

Sheet 4 Q12

Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are independent normal random variables. Suppose (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) , (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) s.t.

$$\sum_i^n a_i b_i = 0$$

Show that $\sum_i^n a_i Y_i$, $\sum_i^n b_i Y_i$ are independent.

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ \dots & .. & \dots & .. \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose another $n - 2$ orthogonal rows. Then

$$\Sigma = AA^T$$

is diagonal, so $X = AY$ has independent components.
So the two sums are independent.