

Simulation5

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Recap

- N : number of samples one time.
- M : number of bins.
- $H_0: X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z, H_1: X \not\perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$
- Methods: (\tilde{Z} is the discretized Z , and the data belonging to the same group share the same \tilde{Z} .)
 - "Linear_reg_y": regress Y on X, \tilde{Z} and take the *absolute* coefficient of X as the test statistic.
 - "Linear_reg_x": regress X on Y, \tilde{Z} and take the *absolute* coefficient of Y as the test statistic.
 - "Double_reg": regress Y on \tilde{Z} and regress X on \tilde{Z} separately. Take the *absolute* correlation between residuals from two linear regressions as the test statistic.
 - "Linear_reg_y_z": regress Y on X, Z and take the *absolute* coefficient of X as the test statistic.
 - "Linear_reg_x_z": regress X on Y, Z and take the *absolute* coefficient of Y as the test statistic.
 - "Double_reg_z": regress Y on Z and regress X on Z separately. Take the *absolute* correlation between residuals from two linear regressions as the test statistic.
- $\alpha = 0.05$
- $X = f_x(Z) + \epsilon, Y = f_y(Z) + \epsilon$
- Noise ϵ :
 - various a
 - H_0 :
 - normal: $N(Z, a)$
 - skewed_normal: $N(Z, a)$
 - H_1 :
 - normal: $N\left([0, 0], \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & cor \cdot \sqrt{a_1 a_2} \\ cor \cdot \sqrt{a_1 a_2} & a_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$
 - skewed_normal: $N\left([0, 0], \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & cor \cdot \sqrt{a_1 a_2} \\ cor \cdot \sqrt{a_1 a_2} & a_2 \end{pmatrix}\right), \text{skewness} = [5, -5]$
- $N = 100, Z \sim \text{Unif}([0, 10]), M \in \{2, 5, 10, 16, 25, 50\}$.

Gains

- When $X|Z$ and $Y|Z$ are both smooth, all methods have valid type-I error and notable power whichever variable is permuted ([experiment 1](#)). Moreover, there's no distinct difference in power between using Z and

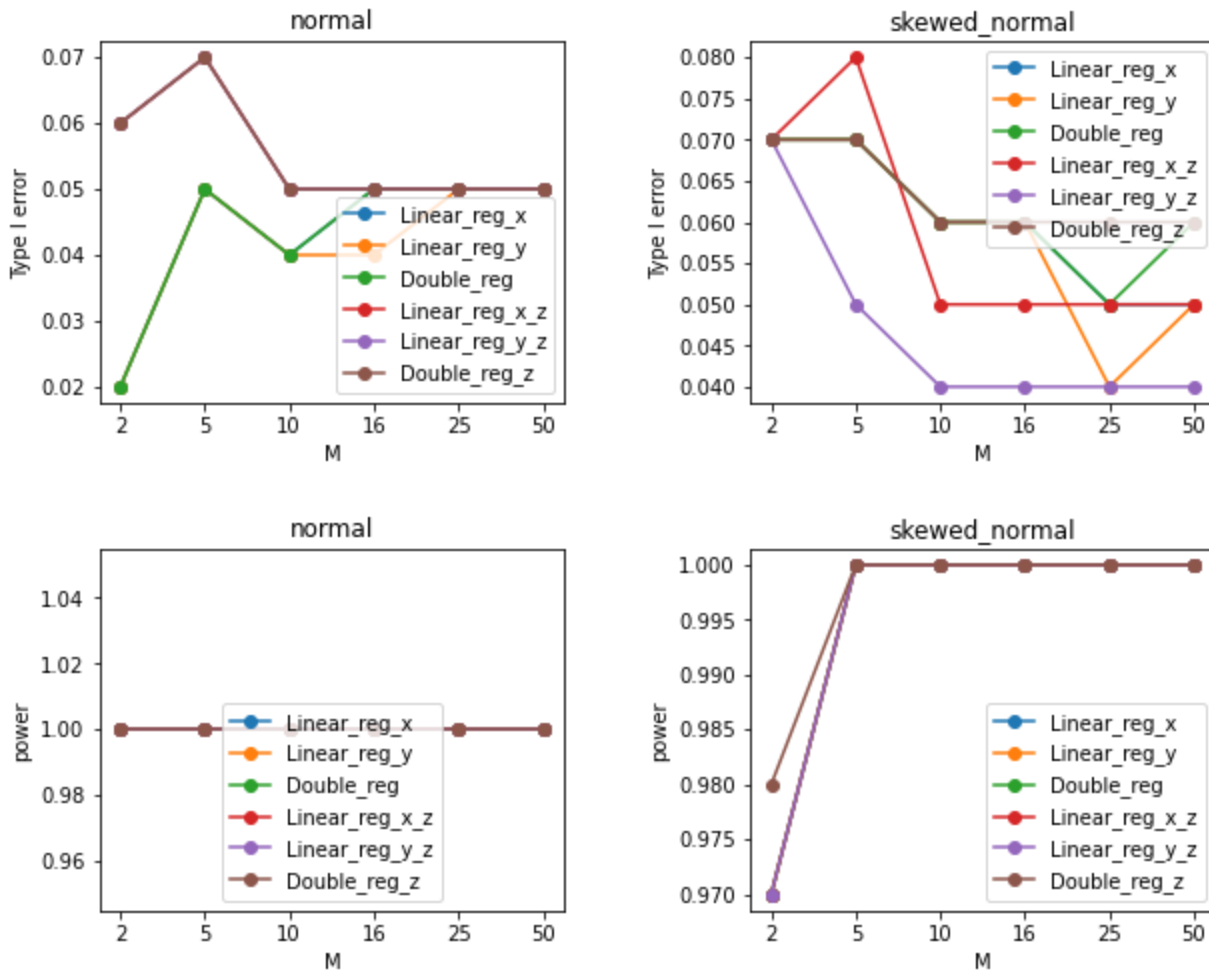
\tilde{Z} (experiment 2). But "Double_reg" and "Double_reg_z" own higher power than methods using one-sided regression in some settings (experiment 3).

- When $X|Z$ and $Y|Z$ are neither smooth, all methods fail in controlling type-I error while "Double_reg" (double regression with Z) is barely acceptable if f_x and f_y are both linear in Z . (experiment 4&experiment 5)
- When $X|Z$ is smooth and $Y|Z$ is not, the choice of permuted variable is very important. All methods perform well if we permute the smooth one (X). If we permute the non-smooth one (Y), "Double_reg" and "Double_reg_z" can both work (experiment 7: f_x and f_y are non-linear in Z ; experiment 9: f_x is linear in Z while f_y is non-linear in Z) or both fail to control type-I error. (experiment 6&experiment 8: f_x and f_y are linear in Z)
- From all experiments, counter-intuitively, it seems that using \tilde{Z} would be more aggressive (higher type-I and power) than using Z .

