

Data Management

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Chapter 4

Two variable Statistics

4.1 Linear Regression

4.1.1 Residual

Definition 4.1.1. (*Residual*): It is the difference between the observed value and the value predicted by the best fit line. (Ie. how "far off" is the line, vertically, from the point)

Points above the line have **positive** residuals and points below the line have negative residuals.

There are some really good sample questions on teacher's handouts. You should check it though!

4.1.2 Regression

Definition 4.1.2. (*Linear Regression*): an analytic technique to determine a model that can be used to describe the linear correlation between two quantitative variables.

The linear model produced by linear regression is called a **least-squares** line.

For a least-square line, there are certain properties:

- the residuals add to 0 and the sum of the squares of the residuals is **Minimized**
- the slope is defined as

$$a = \frac{s_{xy}}{(s_x)^2}$$

- the y-intercept is defined as

$$b = \bar{y} - a\bar{x}$$