

Advanced Statistics

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Textbooks

- ❑ **Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists**, Ninth Edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H. Myer
- ❑ **Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World**, 6th Edition, Ron Larson and Betsy Farber
- ❑ **Elementary Statistics**, 13th Edition, Mario F. Triola

Reference books

- ❑ **Probability and Statistical Inference, Ninth Edition,** Robert V. Hogg, Elliot A. Tanis, Dale L. Zimmerman
- ❑ **Probability Demystified,** Allan G. Bluman
- ❑ **Practical Statistics for Data Scientists: 50 Essential Concepts,** Peter Bruce and Andrew Bruce
- ❑ **Schaum's Outline of Probability,** Second Edition, Seymour Lipschutz, Marc Lipson
- ❑ **Python for Probability, Statistics, and Machine Learning,** José Unpingco

References

- ❑ Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists, Ninth edition, Ronald E. Walpole, Raymond H. Myer
- ❑ Elementary Statistics, Tenth Edition, Mario F. Triola

These notes contain material from the above resources.

Correlation

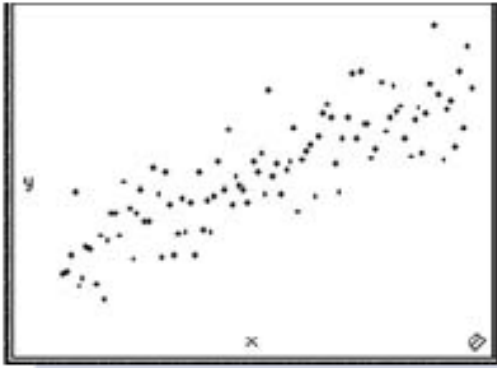
A **correlation** exists between **two variables** when **one** of them is **related** to the other in some way.

Exploring the Data

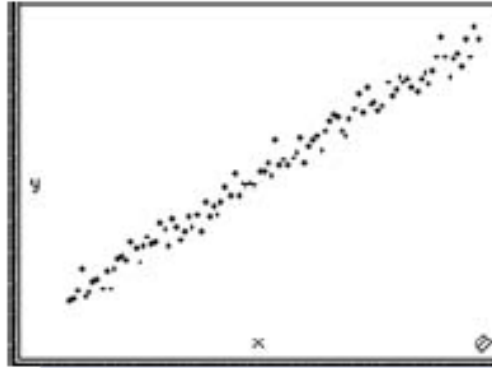
We can often see a **relationship between two variables** by constructing a **scatterplot**. When we examine a **scatterplot**, we should study the **overall pattern** of the plotted points. If there is a pattern, we should note its **direction**.

- ❑ An **uphill direction** suggests that as **one variable increases**, the **other also increases**.
- ❑ A **downhill direction** suggests that as **one variable increases**, the **other decreases**.
- ❑ We should look for **outliers**, which **are points that lie very far away** from all of the **other points**.

