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Exercise: LLMS drill

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Suppose that Θ and W are independent, both with variance 1, and that $X = \Theta + W$. Furthermore, $\mathbf{E}[\Theta] = 1$ and $\mathbf{E}[W] = 2$. The LLMS estimator $\widehat{\Theta} = aX + b$ has

$$a = \boxed{1/2}$$
 Answer: 0.5

Hint: Remember the formula cov(X + Y, Z) = cov(X, Z) + cov(Y, Z).

Answer:

We have
$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \mathbf{E}[\Theta] + \mathbf{E}[W] = 3$$
 and $\mathrm{var}(X) = \mathrm{var}(\Theta) + \mathrm{var}(W) = 2$. Also,

$$\operatorname{cov}(X,\Theta) = \operatorname{cov}(\Theta,\Theta) + \operatorname{cov}(\Theta,W) = \operatorname{var}(\Theta) + 0 = 1.$$

Therefore, the LLMS estimator is

$$\widehat{\Theta}=1+rac{1}{2}(X-3)=rac{1}{2}X-rac{1}{2}.$$

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