

Topic: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Presentation of Bivariate Data

Part C: Two quantitative variables

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Bivariate data: Two Variables

Different tables / plots for different data types . . .

For **two qualitative** variables:

- two-way tables
- stacked bar graphs
- clustered bar graphs

For **one quantitative** and **one qualitative** variable:

- side-by-side box plots
- back-to-back stem & leaf plots

For **two quantitative** variable/s:

- ✓ • scatterplots
- line plots (against time)

Two Continuous Variables: Where in the statistical process?

- Ethics
- Nature of the question to be answered
 - Is there a linear relationship between two quantitative variables?**
- Context/Expertise
- Design:
 - Experiment vs. observational study
 - Sampling
 - Measurement
- **Description and analysis**
 - Scatterplots*
- Conclusions and decision making

VARIATION



Bivariate Data Analysis

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12	53.3	60.6
13	98.3	86.1
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17	80.0	61.7
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Two quantitative variables

- Plot the (x,y) pairs of points on a **scatterplot**
 - one to be a response variable which is on the y-axis
It is sometimes called the dependent variable
 - and an explanatory variable on the x-axis
It is sometimes called the independent variable

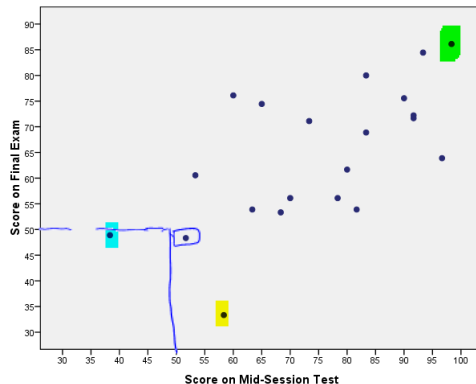


$$n = 21$$

Bivariate: Scatterplot

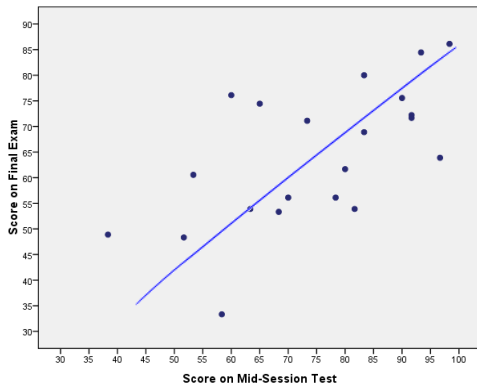
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Scatterplot: Examines how two variables vary together.

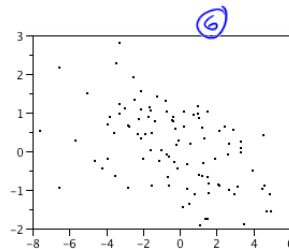
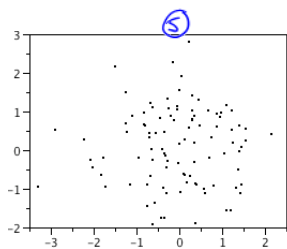
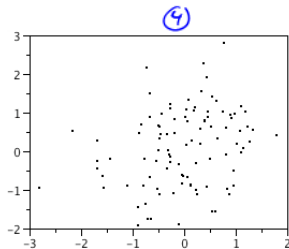
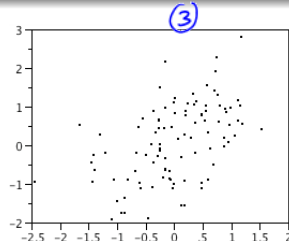
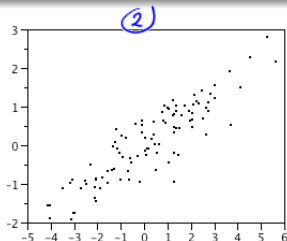
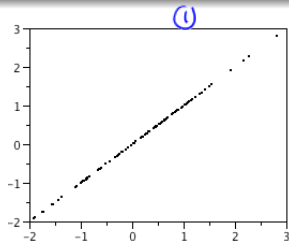


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As marks on Mid-session test increase, marks on Final exam tend to

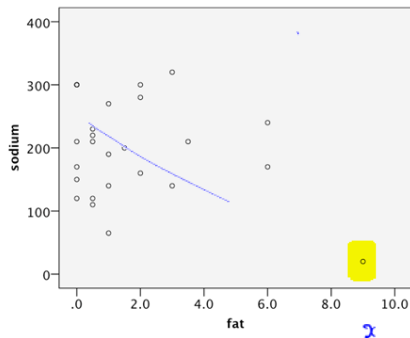
increase.

More Examples



Check Plot - Make Sense of Data in Context

Context is used to make sense of real data: Cans of soup.



What do you see?

Sodium (Y) versus Fat (X)

- There is one outlier for Fat
- Is it also an outlier for Sodium?
- It is a bivariate outlier

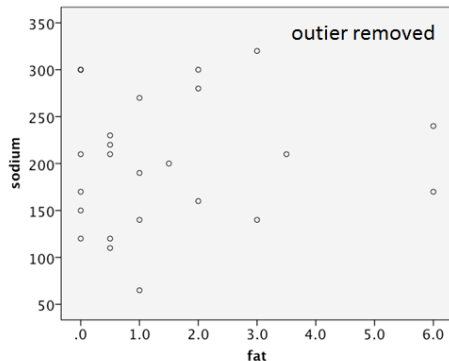
What do we do?

- Check original data for possible recording error since any further analysis will be affected by it.
- Remove the point and redo the plot.

Redo Plot

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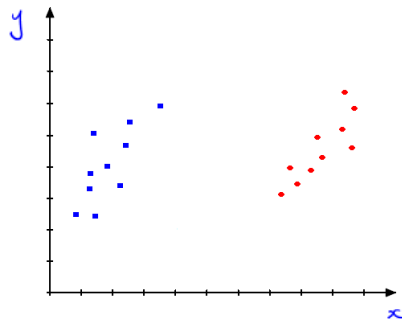
Scatterplot with outlier removed:



Effectively there is no relationship now present in the plot.

Plot Reveals Clusters of Points

Sometimes data points separate into two or more different **clusters** which may indicate different groups that should be examined separately:



Ask: Is there another **factor or qualitative variable** which explains the separate clusters?