

## Assignment 1

Handed Out: Nov 17 2023

Due: Nov 24 2023

- Feel free to talk to other students in the class when doing this assignment. You should, however, write down your solution yourself.
- Only homeworks **submitted in the tutorial of week 2** are graded.

**Task 1:** Let  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  with  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^T = (2, -3, 1)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the distribution of  $3X_1 - 2X_2 + X_3$ .
- (b) Relabel the variables if necessary and find a  $2 \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{a}$  such that  $X_2$  and  $X_2 - \mathbf{a} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix}$  are independent.  
*Hint:* Two vectors  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are uncorrelated if  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) = 0$ .

**Task 2:** Let  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^T = (1 \quad -1 \quad 2)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Which of the following random variables are independent? Explain.

- (a)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$
- (b)  $X_1$  and  $X_3$
- (c)  $X_2$  and  $X_3$
- (d)  $(X_1, X_3)$  and  $X_2$
- (e)  $X_1$  and  $X_1 + 3X_2 - 2X_3$

**Task 3:** Suppose that

$$Y_i = \beta_1 X_{1i} + \beta_2 X_{2i} + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Notice that there is no intercept. Suppose that

$$\sum_i X_{1i} X_{2i} = 0.$$

Show that the least squares estimators  $\hat{\beta}_1$  and  $\hat{\beta}_2$  from the multiple regression are the same as if we were to fit separate, simple regressions on  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .