0.5590212	0.5058862	1.3209921

Pooled Covariance Matrix:

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
Total_length	13.357649	13.747720	1.9508612	1.3732523	2.2309017
Alar_extent	13.747720	26.145897	2.7647416	2.2522796	2.7100304
L_beak_head	1.950861	2.764742	0.6445491	0.3501672	0.4231256
L_humerus	1.373252	2.252280	0.3501672	0.3244605	0.3469985
L_keel_sternum	2.230902	2.710030	0.4231256	0.3469985	1.0035081

Inverse of Covariance Matrix:

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
Total_length	0.20605404	-0.06937533	-0.23946750	0.07848176	-0.19689454
Alar_extent	-0.06937533	0.12335410	-0.03760830	-0.55173264	0.02774227
L_beak_head	-0.23946750	-0.03760830	4.22184744	-3.26236979	-0.01812284
L_humerus	0.07848176	-0.55173264	-3.26236979	11.46092696	-1.27194270
L_keel_sternum	-0.19689454	0.02774227	-0.01812284	-1.27194270	1.80676209

```

Hotelling's T2 statistic = 2.8237
F statistic = 0.5167
Numerator df = 5
Denominator df = 43
P-value = 0.7622

```

### 3 Comparison of Variation for Two Samples

#### 3.1 Comparison of Variation for Two Samples: The Single-Variable Case

##### 3.1.1 *F*-test and Levene's test

The *F*-test applied to compare variances in total length for survivor and nonsurvivor sparrows is included here but as indicated in section 4.5, this test should never be used to compare variances, because it is very sensitive to the assumption of normality.

```

# F-test for Total length (not recommended)
with(sparrows, var.test(Total_length[Survivorship == "S"],
                        Total_length[Survivorship == "NS"]))

```

F test to compare two variances

```

data: Total_length[Survivorship == "S"] and Total_length[Survivorship == "NS"]
F = 0.73315, num df = 20, denom df = 27, p-value = 0.4788
alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.3253692 1.7412766
sample estimates:
ratio of variances
 0.7331461

```

The robust two-sample Levene's test can be alternatively run, using `leveneTest` function from the `car` package (Fox & Weisberg, 2019), to compare again the variation in total length for survivor and nonsurvivor sparrows.

```

library(car)
Loading required package: carData
leveneTest(Total_length ~ Survivorship, data = sparrows)
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)
      Df F value Pr(>F)
group 1  1.447  0.235
47

```

Notice that `leveneTest` produces an *F* statistic, instead of a *t* statistic, but the degrees of freedom for `Survivorship` (the factor defining groups) is equal to 1 thus, the relation  $F = t^2$  holds. Thus, for the analysis of the variation for the sparrows data in Section 4.6.1 of *MSMAP5*,  $t = -1.20$ , then  $t^2 = 1.464$ . This is not too far from the *F* value = 1.447 produced by R (the difference due to rounding errors). Notice that `leveneTest` produces a two-sided test. The alternative hypothesis that we are interested in is that the variance for survivors is smaller than the variance for nonsurvivors. This is a lower-tail test thus, the *p*-value

shown in the Levene's test output, 0.235, must be halved:

```
p.value.lower <- 0.235 / 2
p.value.lower
[1] 0.1175
```

Similar code can be written to compare the variation between survivor and nonsurvivor sparrows for the remaining variables.

### 3.1.2 Simultaneous (Multiple) Univariate Tests on Several variables

Similarly to `ttests2s.mv`, the `Levenetests2s.mv` function in the `smsets` package extends two-sample Levene's tests based on the  $t$ -statistic to produce all  $p$  univariate Levene's tests (one-sided alternatives included). Comparisons of variation between survivors and nonsurvivors for all variables, one at a time, are shown below using Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) correction (indicated here as `fdr` or "false discovery rate" correction), and considering lower-tailed alternatives in all cases, as described in Section 4.6.1 of MSMA5. Effect sizes are also computed.

```
fdr.Levene2s.mv <- Levenetests2s.mv(sparrows, Survivorship, "S",
                                   alternative = "less", var.equal = TRUE,
                                   P.adjust = "fdr", unit = "mm")
```

```
fdr.Levene2s.mv
```

```
Two Sample Levene's tests
```

```
Testing variation using t-tests via absolute deviations from medians
```

```
Data: sparrows
```

```
Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS
```

```
Variable: Total_length
```

```
Sample estimates:
```

```
Median of S Median of NS
      157      159
```

```
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:
```

```
S : 2.571429 , NS : 3.285714
```

```
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:
```

```
S : 4.257143 , NS : 4.21164
```

```
t = -1.2029 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1514
```

```
Effect size: Raw = -0.714 mm ; Hedges' d = 1.203
```

```
Variable: Alar_extent
```

```
Sample estimates:
```

```
Median of S Median of NS
      240      242
```

```
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:
```

```
S : 3.571429 , NS : 4.571429
```

```
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:
```

```
S : 5.157143 , NS : 11.06878
```

```
t = -1.1845 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1514
```

```
Effect size: Raw = -1.000 mm ; Hedges' d = 1.184
```

```
Variable: L_beak_head
```

```
Sample estimates:
```

```
Median of S Median of NS
      31.4      31.5
```

```
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:
```

```
S : 0.5761905 , NS : 0.6857143
```

Variance of absolute deviations from the median:  
 S : 0.1839048 , NS : 0.2412698  
 t = -0.8147 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.2097  
 Effect size: Raw = -0.110 mm ; Hedges' d = 0.815

Variable: L\_humerus

Sample estimates:

Median of S	Median of NS
18.5	18.5

Mean of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 0.3142857 , NS : 0.5107143

Variance of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 0.07228571 , NS : 0.166918

t = -1.9120 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1514

Effect size: Raw = -0.196 mm ; Hedges' d = 1.912

Variable: L\_keel\_sternum

Sample estimates:

Median of S	Median of NS
20.6	20.7

Mean of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 0.6380952 , NS : 0.8892857

Variance of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 0.1934762 , NS : 0.5209921

t = -1.4086 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1514

Effect size: Raw = -0.251 mm ; Hedges' d = 1.409

Alternative hypothesis for all tests: true difference in means is less than 0

P-values adjusted using FDR method

Looking at the p-values obtained with the "false discovery rate" adjustment, it is seen that the variation between survivors and nonsurvivors is non-significant for none of the five morphological variables, which contrasts with the simultaneous uncorrected Levene's tests reported in Section 4.6.1 of MSMA5. This latter set of tests are shown below (the P.adjust argument in Levenetests2s.mv has been omitted):

```
none.Levene2s.mv <- Levenetests2s.mv(sparrows, Survivorship, "S",
                                     alternative = "less", var.equal = TRUE, unit = "mm")
```

```
none.Levene2s.mv
```

Two Sample Levene's tests

Testing variation using t-tests via absolute deviations from medians

Data: sparrows

Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS

Variable: Total\_length

Sample estimates:

Median of S	Median of NS
157	159

Mean of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 2.571429 , NS : 3.285714

Variance of absolute deviations from the median:

S : 4.257143 , NS : 4.21164

t = -1.2029 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1175

Effect size: Raw = -0.714 mm ; Hedges' d = 1.203



Variable: Alar\_extent  
Sample estimates:  
Median of S    Median of NS  
240            242  
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 3.571429 , NS : 4.571429  
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 5.157143 , NS : 11.06878  
t = -1.1845 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.1211  
Effect size: Raw = -1.000 mm ;    Hedges' d = 1.184

Variable: L\_beak\_head  
Sample estimates:  
Median of S    Median of NS  
31.4            31.5  
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.5761905 , NS : 0.6857143  
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.1839048 , NS : 0.2412698  
t = -0.8147 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.2097  
Effect size: Raw = -0.110 mm ;    Hedges' d = 0.815

Variable: L\_humerus  
Sample estimates:  
Median of S    Median of NS  
18.5            18.5  
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.3142857 , NS : 0.5107143  
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.07228571 , NS : 0.166918  
t = -1.9120 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.0310  
Effect size: Raw = -0.196 mm ;    Hedges' d = 1.912

Variable: L\_keel\_sternum  
Sample estimates:  
Median of S    Median of NS  
20.6            20.7  
Mean of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.6380952 , NS : 0.8892857  
Variance of absolute deviations from the median:  
S : 0.1934762 , NS : 0.5209921  
t = -1.4086 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.0828  
Effect size: Raw = -0.251 mm ;    Hedges' d = 1.409

Alternative hypothesis for all tests: true difference in means is less than 0  
No P-value adjustment made.

As described in Section 4.6.1 of MSMAP5, “only for the length of the humerus is the result significantly low at 5% level”. However, it is recommended here to rely on tests based on adjustments like *fdr*. Therefore, it is more appropriate to conclude that, on the basis on multiple univariate one-sided Levene’s tests, apparently the five morphological variables for survivor sparrows do not vary less than those for nonsurvivors.

More suitable approaches can be considered for testing variation from a multivariate point of view. Two methods of this sort are described in the next section.

## 4 Comparison of Variation for Two Samples: The Multivariate Case

### 4.1 Two-sample Levene's test based on Hotelling's $T^2$ for the comparison of multivariate variation

The idea behind the multivariate version of the two-sample Levene's test is to compare the mean vectors of absolute deviations from medians or MADs for all variables. More precisely, the variation between the two samples are measured in terms of two sample MADs for all variables and, then, the mean MADs vectors are compared using Hotelling's  $T^2$  test.

The following code implements function `LeveneT2` included in the `smsets` package to produce a Levene's test based on Hotelling's  $T^2$  for the comparison of multivariate variation between survivors and nonsurvivors in the Bumpus' sparrows data.

```
# Levene's test based on Hotelling's T2
LeveneT2.sparrows <- LeveneT2(sparrows, group = Survivorship, level1 = "S",
                             var.equal = TRUE)

LeveneT2.sparrows
Comparison of variation for two multivariate samples (Levene's test)

Variation is measured as absolute deviations around group medians
Hotelling's test compares two vectors of mean absolute deviations

Data: sparrows
Variables: Total_length Alar_extent L_beak_head L_humerus L_keel_sternum
Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS

Levene's test based on Hotelling's T2
T2 statistic = 4.7478
F = 0.8687
Num df = 5
Den df = 43
p-value = 0.5099
```

If a long output is desired (e.g., a display of sub-data frames containing the absolute deviations around medians), `long = TRUE` can be added as an option to the `print` method:

```
print(LeveneT2.sparrows, long = TRUE)
```

