

# Week 5 5.2 Note

## Lecture 13: Scatter Plot and Correlation

### 1. Bivariate Data

**Bivariate data** involves a *pair* of variables.

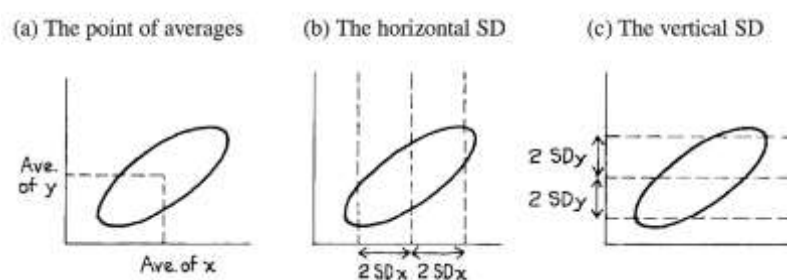
### 2. Linear Association

The **linear association** between 2 variables describes how tightly the points *cluster* around a line.

- If one variable tends to *increase* with the other, then we have *positive* association.

### 3. Correlation Coefficient

- How can we summarize a scatter plot?
  - Mean and SD of X ( $\bar{x}$ ,  $SD_x$ )
  - Mean and SD of Y ( $\bar{y}$ ,  $SD_y$ )
  - Correlation Coefficient ( $r$ )
- Centre and Spread of the Cloud
  - The **centre** of the cloud is represented by the point of averages ( $\bar{x}$ ,  $\bar{y}$ ) ( $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  here are means).
  - The **horizontal spread** of the cloud is measured by  $SD_x$ , we expect most of the points to fall with 2 SDs from  $\bar{x}$ .
  - The **vertical spread** of the cloud is measured by  $SD_y$ , we expect most of the points to fall with 2 SDs from  $\bar{y}$ .



**Correlation Coefficient** ( $r$ ): A numerical summary which measures the *clustering* around the line.

- It indicates the sign of strength of the linear association.
- Range: -1 to 1
  - If  $r$  is positive: the cloud slopes up.
  - If  $r$  is negative: the cloud slopes down.
  - More closer to +1 or -1: the points cluster more tightly.
- The population CC ( $r_{pop}$ ) is *the mean of the product of the variables* in **standard units**.
- use `cor()` for CC calculation. ex. `cor(data$fheight, data$sheight)`

## 4. SD Line

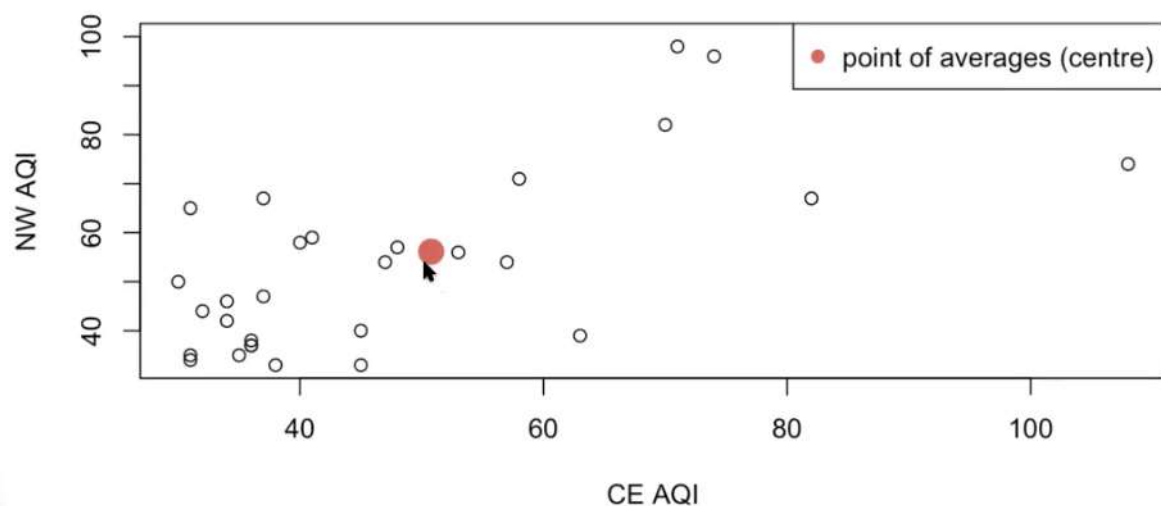
**SD line** is the line that the points *cluster around*.

