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#### Correlation Coefficient: Conventional approach to PCA

#### **Covariance matrix:**

Given a N×V data matrix X, compute its centered version Y and the V×V feature covariance matrix B:

- a. Center matrix X by finding, for each feature, its mean and subtracting it from all the feature values, Y=X-m(X)
- b. Compute square matrix A=Y'\*Y and divide it by N or N-1 (do the latter if you think that the result is going to be used as an estimate of the covariance matrix of a multivariate density function, I rather divide by N): B= Y'\*Y/N.

(v,w) entry in B: 
$$b_{vw} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{iv} - \overline{x_v})(x_{iw} - \overline{x_w})$$

### Correlation Coefficient: Conventional approach to PCA, 2

Given a N×V data matrix X, its V×V feature covariance matrix  $B=[b_{vw}]$ :

$$b_{vw} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{iv} - \overline{x_v})(x_{iw} - \overline{x_w}), \quad \overline{x_v}, \overline{x_w}$$
 - means

#### **Correlation matrix:**

Matrix X is normalized by standard deviations, the covariances  $b_{vw}$  are correlation coefficients

$$b_{vw} = \frac{1}{\sigma_v \sigma_w} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{iv} - \overline{x_v})(x_{iw} - \overline{x_w})/N,$$

 $\sigma_v$ ,  $\sigma_w$  - standard deviations

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#### Meaning of correlation, 1

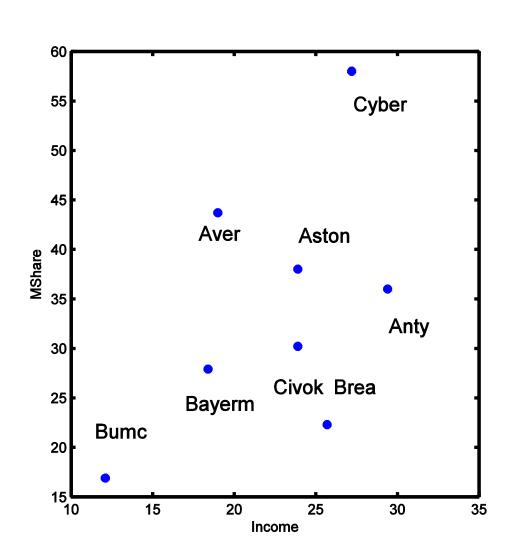
#### Illustrative: take two features

Company name	Income, \$min	MSha,%	Nsu	EC	Sector
Aversi	19.0	43.7	2	No	Utility
Antyos	29.4	36.0	3	No	Utility
Astonite	23.9	38.0	3	No	Industrial
Bayermart	18.4	27.9	2	Yes	Utility
Breaktops	25.7	22.3	3	Yes	Industrial
Bumchist	12.1	16.9	2	Yes	Industrial
Civok	23.9	30.2	4	Yes	Retail
Cyberdam	27.2	58.0	5	Yes	Retail

#### Meaning of correlation, 2: Scatterplot

#### Take two features

nam	X	y
Aver	19	43.7
Anty	29.4	36
Aston	23.9	38
Bayerm	18.4	27.9
Brea	25.7	22.3
Bumc	12.1	16.9
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Cyber	27.2	58



#### **MatLab Command:**

#### Iris Scatterplots

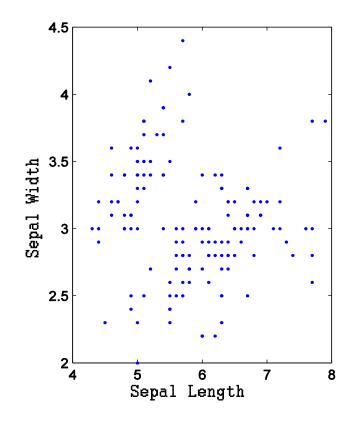
**Sepal plot** 

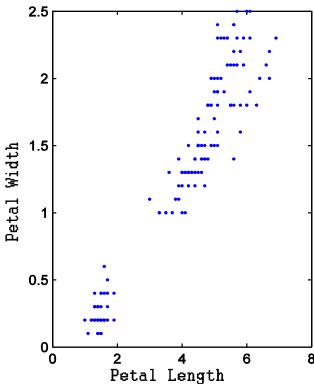
**Petal plot (noticeable correlation)** 



Do differ!