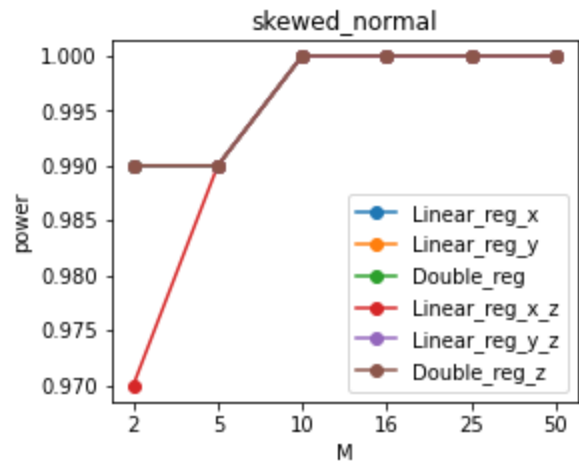
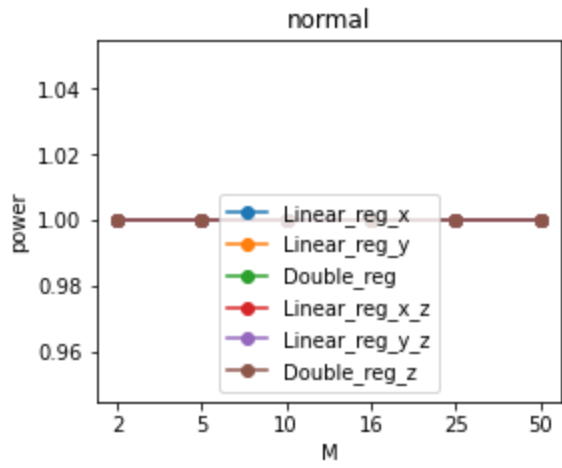
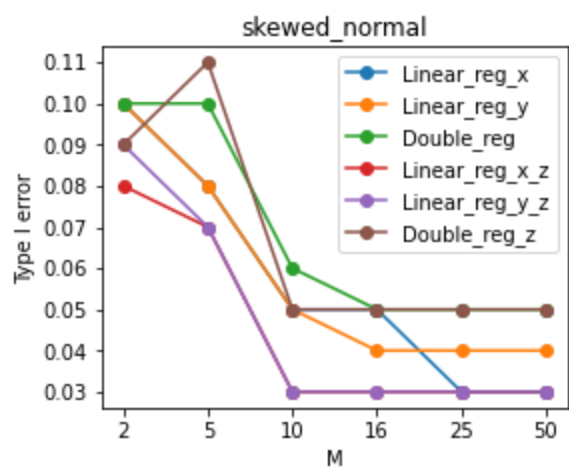
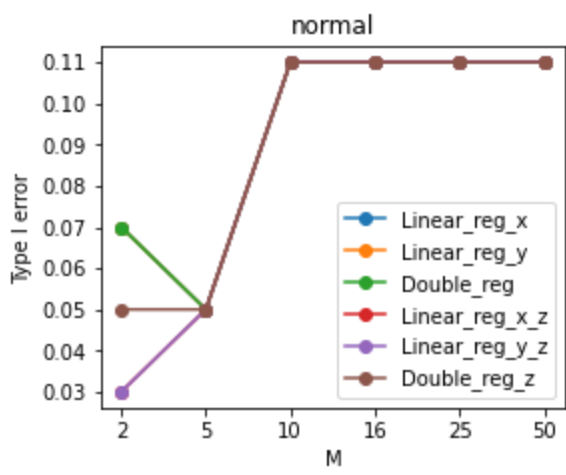
experiment 1

$f_x(Z) = Z, f_y(Z) = Z, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 5), cor = 0.8$.

- permute Y :

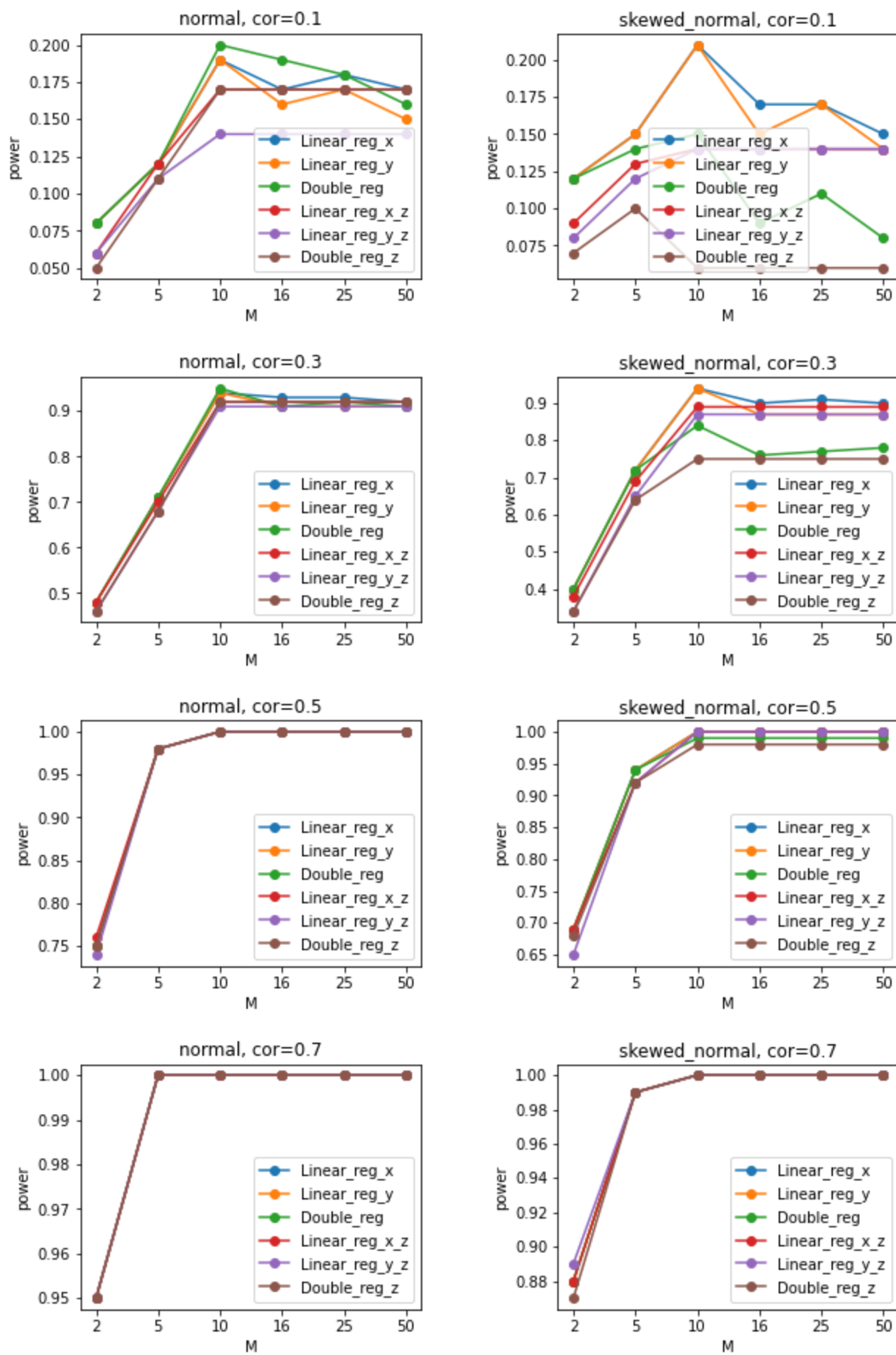


- permute X :