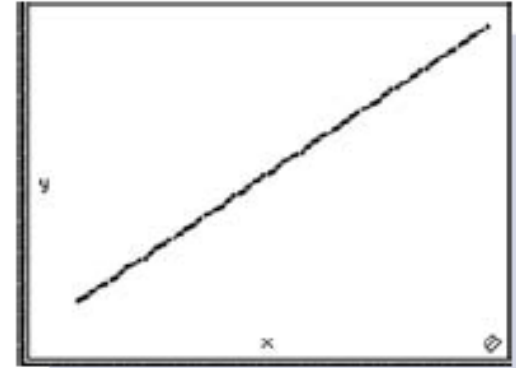
Scatter plots



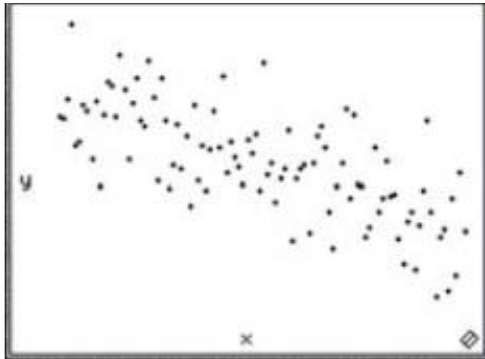
Positive correlation:
 $r = 0.851$



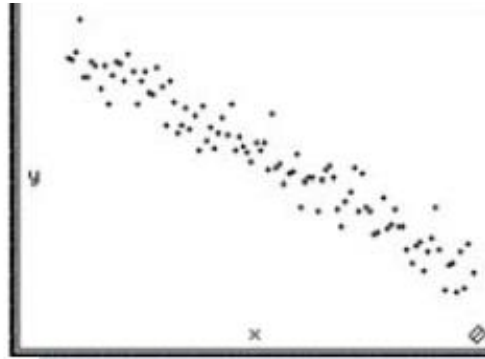
Positive correlation:
 $r = 0.991$



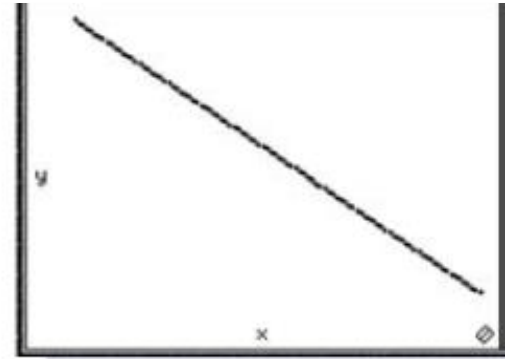
Perfect positive correlation:
 $r = 1$



Negative correlation:
 $r = -0.702$

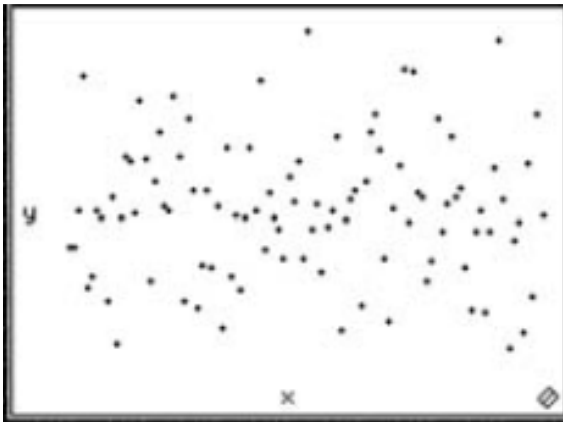


Negative correlation:
 $r = -0.965$

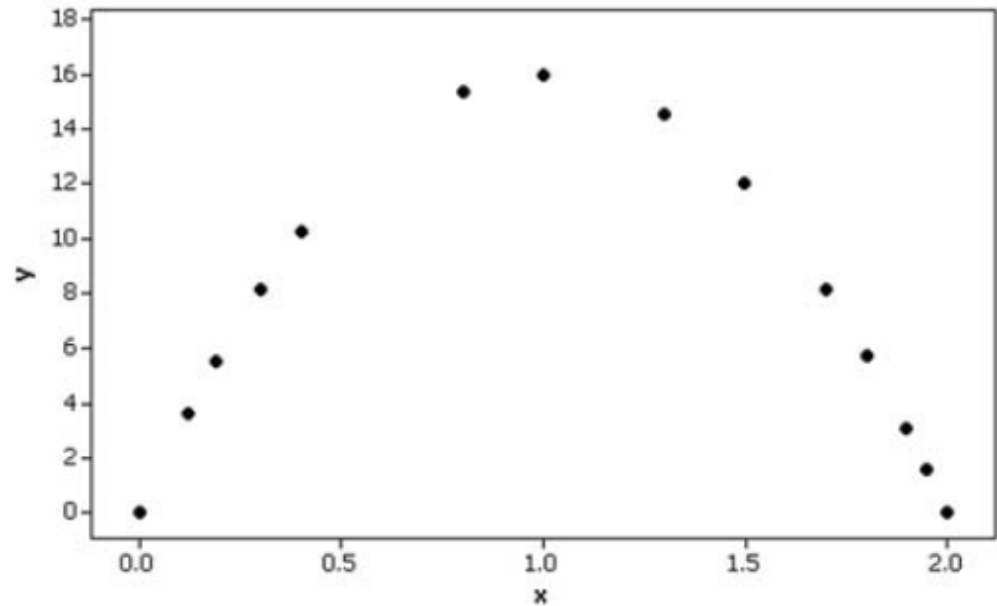


Perfect negative correlation:
 $r = -1$

Scatter plots



No correlation: $r = 0$



Nonlinear relationship: $r = -0.087$

Palm reading



Palm reading

- ❑ Some **people believe** that the **length of their palm's lifeline** can be used to **predict longevity**.
- ❑ In a letter published in the **Journal of the American Medical Association**, authors M. E. Wilson and L. E. Mather **refuted that belief** with a **study of cadavers**.
- ❑ **Ages at death** were recorded, along with the **lengths of palm lifelines**. The authors concluded that **there is no significant correlation between age at death and length of lifeline**. Palmistry lost, hands down.