**Correlate?** 





#### MatLab:

```
>> subplot(1,2,1);plot(iris(:,1),iris(:,2),'b.');
```

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>> subplot(1,2,2);plot(iris(:,3),iris(:,4),'b.');

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#### Naïve interpretation of correlation

• 
$$b_{vw} = \frac{1}{\sigma_v \sigma_w} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{iv} - \overline{x_v})(x_{iw} - \overline{x_w})/N$$
,

= < 
$$yv$$
,  $yw$ > where 
$$y_v = (x_v - \overline{x_v}) / ||x_v - \overline{x_v}||$$
 
$$y_w = (x_w - \overline{x_w}) / ||x_w - \overline{x_w}||$$

#### Cosine of angle between $y_v$ and $y_w$

Between -1 and 1. 0 ~ orthogonality, 1 – same, -1 – converse (180° =  $\pi$ )

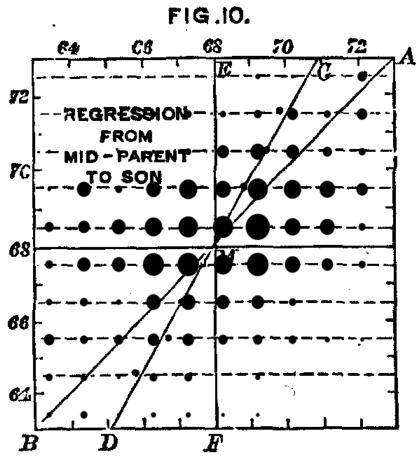
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# 2D Linear regression 1 A bit of History

Francis Galton (1822-1911), another grandson of Erasmus Darwin, obsessed with the idea that talent is inherited, finds that the height of son regresses to the mean, from father's height (1885) -

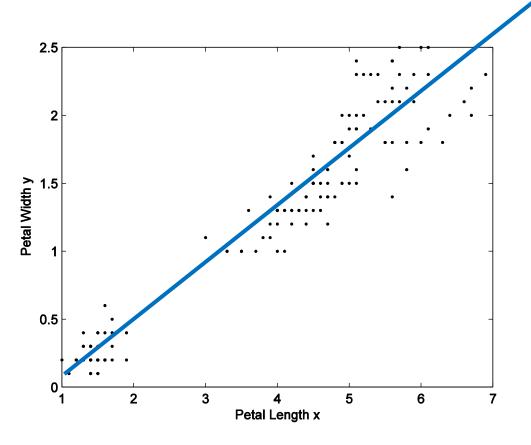
This explains the term.



# 2D Linear regression, 2 Iris Petal Width: how can we express it

through Petal Length linearly

PeWi=a\*PeLe+b



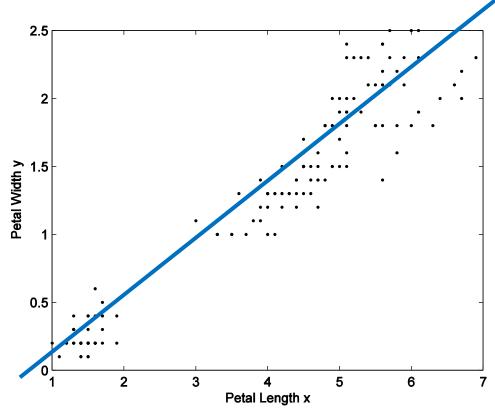
### 2D Linear regression, 3 Iris How can we fit equation

PeWi=a\*PeLe+b

Meaning of a:

a = Change in PeWi at PeLechanged by 1

(slope)



**b** = expected PeWi at PeLe=0 (This requires a bit of fantasy,,,)

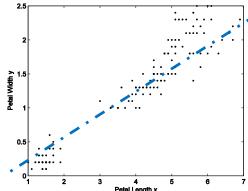
(intercept)

