# Anscombe Quartet Data Visualisation

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#### 1 Abstract

The following document explores Anscombe's Quartet by visualing it using scatter plot and completing calculations to show visual difference and algebraic similarities between the datasets. The visualisation goes to show the importance of visualising datasets to accurately assess data.

# 2 Graphing

```
[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import scipy
import pandas as pd
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```
anscombe_csv = pd.read_csv("Anscombe.csv")

anscombe = anscombe_csv.melt(
    id_vars=["x123","x4"],
    value_vars=["y1","y2","y3","y4"],
    var_name="dataset",
    value_name="y"
)
anscombe["dataset"] = anscombe["dataset"].replace({
        "y1": "I",
        "y2": "II",
        "y3": "III",
        "y4": "IV"
})

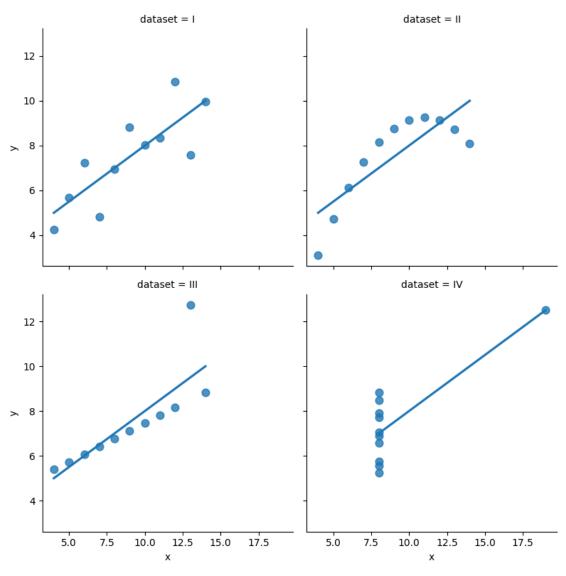
anscombe["x"] = anscombe.apply(lambda row: row["x123"] if row["dataset"] in_u
        ["I","II","III"] else row["x4"], axis=1)

anscombe = anscombe.drop(columns=["x123","x4"])
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[8]: g_scatter = sns.lmplot(
          data=anscombe,
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[8]: Text(0.5, 1.03, "Relationship of x and y values in Anscombe's quartet")

### Relationship of x and y values in Anscombe's quartet



#### 2.1 Scatter Plots

These plots show each dataset individually. It has no grid and uses a shared axis to reduce clutter. Each line has a different fit. Pearson correlation for Dataset 1 suggests a medium-positive correlation. Pearson correlation for Dataset 2 suggests no correlation. Pearson correlation for Dataset 3 suggests strong positive correlation with one outlier. Pearson correlation for Dataset 4 suggests no correlation.

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[9]: for label, group_data in anscombe.groupby("dataset"):
    plt.scatter(group_data["x"], group_data["y"], label=f"Dataset {label}", 
    alpha=0.7) #assigning a different colour for each dataset

plt.xlabel("x")

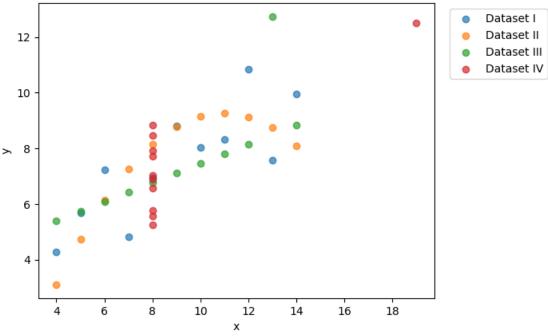
plt.ylabel("y")

plt.title("Relation of x to y values in Anscombe's quartet(Overlaid_
    comparison)")

plt.legend(loc=1, bbox_to_anchor=(1.3, 1)) #1 is upper right in matplotlib

plt.show()
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### Relation of x to y values in Anscombe's quartet(Overlaid comparison)

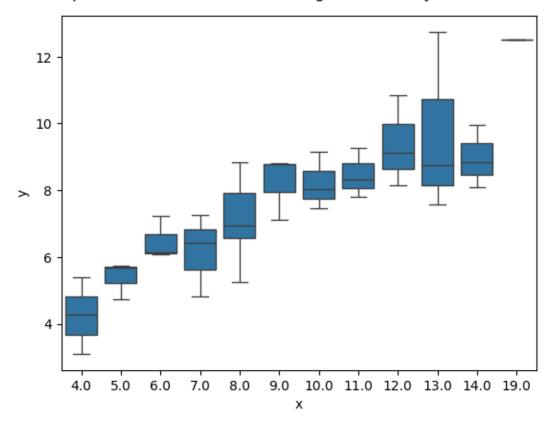


### 2.2 Overlaid Comparison plot

This plot is an overlaid comparison plot which has all datasets on it together. It shows just how different each dataset is.

[46]: Text(0.5, 1.03, 'Box plot of Anscombe Data showing variance of y at each x-value')

# Box plot of Anscombe Data showing variance of y at each x-value



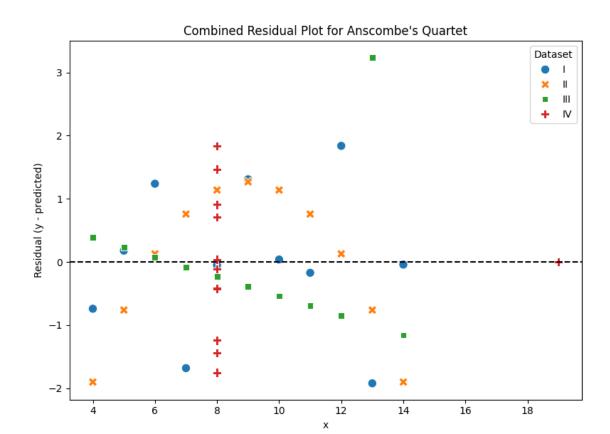
### 2.3 Box Plot

This graph shows the varaince of y at each x-value, showing extreme outliers and the normal range for y.

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[50]: datasets = ['I', 'II', 'III', 'IV']

# Create a list to collect residual data
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residual_data = []
# Loop through each dataset
for dataset in datasets:
    subset = anscombe[anscombe['dataset'] == dataset]
    x = subset['x']
    y = subset['y']
    coeffs = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
    y_pred = np.polyval(coeffs, x)
    residuals = y - y_pred
    residual_data.append(pd.DataFrame({
        'x': x,
        'residual': residuals,
        'dataset': dataset
    }))
residuals_anscombe = pd.concat(residual_data)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.scatterplot(data=residuals_anscombe, x='x', y='residual', hue='dataset', u
⇔style='dataset', s=80)
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linestyle='--')
plt.title("Combined Residual Plot for Anscombe's Quartet")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("Residual (y - predicted)")
plt.legend(title="Dataset")
plt.grid(False)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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### 2.4 Residual Plot