- It connects the point of averages  $(x, y)$  to  $(x+SDx, y+SDy)$  for  $r > 0$  or  $(x, y)$  to  $(x+SDx, y-SDy)$  for  $r < 0$

## Lecture 14: Scatter Plot and Correlation

### 1. Scatter Plot Example

```
CE = data$SydneyCEAQI
NW = data$SydneyNWAQI
plot(CE, NW, xlab="CE AQI", ylab="NW AQI")
points(mean(CE), mean(NW), col = "indianred", pch=19, cex = 2) # point of averages (centre)
legend("topright", c("point of averages (centre)"), col="indianred", pch=19)
```



### 2. Properties of Correlation Coefficient

- When  $r=+1$  or  $-1$ , all the points lie on a line (no cloud, perfect correlation)
- When  $r=0$ , the points don't fit around a line.
- CC is **scale invariant** (won't change)

### 3. Misleading Correlations

- Outliers* can overly influence the CC.
  - Example:

```
# Add one outlier respectively to both data sets:
CE1 = c(CE, 100)
NW1 = c(NW, 20)
# Calculate the CC of the original:
cor(CE, NW)
0.757917
# Calculate the CC of the new:
cor(CE1, NW1)
0.5575432
# The CC has changed a lot by outliers.
```

- Nonlinear association can't be detected by the CC.
- The same CC can arise from different data.
  - Example: [Anscombes Quartet](#)
- Rates of averages tend to inflate the CC.

Ecological correlation (spatial correlation): the correlation between 2 variables that are group means or rates.

- EC tend to overestimate the association between 2 variables.
- Small SDs can make the correlation *look* bigger.

## Lecture 15: Regression Line

### 1. Regression Line

- To describe the scatter plot, we need to use the 5 summaries:  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $SD_x$ ,  $SD_y$ ,  $r$ .
- The regression line connects  $(x, y)$  to  $(x+SD_x, y+SD_y)$
- Command: `lm()` ex. `lm(NW~CE)`

Formally, we could compare the 2 lines:

Feature	SD Line	Regression Line
Connects	$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ to $(\bar{x} + SD_x, \bar{y} + SD_y)$ ( $r \geq 0$ ) $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ to $(\bar{x} + SD_x, \bar{y} + SD_y)$ ( $r < 0$ )	$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ to $(\bar{x} + SD_x, \bar{y} + rSD_y)$
Slope (b)	$\frac{SD_y}{SD_x}$ ( $r \geq 0$ ) $\frac{-SD_y}{SD_x}$ ( $r < 0$ )	$r \frac{SD_y}{SD_x}$
Intercept (a)	$\bar{y} - b\bar{x}$	$\bar{y} - b\bar{x}$

### 2. The Graph of Averages

- Plot the average  $y$  for each  $x$ .
- If the GOA is a *straight* line, that line is the *regression line*.

### 3. Prediction

- Baseline Prediction:

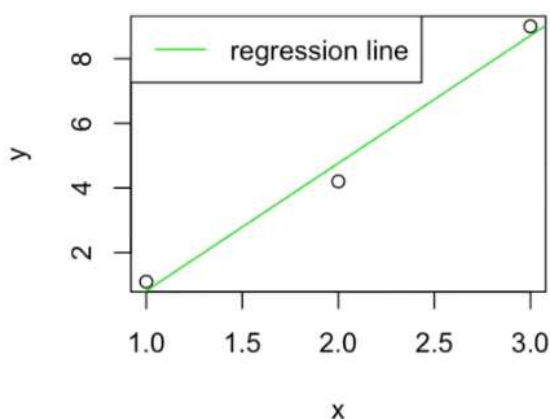
- Give a *certain value*  $x$ , a *basic* prediction of  $y$  would be **the average of  $y$  over all the  $x$  values**.
- Prediction in a strip:
  - Give a *certain value*  $x$ , a *more careful* prediction of  $y$  would be **the average of all the  $y$  values** in the data corresponding to **that  $x$  value**.
- The Regression Line
  - Calculate the regression line, and insert the particular  $x$  value we will use.
- Predicting Percentile Ranks
  - If  $x$  is in a **certain percentile** of all the  $x$ 's, what percentile would we predict the corresponding  $y$  to be in?
  - Steps:
    1. Find the  $z$  score in the  $x$  direction:  $Z_x$ .
    2. Find the predicted  $z$  score in the  $y$  direction:  $Z_y = r * Z_x$
    3. Translate  $Z_y$  back to the percentile in the  $y$  direction.
  - Example:

```
# Find the percentile using qnorm(), in this example the CE reading is at
# 90th percentile (90%):
z_x = qnorm(0.9)
# Scale the CC and Zx:
z_y = cor(CE, NW) * z_x
# Translate to the y percentile using pnorm():
pnorm(z_y)
0.834303
# Conclusion: When CE reading is at the 90th percentile, the NW reading is
# at the 83th percentile.
```