Requirements

Given any **collection of sample paired data**, the linear **correlation coefficient r** can always be computed, but the following requirements should be satisfied when **testing hypotheses** or making other **inferences about r** .

1. The sample of **paired (x, y)** data is a ***random sample*** of **independent quantitative data**.
2. **Visual examination** of the **scatterplot** must confirm that the points approximate a **straight-line pattern**.
3. **Any outliers** must be removed if they are known to **be errors**. The effects of any other outliers should be considered by **calculating r with** and **without the outliers** included.

- ❑ **Note: Requirements 2 and 3** above are simplified attempts at checking this formal requirement:
- ❑ The **pairs of (x, y)** data must have **a bivariate normal distribution**. (This assumption basically requires that for any **fixed value of x** , the **corresponding values of y** have a distribution that is **bell-shaped**, and for any fixed value of y , the values of x have a **distribution that is bell-shaped**.)
- ❑ This requirement is usually difficult to check, so for now, we will use Requirements 2 and 3 as listed above.

Notation for the Linear Correlation Coefficient

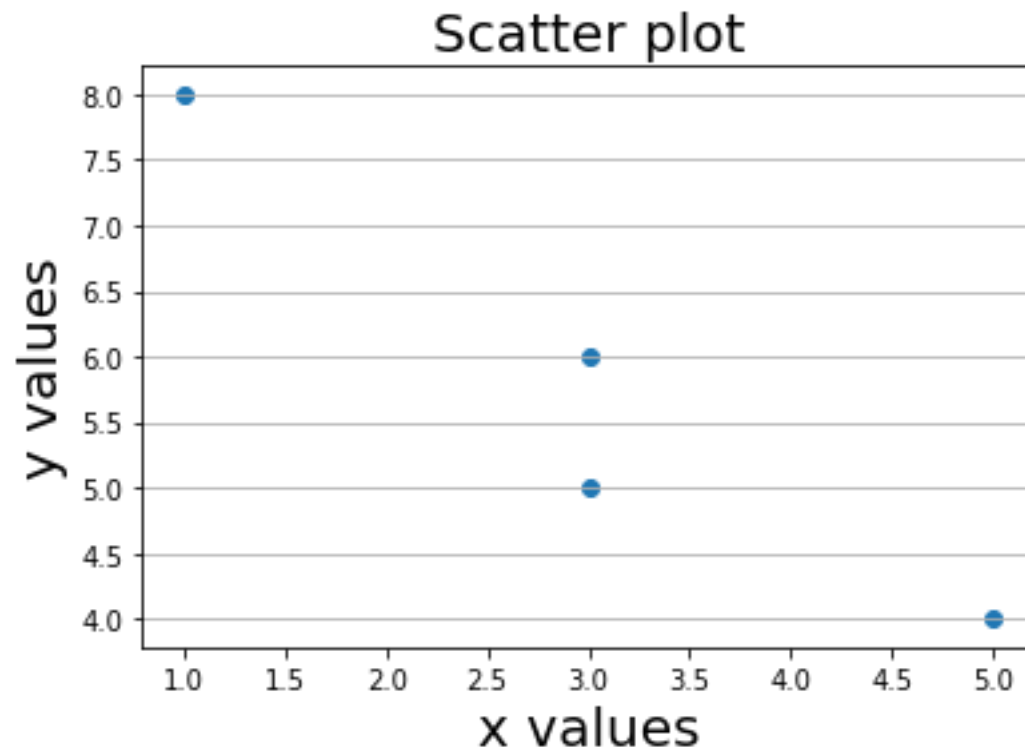
- n : represents the **number of pairs** of data present.
- r : represents the **linear correlation coefficient** for a **sample**.
- ρ : Greek letter **rho** used to represent the **linear correlation coefficient** for a **population**.

$$r = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2} \sqrt{n(\sum y^2) - (\sum y)^2}}$$

Example Calculating r Using the simple random sample of data given in the table, find the value of the **linear correlation coefficient r** .

x	3	1	3	5
y	5	8	6	4

REQUIREMENT The data are a **simple random sample**. The accompanying **Python-generated scatterplot** shows **a pattern of points** that does appear to be a **straight-line pattern**. There are no outliers. We can proceed with the calculation of the linear correlation coefficient ***r***.