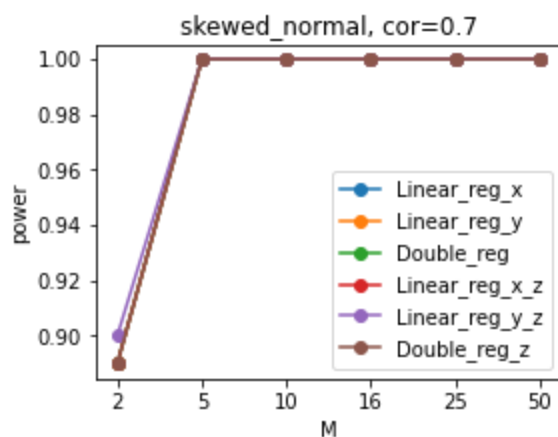
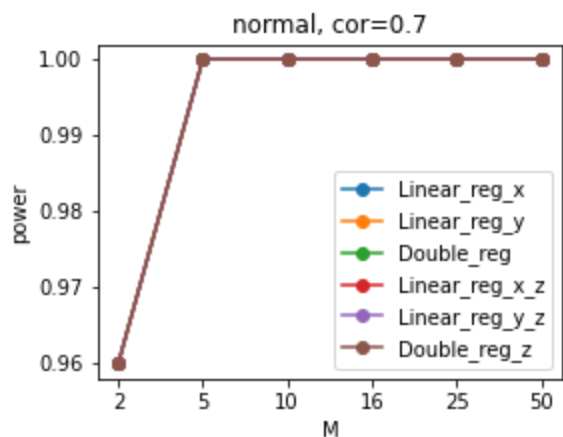
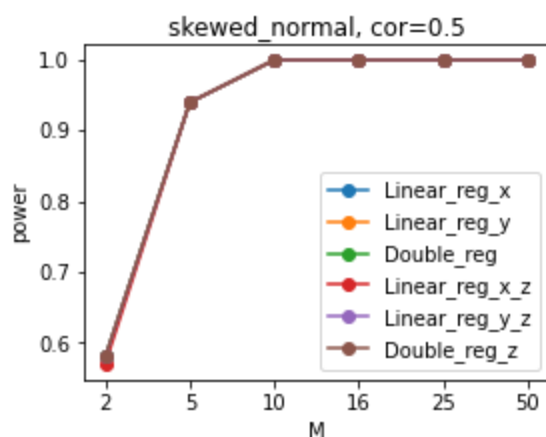
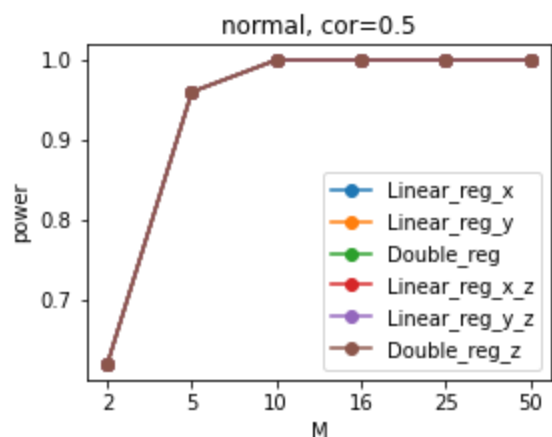
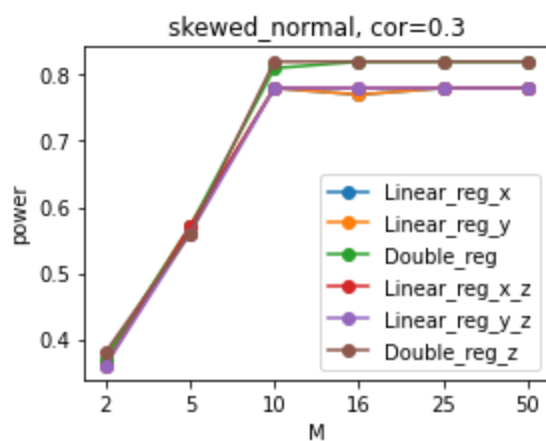
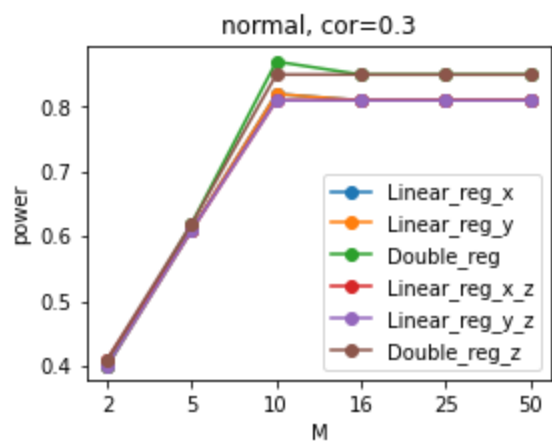
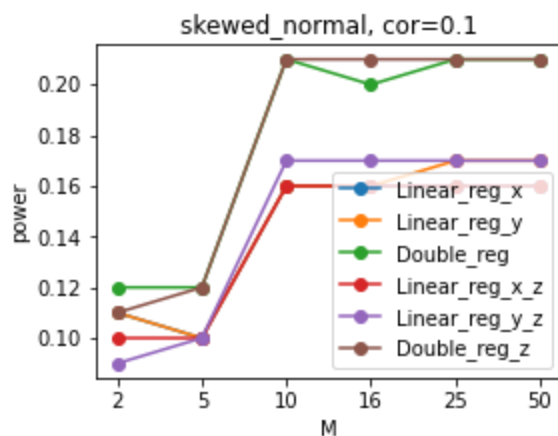
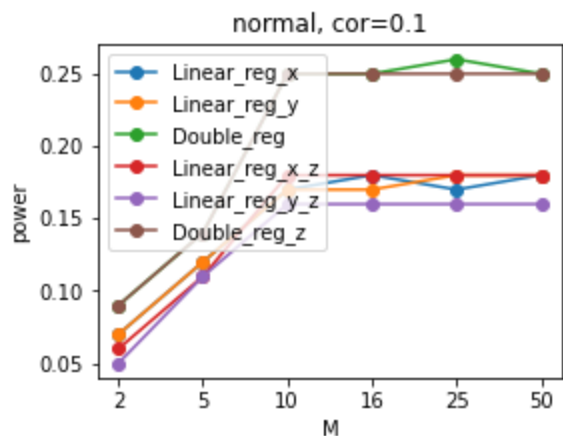
experiment 2

$f_x(Z) = Z, f_y(Z) = Z, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 5), cor \in \{0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7\}$ and permute Y .



