

# WEEK 4

## Association Between 2 Categorical Variables

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES (for week 4)

- (1) Use of two way contingency tables to understand association between two categorical variables.
- (2) Understand association between numerical variable through scatter plots ; compute and interpret correlation.
- (3) Understand relationship between a categorical and numerical variable

### INTRODUCTION

- To understand the association between two categorical variables.
- Learn how to construct two-way contingency table
- Learn concept of relative row/column frequencies and how to use them to determine whether there is an association between the categorical variables.

## EXAMPLE 1 ( Nominal Variables)

### Gender v/s Use of Smartphone

- A market research firm is interested in finding out whether ownership of a smartphone is associated with gender of a student. In other words, they want to find out whether more females owns a smartphone while compared to males, or whether owning a smartphone is independent of gender.
- To answer this question, a group of 100 college going children were surveyed about whether they owned a smartphone or not.
- The categorical variables in this example are:
  - Gender : Male, Female ( Nominal )
  - Own a smartphone : Yes, No ( Nominal )

#### Summarize Data :

- We have the following summary statistics
  - (1) There are 44 female & 56 male students
  - (2) 76 students owned a smartphone, 24 did not own.
  - (3) 34 female students owned a smartphone, 42 male students owned a smartphone
- The data given in the example can be organized using a two way table, referred to as contingency table.

| Gender     | Own a smartphone |     | Row Total |
|------------|------------------|-----|-----------|
|            | No               | Yes |           |
| Female     | 10               | 34  | 44        |
| Male       | 14               | 42  | 56        |
| Col. Total | 24               | 76  | 100       |

## EXAMPLE 2. ( Nominal & Ordinal Variable )

### Income vs Use of Smartphone

- The categorical variables in this example are
  - Income : Low, Medium, High (ordinal)
  - Own a smartphone : Yes, No (Nominal)

# Contingency Table ( summarizing data )

→ We have the foll. summary statistics :

- (1) There are 20 high income, 66 medium income and 14 low income participants.
- (2) 62 participants owned a smartphone, 38 did not own.
- (3) 18 high income participants, 39 medium incomes participants and 5 low income participants owned a smartphone.

The contingency table corresponding to the data is given below:

| Income Level | Own a smartphone |     | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|-----|-----------|
|              | NO               | YES |           |
| HIGH         | 2                | 18  | 20        |
| MEDIUM       | 27               | 39  | 66        |
| LOW          | 9                | 5   | 14        |
| Column Total | 38               | 62  | 100       |

## SECTION SUMMARY

- Organize bivariate categorical data into a two-way table : contingency table
- If data is ordinal, maintain order of the variable in the table.

# RELATIVE FREQUENCY

## # ROW RELATIVE FREQUENCIES

- What proportion of total participants own a smartphone?
- What proportion of female participants own a smartphone?

| Gender       | Own a smartphone |     | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|-----|-----------|
|              | NO               | YES |           |
| FEMALE       | 10               | 34  | 44        |
| MALE         | 14               | 42  | 56        |
| Column Total | 24               | 76  | 100       |

\* Row Relative Frequency : Divide each cell frequency in a row by its row total

Example 1 : GENDER VS OWN A SMARTPHONE

| Gender       | Own a smartphone |          | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
|              | NO               | YES      |           |
| FEMALE       | 10 / 44          | 34 / 44  | 44        |
| MALE         | 14 / 56          | 42 / 56  | 56        |
| Column Total | 24 / 100         | 76 / 100 | 100       |

| Gender       | Own a Smartphone |        | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
|              | NO               | YES    |           |
| FEMALE       | 22.73%           | 77.27% | 44        |
| MALE         | 25.00%           | 75.00% | 56        |
| Column Total | 24.00%           | 76.00% | 100       |

## # COLUMN RELATIVE FREQUENCIES

- What proportion of total participants are females?
- What proportion of smartphone owners are females?
- \* Column Relative Frequency : Divide each cell frequency in a column by its column total.

EXAMPLE : GENDER v/s OWN A SMARTPHONE

| GENDER       | OWN A SMARTPHONE  |                   | Row Total       |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|              | NO                | YES               |                 |
| FEMALE       | $10/24 = 41.67\%$ | $34/76 = 44.74\%$ | $44/100 = 44\%$ |
| MALE         | $14/24 = 58.33\%$ | $42/76 = 55.26\%$ | $56/100 = 56\%$ |
| Column Total | 24                | 76                | 100             |

# ASSOCIATION BETWEEN TWO VARIABLES

- What do we mean by stating two variables are associated?  
Knowing information about one variable provides information about the other variable.
- To determine if two categorical variables are associated, we use the notion of relative row frequencies and relative column frequencies.
  - (1) → If the row relative frequencies (the column relative frequencies) are the same for all rows (columns), then we say that two variables are not associated with each other.
  - (2) → If the row relative frequencies (the column relative frequencies) are different for some rows (columns) then we say that the two variable are associated with each other.

