

# Scatter plots

The first part of the question will require the drawing of a scatter plot. When doing so, remember to label the axes, and to put in the relevant units. (I.e. Metres, Degrees, Hours etc)

The Explanatory variable is on the X-axis and the Response variable is on the Y Axis.

A Trend line will be useful in demonstrating what type of relationship exists between the response variable and the explanatory variable.

1. There are five possible plot types
2. Strong positive linear relationship
3. Weak positive linear relationship
4. Strong negative linear relationship
5. Weak negative linear relationship
6. No Relationship

In the strong case the points of the graph correspond to the trend line quite closely, whereas in the weak case they don't. In the positive case the response values  $Y$  increase as the explanatory values  $X$  increase. In the negative case the response values  $Y$  decrease as the explanatory values  $X$  increase.

This requires a simple calculation based in values given and the relevant formula.

The formula for the Correlation estimate is as follows.

The calculated value should be between -1 and 1.

The following conclusions are drawn , depending on the Correlation estimate value:

- ▶ Greater than 0.9 Very strong positive linear relationship
- ▶ Between 0.7 and 0.9 Strong positive linear relationship
- ▶ Between 0.2 and 0.7 Weak positive linear relationship
- ▶ Between -0.2 and 0.2 No relationship
- ▶ Between -0.7 and -0.2 Weak negative linear relationship
- ▶ Between -0.9 and -0.7 Strong negative linear relationship
- ▶ Less than -0.9 Very strong negative linear relationship

Your answer should concur with your interpretation of the scatterplot.

We are asked to calculate the following

- ▶ an estimate for the intercept value
- ▶ an estimate for the slope value

(The chevron sign denotes that the value in question is an estimate.)

We calculate the estimate for slope first.

To calculate the estimate for the intercept, we first must determine the values for the means of  $X$  and  $Y$  (i.e.  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$ ). We are given the values of the summations of  $X$  and  $Y$  (i.e.  $\sum X$  and  $\sum Y$ ), which we divide by the number of  $XY$  pairs ( $n$ ).

We then construct the regression model equation , which estimate a value for  $Y$  for a given  $X$  value. It takes the form:  
The second part of the question will give us a particular  $X$  value and ask us to calculate a corresponding estimate for  $Y$ .