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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2017 04:15:36 GMT

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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2017 04:29:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: Generation of another Gaussian random variable from a given one...

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2017 04:54:49 GMT

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Jim P.

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Subject: Re: Generation of another Gaussian random variable from a given one...  
Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 2017 10:54:32 GMT  
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On 01/28/2017 05:54 AM, Jim P wrote:

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If not, a while back I wrote a function to get 3d random variables given mean, stdDev and correlations that can process multiple such triplets in parallel and doesn't break down on impossible inputs.

If you want that I can send it to you, but you'd have to modify it yourself to make it work in 2d.

Good Luck, Markus

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Subject: Re: Generation of another Gaussian random variable from a given one...  
Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2017 15:57:40 GMT  
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Thanks Markus, the one that u gave me is sufficient for me and works perfect :).

@ Jim> I do not know R, so I have to work with the IDL one, anyhow, thanks a lot for sharing :),  
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Dave

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