## EXAMPLE 1

Gender Vs Smartphone Ownership

| Gender       | Own a smartphone |        | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
|              | NO               | YES    |           |
| FEMALE       | 22.73%           | 77.27% | 44        |
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' Row Frequency '

Now here we can see that there is not much difference in the relative frequencies of rows 1, 2, 3. So in accordance to point (1), the two variables are not associated.

i.e., Gender & Smartphone Ownership are not associated.

## EXAMPLE 2

Income Vs Smartphone Ownership

| INCOME       | OWNERSHIP |        | Row Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
|              | No        | Yes    |           |
| High         | 10%       | 90%    | 20        |
| Medium       | 40.91%    | 59.09% | 66        |
| Low          | 64.29%    | 35.71% | 14        |
| Column Total | 38.00%    | 62.00% | 100       |

Now, here we can see that the relative frequencies of all the three or four rows are very much different from each other. Hence, from point (2), we know that the two variables are associated.

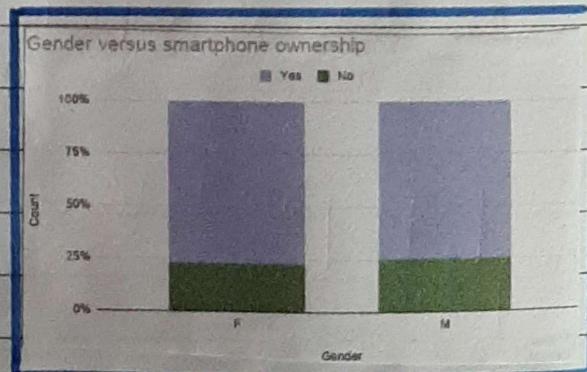
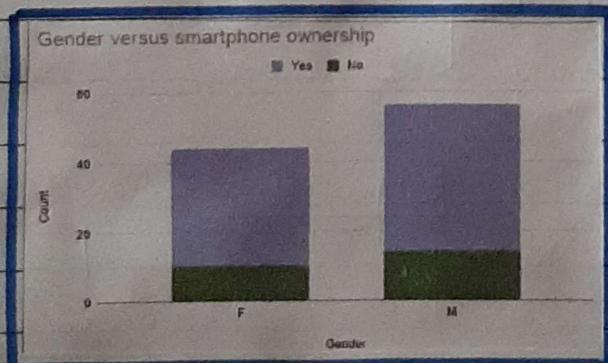
i.e., Income & Smartphone Ownership are associated.

# STACKED BAR CHART

- Recall, a bar chart summarized the data for a categorical variable. It presented a graphical summary of the categorical variable under consideration, with the length of the bars representing the frequency of occurrence of a particular category.
- A STACKED BAR CHART represents the counts for a particular category. In addition, each bar is further broken down into smaller segments, with each segment representing the frequency of that particular category within the segment. A stacked bar chart is also referred to as a segmented bar chart.

## EXAMPLE 1

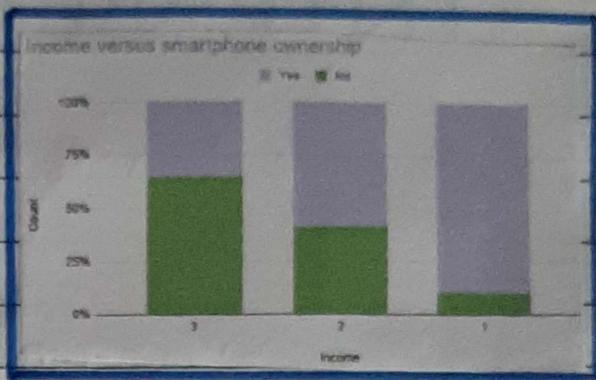
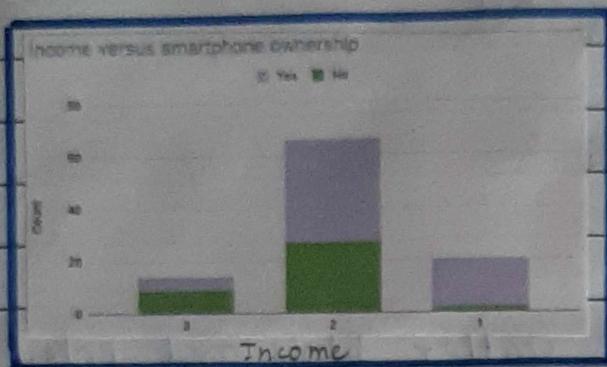
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A 100% stacked bar chart is useful to part-to-whole relationships