# 2D Linear regression, 4 How can we express y=ax+b with minimum error? Maths:

At entity  $i=1, 2, \ldots, N$  equation

$$y_i = ax_i + b + e_i$$

where  $e_i$  is error (residual)



Idea: Find a and b minimizing errors  $e_i$ 

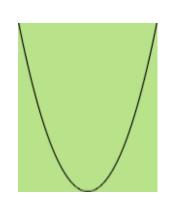
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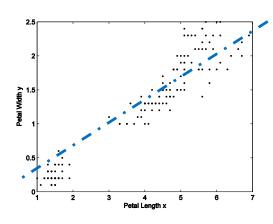
Problem: Find a and b minimizing errors squared

$$L(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$

(least-squares criterion)

L(a,b) is parabolic over a, b:



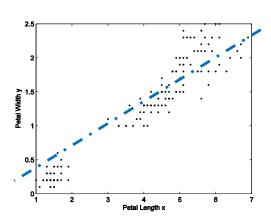


Therefore, first-order optimality conditions from calculus should work:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a} = 2\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)(-x_i) = 0 \tag{*}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)(-1) = 0$$
 (\*\*)

# 2D Linear regression, 6 Soving first-order optimality equations:



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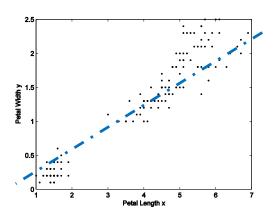
#### Divide (\*\*) by -2 and transfer b to the right:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N y_i - a \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = Nb \quad ,$$

#### therefore

$$b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x}$$
, where  $\overline{y}$ ,  $\overline{x}$ - means of  $y$ ,  $x$ , respectively

### 2D Linear regression, 7 Soving first-order optimality equations:



Now we have

(\*) 
$$2\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i - ax_i - b)(-x_i) = 0$$
  
(\*\*)  $b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x}$ ,

where  $\overline{y}$ ,  $\overline{x}$  – means of y, x, respectively.

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It remains to find a from (\*). Put this b in (\*), divide by -2:

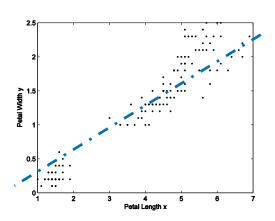
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - \overline{y} + a\overline{x})x_i = 0 .$$

Let us collect a-items on the left, the others on the right:

$$a\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i-\overline{x})x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-\overline{y})x_i \text{ . This implies}$$

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-\overline{y})x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-\overline{y})x_i}$$

### 2D Linear regression, 8 Polishing first-order optimality equations:



$$(**) \qquad b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x}$$

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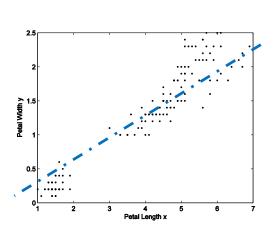
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \overline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \overline{y}) = 0$$

#### **Therefore**

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \overline{y})(x_i - \overline{x})/N}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \overline{x})(x_i - \overline{x})/N}$$

#### 2D Linear regression, 9

Polishing first-order optimality equations:

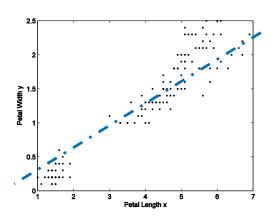


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Notice: the denominator is the variance of x,  $\sigma^2(x)$  !!! Introduce a symmetric expression, correlation coefficient

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \overline{y}) (x_i - \overline{x})/N}{\sigma(x)\sigma(y)}$$

### 2D Linear regression, 10 Polishing first-order optimality equations:



$$\boldsymbol{b} = \overline{\boldsymbol{y}} - a\overline{\boldsymbol{x}} \tag{**}$$