### 4.2 Van Valen's test

Details about the test of multivariate variation for two samples suggested by van Valen (1978) are found in Section 4.6 of MSMA5. The test assumes that the level of variation is consistent for all variables, as the test statistic is reduced to a single variation measure (the deviation around medians for all standardized variables), denoted as  $d$ . As a consequence, the comparison of multivariate variation is carried out using a simple two-sample  $t$ -test of means for the single variable  $d$ . The function `VanValen` in the `smsets` package facilitates the calculations involved in van Valen's test. The code for the comparison of multivariate variation between survivor and nonsurvivor sparrows follows, assuming that one is interested to test that the five morphological features for survivors are less variable than the corresponding features for nonsurvivors. The `print` method in this example includes the option `long = TRUE`, indicating that a detailed output is wanted, including by-group matrices of standardized variables, standardized medians, absolute deviations from sample medians for each group, and by-group  $d$ -values used in Van Valen's test.

```
# Van Valen's test. A t-test based on absolute differences around medians from
# standardized data
```

```
res.VanValen <- VanValen(sparrows, group = "Survivorship", level1 = "S",
                          alternative = "less", var.equal = TRUE)
print(res.VanValen, long = TRUE)
Comparison of variation for two multivariate samples (Van Valen's test)
Variation measured as deviations of standardized data around medians

Data: sparrows
Variables: Total_length Alar_extent L_beak_head L_humerus L_keel_sternum
Group levels: (1) S ; (2) NS
```

#### Standardized data for group S

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
1	-0.541719129	0.7248615	0.17718246	0.05424955	-0.32937165
2	-1.089022992	-0.2617555	-1.33272023	-1.00904159	-1.23720227
3	-1.362674923	-0.2617555	-0.57776889	-0.12296564	-0.22850158
4	-1.362674923	-1.0510492	-0.70359411	-1.36347197	-0.63198186
5	-0.815371061	0.3302147	0.05135723	0.23146474	-0.53111179
6	1.373844390	1.1195083	0.68048336	0.94032550	0.07410862
7	-0.268067198	-0.6564024	-0.70359411	-0.12296564	-0.63198186
8	-0.815371061	-0.4590790	1.68708515	0.23146474	0.37671883
9	1.647496321	1.3168318	1.56125993	1.11754069	0.27584876
10	0.005584733	-0.6564024	-0.57776889	0.58589512	1.18367938
11	0.005584733	-0.2617555	-0.20029321	0.23146474	1.18367938
12	0.552888596	0.5275381	-0.45194366	0.23146474	-0.32937165
13	0.826540527	0.9221849	1.05795903	1.47197107	0.98193924
14	-0.268067198	0.7248615	0.68048336	1.11754069	-0.83372199
15	-0.268067198	-1.2483726	0.05135723	-0.65461121	-1.03546213
16	-0.541719129	-0.8537258	-0.70359411	-0.83182640	-0.53111179
17	0.005584733	0.5275381	-0.07446799	0.05424955	0.78019910
18	-1.362674923	-0.6564024	-1.20689501	-0.47739602	0.07410862
19	-0.815371061	-1.0510492	-1.45854546	0.05424955	-0.73285193
20	1.373844390	0.9221849	1.30960948	0.23146474	1.08280931
21	0.279236665	-1.0510492	0.05135723	-0.83182640	0.67932903

#### Medians of standardized data for group S

Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
-0.26806720	-0.26175555	-0.07446799	0.05424955	-0.22850158

#### Standardized data for group NS

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
1	-0.8153711	-0.2617555	-0.07446799	-0.83182640	-0.12763152
2	-0.5417191	-0.2617555	0.05135723	-0.47739602	-0.22850158
3	0.5528886	0.1328913	1.43543470	0.58589512	0.88106917
4	-1.6363269	-1.8403429	-1.45854546	-2.24954792	-1.03546213
5	0.5528886	1.7114786	0.30300768	0.58589512	1.68802972
6	-0.8153711	-0.8537258	-0.57776889	0.05424955	-0.83372199
7	-0.2680672	0.7248615	0.93213380	1.82640145	0.57845896
8	1.9211483	0.7248615	2.06456082	2.35804702	1.88976985
9	-1.3626749	-2.0376663	-1.71019591	-2.07233273	-1.03546213
10	1.1001925	-0.4590790	-1.45854546	-0.83182640	2.29325013
11	1.1001925	0.3302147	0.17718246	0.58589512	0.47758890
12	0.2792367	0.7248615	0.42883291	0.05424955	0.88106917
13	0.2792367	1.1195083	-0.70359411	-0.65461121	-1.84242268

14	-0.8153711	0.3302147	-0.70359411	0.05424955	0.47758890
15	1.1001925	2.1061254	0.55465813	1.11754069	1.38541951
16	-1.6363269	-2.2349897	-1.33272023	-2.07233273	-2.24590295
17	0.2792367	0.1328913	-0.82941934	-0.47739602	-0.32937165
18	-0.8153711	-0.6564024	-0.32611844	-1.00904159	-1.53981247
19	1.3738444	1.5141552	2.44203650	1.82640145	1.99063992
20	1.3738444	0.1328913	-0.57776889	-0.65461121	-0.12763152
21	-0.5417191	-0.8537258	0.30300768	-0.47739602	-0.53111179
22	0.2792367	-0.6564024	0.05135723	-0.12296564	-0.53111179
23	0.8265405	0.7248615	0.80630858	1.11754069	-0.02676145
24	-0.8153711	-1.2483726	-0.95524456	-1.36347197	-1.23720227
25	1.1001925	1.1195083	0.55465813	1.11754069	-0.43024172
26	-1.3626749	-0.8537258	-1.08106978	0.23146474	-0.43024172
27	1.1001925	0.7248615	1.30960948	0.05424955	0.27584876
28	1.6474963	1.3168318	1.05795903	0.58589512	0.07410862

Medians of standardized data for group NS

Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
0.27923666	0.13289128	0.05135723	0.05424955	-0.12763152

Deviations from sample medians for standardized values in group S

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
1	-0.2736519	0.9866171	0.2516504	0.0000000	-0.1008701
2	-0.8209558	0.0000000	-1.2582522	-1.0632911	-1.0087007
3	-1.0946077	0.0000000	-0.5033009	-0.1772152	0.0000000
4	-1.0946077	-0.7892937	-0.6291261	-1.4177215	-0.4034803
5	-0.5473039	0.5919702	0.1258252	0.1772152	-0.3026102
6	1.6419116	1.3812639	0.7549513	0.8860759	0.3026102
7	0.0000000	-0.3946468	-0.6291261	-0.1772152	-0.4034803
8	-0.5473039	-0.1973234	1.7615531	0.1772152	0.6052204
9	1.9155635	1.5785873	1.6357279	1.0632911	0.5043503
10	0.2736519	-0.3946468	-0.5033009	0.5316456	1.4121810
11	0.2736519	0.0000000	-0.1258252	0.1772152	1.4121810
12	0.8209558	0.7892937	-0.3774757	0.1772152	-0.1008701
13	1.0946077	1.1839405	1.1324270	1.4177215	1.2104408
14	0.0000000	0.9866171	0.7549513	1.0632911	-0.6052204
15	0.0000000	-0.9866171	0.1258252	-0.7088608	-0.8069605
16	-0.2736519	-0.5919702	-0.6291261	-0.8860759	-0.3026102
17	0.2736519	0.7892937	0.0000000	0.0000000	1.0087007
18	-1.0946077	-0.3946468	-1.1324270	-0.5316456	0.3026102
19	-0.5473039	-0.7892937	-1.3840775	0.0000000	-0.5043503
20	1.6419116	1.1839405	1.3840775	0.1772152	1.3113109
21	0.5473039	-0.7892937	0.1258252	-0.8860759	0.9078306

Deviations from sample medians for standardized values in group NS

	Total_length	Alar_extent	L_beak_head	L_humerus	L_keel_sternum
1	-1.0946077	-0.3946468	-0.1258252	-0.8860759	0.0000000
2	-0.8209558	-0.3946468	0.0000000	-0.5316456	-0.1008701
3	0.2736519	0.0000000	1.3840775	0.5316456	1.0087007
4	-1.9155635	-1.9732341	-1.5099027	-2.3037975	-0.9078306
5	0.2736519	1.5785873	0.2516504	0.5316456	1.8156612
6	-1.0946077	-0.9866171	-0.6291261	0.0000000	-0.7060905
7	-0.5473039	0.5919702	0.8807766	1.7721519	0.7060905
8	1.6419116	0.5919702	2.0132036	2.3037975	2.0174014

9	-1.6419116	-2.1705575	-1.7615531	-2.1265823	-0.9078306
10	0.8209558	-0.5919702	-1.5099027	-0.8860759	2.4208816
11	0.8209558	0.1973234	0.1258252	0.5316456	0.6052204
12	0.0000000	0.5919702	0.3774757	0.0000000	1.0087007
13	0.0000000	0.9866171	-0.7549513	-0.7088608	-1.7147912
14	-1.0946077	0.1973234	-0.7549513	0.0000000	0.6052204
15	0.8209558	1.9732341	0.5033009	1.0632911	1.5130510
16	-1.9155635	-2.3678810	-1.3840775	-2.1265823	-2.1182714
17	0.0000000	0.0000000	-0.8807766	-0.5316456	-0.2017401
18	-1.0946077	-0.7892937	-0.3774757	-1.0632911	-1.4121810
19	1.0946077	1.3812639	2.3906793	1.7721519	2.1182714
20	1.0946077	0.0000000	-0.6291261	-0.7088608	0.0000000
21	-0.8209558	-0.9866171	0.2516504	-0.5316456	-0.4034803
22	0.0000000	-0.7892937	0.0000000	-0.1772152	-0.4034803
23	0.5473039	0.5919702	0.7549513	1.0632911	0.1008701
24	-1.0946077	-1.3812639	-1.0066018	-1.4177215	-1.1095708
25	0.8209558	0.9866171	0.5033009	1.0632911	-0.3026102
26	-1.6419116	-0.9866171	-1.1324270	0.1772152	-0.3026102
27	0.8209558	0.5919702	1.2582522	0.0000000	0.4034803
28	1.3682597	1.1839405	1.0066018	0.5316456	0.2017401

d's computed from standardized values around the median for group S

	Survivorship	dij
1	S	1.0591512
2	S	2.0988645
3	S	1.2177369
4	S	2.0951565
5	S	0.8881331
6	S	2.4597599
7	S	0.8635666
8	S	1.9593990
9	S	3.1971682
10	S	1.6615792
11	S	1.4547775
12	S	1.2169720
13	S	2.7124479
14	S	1.7436297
15	S	1.4638696
16	S	1.3030032
17	S	1.3097125
18	S	1.7350859
19	S	1.7585692
20	S	2.7864315
21	S	1.5961344

Mean of d's for group S : 1.741959

Variance of d's for group S : 0.4024835

d's computed from standardized values around the median for group NS

	Survivorship	dij
1	NS	1.4679492
2	NS	1.0594981
3	NS	1.8140231
4	NS	3.9968090

```

5          NS 2.4918716
6          NS 1.7509834
7          NS 2.2505163
8          NS 4.0591480
9          NS 3.9820562
10         NS 3.1543624
11         NS 1.1737443
12         NS 1.2289808
13         NS 2.2330152
14         NS 1.4742272
15         NS 2.8706871
16         NS 4.4945901
17         NS 1.0483861
18         NS 2.2557663
19         NS 4.0557366
20         NS 1.4479121
21         NS 1.4683845
22         NS 0.9039834
23         NS 1.5364520
24         NS 2.7130029
25         NS 1.7671600
26         NS 2.2526997
27         NS 1.6644495
28         NS 2.1471942

```

```

Mean of d's for group NS : 2.241557
Variance of d's for group NS : 1.110142

```

```

Van Valen's test based on a t-test of d-values
t = -1.9241 , df = 47 , p-value = 0.0302
Alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is less than 0

```

## 5 Comparison of Means for Several Samples

### 5.1 The Single-Variable Case: One-factor ANOVA

The comparison of several samples (classified by a single factor) for a single variable is customarily performed using one-factor or one-way ANOVA, a procedure focused on testing the hypothesis that all samples came from populations with the same mean. The code below gives the one-factor analysis of variance for maximum breadth of Egyptian skulls, applied to the comparison of periods (`Period` is the single factor here); see Section 4.8.1 of MSMA5 for more details. The analysis of variance table is obtained using the `summary` method of `aov`, the basic function in the `stats` package useful to fit an analysis of variance model.

```

# One-factor ANOVA tests: comparing univariate means
# Variable: Maximum_breadth
library("smsets")
skulls.aovMB <- aov(Maximum_breadth ~ Period, data = skulls)
summary(skulls.aovMB)

```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Period	4	502.8	125.71	5.955	0.000183 ***
Residuals	145	3061.1	21.11		

```

---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

Similar code can be written to perform ANOVAs for the other three morphological variables.

## 5.2 The Multivariate Case: One-factor MANOVA

For the case of several variables and one single factor determining two or more samples, the procedure called “One-Factor Multivariate Analysis of Variance or One-factor/One-way MANOVA was described in Section 4.7. Four statistics were defined to test the hypothesis that all samples came from populations with the same mean vector: *Wilks’ lambda*, *Roy’s largest root*, *Pillai’s trace* and *Lawley-Hotelling trace*. The calculation of these statistics in R are made by the `manova` function, an extension of the `aov` function with the capacity of handling matrix operations involved in the MANOVA. The `summary` method for `manova` determines the particular test given as output, being Pillai’s trace the default test statistic.

The `manova` and `summary` functions applied to the comparison of samples of Egyptian skulls using Wilks’ lambda is:

```
# One-factor MANOVA: comparing multivariate means
skulls.mnv <- manova(as.matrix(skulls[, -1]) ~ Period, data = skulls)
# Approximate F-test after the one-factor MANOVA
summary(skulls.mnv, test="Wilks")
      Df  Wilks approx F num Df den Df  Pr(>F)
Period      4 0.66359   3.9009    16 434.45 7.01e-07 ***
Residuals 145
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The `smsets` package implements the convenience function `MANOVA.mat` which optionally displays extra information to the tests offered by the `manova` function. The following chunk of code tests the difference between periods for the skulls data with respect to their multivariate means based on Pillai’s trace, by calling `MANOVA.mat` function. The `print` method of the object produced by this function, indicates that a long output is wanted.

```
res.MANOVA <- OnewayMANOVA(skulls, group = Period)
print(res.MANOVA, long = TRUE)
One-factor Multivariate Analysis of Variance with extra matrix info

Data: skulls
Variables: Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length Nasal_height
Factor: Period
Levels: 12th and 13th Dynasty Early predynastic Late predynastic Ptolemaic period Roman period

Between-Sample Sum of Squares and Cross Products Matrix, B
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      502.8267          -228.14667          -626.6267
Basibregmatic_height  -228.1467           229.90667           292.2800
Basialveolar_length  -626.6267           292.28000           803.2933
Nasal_height         135.4333          -66.06667          -180.7333
      Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth    135.4333
Basibregmatic_height -66.06667
Basialveolar_length -180.7333
Nasal_height        61.20000

Within-Sample Sum of Squares and Cross Products Matrix, W
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      3061.06667           5.333333           11.46667
Basibregmatic_height   5.333333        3405.266667          754.00000
Basialveolar_length    11.466667          754.000000         3505.96667
Nasal_height           291.300000         412.533333          164.33333
```

```

                Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      291.3000
Basibregmatic_height  412.5333
Basialveolar_length  164.3333
Nasal_height         1472.1333

Total Sum of Squares and Cross Products Matrix, T
                Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      3563.8933      -222.8133      -615.16
Basibregmatic_height -222.8133      3635.1733      1046.28
Basialveolar_length  -615.1600      1046.2800      4309.26
Nasal_height         426.7333      346.4667      -16.40

                Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      426.7333
Basibregmatic_height  346.4667
Basialveolar_length  -16.4000
Nasal_height         1533.3333

                One-Way MANOVA
                Df Pillai approx F num Df den Df Pr(>F)
Period         4 0.35331    3.512    16    580 4.675e-06 ***
Residuals 145
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

## 6 Comparison of Variation for Several Samples: The Multivariate Case

### 6.1 Testing the equality of several covariance matrices: Box's $M$ test

Box's  $M$  test was described in Section 4.8 of MSMAP5 as one of the best multivariate method known for comparing the variation in several samples. Box's  $M$  test applied to the Egyptian skulls data, using function `boxM` from package `biotools` (da Silva et al., 2017; da Silva, 2025) is shown below. This function produces an approximate chi-square statistic for  $M$ .