## EXAMPLE 2

| Income Level | Own a smartphone |        | Row Total |
|--------------|------------------|--------|-----------|
|              | No               | Yes    |           |
| High         | 10.00%           | 90.00% | 20        |
| Medium       | 40.91%           | 59.09% | 66        |
| Low          | 64.29%           | 35.71% | 14        |
| Column Total | 36.00%           | 62.00% | 100       |



Stacked  
Frequency Bar Chart

100% stacked bar chart

# Association Between Two Numerical Var.

## INTRODUCTION

- To understand the association between two numerical variables.
- Learn how to construct scatter plots and interpret association in scatter plots
- Summarize association with a line
- correlation matrix

## SCATTER PLOT

- We use a scatterplot to look for association between numerical variables

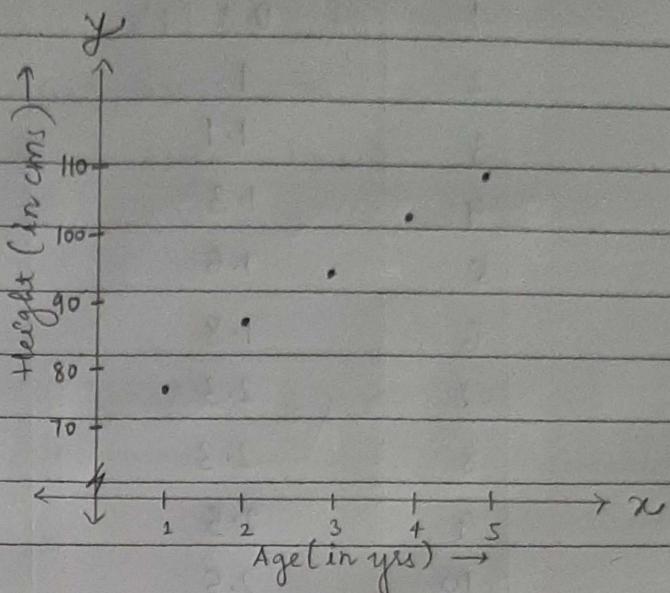
Definition: A scatter plot is a graph that displays pairs of values as points on a two-dimensional plane.

→ To decide which variable to put on the x-axis and which to put on y-axis, display the variable you would like to explain along the y-axis (referred as

response variable) and the variable which explains on x-axis (referred as explanatory variable).

### EXAMPLE 1

| AGE (in yrs) | HEIGHT (cms) |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1            | 75           |
| 2            | 85           |
| 3            | 94           |
| 4            | 101          |
| 5            | 108          |



### EXAMPLE 2

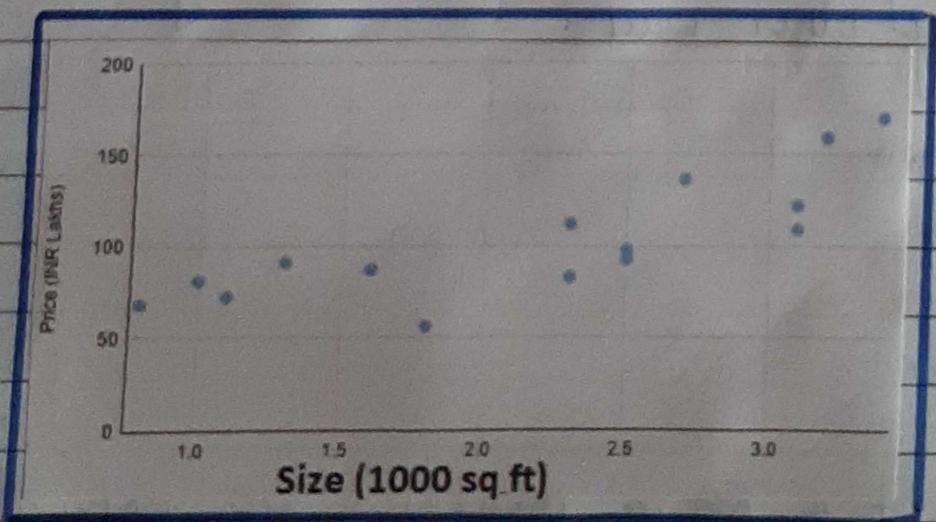
A real estate agent collected the prices of different size of homes. He wanted to see what was the relationship between the price of a home and size of home. In particular, he wanted to know if the prices of homes increased linearly with the size or in any other way?