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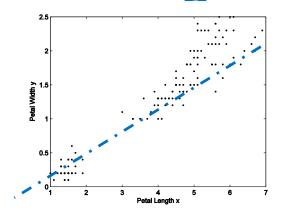
Using a symmetric expression, correlation coefficient

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \overline{y}) (x_i - \overline{x})/N}{\sigma(x)\sigma(y)}$$

leads to (\*) rewritten as

$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

### 2D Linear regression, 11 Polishing first-order optimality equations:



$$b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x} \tag{**}$$

$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

where

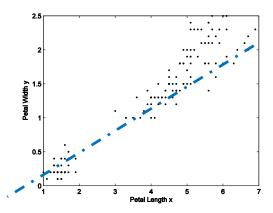
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Have we found a solution, the values a and b minimizing the residuals squared L(a,b)?

Yes, we have.

Remains to be done: find the minimum value of L(a,b).

### 2D Linear regression, 12 Finding minimum L(a,b): Put optimal



$$b = \overline{y} - a\overline{x} \tag{**}$$

$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

#### into formula for L:

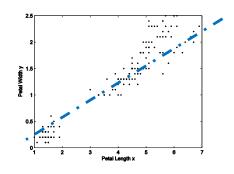
$$L(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} x_i - \overline{y} + \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \overline{x})^2$$
 (i)

$$L(a,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} [(y_i - \overline{y}) - \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} (x_i - \overline{x})]^2 =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \overline{y})^2 - 2\rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y}) + \rho^2 \frac{\sigma^2(y)}{\sigma^2(x)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - \overline{x})^2$$
 (II)

$$L(a,b) = N\sigma^{2}(y) - 2N\rho^{2}\sigma^{2}(y) + N\rho^{2}\sigma^{2}(y) = N\sigma^{2}(y)(1-\rho^{2})$$
 (iii)

#### 2D Linear regression, 13: all solved



#### Final linear regression optimality equations:

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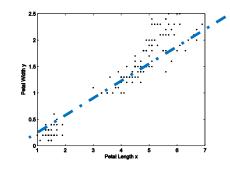
$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

#### The minimum

$$L(a,b)/N = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)^2/N = \sigma^2(y)(1 - \rho^2) \qquad (***)$$

#### So what?

### 2D Correlation and determinacy coefficients: properties and meaning 1



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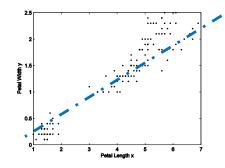
#### The minimum value of

$$L(a,b)/N = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - ax_i - b)^2/N = \sigma^2(y)(1 - \rho^2) \quad (***)$$

Equation (\*\*\*):  $\rho^2$ , the determinacy coefficient, is the proportion of the variance  $\sigma^2(y)$  taken into account by the linear regression of y over x.

Value L(a,b)/N in (\*\*\*) is referred to as the **residual variance**.

#### Correlation coefficient: four properties, 2



#### Final linear regression optimality equations:

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 (\*\*)
 $a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)}$ 

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- (i) The determinacy coefficient  $\rho^2$  is within interval [0,1]; the correlation coefficient  $\rho$  , within [-1, +1]. Indeed, (1- $\rho^2$ ) $\geq 0$  because L  $\geq 0$ .
- (ii) Coefficient ρ is 1 or -1 if and only if regression equation y=ax+b is true for every i=1,2,...,N with no errors. Indeed, L=0 only if all the items are zero.
- (iii) Coefficient  $\rho$  is 0 if and only if the slope  $\alpha=0$ , because of (\*).
- (iv) The sign of  $\rho$  is the sign of the slope  $\alpha$ ; therefore, x and y are related positively if  $\rho > 0$ , and negatively, if  $\rho < 0$ .