experiment 3

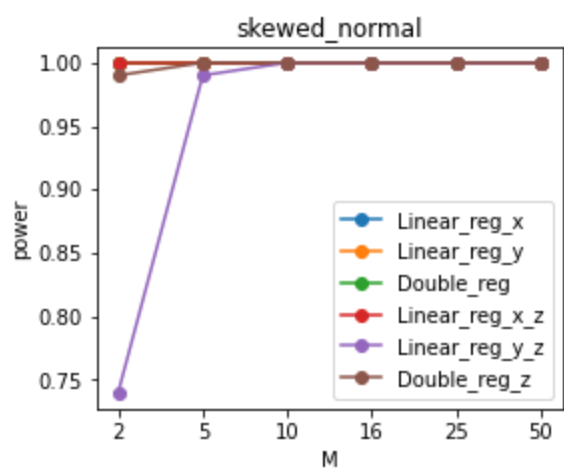
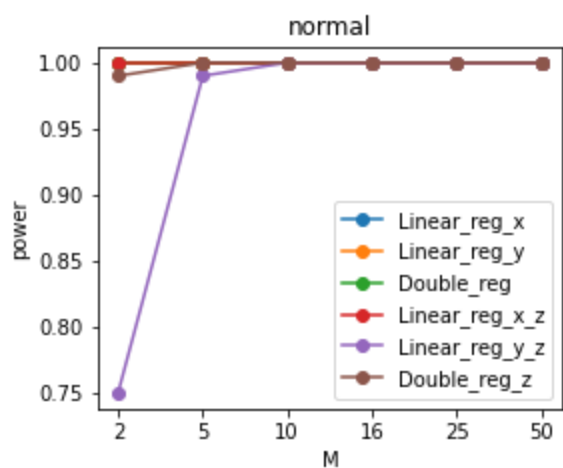
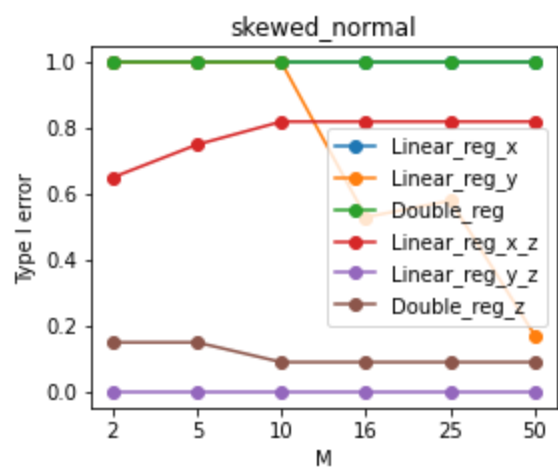
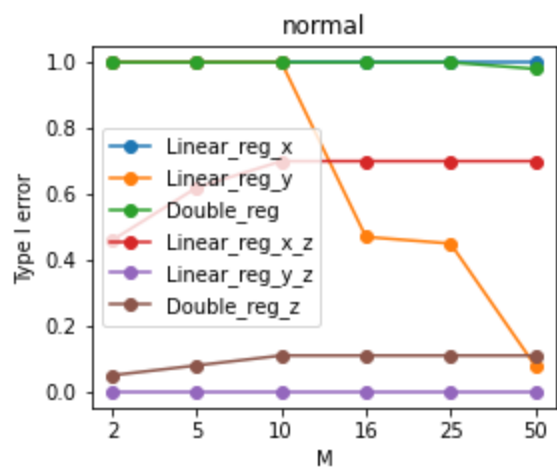
$f_x(Z) = \log(Z + 1) + 2$, $f_y(Z) = 7 + \sqrt{Z}$, $\epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5)$, $\epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 5)$, $cor \in \{0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7\}$ and permute Y .



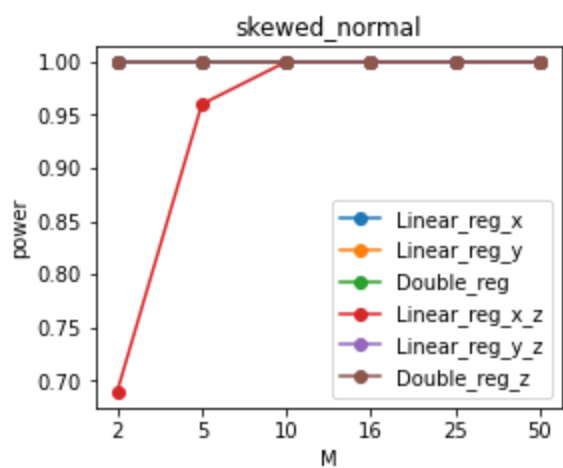
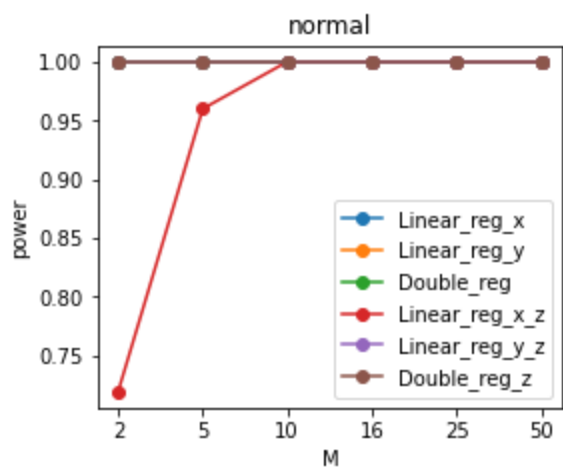
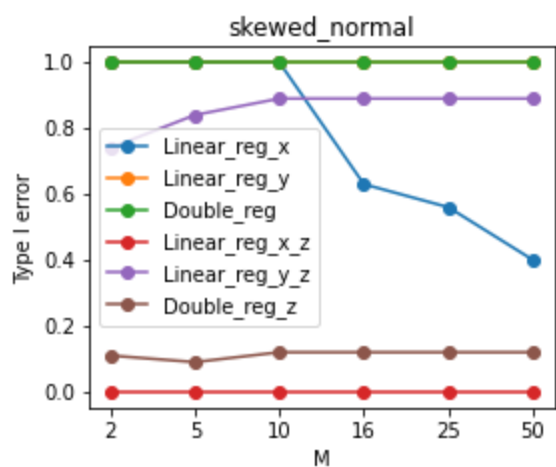
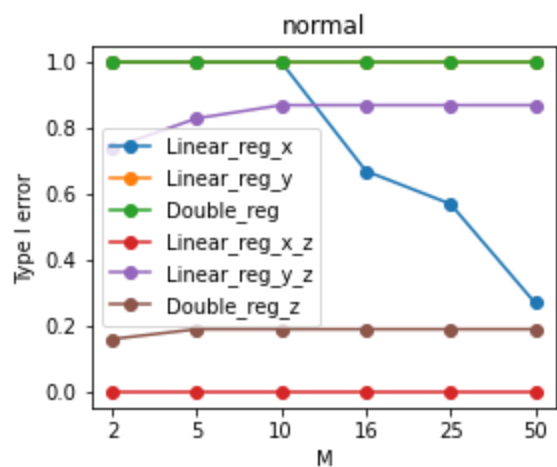
experiment 4

$$f_x(Z) = Z, f_y(Z) = Z, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 0.1), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$$

- permute Y :



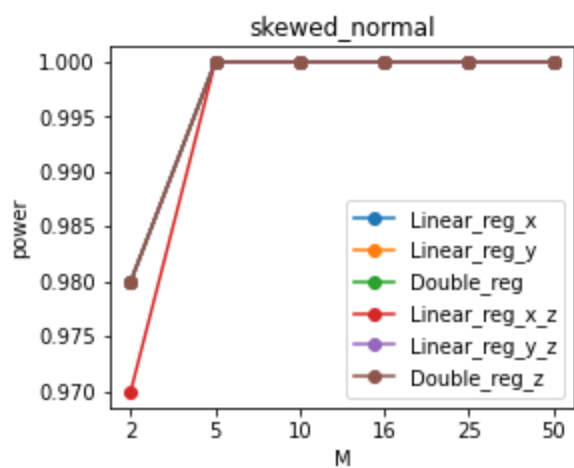
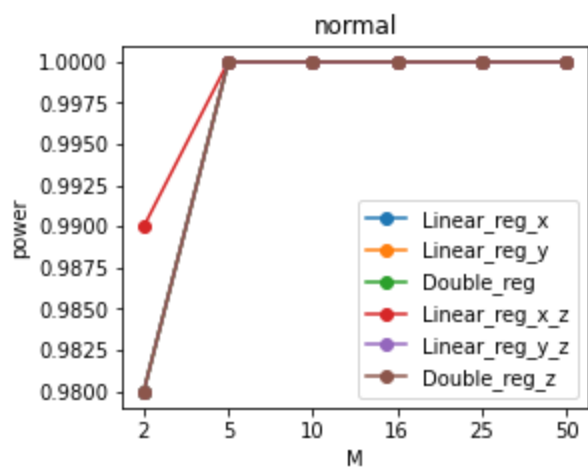
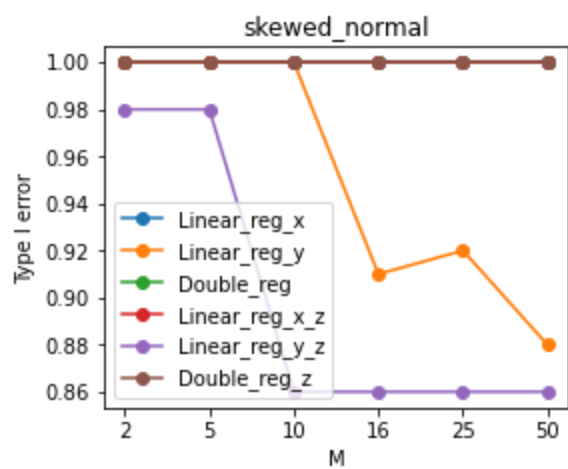
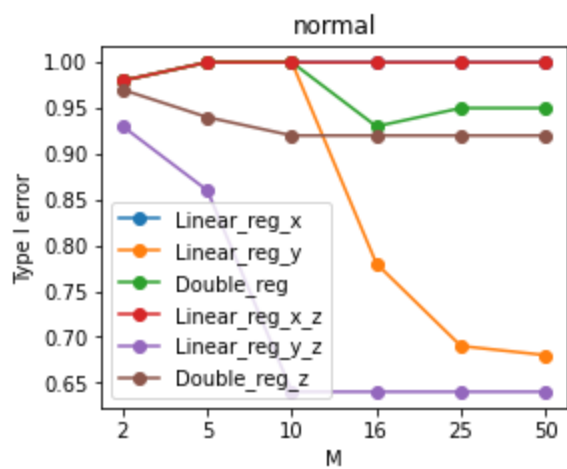
- permute X :