To answer this question, he collected data on 15 homes. The data he recorded was

- (1) Size of a home measured in 1000 of square feet
- (2) Price of a home measured in lakh of rupees.

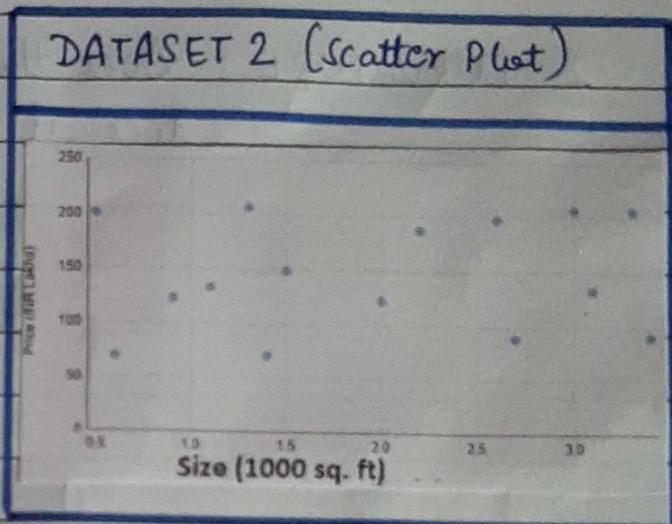
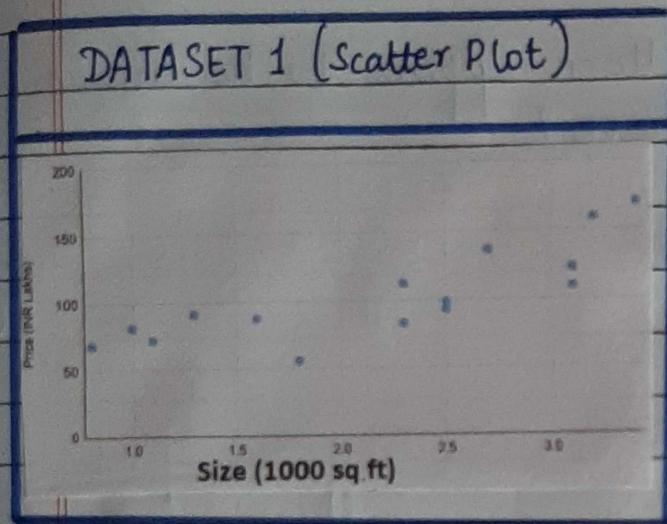
HOUSING DATA

| S.no | Size (1000 sqft) | Price (INR Lakh) |
|------|------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 0.8              | 68               |
| 2    | 1                | 81               |
| 3    | 1.1              | 72               |
| 4    | 1.3              | 91               |
| 5    | 1.6              | 87               |
| 6    | 1.8              | 56               |
| 7    | 2.3              | 83               |
| 8    | 2.3              | 112              |
| 9    | 2.5              | 93               |
| 10   | 2.5              | 98               |
| 11   | 2.7              | 136              |
| 12   | 3.1              | 109              |
| 13   | 3.1              | 122              |
| 14   | 3.2              | 159              |
| 15   | 3.4              | 170              |

SCATTER PLOT

# VISUAL TEST FOR ASSOCIATION

- Do we see a pattern in the scatter plot?
- In other words, if I know about the x-value, can I use it to say something about the y-value or guess y-value?



→ Here we can see that, Dataset 1 follows some kind of pattern but there is no pattern being followed in Dataset 2.

# DESCRIBING ASSOCIATION

When describing association between variables in a scatter plot, there are four key questions that need to be answered.

1. DIRECTION : Does the pattern trend up, down, or both?
2. CURVATURE : Does the pattern appear to be linear or does it curve?
3. VARIATION : Are the points tightly clustered along the pattern?
4. OUTLIERS : Did you find something unexpected?

## 1. DIRECTION

Does the pattern trend up, down or both?