#### 2D Correlation coefficient: properties and meaning, 3

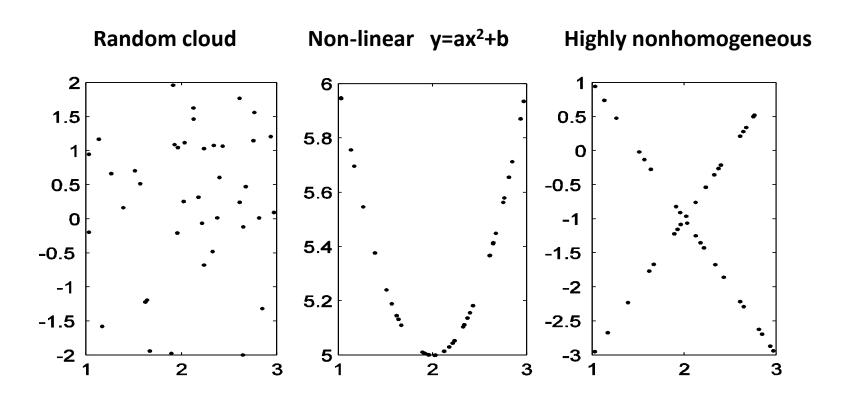
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These show that correlation coefficient is a measure of degree of a linear relation between x and y.

#### Meaning of $\rho = 0$ : No relation? (Nope!)

$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

### (iii) Coefficient $\rho=0$ if and only if the slope a=0 in the regression equation.



#### Meaning of $\rho$ : Good Case

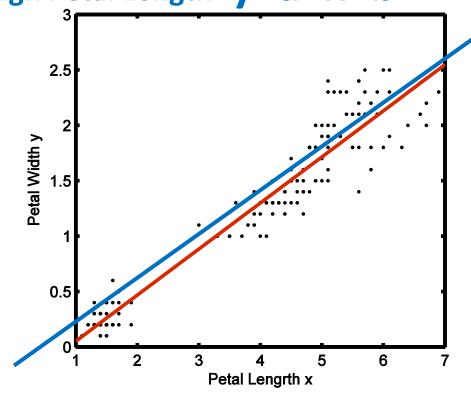
#### Iris Petal Width through Petal Length y=a\*x+b

$$\boldsymbol{b} = \overline{\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{a}\overline{\boldsymbol{x}} \qquad (**)$$

$$a = \rho \frac{\sigma(y)}{\sigma(x)} \tag{*}$$

$$>> \rho = corr(x,y)\% \rho = 0.9629$$

Even inspite that points (x<sub>i</sub>,y<sub>i</sub>)



are not exactly on a line, determinacy  $\rho$  <sup>2</sup>=92.7% (7.3% of y-scatter left unexplained)

$$slope = 0.4158$$

### High determinacy warrants no high precision: Iris Petal Width=0.4158\*x-0.3631 (X)

Although points  $(x_i, y_i)$  do not fit the regression line,  $\rho^2=92.7\%$  -

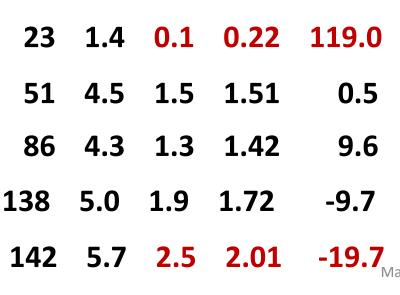
#### Almost unity!

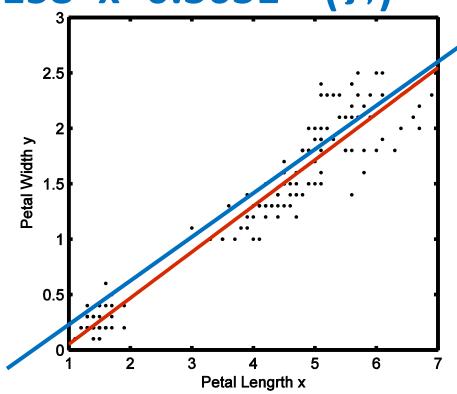
n.