```

library(biotools)
Loading required package: MASS
---
biotools version 4.3
groups <- skulls[, 1] # The grouping variable is located in the 1st column
vars <- skulls[, -1]  # The y-variables are not located in the 1st column
# Producing the chi-square test of homogeneity of variance-covariance matrices
chitest.boxM <- boxM(vars, groups)
chitest.boxM

```

Box's M-test for Homogeneity of Covariance Matrices

```

data: vars
Chi-Sq (approx.) = 45.667, df = 40, p-value = 0.2483

```

Alternatively, function `BoxM.F` in the `smsets` package can be accessed to perform again Box's  $M$  test but now following the procedure described in Section 4.8 (an  $F$  approximation). Covariance matrices are also shown, as a result of the option `long = TRUE` added to the `print` method of `BoxM.F`.

```
resBoxM.F <- BoxM.F(skulls, Period)
```



```

print(resBoxM.F, long = TRUE)
Box's M-test for Homogeneity of Covariance Matrices (F approximation)

Data: skulls
Variables: Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length Nasal_height
Factor: Period
Levels: Early predynastic Late predynastic 12th and 13th Dynasty Ptolemaic period Roman period

Covariance matrix for each group
Early predynastic
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      26.309195           4.1517241           0.4540230
Basibregmatic_height    4.151724           19.9724138          -0.7931034
Basialveolar_length     0.454023          -0.7931034          34.6264368
Nasal_height           7.245977           0.3931034          -1.9195402
      Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      7.2459770
Basibregmatic_height  0.3931034
Basialveolar_length  -1.9195402
Nasal_height         7.6367816

Late predynastic
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      23.136782           1.010345           4.7678161
Basibregmatic_height    1.010345           21.596552           3.3655172
Basialveolar_length     4.767816           3.365517           18.8919540
Nasal_height           1.842529           5.624138           0.1908046
      Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      1.8425287
Basibregmatic_height  5.6241379
Basialveolar_length  0.1908046
Nasal_height         8.7367816

12th and 13th Dynasty
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      12.1195402           0.78620690          -0.7747126
Basibregmatic_height    0.7862069           24.78620690           3.5931034
Basialveolar_length    -0.7747126           3.59310345           20.7229885
Nasal_height           0.8988506          -0.08965517           1.6701149
      Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      0.89885057
Basibregmatic_height -0.08965517
Basialveolar_length   1.67011494
Nasal_height         12.59885057

Ptolemaic period
      Maximum_breadth Basibregmatic_height Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth      15.362069           -5.534483           -2.172414
Basibregmatic_height   -5.534483           26.355172           8.110345
Basialveolar_length    -2.172414           8.110345           21.085057
Nasal_height           2.051724           6.148276           5.328736
      Nasal_height
Maximum_breadth      2.051724
Basibregmatic_height  6.148276

```

Basialveolar_length	5.328736
Nasal_height	7.964368

Roman period

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	28.6264368	-0.2298851	-1.8793103
Basibregmatic_height	-0.2298851	24.7126437	11.7241379
Basialveolar_length	-1.8793103	11.7241379	25.5689655
Nasal_height	-1.9942529	2.1494253	0.3965517
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	-1.9942529		
Basibregmatic_height	2.1494253		
Basialveolar_length	0.3965517		
Nasal_height	13.8264368		

Pooled Covariance Matrix

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	21.11080460	0.03678161	0.07908046
Basibregmatic_height	0.03678161	23.48459770	5.20000000
Basialveolar_length	0.07908046	5.20000000	24.17908046
Nasal_height	2.00896552	2.84505747	1.13333333
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	2.008966		
Basibregmatic_height	2.845057		
Basialveolar_length	1.133333		
Nasal_height	10.152644		

Box's M = 2.8725e-11

F statistic = 1.1406 , Num df = 40.0 , Den df = 46378.7 , p-value = 0.2498

Differences between the  $p$ -values for the two approximations, chi square and  $F$ , are negligible.

## 6.2 Robust $m$ -sample Levene's test, based on absolute deviations around medians

In Section 4.8 in Manly et al. (2024) it is pointed out that Box's test is sensitive to deviations from normality thus, robust alternatives to Box's test are recommended. One of the those alternatives is Levene's test based on absolute deviations from sample medians for the data in  $m$  samples. For a single variable, these can be treated as the observations for a one-factor analysis of variance (or one-way ANOVA). This case was illustrated in Section 3.1.1 of this vignette, using `leveneTest` function from the `car` package (Fox & Weisberg, 2019). A significant F-ratio in any of the  $p$  variables considered individually indicates that populations differ in covariance matrices. When all variables are considered together, the multivariate Levene's test version can generated with any of the four tests produced by `manova` or `OneWayMANOVA` in `smsets`, and a significant result indicates that the covariance matrix is not constant for the  $m$  populations.

The application of Levene's test to one variable at a time involves the application of  $p$  one-way ANOVAs for the absolute deviations around medians. Therefore, the  $p$ -values can be subject to corrections for multiple testing, depending on the number of response variables analyzed,  $p$ . `Levenetestsms.mv` allows to specify adjustments to  $p$ -values (as described in 1.1.2 and 3.1.2.) with the argument `P.adjust`. The code shown below produces Levene's tests, both univariate and multivariate, for the comparison of variation among the  $m=5$  samples from various past ages on the basis of  $p = 4$  measurements on male Egyptian skulls. The  $p$ -values of each univariate Levene's tests have been adjusted using Bonferroni's correction, and the implicit one-way ANOVAs assume that the variance of absolute deviations around medians are equal. The option `format = TRUE` in the `print` method for the object `res.Levenems.mv` establishes that the ANOVA tables will be displayed using the output format produced by both `oneway.test` and `anova.lm`. The `print` method for

Levenetestsms.mv determines that EffectSize = TRUE thus, by default, four different effect size measures among samples for each variable are computed. These measures indicate the magnitude of differences in variation among Periods for each measurement made. The option multivariate = TRUE dictates that the multivariate Levene's test is requested, using Pillai's statistic as the (default) test statistic for the MANOVA. Finally, as a consequence of the option long = TRUE, the output listing also contains the matrix of medians for the original measurements, and the matrix of means and variances of absolute deviations around medians.