UP

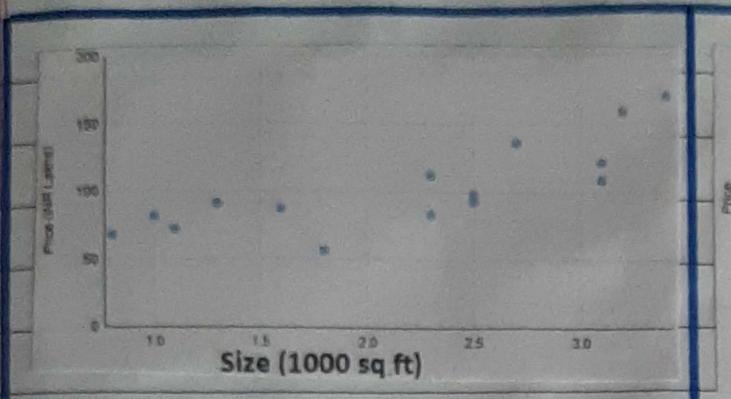


DOWN

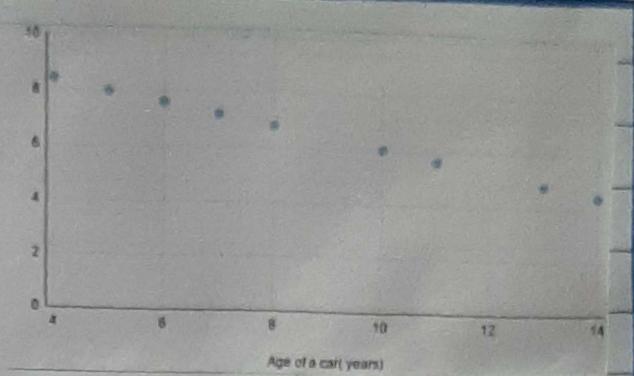
## 2. CURVATURE

Does the pattern appear to be linear or does it curve?

LINEAR

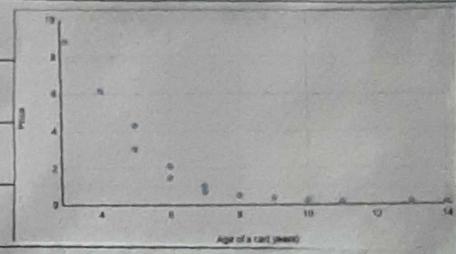
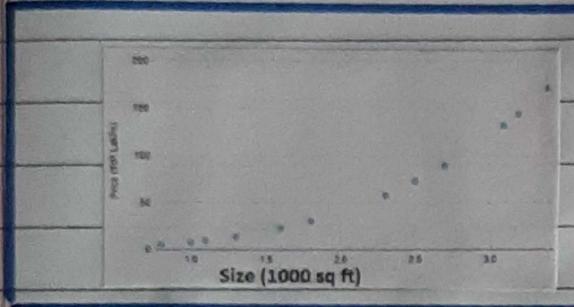


PRICE VS SIZE



PRICE VS AGE OF CAR

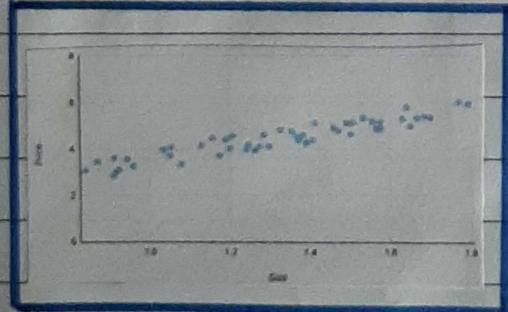
CURVE



## 3. VARIATION

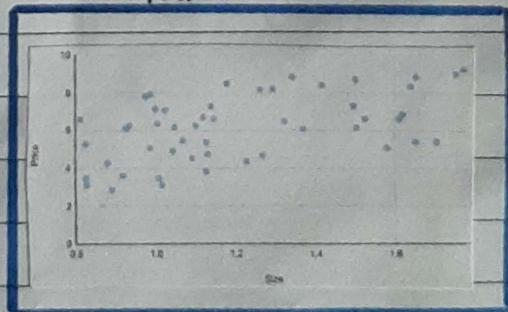
Are the points tightly clustered along the pattern?

PRICE VS SIZE



TIGHTLY  
CLUSTERED

PRICE VS SIZE



VARIABLE

## 4. OUTLIERS

Did you find something unexpected?



# MEASURES OF ASSOCIATION

How do we measure the strength of association between two variables?

1. Covariance

2. Correlation

## 1. COVARIANCE

Covariance quantifies the strength of the linear association between two numerical variables.

