Homework 2

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Due on Monday, May 1st 2023. R Code should be included as appendices.

- Problem 1: Choose a 3 by 3 covariance matrix with non-zero covariances. Also choose a sample size n (e.g., n=100, 500, 1000, etc). Simulate 1,000 data sets from a trivariate normal distribution.
 - 0. Hints:
 - Hint 1: the R library MASS provides a function to generate a random sample from a multivariate normal distribution.
 - Hint 2: Make sure that the covariance matrix you choose is positive definite. You can compute the eigenvalues by the "eigen" function in R and and check whether all the eigenvalues are positive.
 - 1. Try to make sense of the covariance matrix by examining the pairwise scatter plots using the data you simulate.
 - 2. During the simulation, you will generate 1,000 Wishart distributed random matrices. Calculate the trace for each of them. Explain what distribution the traces should follow and examine their histogram.
- Problem 2: Find a good data example to conduct a two-sample Hotelling's T^2 test. Do not use the data example discussed in this course. Please (1) include visualizations as exploratory methods and (2) make conclusion in the context of the data example.
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