```
data(skulls)
res.Levenems.mv <- Levenetestsms.mv(skulls, Period, var.equal = TRUE,
                                     P.adjust = "bonferroni")

print(res.Levenems.mv, format = "both", multivariate = TRUE, long = TRUE)
      m-sample Levene's tests for homogeneity of variance in multivariate data
      Testing variation using F-tests via absolute deviations from medians
```

Data: skulls

Variables: Maximum\_breadth Basibregmatic\_height Basialveolar\_length Nasal\_height

Group levels: Early predynastic Late predynastic 12th and 13th Dynasty Ptolemaic period Roman period

Summary statistics

Matrix of medians for the original variables

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Early predynastic	131	134	100
Late predynastic	132	133	98
12th and 13th Dynasty	136	134	96
Ptolemaic period	135	132	94
Roman period	137	130	94

  

	Nasal_height
Early predynastic	50
Late predynastic	50
12th and 13th Dynasty	50
Ptolemaic period	52
Roman period	52

Matrix of mean absolute deviations around medians

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Early predynastic	4.0	3.3	4.6
Late predynastic	4.0	3.4	4.7
12th and 13th Dynasty	5.6	3.3	5.3
Ptolemaic period	5.0	3.7	6.0
Roman period	6.3	4.7	6.2

  

	Nasal_height
Early predynastic	2.1
Late predynastic	2.2
12th and 13th Dynasty	2.1
Ptolemaic period	2.6
Roman period	2.6

Matrix of variances of absolute deviations around medians

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Early predynastic	10.2	9.1	14
Late predynastic	9.9	8.4	12
12th and 13th Dynasty	15.7	8.5	16
Ptolemaic period	13.8	8.7	20
Roman period	18.1	10.2	22

	Nasal_height
Early predynastic	3.2
Late predynastic	2.8
12th and 13th Dynasty	3.2
Ptolemaic period	2.9
Roman period	2.9

Individual Levene's tests, one for each variable.  
P-values adjusted using Bonferroni method.

Format: "oneway.test"

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

data: Maximum\_breadth and Period

F = 2.2715, num df = 4, denom df = 145, p-value = 0.2574

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

data: Basibregmatic\_height and Period

F = 1.2357, num df = 4, denom df = 145, p-value = 1

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

data: Basialveolar\_length and Period

F = 0.96275, num df = 4, denom df = 145, p-value = 1

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

data: Nasal\_height and Period

F = 0.62588, num df = 4, denom df = 145, p-value = 1

Format: "anova.lm"

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

Response: Maximum\_breadth

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Period	4	122.83	30.707	2.2715	0.2574
Residuals	145	1960.17	13.518		

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

Response: Basibregmatic\_height

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Period	4	44.37	11.0933	1.2357	1
Residuals	145	1301.77	8.9777		

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

Response: Basialveolar\_length

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Period	4	64.69	16.173	0.9628	1
Residuals	145	2435.87	16.799		

Levene's test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = median)

Response: Nasal\_height

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Period	4	7.49	1.8733	0.6259	1
Residuals	145	434.00	2.9931		

Effect size (E.S.) of variation for each variable.

For one-way between subjects designs, partial eta/omega/epsilon squared are equivalent to eta/omega/epsilon squared. Returning eta/omega/epsilon squared.

Response: Maximum\_breadth

	E.S. Measure	95%-LCL	95%-UCL
eta <sup>2</sup>	0.059	0	1
omega <sup>2</sup>	0.033	0	1
epsilon <sup>2</sup>	0.033	0	1
Cohen's f	0.250	0	Inf

Response: Basibregmatic\_height

	E.S. Measure	95%-LCL	95%-UCL
eta <sup>2</sup>	0.033	0	1
omega <sup>2</sup>	0.006	0	1
epsilon <sup>2</sup>	0.006	0	1
Cohen's f	0.185	0	Inf

Response: Basialveolar\_length

	E.S. Measure	95%-LCL	95%-UCL
eta <sup>2</sup>	0.026	0	1
omega <sup>2</sup>	0.000	0	1
epsilon <sup>2</sup>	0.000	0	1
Cohen's f	0.163	0	Inf

Response: Nasal\_height

	E.S. Measure	95%-LCL	95%-UCL
eta <sup>2</sup>	0.017	0	1
omega <sup>2</sup>	0.000	0	1
epsilon <sup>2</sup>	0.000	0	1
Cohen's f	0.131	0	Inf

Multivariate Levene's test

	Df	Pillai approx F	num Df	den Df	Pr(>F)
Period	4	0.14555	1.3688	16	580 0.1512

## 7 Extra function: Penrose.dist

`Penrose.dist` in the `smsets` package returns Penrose's (1953) distances between  $m$  multivariate populations, when information is available on the means and variances only. This function is described in Chapter 5 of MSMAP5.

Let the mean of  $X_k$  in population  $i$  be  $\mu_{ki}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ ;  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and assume that the variance of variable  $X_k$  is  $V_k$ . The Penrose (1953) distance  $P_{ij}$  between population  $i$  and population  $j$  is given by

$$P_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{(\mu_{ki} - \mu_{kj})^2}{p \cdot V_k}$$

A disadvantage of Penrose's measure is that it does not consider the correlations between the  $p$  variables.

Penrose's distances between Periods for the skulls data are displayed below, along with sample sizes, the mean vector for each Period, the covariance matrix for each Period, and the pooled covariance matrix.