### EXAMPLE 1

Recall, the association between age and height of a person.

| Age (in yrs)<br>$x$ | Height (in cms)<br>$y$ | Deviation of $x$<br>( $x_i - \bar{x}$ ) | Dev. of $y$<br>( $y_i - \bar{y}$ ) |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1                   | 75                     | -2                                      | -17.6                              |
| 2                   | 85                     | -1                                      | -7.6                               |
| 3                   | 94                     | 0                                       | 1.4                                |
| 4                   | 101                    | 1                                       | 8.4                                |
| 5                   | 108                    | 2                                       | 15.4                               |

$$\bar{x} = 3$$

$$\bar{y} = 92.6$$

$$(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$35.2$$

$$\text{Pop variance, } s^2 = \frac{82}{5} = 16.4$$

$$7.6$$

$$0$$

$$\text{Sam. variance, } s^2 = \frac{82}{4} = 20.5$$

$$8.4$$

$$30.8$$

EXAMPLE 2 Variables : Age of a car & price of a car

| Age (in yrs)<br>$x$ | Price (INR lakhs)<br>$y$ | Dev. of $x$<br>$(x_i - \bar{x})$ | Dev. of $y$<br>$(y_i - \bar{y})$ | $(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1                   | 6                        | -2                               | 2                                | -4                                            |
| 2                   | 5                        | -1                               | 1                                | -1                                            |
| 3                   | 4                        | 0                                | 0                                | 0                                             |
| 4                   | 3                        | 1                                | -1                               | -1                                            |
| 5                   | 2                        | 2                                | -2                               | -4                                            |
| $\bar{x} = 3$       |                          | $\bar{y} = 4$                    |                                  | $-2 - \frac{10}{5} = -2 + 5^2 = -10/4 = -2.5$ |

### Key Observation :

- When large (small) values of  $x$  tend to be associated with large (small) values of  $y$  - the signs of the deviations,  $(x_i - \bar{x})$  and  $(y_i - \bar{y})$  will also tend to be same.
- When large (small) values of  $x$  tend to be associated with small (large) values of  $y$  - the signs of deviations,  $(x_i - \bar{x})$  and  $(y_i - \bar{y})$  will also tend to be different.

| $x$   | $y$   | sign of Dev. |
|-------|-------|--------------|
| Large | Large | Same         |
| Small | Small | Same         |
| Large | Small | Diff.        |
| Small | Large | Diff.        |

**Definition:** Let  $x_i$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  observation of variable  $x$ , and  $y_i$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  observation of variable  $y$ . Let  $(x_i, y_i)$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  paired observation of a population (sample) dataset having  $N(n)$  observations. The Covariance between the variables  $x$  and  $y$  is given by

→ Population Covariance :  $\text{cov}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{N}$

→ Sample Covariance :  $\text{cov}(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$

## Units of Covariance :

- The size of covariance, however, is difficult to interpret because the covariance has units.
- The units of the covariance are those of  $x$ -variable times those of the  $y$ -variable.

Example 1 : Population variance =  $\frac{-17.6 + (-7.6) + 1.4 + 8.4 + 15.4}{5}$   
 $= 82 \div 5 = 16.4$

Sample variance =  $\frac{82}{4} = 20.5$

Example 2 : Population variance =  $\frac{-4 + (-1) + 0 + (-1) + (-4)}{5} = \frac{-10}{5}$   
 $= -2$

$$\text{Sample Variance} = \frac{-10}{4} = -2.5$$

## 2. CORRELATION

- A more easily interpreted measure of linear association between two numerical variables is correlation.
- It is derived from covariance.
- To find the correlation between two numerical variables  $x$  and  $y$  divide the covariance between  $x$  and  $y$  by the product of the std. deviations of  $x$  and  $y$ . The pearson correlation coefficient,  $r$ , between  $x$  &  $y$  is given by

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} = \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{s_x s_y}$$

- NOTE :
- The units of the standard deviations cancel out the units of covariance.
  - It can be shown that the correlation measure always lies between  $-1$  and  $+1$ .

EXAMPLE 1

| Age<br>$x$ | Height<br>$y$ | sq. Devn of $x$<br>$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$ | sq. Devn of $y$<br>$(y_i - \bar{y})^2$ | $(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$ |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1          | 75            | 4                                      | 309.76                                 | 35.2                             |
| 2          | 85            | 1                                      | 57.76                                  | 7.6                              |
| 3          | 94            | 0                                      | 1.96                                   | 0                                |
| 4          | 101           | 1                                      | 70.56                                  | 8.4                              |
| 5          | 108           | 4                                      | 237.16                                 | 30.8                             |
|            |               | 10                                     | 677.2                                  | 82                               |

$$\rightarrow s_x = 1.58, s_y = 13.01$$

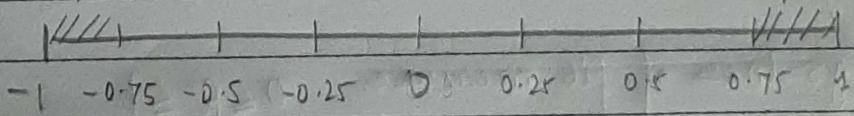
$$\rightarrow r = \frac{82}{\sqrt{10 \times 677.2}} \text{ or } \frac{20.5}{1.58 \times 13.01} = 0.9964$$

Covariance  $\rightarrow$  if  $\text{cov}(x, y) \rightarrow +ve$   
 It means both are going up

if  $\text{cov}(x, y) + ve$   
 one is going up & other down.

