

# Box-Muller

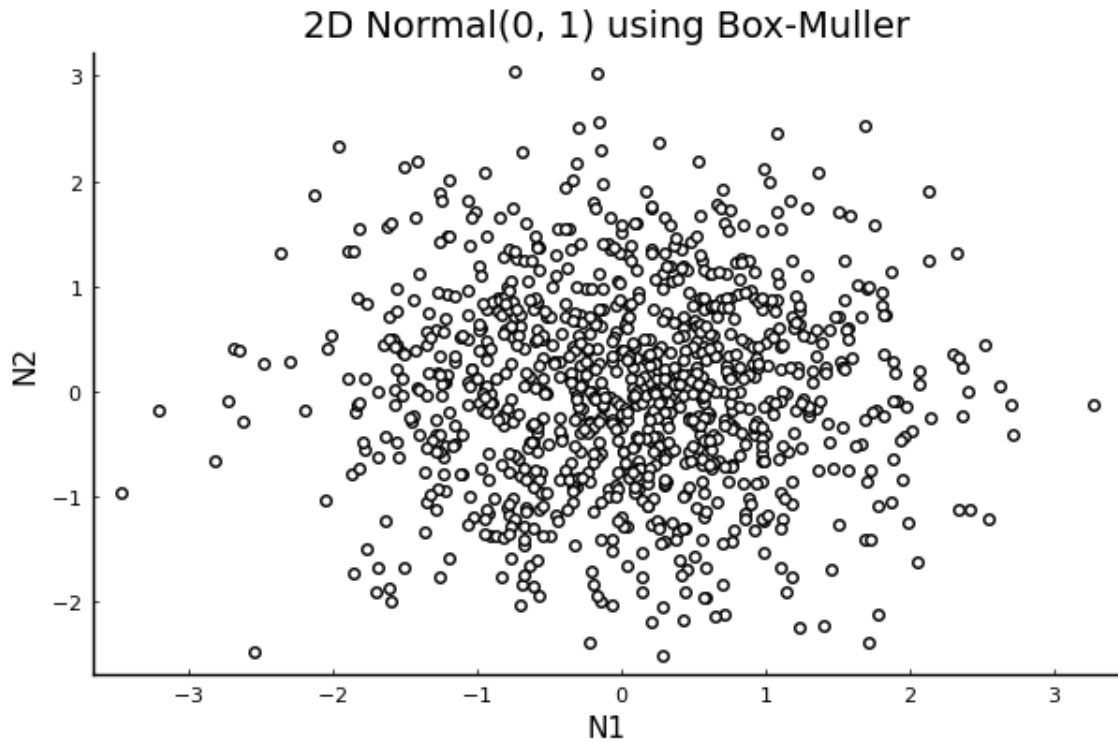
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[1]: # libraries
using Random
Random.seed!(3); # for reproducibility
using Plots
pyplot();
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[2]: """
Helper function that generates standard normal
random variables based on uniform seed. Seed
input is assumed to have shape [N, 2].
"""
function box_muller(seed=rand(1000, 2))
    N = size(seed)[1]
    U1 = seed[:, 1]
    U2 = seed[:, 2]
    N1 = sqrt.(-2 * log.(U1)) .* cos.(2 * pi .* U2)
    N2 = sqrt.(-2 * log.(U1)) .* sin.(2 * pi .* U2)
    normal = zeros(N, 2)
    normal[:, 1] = N1
    normal[:, 2] = N2
    return(normal)
end

# check box muller is working
normal_numbers = box_muller()
layout = @layout [a
                  b{0.8w,0.8h} c]
default(fillcolor = :lightgrey, markercolor = :white, grid = false, legend =
↪false)
plot(layout = layout, link = :both, size = (500, 500), margin = -10Plots.px)
plot(normal_numbers[:, 1], normal_numbers[:, 2], seriestype = :scatter,
      xlabel="N1", ylabel="N2", title="2D Normal(0, 1) using Box-Muller")
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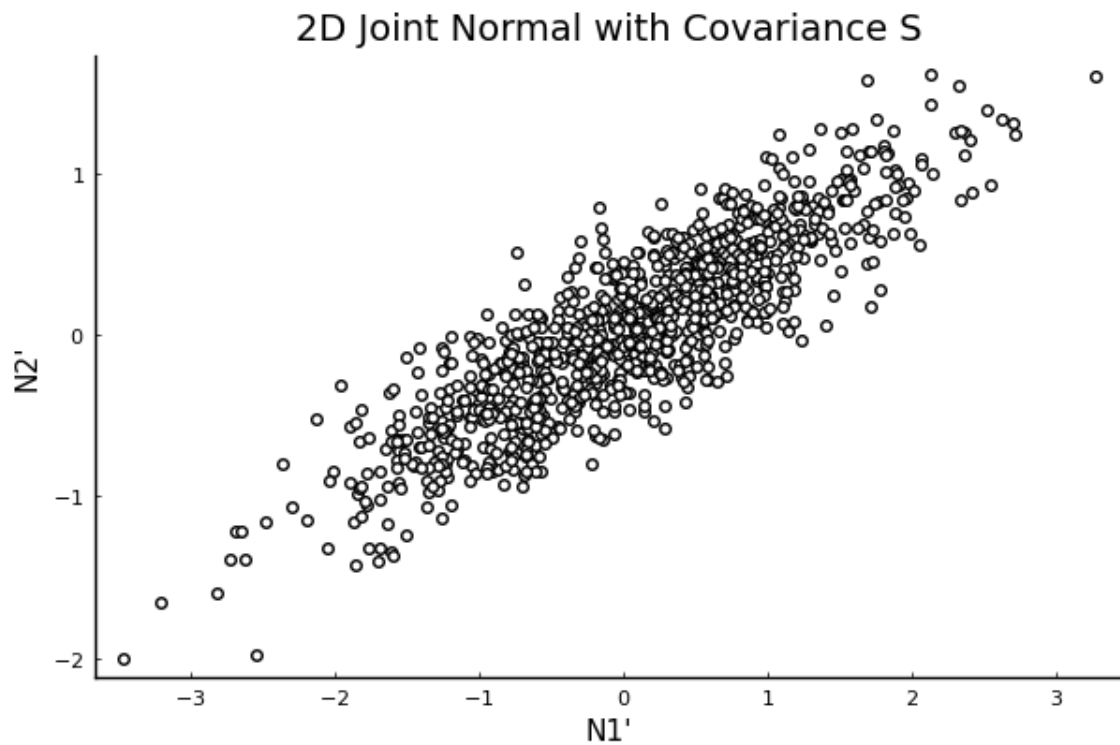
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Now we have the desired covariance matrix  $C$ , we can compute the matrix  $S$  such that  $C = S^T S$  for our linear transformation. We do so by Cholesky factorization.

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[6]: using LinearAlgebra
      C = [1 1/2; 1/2 1/3];
      S = cholesky(C).U;
      # transform normal(0,1)
      Y = transpose(transpose(S) * transpose(normal_numbers));
      # plot new histogram
      plot(Y[:, 1], Y[:, 2], seriestype = :scatter,
           xlabel="N1'", ylabel="N2'", title="2D Joint Normal with Covariance S")
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[4]: using Statistics
     est_mean = mean(Y, dims = 1)
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[4]: 1×2 Matrix{Float64}:
     0.0402206  0.0298096
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[5]: est_cov = cov(Y, dims = 1, corrected = true)
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[5]: 2×2 Matrix{Float64}:
     0.963013  0.479742
     0.479742  0.314302
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