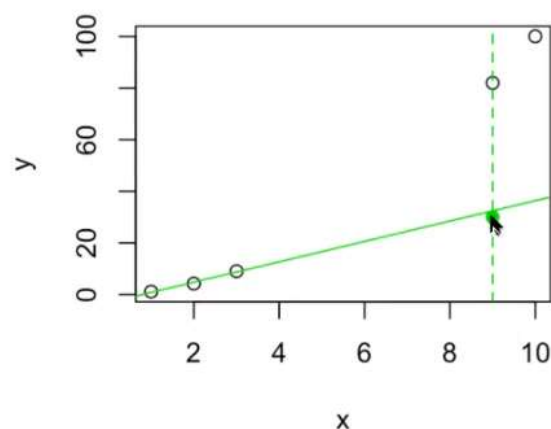
## 4. Mistakes in Prediction

- Extrapolating
  - If we make a prediction from  $x$  that is *not within the data range*, the prediction can be unreliable.

**Fitting line for 1st 3 data points**



**Long-term trend not linear**



- Not Checking the Scatter Plot
  - We can have a high CC and then fit a regression line, but the data may not be linear (more appropriate to use a quadratic model).

# Lecture 16: Residual Plot

## 1. Residual

Residual (prediction error): the **vertical distance** (gap) of a point above and below *the regression line*.

- It represents the error between the actual value and the prediction:  $e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$ , where  $y_i$  is the actual value and  $\hat{y}_i$  is the prediction.
  - Example:

```
# Find the regression line:
l = lm(NW~CE)
# Use the 10th reading in NW data to minus the prediction (fitted.values):
NW[10] - l$fitted.values[10]
10
-11.41741
```

- Or more quickly:

```
l$residuals[10]
10
-11.41741
```

## 2. The RMS Error

- Represent the **average gap** between the points and the regression line.

$$\text{RMS error}_{pop} = \text{RMS of (gaps from the line)} = \sqrt{\text{mean of (gaps)}^2}$$

More formally,  $\text{RMS error}_{pop} = \sqrt{\frac{e_1^2 + e_2^2 + \dots + e_n^2}{n}}$ .

- Example:

```
res = NW - l$fitted.values
sqrt(mean(res^2))
13.22338
```

- For Baseline Prediction:
  - The RMS error is **the SD** for  $y$ .
- Speedy Way for Population RMS Error:

$$\text{RMS error}_{pop} = \sqrt{1 - r^2} SD_y$$

- Example:

```
# For sample:
sqrt(1-(cor(CE, NW))^2)*sd(NW)
13.44196
# For population:
sqrt(1-(cor(CE, NW))^2)*sd(NW)*sqrt((length(CE)-1)/(length(CE)))
13.22338
```

- Special Cases
  - Perfect Correlation:  $r = +1$  or  $-1$ 
    - RMS Error = 0, as all points lie on the line.
  - $r = 0$ 
    - RMS Error = 0, as the regression line is no help in predicting  $y$ .
  - Smallest RMS Error
    - The smallest is for the regression line.

### 3. Residual Plot

- Graphs the residuals vs  $x$ .
- If the linear fit is appropriate for the data, it should show no pattern.
- Command: `lm$residuals`
  - Example:

```
l = lm(NW~CE)
plot(CE, l$residuals, ylab="residuals")
```

### 4. Vertical Strips

- If the VSs on the scatter plot show *equal spread* in the  $y$  direction, then the data is **homoscedastic**.
  - The RMS error can be used as a measure of spread for individual strips.
- If not, then the data is **heteroscedastic**.
  - The RMS error cannot.
- If *homoscedastic*, then we can use the **normal approximation** within the VSs.
  - We consider the  $y$  within the strip as  $y^*$  with:

$$\bar{y}^* = \bar{y} + z_x r SD_y$$

$$SD_y^* \approx \text{RMS Error}$$

where  $z_x$  is the z-score for the strip.

- Example:

```
# Percentage of days that CE is above 90:
length(which((CE>90)))/length(CE)
0.09677419
# Calculate the normal approximation:
z=(90-mean(CE)/sd(CE))
1-pnorm(z)
0.0365018
```

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## Lecture 17: Linear Regression Summary (given bivariate data)

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- Steps:
  1. Produce a scatter plot----does it look *linear*?
  2. Produce a regression line:  $y = a + bx$
  3. Calculate the CC (r)----how strong is the *linear regression*?
  4. Produce a residual plot----does it look *random*? Is linear model good?
  5. Check assumptions----does the data look *homoscedastic*?
  6. Perform predictions----predict y for given x and y within a VS