This graph shows the difference of points from the linear regression line at any given x-value, for all 4 datasets. In 3 of 4 datasets, there is no bell curve shape as you can see each dataset has differing residual distribution. The only one of which that has a bell curve distribution is Dataset 3 as it follows a linear distribution which creates a bell curve distribution.

## 3 Calculations

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[10]: x_all = anscombe["x"].to_numpy()
mean_x = np.mean(x_all)
print("Mean of x is",mean_x)
var_x = round(np.var(x_all),0)
print("Variance of x is",var_x)
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Mean of x is 9.0 Variance of x is 10.0

Analysis equations and formulas for x is here. It shows mean and variance.

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[11]: y_all = anscombe["y"].to_numpy()
      mean_y = round(np.mean(y_all),2)
      print("Mean of y is",mean_y)
      y1 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "I", "y"].to_numpy() # Seperating_
       ⇔values in the dataset to different variables
      var_y1 = round(np.var(y1),3)
      print("Variance of y(Dataset 1) is",var_y1)
      y2 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "II", "y"].to_numpy()
      var_y2 = round(np.var(y2),3)
      print("Variance of y(Dataset 2) is",var_y2)
      y3 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "III", "y"].to_numpy()
      var_y3 = round(np.var(y3),3)
      print("Variance of y(Dataset 3) is",var_y3)
      y4 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "IV", "y"].to_numpy()
      var_y4 = round(np.var(y4),3)
      print("Variance of y(Dataset 4) is", var_y4)
      stdev_y1 = round(np.std(y1),3) # std is standard deviation using numpy
      print("Standard deviation of y(Dataset 1) is",stdev_y1)
      stdev_y2 = round(np.std(y2),3)
      print("Standard deviation of y(Dataset 2) is",stdev_y2)
      stdev_y3 = round(np.std(y3),3)
      print("Standard deviation of y(Dataset 3) is",stdev_y3)
      stdev_y4 = round(np.std(y4),3)
      print("Standard deviation of y(Dataset 4) is",stdev_y4)
     Mean of y is 7.5
     Variance of y(Dataset 1) is 3.752
     Variance of y(Dataset 2) is 3.752
     Variance of y(Dataset 3) is 3.748
     Variance of y(Dataset 4) is 3.748
     Standard deviation of y(Dataset 1) is 1.937
     Standard deviation of y(Dataset 2) is 1.937
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These are all the calculations and analysis formulas for y. It includes the mean, variance and standard deviation and shows just how similar they are.

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[12]: def r_squared(x, y): # Creating a function to compute R^2 for the datasets
    m, b = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
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Standard deviation of y(Dataset 3) is 1.936 Standard deviation of y(Dataset 4) is 1.936

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y_pred = m * x + b
    ss_res = np.sum((y - y_pred)**2)
    ss_{tot} = np.sum((y - np.mean(y))**2)
    return 1 - (ss_res / ss_tot)
x1 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "I", "x"].to_numpy() # Setting_
 →variables for each x value in anscombe
x2 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "II", "x"].to_numpy()
x3 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "III", "x"].to_numpy()
x4 = anscombe.loc[anscombe["dataset"] == "IV", "x"].to_numpy()
r2_1 = round(r_squared(x1, y1), 4)
r2_2 = round(r_squared(x2, y2), 4)
r2_3 = round(r_squared(x3, y3), 4)
r2_4 = round(r_squared(x4, y4), 4)
print("R2 for Dataset I is", r2_1)
print("R2 for Dataset II is", r2_2)
print("R2 for Dataset III is", r2_3)
print("R2 for Dataset IV is", r2_4)
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R^2 for Dataset I is 0.6665 R^2 for Dataset II is 0.6662 R^2 for Dataset III is 0.6663 R^2 for Dataset IV is 0.6667
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Above is the coefficient of determination for each dataset.

### 4 Conclusions

Overall, the datasets look very different visually, but have very similar calculations. This shows how important it is to visualize datasets differently to get a full picture.