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Cholesky adjusted random series

In order to create K random series which are correlated exactly like K deterministic series we have in mind, we can multiply independent random variables with the Cholesky decomposed part of the deterministic series. To illustrate this, let Σ be a correlation matrix of matrix X consisting of variables $x_1, x_2, ..., x_K$. Obviously the matrix is symmetric and the diagonal consists of 1s. Let $\Sigma = LL'$ be a Cholesky decomposition of this matrix. Now, let Ω be a vector of K independent random variables $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, ..., \varepsilon_K$ with variance 1. Consequently, the variance-covariance matrix of Ω is an identity matrix. Then we claim that the product $L\Omega$ has the same correlation structure as X. The proof is below:

$$\begin{aligned} cov(L\Omega) &= E[(L\Omega)(L\Omega)'] = E[L\Omega\Omega'L'], \\ cov(L\Omega) &= L \cdot E[\Omega\Omega'] \cdot L' = L \cdot var(\Omega) \cdot L', \\ cov(L\Omega) &= L \cdot I \cdot L' = LL' = \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

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