Correlation :  $\begin{matrix} \text{Strong +ve} \\ \uparrow \text{linear association} \end{matrix}$

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# FITTING A LINE

## Learning Objectives

- Summarize the linear association between two variables using the equation of a line.
- Understand the significance of  $R^2$

## SUMMARIZING THE ASSOCIATION WITH A LINE

- The strength of linear association between the variables was measured using the measures of covariance & correlation.
- The linear association can be described using the equation of a line.

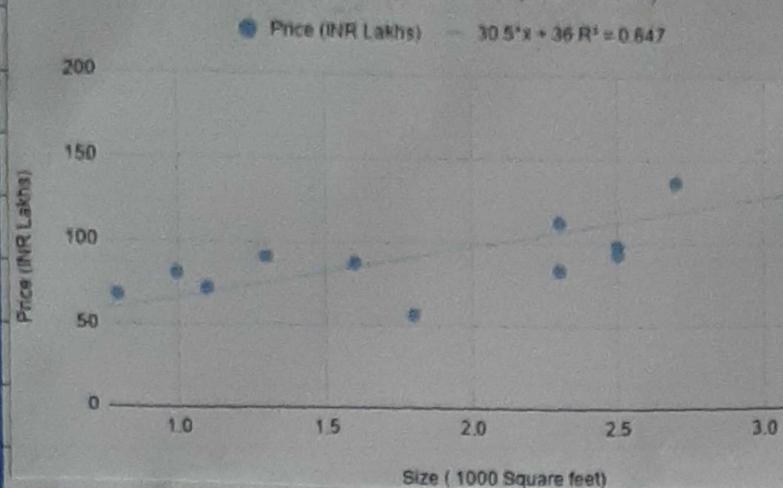
**EXAMPLE 1** SIZE Versus PRICE OF HOMES : Equation

Equation of the line : Price = 30.5 × Size + 36

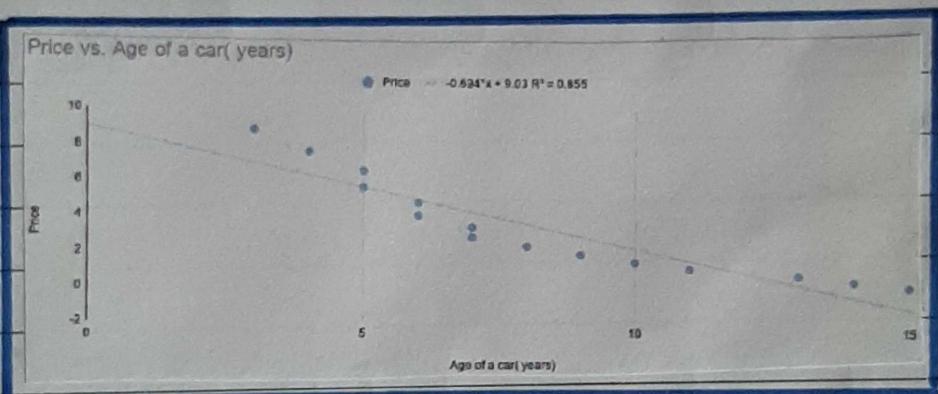
$$R^2 = 0.647 ; \lambda = 0.804$$

goodness of fit measure  $0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$

Price (INR Lakhs) vs. Size (1000 Square feet)



## EXAMPLE 2 AGE VS PRICE OF CARS : Equation



Equation of Line: Price =  $-0.694 \times \text{Age} + 9.03$

$R^2 = 0.855$ ;  $r = -0.9247$

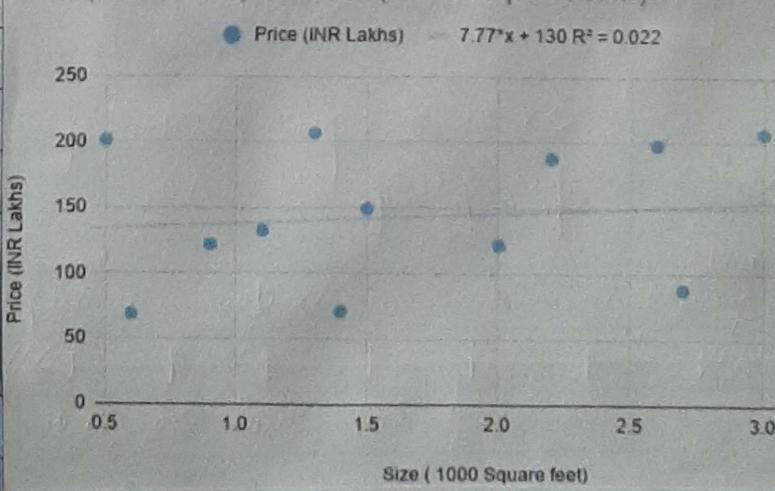
## EXAMPLE 3 :

