

HW0

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1 Theoretical problems

1.1 Baye's rule

Let $A := \text{has cancer}$ and $B := \text{positive test}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B|A) \cdot P(A) + P(B|\neg A) \cdot P(\neg A)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{99}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{10\,000}}{\frac{99}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{10\,000} + \frac{1}{100} \cdot \frac{9999}{10\,000}} \\ &= 0.0098 \end{aligned}$$

meaning a patient who tests positive for cancer has less than 1% chance of actually having it.

1.2 Correlation and indepedence

Taking advantage of the fact that the odd moments of X are 0, the covariance of X and $Y = X^2$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(X, Y) &= E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))) \\ &= E((X - 0)(X^2 - E(X^2))) \\ &= E(X^3 - XE(X^2)) \\ &= E(X^3) - E(X)E(X^2) = 0 - 0E(X^2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

2 Practical problems

2.1 Plotting normal distributed points

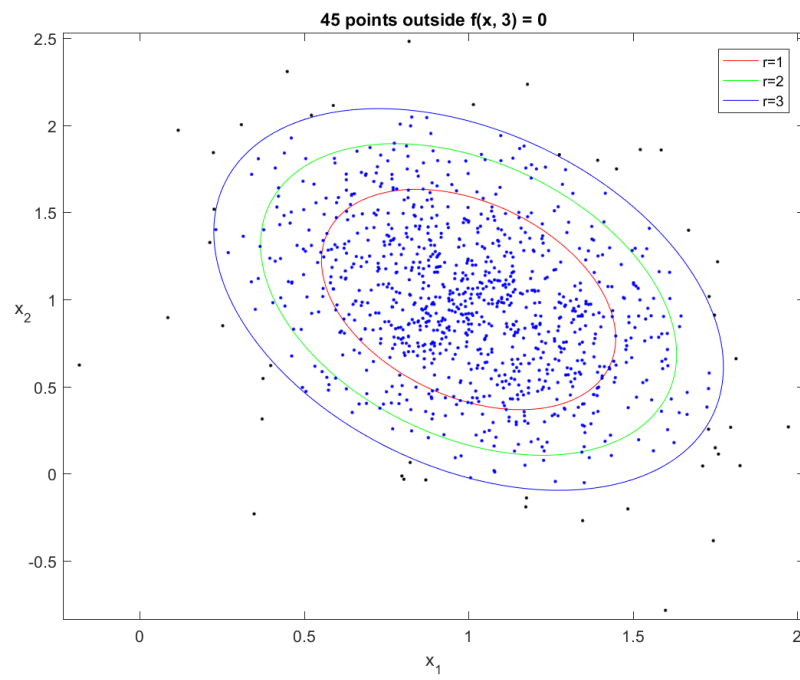


Figure 1:

2.2 Covariance and correlation

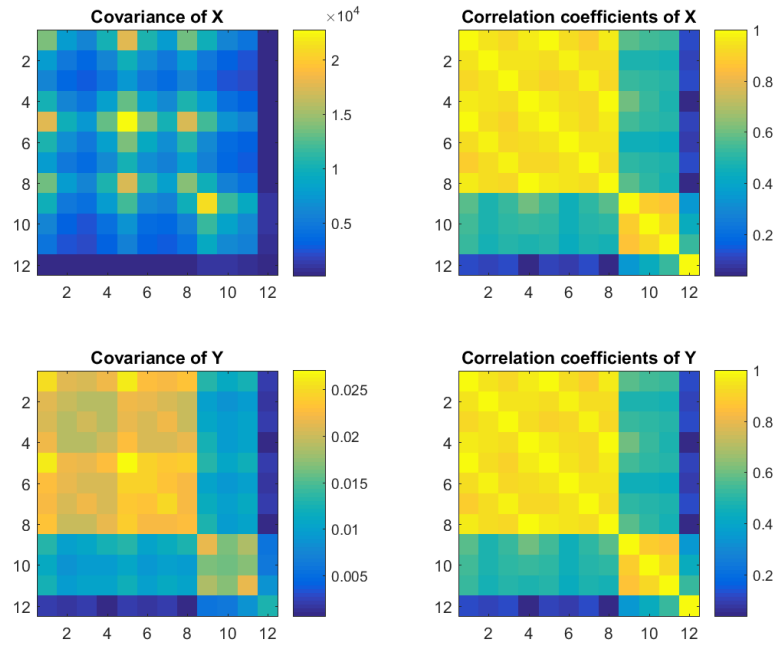


Figure 2:

As expected so is the correlation matrix for X the same as in the normalized correlation matrix for Y. Because the only difference between X and Y is the scaling that is done on Y.

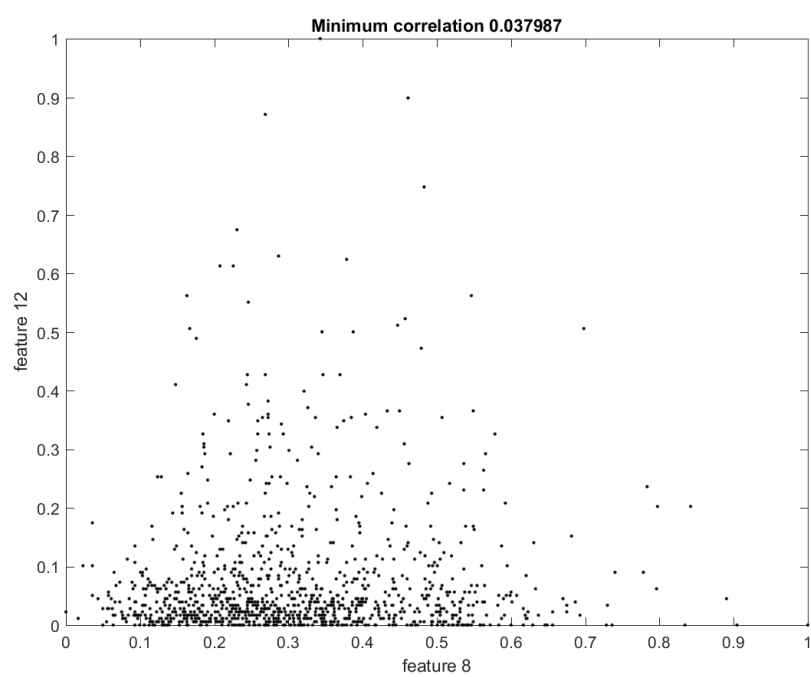


Figure 3: