

Math3810 - Probability  
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Introductory Homework #4 Solutions

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## Instructions

Show all reasoning clearly. All simulation results should be reproducible and clearly labeled. You may use R for all computations.

## Problems

### 1. Continuous Random Variable Simulation

- (a) Simulate 500 samples from  $X \sim N(5, 4)$ .
- (b) Compute sample mean and variance.
- (c) Plot histogram and overlay the theoretical density curve.

### 2. Linear Transformation of RV

- (a) Define  $Y = 3X - 2$ .
- (b) Compute mean and variance of  $Y$  empirically.
- (c) Compare to theoretical  $E[Y]$  and  $Var(Y)$ .

### 3. CDF Comparison

- (a) Compute empirical CDF of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- (b) Plot both on the same graph with theoretical CDF curves.

### 4. Standardization

- (a) Standardize  $X$  to  $Z = (X - \bar{X})/s_X$ .
- (b) Verify mean and variance of  $Z$ .
- (c) Plot histogram of  $Z$  and overlay standard normal density.

### 5. Discussion

- Explain the effect of linear transformations on mean and variance.
- Explain why standardization produces mean 0 and variance 1.

## Solutions

1. 

```
X <- rnorm(500, mean=5, sd=2)
mean(X)
var(X)
hist(X, prob=TRUE)
curve(dnorm(x,5,2), add=TRUE, col="red")
```
2. 

```
Y <- 3*X - 2
mean(Y)
var(Y)
3*mean(X) - 2    # Theoretical
3^2 * var(X)     # Theoretical
```
3. 

```
ecdfX <- ecdf(X)
ecdfY <- ecdf(Y)
plot(ecdfX, col="blue")
lines(ecdfY, col="red")
curve(pnorm(x,5,2), add=TRUE, lty=2)
curve(pnorm(x,3*5-2,3*2), add=TRUE, lty=2)
```
4. 

```
Z <- (X - mean(X)) / sd(X)
mean(Z)
var(Z)
hist(Z, prob=TRUE)
curve(dnorm(x,0,1), add=TRUE, col="green")
```
5. Linear transformations scale and shift mean and variance. Standardization shifts mean to 0 and scales variance to 1.

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Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or corrections!