Eq of line:

Price =  $7.77 \times \text{Size} + 130$

$R^2 = 0.022$ ;  $r = 0.149$

Price (INR Lakhs) vs. Size (1000 Square feet)



# Association Between Categorical & Numerical Variables

## INTRODUCTION

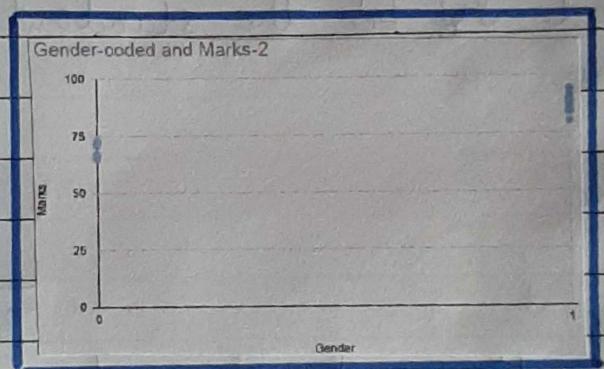
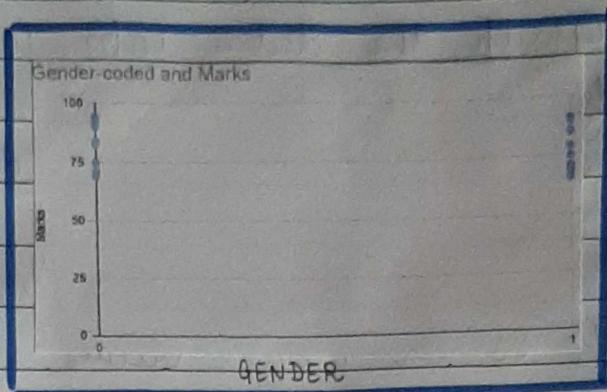
- Understand the association between a categorical variable and numerical variable.
- Assume the categorical variable has two categories (dichotomous)

### EXAMPLE 1 : GENDER VERSUS MARKS

A teacher was interested in knowing if female students performed better than male students in her class. She collected data from 20 students and the marks they obtained on 100 in the subject.

| Jno. | Gender | Marks |
|------|--------|-------|
| 1    | F      | 71    |
| 2    | F      | 67    |
| 3    | F      | 65    |
| 4    | M      | 69    |
| 5    | M      | 75    |
| 6    | M      | 83    |
| 7    | F      | 91    |
| 8    | F      | 85    |
| 9    | F      | 69    |
| 10   | F      | 75    |
| 11   | M      | 92    |
| 12   | F      | 79    |
| 13   | M      | 71    |
| 14   | M      | 94    |
| 15   | F      | 86    |
| 16   | F      | 75    |
| 17   | F      | 90    |
| 18   | M      | 84    |
| 19   | F      | 91    |
| 20   | M      | 90    |

## SCATTER PLOT



Another Dataset

## POINT BI-SERIAL CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

- Let  $X$  be a numerical variable and  $Y$  be a categorical variable with 2 categories (a dichotomous var.)
- The following steps are used for calculating the

Point Bi-Serial Correlation between these two variables.

STEP 1: Group the data into two sets based on the value of the dichotomous variable  $Y$ . That is, assume that the value of  $Y$  is either 0 or 1.

STEP 2: Calculate the mean values of two groups : Let  $\bar{Y}_0$  and  $\bar{Y}_1$  be the mean values of groups with  $Y=0$  and  $Y=1$  respectively.

STEP 3: Let  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  be the proportion of observations in a group with  $Y=0$  and  $Y=1$ , respectively, and  $s_x$  be the standard deviation of the random variable  $X$ .

The correlation coefficient

$$r_{pb} = \left( \frac{\bar{Y}_0 - \bar{Y}_1}{s_x} \right) \sqrt{p_0 p_1}$$

stand. dev.

$p_0 = \frac{\text{no. of obs. in } 0}{\text{total obs.}}$