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mvrnorm(n, mu, mysigma, empirical = TRUE)
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In this case `n` is our number of sample, `mu` is a vector containing the means of our variables, `mymatrix` is the covariance matrix and `empirical` takes a logical value which we set to `TRUE` if we want our variables to have the exact correlation we are interested in (i.e., `mu` and `mymatrix` are interpreted as the empirical rather than population values).

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# Sample size
n <- 500

# A vector of means of our two variables
mu <- c(1000, 2000)

# Covariance of our 2 variables is equal to Pearson's R * SD_var1 *
# SD_var2. If we know the variance for each of our variables we can
# calculate the sd. We can then use these values to work out the
# covariance we need for any particular Pearson's r value

# For the below example to give us a Pearson's r of .5 and variance for
# var1 = 100, and variance of var2 = 50 we have covariance = .5 *
# sqrt(100) * sqrt(50) which gives us 35.35534
myr <- 35.35534

# The 2 x 2 covariance matrix where we have the variance of variable 1,
# the covariance of variables 1 and 2, the covariance of variables 1
# and 2 and the variance of variable 2
mysigma <- matrix(c(100, myr, myr, 50), 2, 2)
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