# Unit 11 Lab Report

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# **Section 1: Hypothesis**

The goal of this research paper is to determine how age, income, and regular attendance of church services affects prayer rates.

Null: There is no significant correlation between age of those who pray regularly and their income, age, and church attendance.

Research<sub>1</sub>: There is a significant correlation between age of those who pray regularly and their income, age, and church attendance.

 $\begin{array}{l} H_0\colon \rho_{xy}=0\\ H_1\colon r_{xy}\neq 0 \end{array}$ 

#### Section 2: Data

The data being utilized is from the Baylor Survey of Religious Life. Participants asked to respond to the question listed in the following code book:

Question or Description	Possible Answers
Age range of people who pray once or several times a day as reported in 2017.	Range: 17-95
By your best estimate,	1) \$10,000 or less
what was your total	2) \$10,001 to \$20,000
household income last year,	3) \$20,001 to \$35,000
before taxes?	4) \$35,001 to \$50,000
	5) \$50,001 to \$100,000
	6) \$100,001 to \$150,000
	7) \$150,001 or more
About how often do you	0) Never
spend time alone praying	1) Only on certain occasions
outside of religious services?	2) Once a week or less
	3) A few times a week
	4) Once a day
	5) Several times a day
Attends a worship service	1) No
about once a week or more.	2) Yes

Attendance was originally a nominal variable. To allow for a linear regression, it was recoded as a dummy variable.

## **Section 3: Method**

To evaluate the data, the data set was first re-coded with shorter variable names, mainly because of my hate for long variable names. The new data set was then coerced to be a data.frame to make later actions easier (particularly with ggplot2, since data needs to be in tidy format).

```
# Re-coded with shorter names because idk I don't like long variable
# names. ~\_()_/~

pf <- Module_11_Lab_Data$`Pray Frequency`
inc <- Module_11_Lab_Data$`Income Intervals`
age <- Module_11_Lab_Data$AGE
regat <- Module_11_Lab_Data$`Regular Attendance`

df <- data.frame(pf, inc, age, regat)</pre>
```

The next evaluation consisted of finding the median of income interval, age, and regular attendance. To cut down on the amount of code I needed to write, I made this a for loop. From here, the linear model (AKA regression) was calculated with prayer frequency regressed over income interval, age, and regular attendance of church services.

```
for (i in 2:4) {
  print(paste(median(df[[i]])))
}
lmresult <- lm(formula = pf ~ inc + age + regpr, df)</pre>
```

I did all this work below thinking I was working with Pearson's r, but I wasn't. I just put it here to display the work I put into this.

#### **Section 4: Results**

#### **Section 5: Discussion and Conclusion**

### Section 6: Graphics and Visuals

Figure 3: Matrix chart.  $r^2$  of age and income interval.