

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

Slope and intercept estimates

Correlation Coefficient

$$R = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

r , the sample correlation coefficient, is an estimate for ('rho') the population correlation coefficient.

By definition

$$-1 \leq r \leq 1$$

For a group of 15 students the following table shows the average numbers of hours per week spent on study and their final results in the corresponding examination.

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|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|
| No. of hours studied (x) | 16 | 17.5 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 15 | 12.5 | 20.5 |
| Exam mark (y) | 77 | 85 | 48 | 59 | 75 | 41 | 95 |
| No. of hours studied (x) | 16.5 | 13.5 | 22 | 18.5 | 17 | 19.5 | 19.5 |
| Exam mark (y) | 80 | 70 | 99 | 85 | 83 | 97 | 89 |

Some useful values:

Summary statistics for these data are:

- ▶ Sum of **x** data = 247.5
- ▶ Sum of squares of **x** data = 4218.75
- ▶ Sum of **y** data = 1155
- ▶ Sum of squares of **y** data = 92999
- ▶ Sum of products of **x** and **y** data = 19750.5

- ▶ Calculate the least squares regression line of y on x .
- ▶ Use the calculated line to predict examination marks for students who studied for (i) 16 hours. (ii) 20 hours.
- ▶ State, without calculation, which of these predictions is likely to be the more accurate. Explain your choice.