

M11 Problem Set: Correlations for TAs

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We investigated the correlation between father guppy ornamentation (fatherOrnamentation) and the perceived attractiveness of their sons to female mates (sonAttractiveness). Guppies were sourced from Southeast Asian streams, and breeding pairs were selected based on genetic diversity and visual characteristics. After assessing father ornamentation, we conducted female choice trials to measure son attractiveness. By controlling for environmental factors, **we aimed to reveal any correlation between father ornamentation and son attractiveness.**

Write a concise one paragraph summary of this analysis.

Remember that any summary should include the following:

1. Statement of the research hypothesis or study objectives.
2. Brief summary of methods (one sentence or less).
3. Statement of the statistical results (including type of test and shorthand: $r =$ obtained value, $p = 0.xxx$).
 - 3.A. Remember to include whether this is a Pearson or Spearman correlation.
 - 3.B. Remember to include the nature of the correlation: direct = positive or indirect = negative.
 - 3.C. Remember to include the strength of the correlation: weak, moderate, strong.
4. Description of any differences, if meaningful (weak, moderate, strong correlation), along with an interpretation of why these results make sense (or don't make sense).

(20pts) Include a screenshot of the code for the correlation. (20pts) Include a graph of the correlation between Father Ornamentation and Son Attractiveness.

#1. Import libraries and load packages

```
library(tidyverse)
library(dplyr)
library(readxl)
```

#2. importing our data

```
fish <- read.csv("fish_guppies.csv")
```

```
shapiro.test(fish$fatherOrnamentation)
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##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: fish$fatherOrnamentation
## W = 0.94899, p-value = 0.09717
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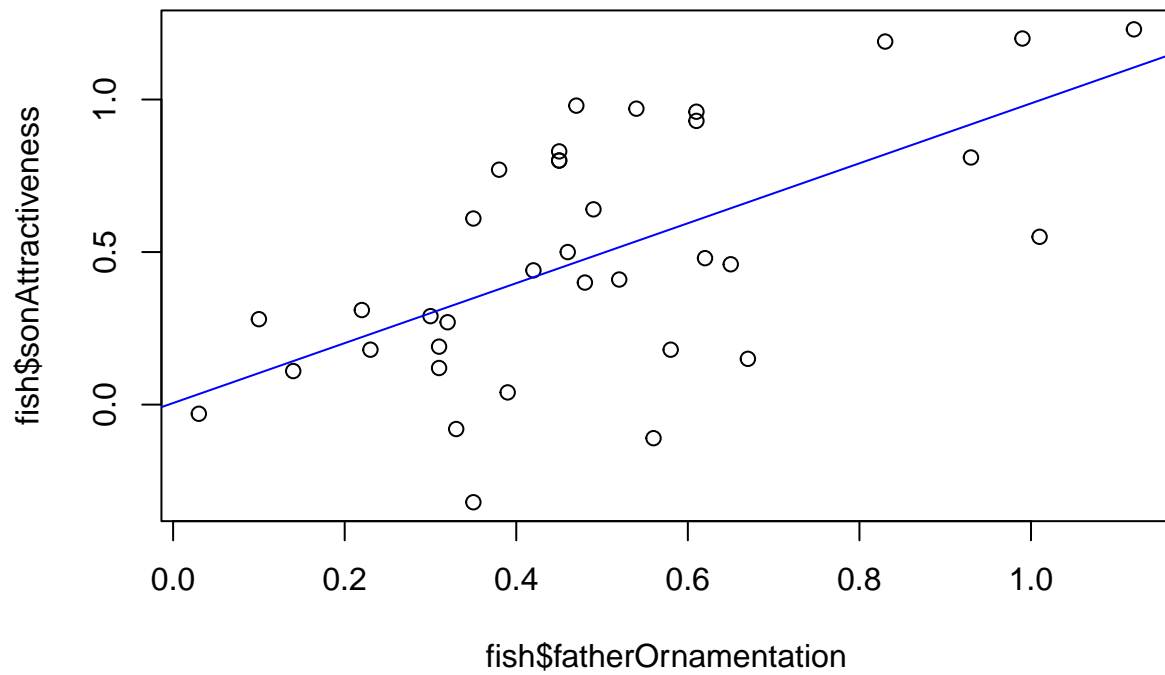
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shapiro.test(fish$sonAttractiveness)
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```
##  
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test  
##  
## data: fish$sonAttractiveness  
## W = 0.97364, p-value = 0.5329
```

```
cor.test(fish$fatherOrnamentation, fish$sonAttractiveness,  
         method='pearson')
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##  
## Pearson's product-moment correlation  
##  
## data: fish$fatherOrnamentation and fish$sonAttractiveness  
## t = 4.5371, df = 34, p-value = 6.784e-05  
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## 0.3577455 0.7843860  
## sample estimates:  
## cor  
## 0.6141043
```

```
plot(fish$fatherOrnamentation, fish$sonAttractiveness)  
# Fit linear regression model  
fit <- lm(sonAttractiveness ~ fatherOrnamentation, data = fish)  
  
# Add trend line  
abline(fit, col = "blue")
```



References: <https://whitlockschluter3e.zoology.ubc.ca/RLabs/index.html>

Exam: https://aniruhil.org/courses/pbio/knits/chapter_16 <https://whitlockschluter.zoology.ubc.ca/data/chapter16>