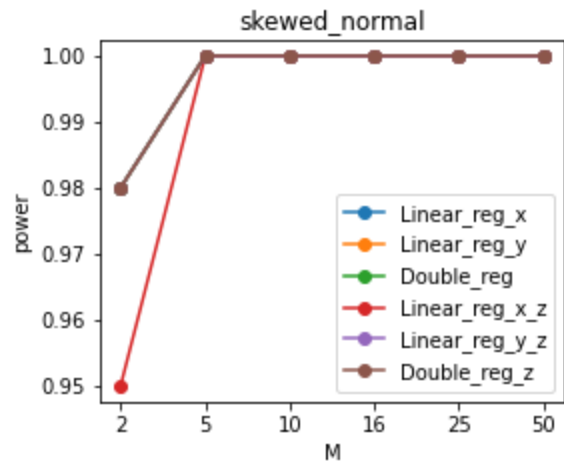
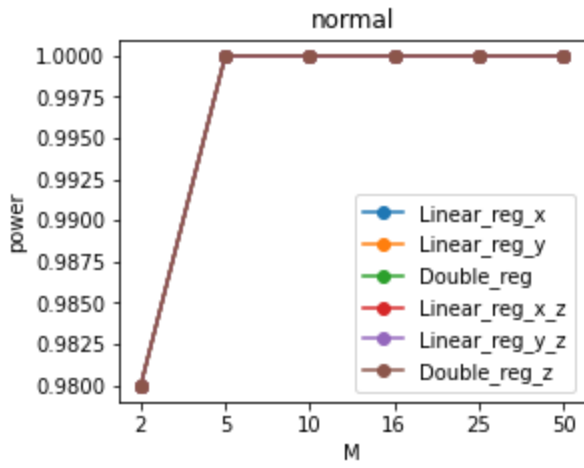
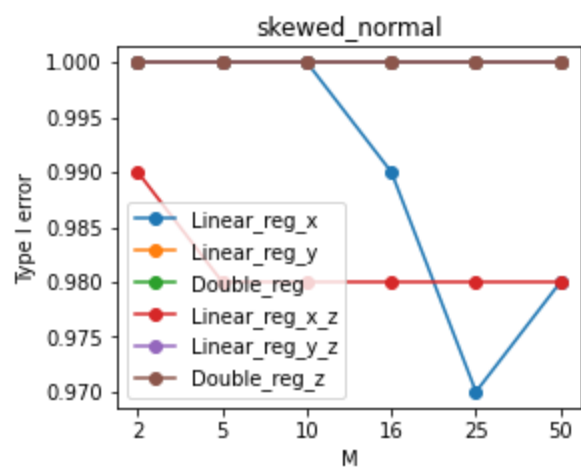
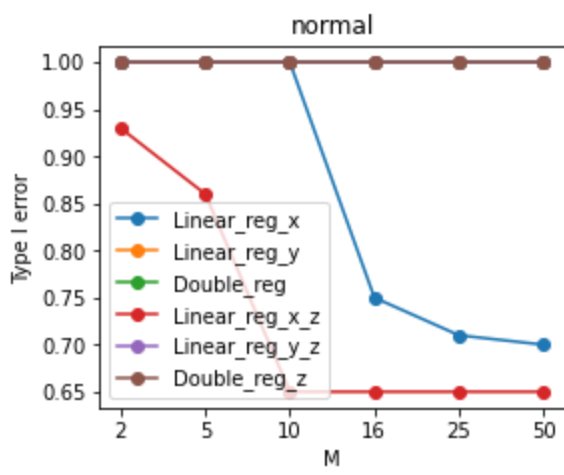
experiment 5

$$f_x(Z) = \log(Z + 1) + 2, f_y(Z) = 7 + Z^{\frac{1}{2}}, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 0.1), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$$

- permute Y :



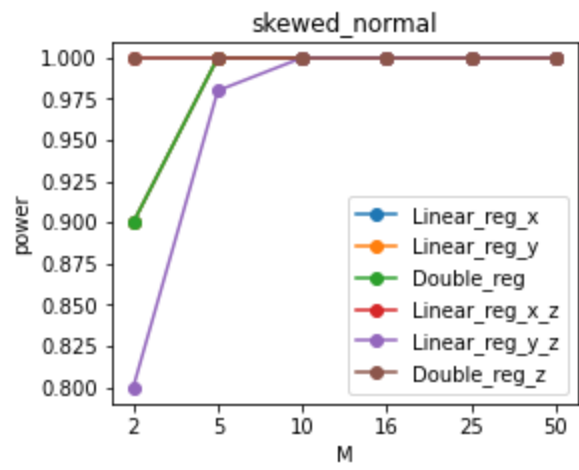
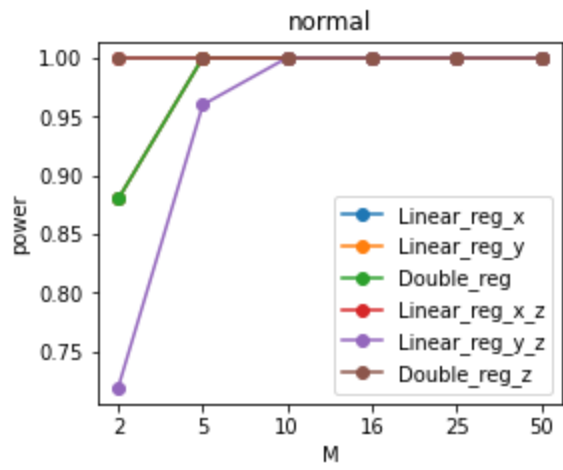
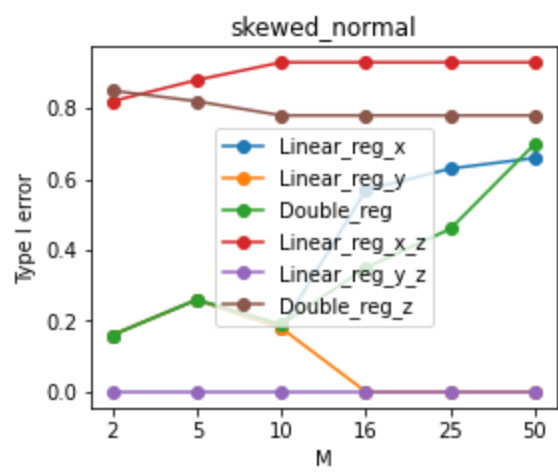
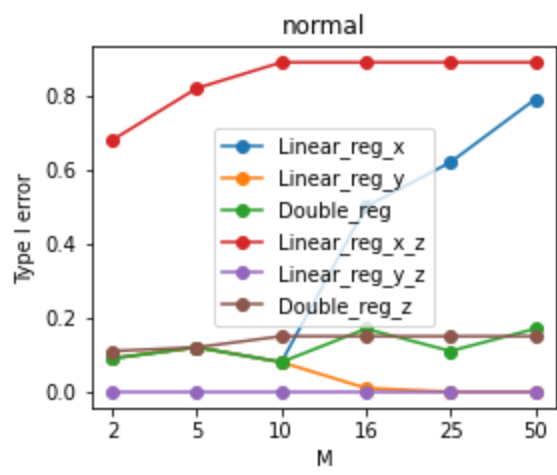
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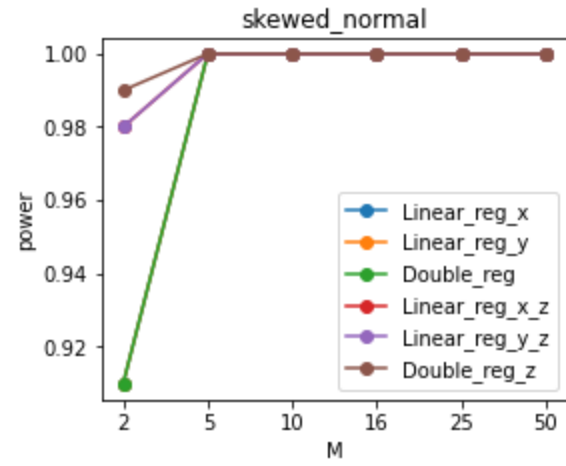
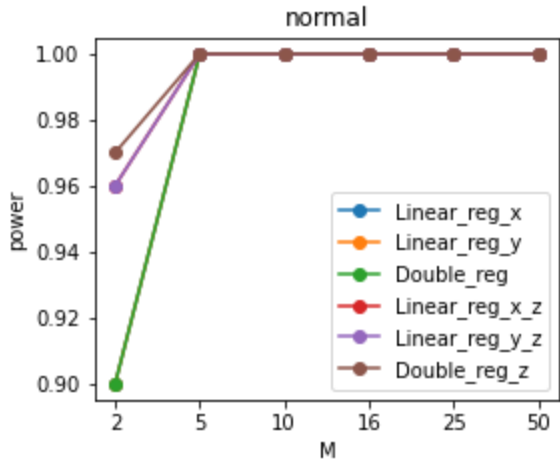
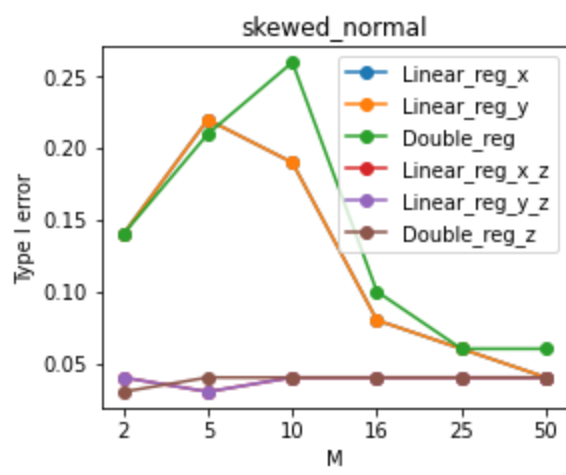
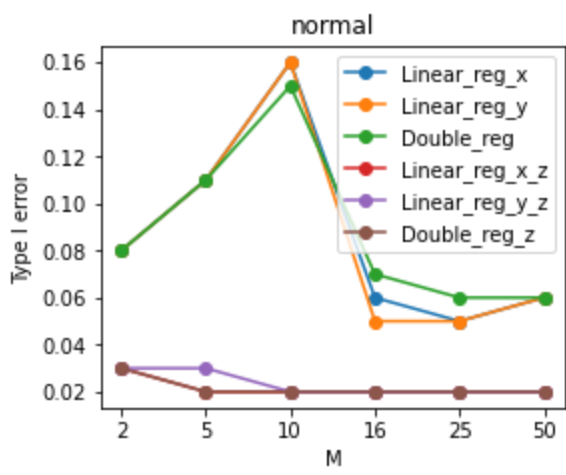
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$f_x(Z) = Z, f_y(Z) = Z, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$

- permute Y :



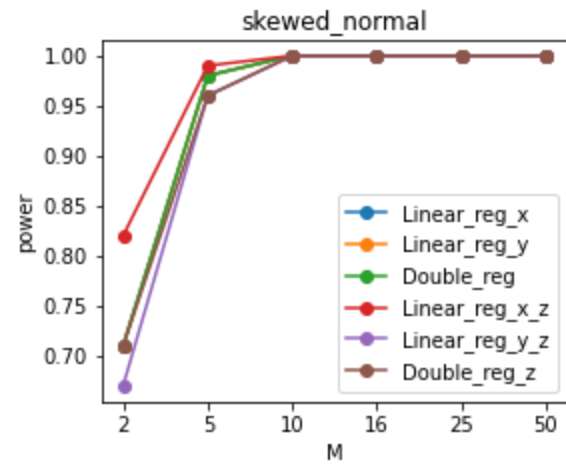
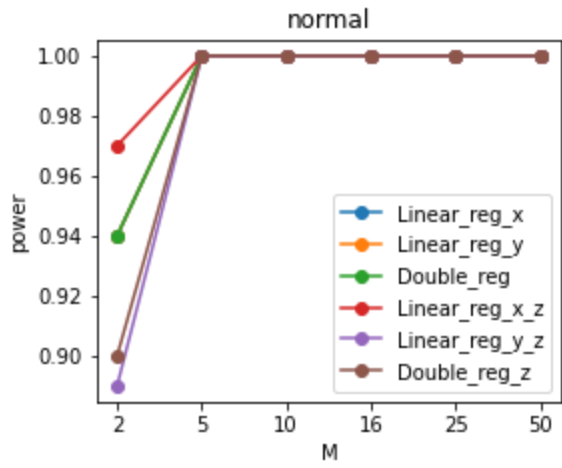
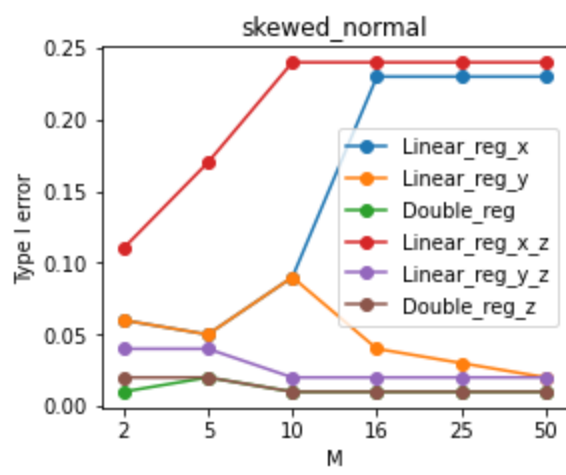
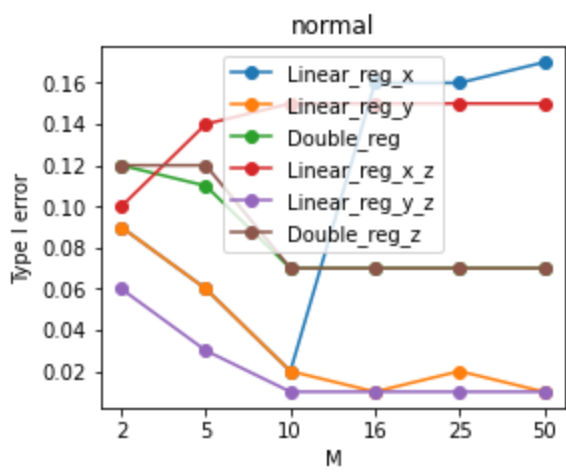
- permute X :