```
res.Penrose <- Penrose.dist(x = skulls, group = Period)
# Long output
print(res.Penrose, long = TRUE)
```

Calculation of Penrose distances

Data: skulls  
 Variables: Maximum\_breadth Basibregmatic\_height Basialveolar\_length Nasal\_height  
 Factor: Period  
 Levels: Early predynastic Late predynastic 12th and 13th Dynasty Ptolemaic period Roman period

Population/Sample sizes

Period	Early predynastic	Late predynastic	12th and 13th Dynasty
	30	30	30
Ptolemaic period		Roman period	
	30	30	

Mean vectors

	Early predynastic	Late predynastic	12th and 13th Dynasty
Maximum_breadth	131.37	132.37	134.47
Basibregmatic_height	133.60	132.70	133.80
Basialveolar_length	99.17	99.07	96.03
Nasal_height	50.53	50.23	50.57
	Ptolemaic period	Roman period	
Maximum_breadth	135.50	136.17	
Basibregmatic_height	132.30	130.33	
Basialveolar_length	94.53	93.50	
Nasal_height	51.97	51.37	

Covariance matrices

```
$`Early predynastic`
```

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	26.31	4.15	0.45
Basibregmatic_height	4.15	19.97	-0.79
Basialveolar_length	0.45	-0.79	34.63

Nasal_height	7.25	0.39	-1.92
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	7.25		
Basibregmatic_height	0.39		
Basialveolar_length	-1.92		
Nasal_height	7.64		

\$`Late predynastic`

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	23.14	1.01	4.77
Basibregmatic_height	1.01	21.60	3.37
Basialveolar_length	4.77	3.37	18.89
Nasal_height	1.84	5.62	0.19
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	1.84		
Basibregmatic_height	5.62		
Basialveolar_length	0.19		
Nasal_height	8.74		

\$`12th and 13th Dynasty`

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	12.12	0.79	-0.77
Basibregmatic_height	0.79	24.79	3.59
Basialveolar_length	-0.77	3.59	20.72
Nasal_height	0.90	-0.09	1.67
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	0.90		
Basibregmatic_height	-0.09		
Basialveolar_length	1.67		
Nasal_height	12.60		

\$`Ptolemaic period`

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	15.36	-5.53	-2.17
Basibregmatic_height	-5.53	26.36	8.11
Basialveolar_length	-2.17	8.11	21.09
Nasal_height	2.05	6.15	5.33
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	2.05		
Basibregmatic_height	6.15		
Basialveolar_length	5.33		
Nasal_height	7.96		

\$`Roman period`

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	28.63	-0.23	-1.88
Basibregmatic_height	-0.23	24.71	11.72
Basialveolar_length	-1.88	11.72	25.57
Nasal_height	-1.99	2.15	0.40
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	-1.99		
Basibregmatic_height	2.15		
Basialveolar_length	0.40		
Nasal_height	13.83		

Pooled covariance matrix

	Maximum_breadth	Basibregmatic_height	Basialveolar_length
Maximum_breadth	21.11	0.04	0.08
Basibregmatic_height	0.04	23.48	5.20
Basialveolar_length	0.08	5.20	24.18
Nasal_height	2.01	2.85	1.13
	Nasal_height		
Maximum_breadth	2.01		
Basibregmatic_height	2.85		
Basialveolar_length	1.13		
Nasal_height	10.15		

Penrose distances

	Early predynastic	Late predynastic	12th and 13th Dynasty
Late predynastic	0.023		
12th and 13th Dynasty	0.216	0.163	
Ptolemaic period	0.493	0.404	0.108
Roman period	0.736	0.583	0.244
	Ptolemaic period		
Late predynastic			
12th and 13th Dynasty			
Ptolemaic period			
Roman period	0.066		

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