GenExact

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[1]: import numpy as np
[2]: # https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/120179/
     \rightarrow generating-data-with-a-given-sample-covariance-matrix
     def gen_exact(mean=None, sigma=None, size=None, rng=None):
       if (mean is None or sigma is None or size is None or rng is None):
         return None
       # Generate size cases
       # rnq = np.random.RandomState(seed)
       X = rng.multivariate_normal(mean, sigma, size=size).T
       # Subtract the mean from each variable
       for n in range(X.shape[0]):
           X[n] = X[n] - X[n].mean()
       # Make each variable in X orthogonal to one another
       L_inv = np.linalg.cholesky(np.cov(X, bias = True))
       L_inv = np.linalg.inv(L_inv)
       X = np.dot(L_inv, X)
       # Rescale X to exactly match Sigma
       L = np.linalg.cholesky(sigma)
       X = np.dot(L, X)
       # Add the mean back into each variable
       for n in range(X.shape[0]):
           X[n] = X[n] + mean[n]
       # The covariance of the generated data should match Sigma
       cov = np.cov(X, bias = True)
       X = X.T
       return X
[3]: def gen_inexact(mean=None, sigma=None, size=None, rng=None):
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