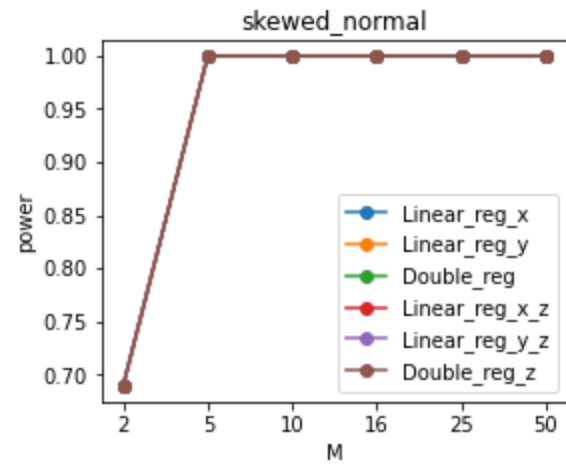
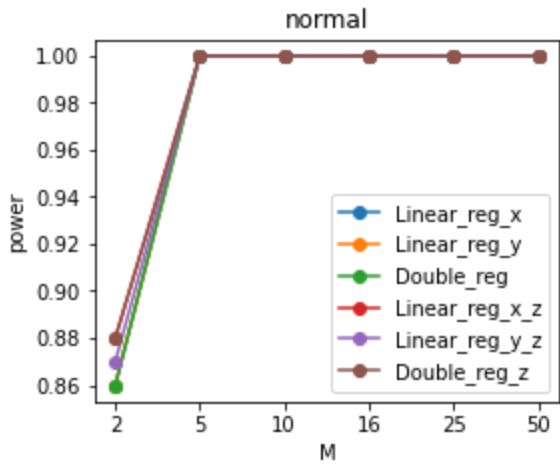
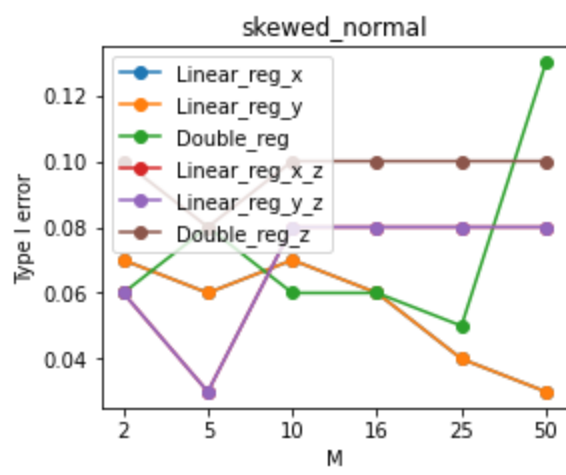
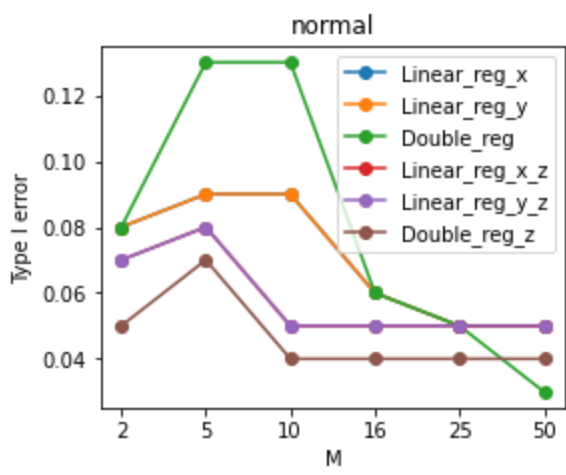
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$$f_x(Z) = \log(Z + 1) + 2, f_y(Z) = 7 + \sqrt{Z}, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$$

- permute Y :



