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Calculate all partial correlation coefficients for the following correlation matrix R:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0,2495 & 0,3332 \\ 0,2495 & 1 & 0,5029 \\ 0,3332 & 0,5029 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above simple correlation coefficients  $r_{ij}$  come from a study of  $n = 142$  women, in which  $X_1$  stands for blood pressure,  $X_2$  cholesterol concentration, and  $X_3$  age. So  $r_{13} = 0,3332$  is the correlation coefficient between blood pressure and age.

At the error level of  $\alpha = 5\%$  test the null hypothesis  $H_0: \rho_{12,3} = 0$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: \rho_{12,3} \neq 0$ . Can you discard the hypothesis that blood pressure and cholesterol concentration are independent under partialization of age?

Note: the partial correlation coefficient is tested with the t-distribution (same as with  $r$ , or  $r_{xy}$ ),

but with a slightly modified test statistic, namely  $t_{calc} = r_{xy \cdot z} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n-3}{1-r_{xy \cdot z}^2}}$  with  $df = n-3$ .

$$r_{12} \quad r_{13} \quad r_{21} \quad r_{23} \quad r_{31} \quad r_{32}$$

$$r_{12 \cdot 3} \quad r_{13 \cdot 2} \quad r_{21 \cdot 3} \quad r_{23 \cdot 1} \quad r_{31 \cdot 2} \quad r_{32 \cdot 1}$$

$$r_{12 \cdot 3} = r_{21 \cdot 3} = \frac{r_{12} - r_{13} \cdot r_{23}}{\sqrt{1-r_{13}^2} \sqrt{1-r_{23}^2}} = \frac{0,2495 - 0,3332 \cdot 0,5029}{\sqrt{1-0,3332^2} \sqrt{1-0,5029^2}} = \underline{0,1005}$$

$$r_{13 \cdot 2} = r_{31 \cdot 2} = 0,2482$$

$$r_{23 \cdot 1} = r_{32 \cdot 1} = 0,7597$$

$$t_{calc} = r_{12 \cdot 3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{142-3}{1-r_{12 \cdot 3}^2}} = 0,1005 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{139}{1-0,1005^2}} = \underline{1,1909}$$

$$t_{120, 0,05} = \underline{1,658} > 1,1909$$

$H_0$  is valid