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3. Solution:

For the covariance between X_k and X_{k+m} , we have

$$Cov(X_k, X_{k+m}) = Cov(\sum_{i=1}^k Y_i, \sum_{j=1}^{k+m} Y_j)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{k+m} Cov(Y_i, Y_j)$$

Since each Y_l is independent, $Cov(Y_i, Y_j)$ is only non-zero when i = j. Thus,

$$Cov(X_k, X_{k+m}) = \sum_{i=1}^k Cov(Y_i, Y_i)$$
$$= k\sigma^2$$

The variances of X_k and X_{k+m} are

$$Var(X_k) = Var(\sum_{i=1}^{k} Y_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k} Var(Y_i)$$

$$= k\sigma^2$$

$$Var(X_{k+m}) = Var(\sum_{i=1}^{k+m} Y_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k+m} Var(Y_i)$$

$$= (k+m)\sigma^2$$

Thus, the correlation coefficient between X_k and X_{k+m} is

$$\rho(X_k, X_{k+m}) = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}(X_k, X_{k+m})}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(X_k) \operatorname{Var}(X_{k+m})}}$$
$$= \frac{k\sigma^2}{\sqrt{k\sigma^2 \cdot (k+m)\sigma^2}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+m}}$$

As $m \to \infty$, we see that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \operatorname{Cov}(X_k, X_{k+m}) \qquad \lim_{m \to \infty} \rho(X_k, X_{k+m})$$

$$= \lim_{m \to \infty} k\sigma^2 \qquad \qquad = \lim_{m \to \infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+m}}$$

$$= k\sigma^2$$

$$= 0$$