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Hotelling's T^2 chart is one of the most popular multivariate control charts for monitoring independently and identically distributed random vectors. This chart is able to detect many types of out-of-control signals, but it is not sensitive to a small shifts in the mean vector. Classical estimation methods for multivariate control charts will not yield efficient control limits if there is instability in the data sets.

The presence of outlying observations may influence standard measures such that for the points close to the center, the corresponding mahalanobis distances are improperly large and for the outliers are relatively small. Hence, the main emphasis in this thesis is to propose a robust control chart which is less sensitive to the presence of outliers. We propose a more efficient T^2 control charts based on the Re-weighted MVE (RMVE) and Re-weighted MCD (RMCD) estimators.

Since the distribution of the T^2_{RMVE} and the T^2_{RMCD} are intractable, we propose a closed form control limits based on the estimated nonlinear regression function whereby the $1-\alpha\%$ quantile of the T^2_{RMVE} and the T^2_{RMCD} are regressed against

the sample size, n.

Our simulation studies showed that when the process is in-control, and the sample size is small, the best control chart is the standard T^2 , as noted in the literatures. Nonetheless, for a large sample size, the performance of the T^2_{RMVE} and the T^2_{RMCD} are reasonably close to the classical T^2 chart. On the other hand, when there are outliers in phase I, the T^2_{RMVE} and the T^2_{RMCD} charts are more effective than the standard T^2 and the ordinary MVE and the MCD based charts.



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Carta Kawalan Hotelling's T^2 paling popular di kalangan carta kawalan multivariat bagi memantau taburan vector rawak seiras dan merdeka. Carta ini berupaya untuk mengesan banyak jenis amaran di luar kawalan, tetapi tidak sensitif kepada anjakan kecil vector min. Kaedah penganggaran klasik bagi carta kawalan multivariat tidak akan menghasilkan had kawalan yang efisien jika data set tidak stabil. Kehadiran cerapan terpencil mungkin mempengaruhi ukuran piawai sedemikian hingga titik-titik yang hampir ke pusat, jarak mahalanobisnya tidak sepatutnya besar dan titik terpencil menghasilkan jarak yang agak kecil.

Oleh itu, penekanan dalam tesis ini ialah untuk mencadang carta kawalan teguh yang kurang peka kepada kehadiran titik terpencil. Kami mencadangkan carta kawalan teguh T^2 yang berasaskan penganggar Re-weighted MVE (RMVE) dan penganggar Re-weighted MCD (RMCD). Oleh kerana taburan bagi T^2_{RMVE} dan T^2_{RMCD} tidak diketahui, kami mencadangkan had carta kawalan berasaskan penganggar fungsi regresi tak-linear sedemikian hingga kuantil $1-\alpha\%$ bagi T^2_{RMVE} dan T^2_{RMCD} diregresikan melawan saiz sampel, n.

Kajian simulasi yang dijalankan menunjukkan bahawa apabila proses berada

dalam kawalan dan saiz sampel kecil, carta piawai T^2 adalah yang terbaik seperti yang dinyatakan dalam rujukan. Walaubagaimana pun, bagi saiz sampel besar, prestasi T^2_{RMVE} dan T^2_{RMCD} adalah sangat hampir kepada carta klasik T^2 . Sebaliknya, apabila terdapat titik terpencil dalam Fasa I, carta T^2_{RMVE} dan T^2_{RMCD} adalah lebih berkesan berbanding dengan carta piawai T^2 dan carta yang berasaskan MVE dan MCD biasa.



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