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Moran's and Geary's statistics

The distribution of Moran's and Geary's test statistics under normality: Assume $Z(s_1), \dots, Z(s_n)$ follow $N(\mu, \sigma)$.

a. Moran's I statistic:

$$I = \frac{n}{S_0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (Z(s_i) - \bar{Z})(Z(s_j) - \bar{Z})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z(s_i) - \bar{Z})^2}.$$

with

$$E(I) = -\frac{1}{n-1}.$$

$$E(I^2) = \frac{1}{(n-1)(n+1)S_0^2} (n^2 S_1 - n S_2 + 3 S_0^2).$$

where,

$$S_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}.$$

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (w_{ij} + w_{ji})^2.$$

$$S_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ji} \right)^2.$$

b. Geary's c statistic:

$$c = \frac{n-1}{2S_0} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (Z(s_i) - Z(s_j))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Z(s_i) - \bar{Z})^2}.$$