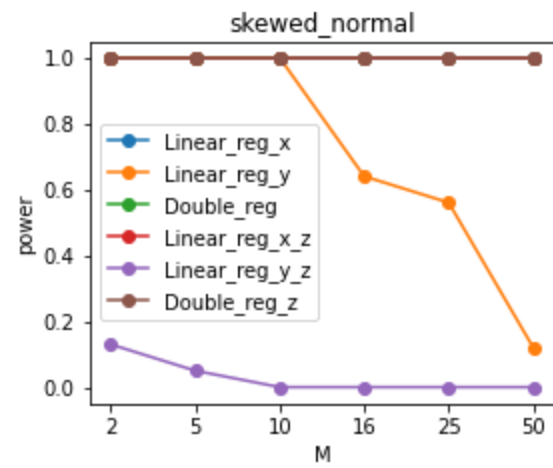
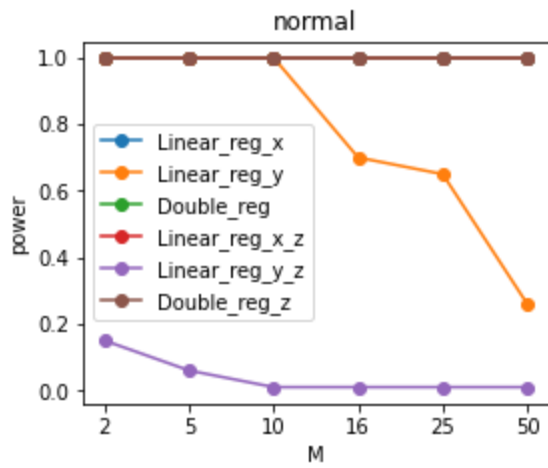
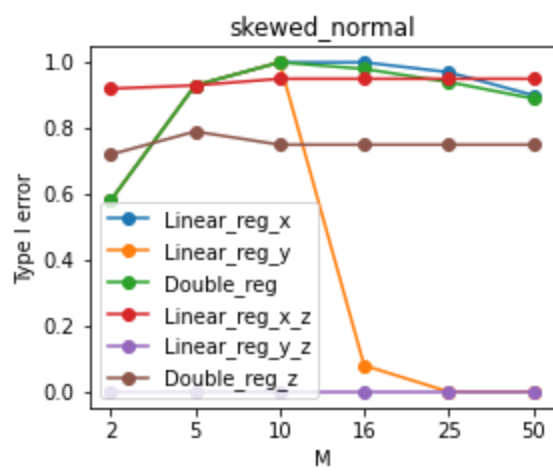
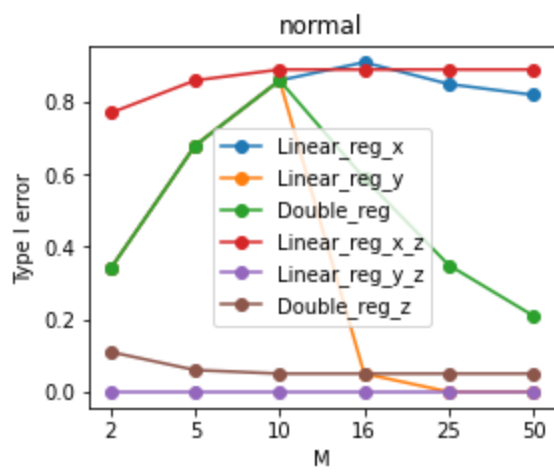
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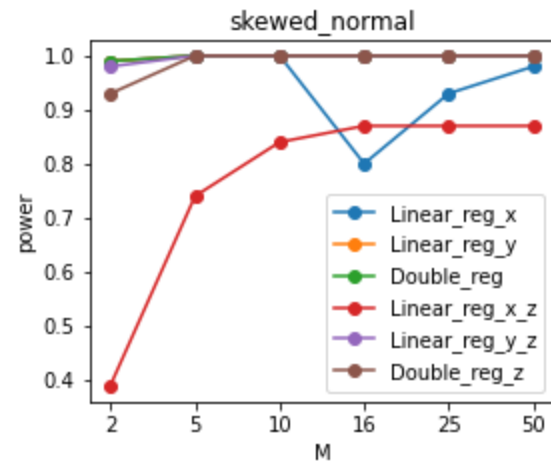
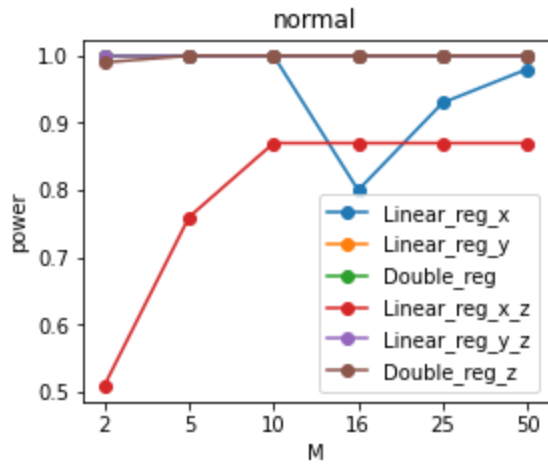
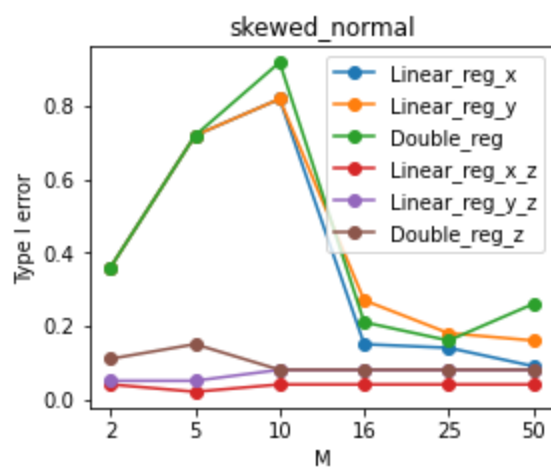
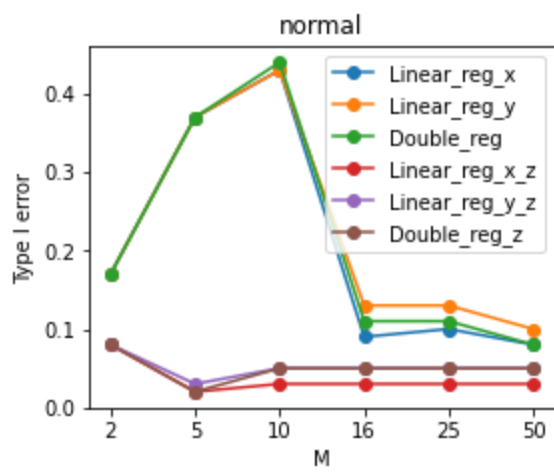
experiment 8

$f_x(Z) = 5Z, f_y(Z) = 5Z, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$

- permute Y :



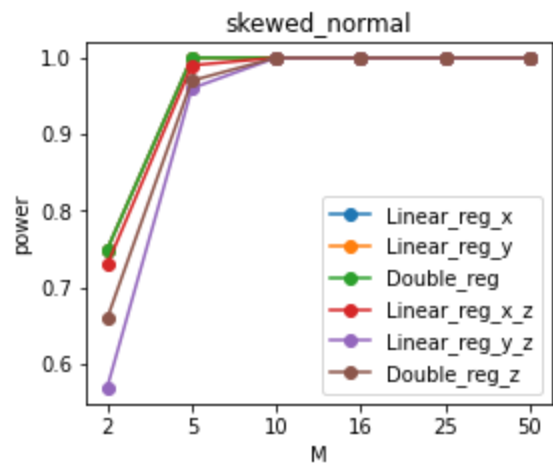
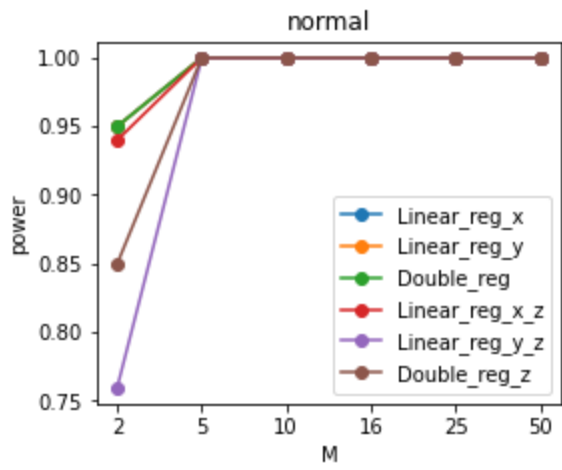
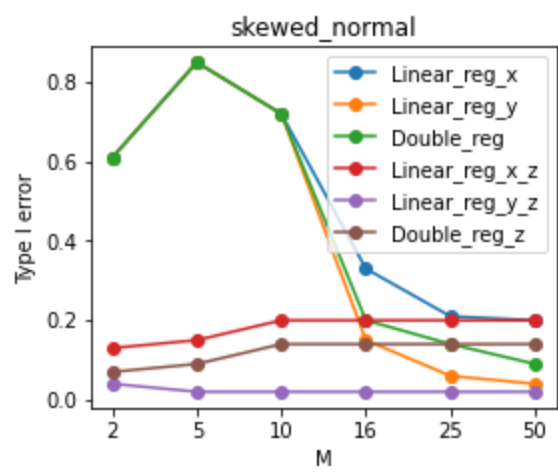
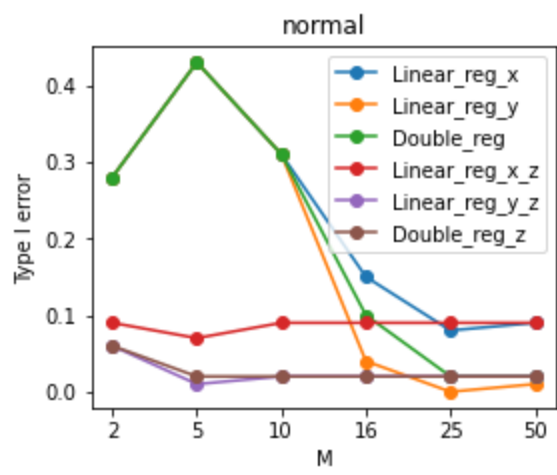
- permute X :



experiment 9

$$f_x(Z) = Z, f_y(Z) = 7 + \sqrt{Z}, \epsilon_x \sim N(\cdot, 5), \epsilon_y \sim N(\cdot, 0.1).$$

- permute Y :



- permute X :