x	y	xy	x^2	y^2
3	5	15	9	25
1	8	8	1	64
3	6	18	9	36
5	4	20	25	16
$\sum x = 12$	$\sum y = 23$	$\sum xy = 61$	$\sum x^2 = 44$	$\sum y^2 = 141$

$$r = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2} \sqrt{n(\sum y^2) - (\sum y)^2}}$$

$$r = \frac{4(61) - (12)(23)}{\sqrt{4(44) - (12)^2} \sqrt{4(141) - (23)^2}}$$

$$r = \frac{-32}{\sqrt{32}\sqrt{35}} = -0.956$$

❑ These calculations get quite messy with larger data sets, so it's **fortunate** that the **linear correlation coefficient** can be **found automatically** with many different **calculators** and **computer programs**

Interpreting the Linear Correlation Coefficient

- ❑ We need to interpret a calculated **value of r** , such as the value of **-0.956** found in the preceding example.
- ❑ The value of r must always fall between **-1 and $+1$** inclusive.
- ❑ If **r is close to 0** , we conclude that **there is no linear correlation** between x and y , but if r is close **-1 to or $+1$** we conclude that there is a **linear correlation between x and y** .

Properties of the Linear Correlation Coefficient r

1. The value of r is always between **-1** and **+1** inclusive. That is, **$-1 \leq r \leq +1$**
2. The value of r does not change if all values of either variable are **converted** to a **different scale**.
3. The value of r is **not affected** by the choice of **x** or **y** . Interchange all x - and y -values and the value of r will not change.
4. **r measures** the strength of a **linear relationship**. It is **not designed** to measure the **strength of a relationship** that is **not linear**.

Hypothesis Test for Correlation

Assume: $r = 0.926$, $n = 8$

1. **We state our hypothesis as:**

$H_0: \rho = 0$ (There is no linear correlation.)

$H_1: \rho \neq 0$ (There is a linear correlation.)

2. **The level of significance is set** $\alpha = 0.05$.

3. **Test statistic to be used is** $t_{\text{cal}} = \frac{r}{\sqrt{\frac{1 - r^2}{n - 2}}}$

4. **Calculations:**

$$t_{\text{cal}} = \frac{0.926}{\sqrt{\frac{1 - (0.926)^2}{8 - 2}}} = 6.008$$

5. Critical region:

$|t_{\text{cal}}| > t_{\text{tab}}$, where $t_{\text{tab}} = t_{(\alpha/2, n-2)}$

$$t_{\text{tab}} = t_{(0.0250, 6)} = 2.447$$

$$6.008 > 2.447 \text{ (True)}$$

6. Conclusion: Since t_{cal} is greater than the t_{tab} , so we reject H_0 .

□ There is **sufficient evidence** to support the claim of a linear correlation.

Examples: Applications of correlation

Buying a TV Audience The *New York Post* published the **annual salaries (in millions)** and the **number of viewers (in millions)**, with results given below for **Oprah Winfrey, David Letterman, Jay Leno, Kelsey Grammer, Barbara Walters, Dan Rather, James Gandolfini, and Susan Lucci**, respectively. Is there **a correlation between salary and number of viewers**? Implement it in Python.

Salary	100	14	14	35.2	12	7	5	1
Viewers	7	4.4	5.9	1.6	10.4	9.6	8.9	4.2

Import Python package

import numpy as **np**

Statistical functions (scipy.stats)

from scipy.stats import **pearsonr**

Define the data

salary = np.array([100, 14, 14, 35.2, 12, 7, 5, 1])

viewers = np.array([7, 4.4, 5.9, 1.6, 10.4, 9.6, 8.9, 4.2])

Calculate the correlation coefficient and p-value

correlation_coefficient, p_value = **pearsonr**(salary, viewers)

Print correlation coefficient

print("Correlation Coefficient (r):", correlation_coefficient)

Print p-value if required

print("P-value:", p_value)

Examples: Applications of correlation

Parent Child Heights Listed below are **heights (in inches)** of **mothers** and **heights (in inches)** of their daughters (based on data from the National Health Examination Survey). Does there appear to be a **linear correlation between mother's heights** and the **heights of their daughters**? Use Python.

Mother's height	63	67	64	60	65	67	59	60
Daughter's height	58.6	64.7	65.3	61.0	65.4	67.4	60.9	63.1

Import Python package

```
import numpy as np
```

Define the data

```
mother_height = np.array([63, 67, 64, 60, 65, 67, 59, 60])
```

```
daughter_height = np.array([58.6, 64.7, 65.3, 61.0, 65.4, 67.4,  
60.9, 63.1])
```

Calculate the correlation coefficient using NumPy

```
correlation_coefficient = np.corrcoef(mother_height,  
daughter_height)[0, 1]
```

Print correlation coefficient

```
print("Correlation Coefficient (r):", correlation_coefficient)
```