Test for the errors at prediction

PW X

error,%





#### Average precision 20.6% (s=25.8):

not that high

#### Correlation coefficient

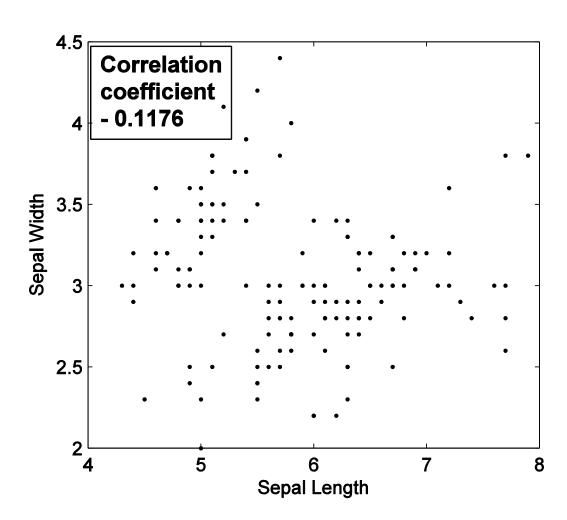
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#### Correlation: Weird case, 1

#### Iris Sepal Length and Sepal Width (other pair)

This is highly unnatural.

The SL and SW should go along, with a positive, if not high, correlation.



#### Correlation: Weird case, 2

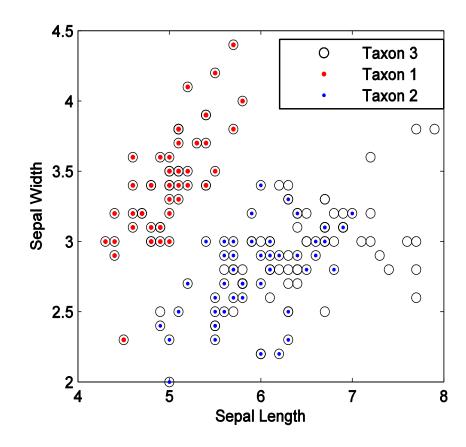
#### Iris Corr(Sepal Length, Sepal Width)=-0.1176

This highly unnatural value comes from the non-homogeneity:

a mix of three taxa

correlation within each,

0.74, 0.53, 0.46,



#### Correlation: Weird case, 3

A scheme of FALSE negative correlation by merging

different groupings

A high positive correlation within each group, red, blue, grey; yet a negative correlation overall !!!

Instances of data manipulation, sometimes unintentional, should have made great politicians
(B. Disraeli, UK Prime-Minister) to say even if they have not:

THREE LEVELS of LIE: "A LIE, DAMNED LIE, and STATISTICS!",

Correlation: Weird case, 4 A quiz

#### A scheme of FALSE POSITIVE correlation by merging

#### different groupings

A high NEGATIVE correlation within each group; yet a positive correlation overall !!!

Can you guess a proper picture for this?
Try proposing a scatter-plot for this case.

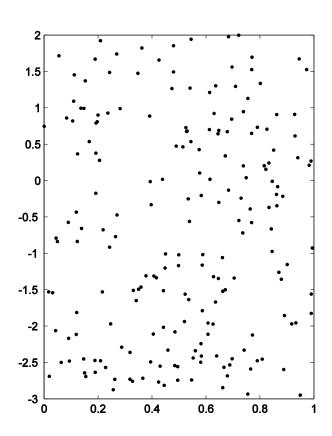
# THREE LEVELS of LIE: "A LIE, DAMNED LIE, and STATISTICS!", (I. Dizraeli? – no)

#### Correlation and regression: Weird Case 2

#### Inflated correlation, 1:

#### Random features generated:

```
>> g=rand(200,1);
>> h=5*rand(200,1)-3;
>> plot(g,h, 'k.')
>> corr(g,h) =0.06 % close to 0
```



### Correlation and regression: Weird Case 2, 2

### Inflated correlation, 2: by adding outliers

#### Random features generated:

```
>> g=rand(200,1);

>> h=5*rand(200,1)-3;

>> rho=0.0650

On the right

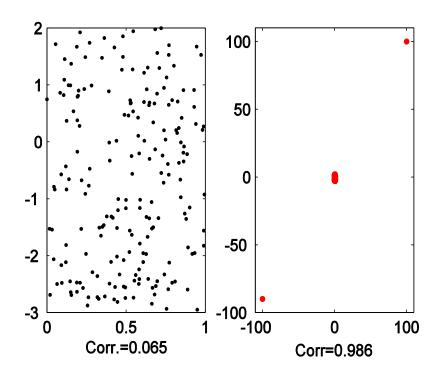
TWO outliers are added:

>> g(201)=100; g(202)=-100;

>> h(201)=-100; h(202)=-90;

>> rho=0.9862 % almost a unity!
```

On the left:



## Some observed unexplained correlations

- Social drinking and earnings drinkers earn more money (B.L. Peters, E. Stringham (2006), *Journal of Labor Research*, 27(3), 411-421).
- Chocolate consumption and the numbers of Nobel prize winners, both relative to the population size (F.H. Messerli (2012), *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 367(16), 1562).
- Numbers of: (a) newborn babies and (b) brooding pairs of storks observed across 17 countries (R. Matthews, *Teaching Statistics*, 2000, 22, 2, 36-38).

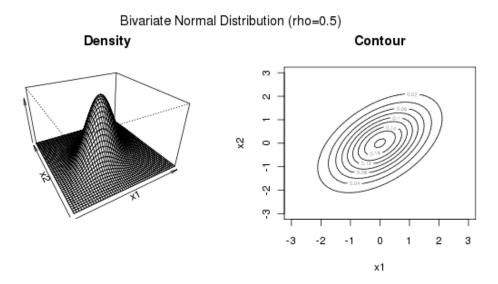
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## Week 7. K. Pearson's highly creative insight (probabilistic perspective at Correlation coefficient: )

#### At the standard Multivariate Gaussian

$$f(u, \Sigma) = Cexp\{-u^{T}\Sigma^{-1}u/2\}$$
 where  $u = (u_{1}, u_{2}, ..., u_{v});$ 



**Bivariate case** 

after z-scoring

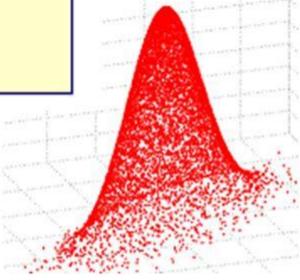
$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

K. Pearson: Correlation coefficient is a sample-based estimate of the parameter  $\rho$  in the Gaussian density function under the conventional assumption of independent random sampling.

#### **Multivariate Gaussian Distribution**

In d-dimensional space, the Gaussian pdf is:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]}$$
$$p(\mathbf{x}) \sim N(\mathbf{\mu}, \mathbf{\Sigma})$$



## Meaning of correlation coefficient

- A high value of  $\rho$  does not warrant any good precision of the regression
- Value of  $\rho$  can be inflated by adding a few outliers
- Zero value of  $\rho$  does not warrant low association between a target and predictor this may indicate either
  - High non-homogeneity
  - High non-linearity
- Probabilistic framework: parameter of bivariate Gaussian

### Correlation coefficient

- PCA: Covariance matrix and correlation matrix
- Scatterplot
- Three frameworks for correlation coefficient
  - Naïve approach
  - Regression: Correlation and determinacy; properties and meaning
  - Probability: Gaussian distribution
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# A better criterion: mathematically hopeless

Relative error to minimize

$$\Delta(i)=|y_i-ax_i-b|/|y_i|$$
  
 $\Sigma_i\Delta(i) \Rightarrow \min_{a,b}$ 

 A very complex function; no good methods within the classical approach (take an admissible solution, then hone and polish it)

# Nature-inspired approach to regression: cases of non-linearity or different criteria

Relative error to minimize

$$\Delta(i) = |y_i - ax_i - b| / |y_i|$$
  
 $\sum_i \Delta(i) \Rightarrow \min_{a, b}$ 

 A very complex function; no good methods of classical styles: take an admissible solution, then hone and polish it

Nature-inspired approach for criterion 
$$\Sigma_i \Delta(i) \Rightarrow \min_{a,b} \text{ with } \Delta(i) = |y_i - ax_i - b|/|y_i|, 1$$

- Rather than honing a single admissible solution, run a nature-inspired evolutionary process for a population of admissible solutions
- First find an area A of admissibility for pairs (a,b)
- Take a population of random p admissible pairs (a(k),b(k)), k=1,2,...,p.
- Define rules for: (1) the population to evolve, (2) elite maintenance, (3) halt.
- Run an evolution process according to the rules.

Nature-inspired approach for 
$$\Sigma_i \Delta(i) \Rightarrow \min_{a,b} \sinh \Delta(i) = |y_i - ax_i - b|/|y_i|, 2$$

- Find an area A of admissibility. At each i,j=1,...,N, take a(ij), b(ij) from yi=a(ij)xi+b(ij), yj=a(ij)xj+b(ij): a(ij)=(yi-yj)/(xi-xj), b(ij)=yi-a(ij)xi. Sort all a(ij) and b(ij), remove upper and lower percentile t%(about 15%) in intervals [a1,a2] and [b1,b2], so that A=[a1,a2] ×[b1,b2].
- Take a population, that is,  $p \times 2$  array f of random p pairs (a(k),b(k)) from A, k=1,2,...,p.

Nature-inspired approach for 
$$\Sigma_i \Delta(i) \Rightarrow \min_{a,b} \sinh \Delta(i) = |y_i - ax_i - b|/|y_i|$$
, 3

- Define rules for:
- (1) the population to evolve:
- (1a) take the average a and b over the population and replicate them p times in p×2 array mf, (1b) define  $f_{p,2}$ .\* $f_$
- (2) Elite policy
- (2a) find in f the best pair ( $a^*,b^*$ ) [elite], store it, and replicate it in p  $\times$  2 array el;
- (2b) define next generation array f'=0.7fr+0.3el and go to step 1 with f=f'. Change the elite if current  $(a^*,b^*)$  are better than those stored.
- (3) Halt after 10000 iterations and output (a\*,b\*).

Nature-inspired approach for the least squares with  $y=ax^b$ , 1

- Find an area A of admissibility, as above, by the linearized equation log(y)=log(a)+blog(x) by using transformed variables z=log(y) and v=log(x), so that the equations are about z(ij) and v(ij).
- Run the nature-inspired process above.

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Example: take x and y generated as follows: x=10*rand(1,50), for i=1:50;yy=2*x(i)^1.07+2*randn; y(i)=max(yy,1.01); end;
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## Nature-inspired approach for the least squares with $y=ax^b$ , 2

Example: Generate

x=10\*rand(1,50),

for i=1:50;  $yy=2*x(i)^1.07+2*randn$ ; y(i)=yy|1.01; end;

#### Nature Inspired process results:

a = 2.0293, b = 1.0760, the average squared error = 0.0003

#### Linearized regression z=c+bv results:

a = 3.0843, b = 0.8011, the average squared error 4.41.

Most important: a wrong regularity:

b=0.8 is less than 1, whereas the generated b=1.07.

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1. Scatter plot: just a Cartesian representation in 2D
- 2. Correlation coefficient: 3 perspectives
- 3. Linear regression: a convenient format to summarize relation between two features
- 4. Determinacy and correlation in the approximation perspective: due to the linearity and least-squares criterion;  $\rho^2$  scoring the extent of y-variance taken into account;  $\rho$  expressing, vaguely, the extent of linear relation between x and y
- 5. Correlation and regression: Useful, but be aware of non-homogeneity ["just lies, damned lies, and statistics"].
- 6. Different function and/or different criteria: Nature-inspired optimization

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- 1. Find two features in your dataset with more or less "linear-like" scatterplot.
- 2. Display the scatter-plot.
- 3. Build a linear regression of one of the features over the other. Make a comment on the meaning of the slope.
- 4. Find the correlation and determinacy coefficients, and comment on the meaning of the latter.
- Make a prediction of the target values for given two or three predictor' values; make a comment
- Compare the mean relative absolute error of the regression on all points of your set and the determinacy coefficient and make comments