

Math3810 - Probability  
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Introductory Homework #10

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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. Covariance and Correlation

- Simulate 5000 pairs  $(X, Y)$  with  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $Y \sim N(0, 1)$  independent.
- Compute sample covariance and correlation.
- Create  $Z = X + Y$  and compute mean, variance, and correlation with  $X$ .

### 2. Dependent Variables

- Simulate  $Y = 0.5X + \epsilon$  with  $\epsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- Compute sample covariance and correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Plot scatterplot.

### 3. Linear Combinations

- Compute  $W = 2X - 3Y$  and its sample mean and variance.
- Compare with theoretical values using variance formulas.

### 4. Discussion

- Explain how covariance and correlation describe linear dependence.
- Discuss how correlation affects variance of sums and differences.

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