CORRELATION

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HOMEWORK 3

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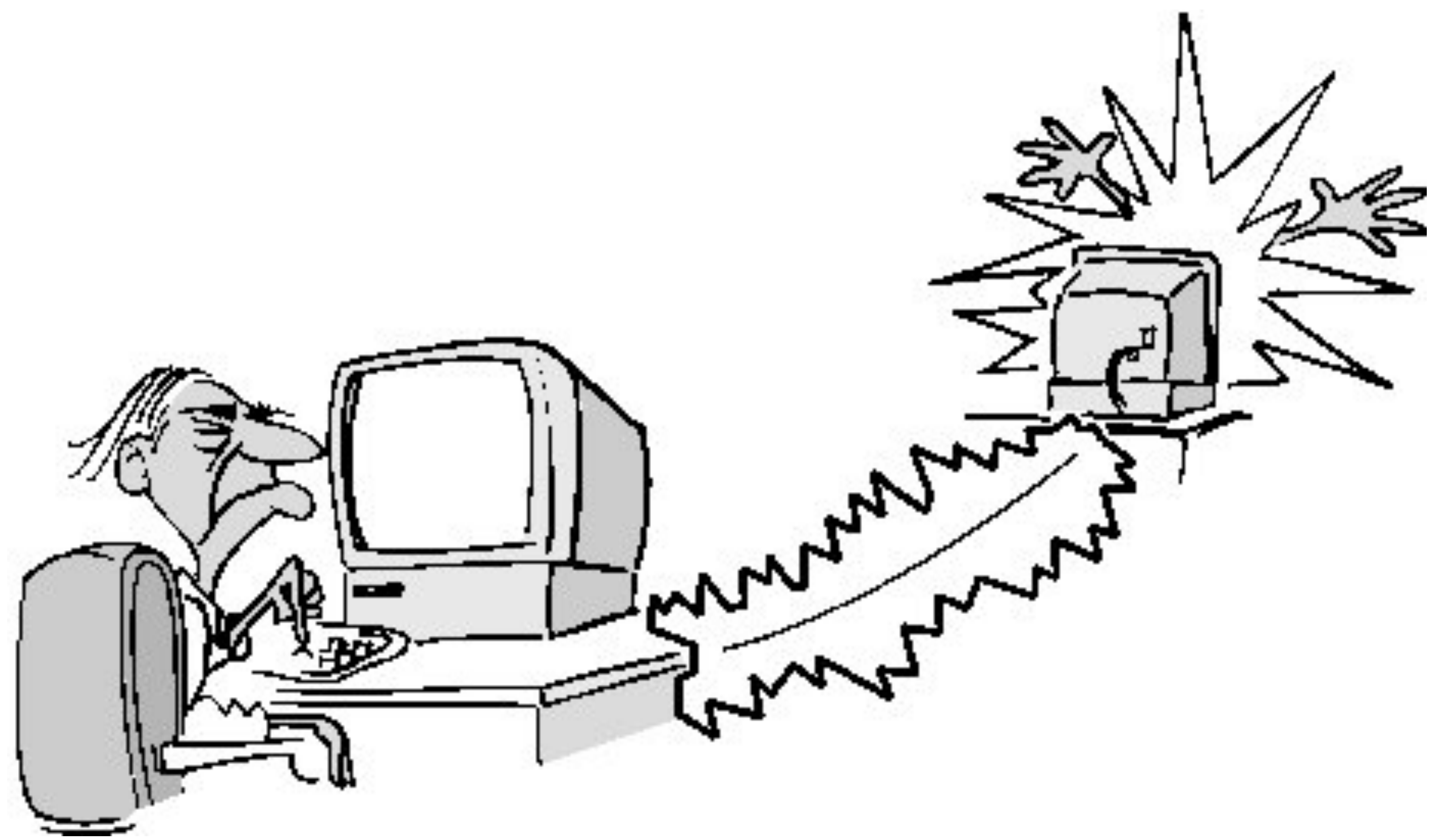
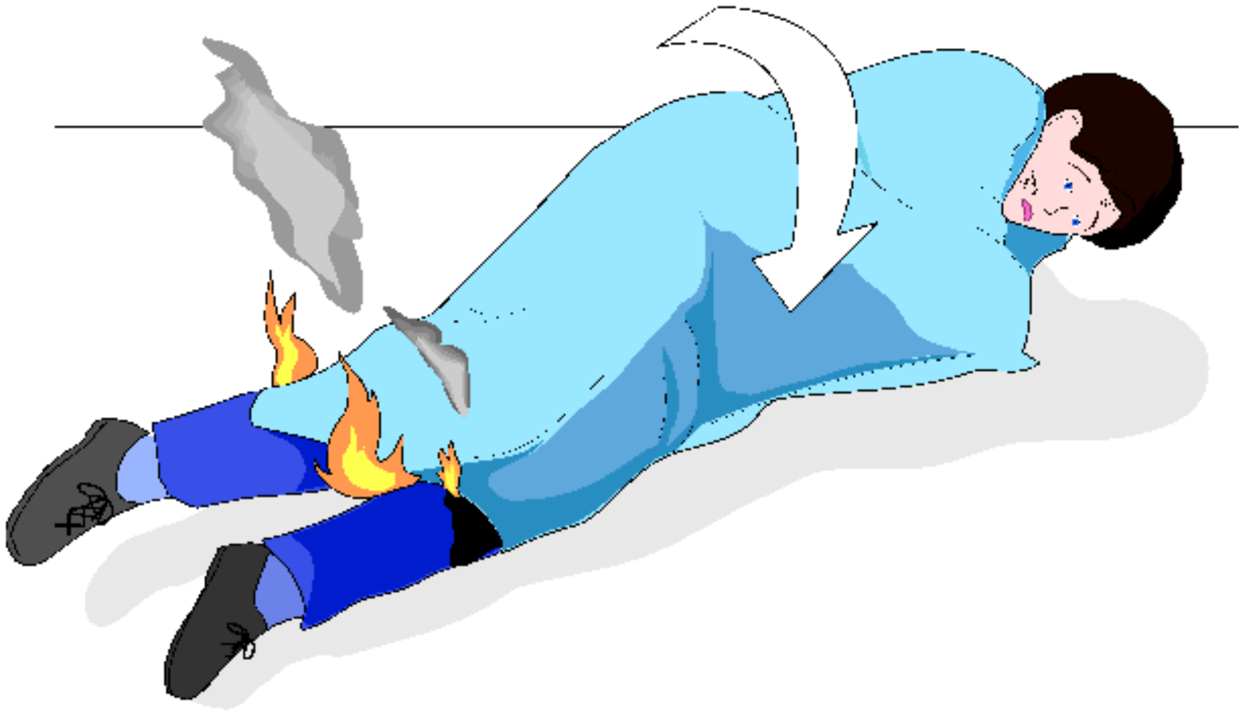


HOMEWORK 4

* posted today!



RECAP

* statistical **power**: how often a test says “significant” when there actually is an effect

* effect size

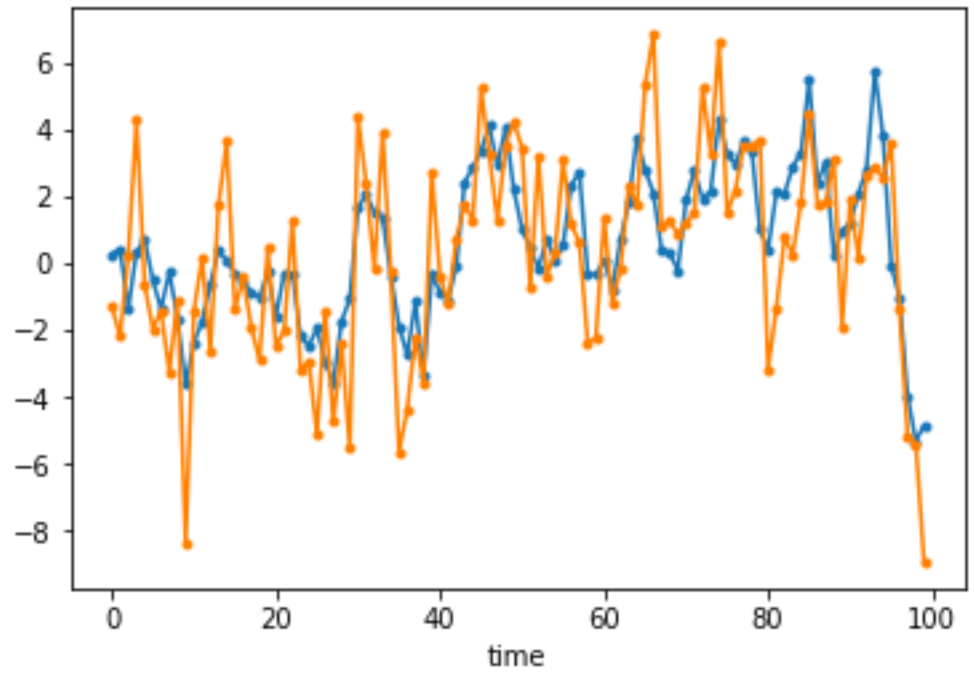
RECAP

* **permutation test**
  * “if these two samples were actually the same, it shouldn’t matter if we scramble them up and then re-divide them into two new samples…”

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SAMPLES

* you record fMRI responses while someone listens to a podcast and plot the response in auditory cortex over time (**orange**)

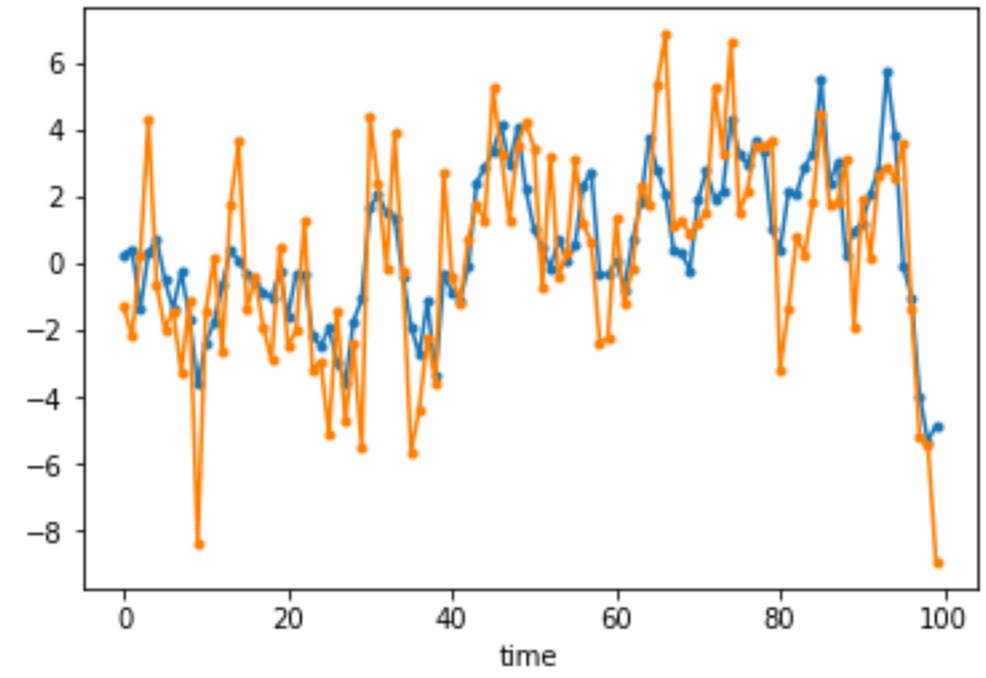
* you also measure how loud the sound is at every timepoint, and plot that (**blue**)

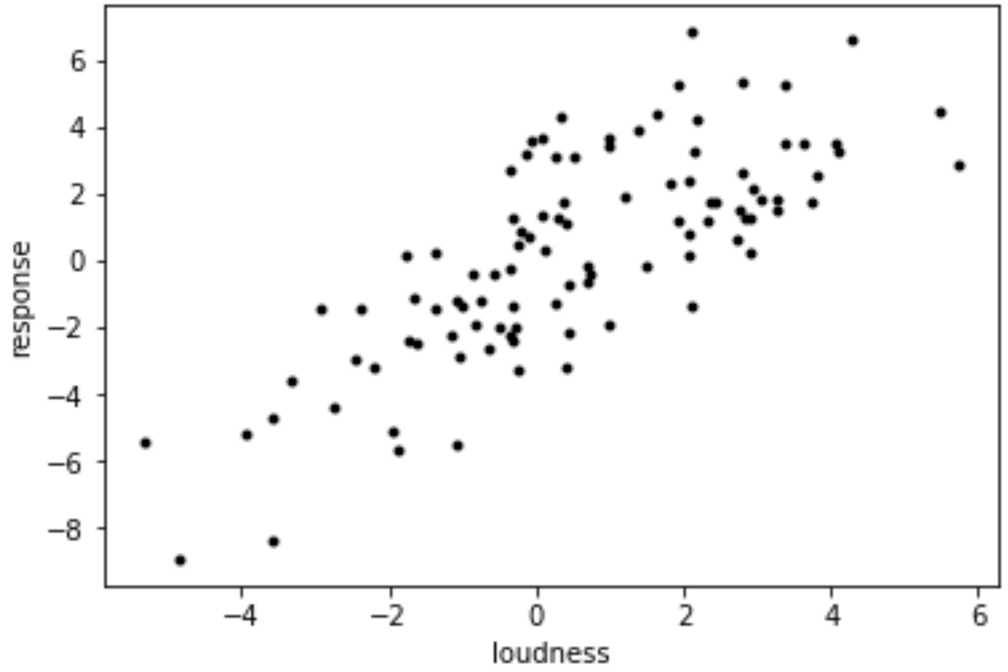


RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SAMPLES

* you can also plot loudness vs. fMRI response in a scatter plot (bottom)

* these two seem related. how related? how do we measure?

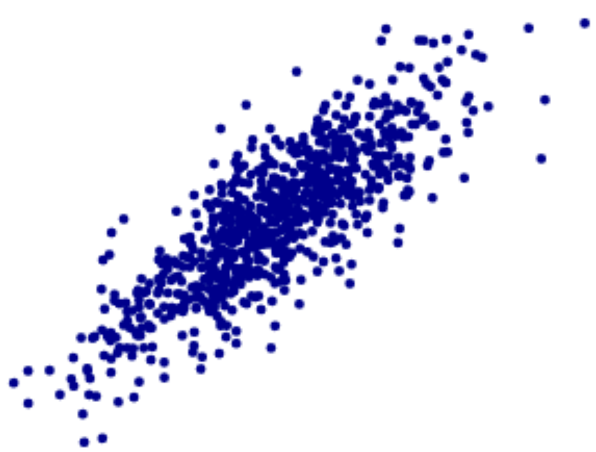




CORRELATION

* “are these two sets of numbers (linearly) related?”

yes



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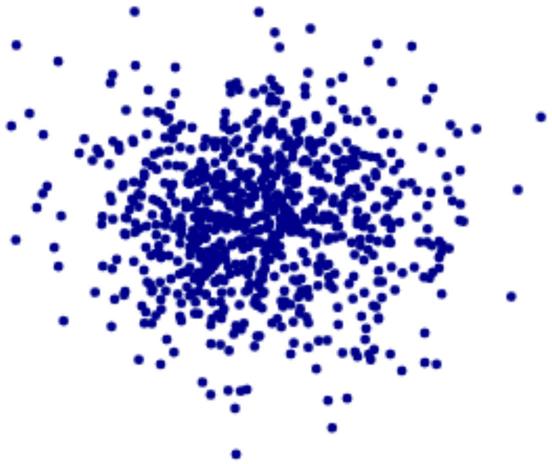


CORRELATION

* the (linear) correlation between two variables is their covariance divided by the produce of their standard deviations

$$r_{X,Y} = corr(X, Y) = \frac{cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

WHAT THE HECK IS COVARIANCE

* variance is the average squared difference from the mean

$$var(X) = \sigma_X^2 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i^N (X_i - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})$$

WHAT THE HECK IS COVARIANCE

* in covariance we replace one of the terms with Y:

$$cov(X,Y) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}^{N}(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$$

CORRELATION

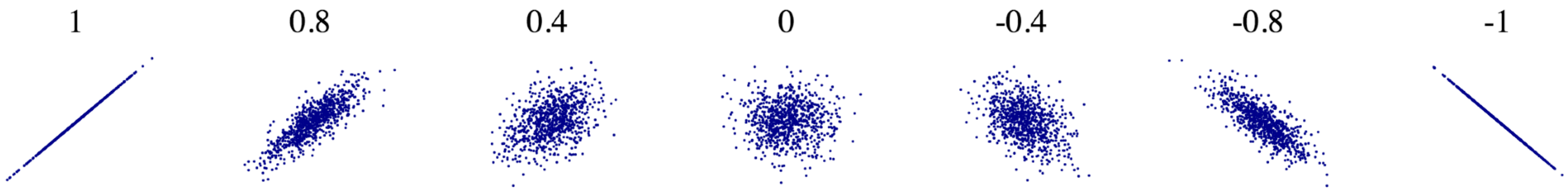
* is covariance, but normalized by the product of the standard deviations

* and thus is always in the range -1…1

  * which is nice

CORRELATION

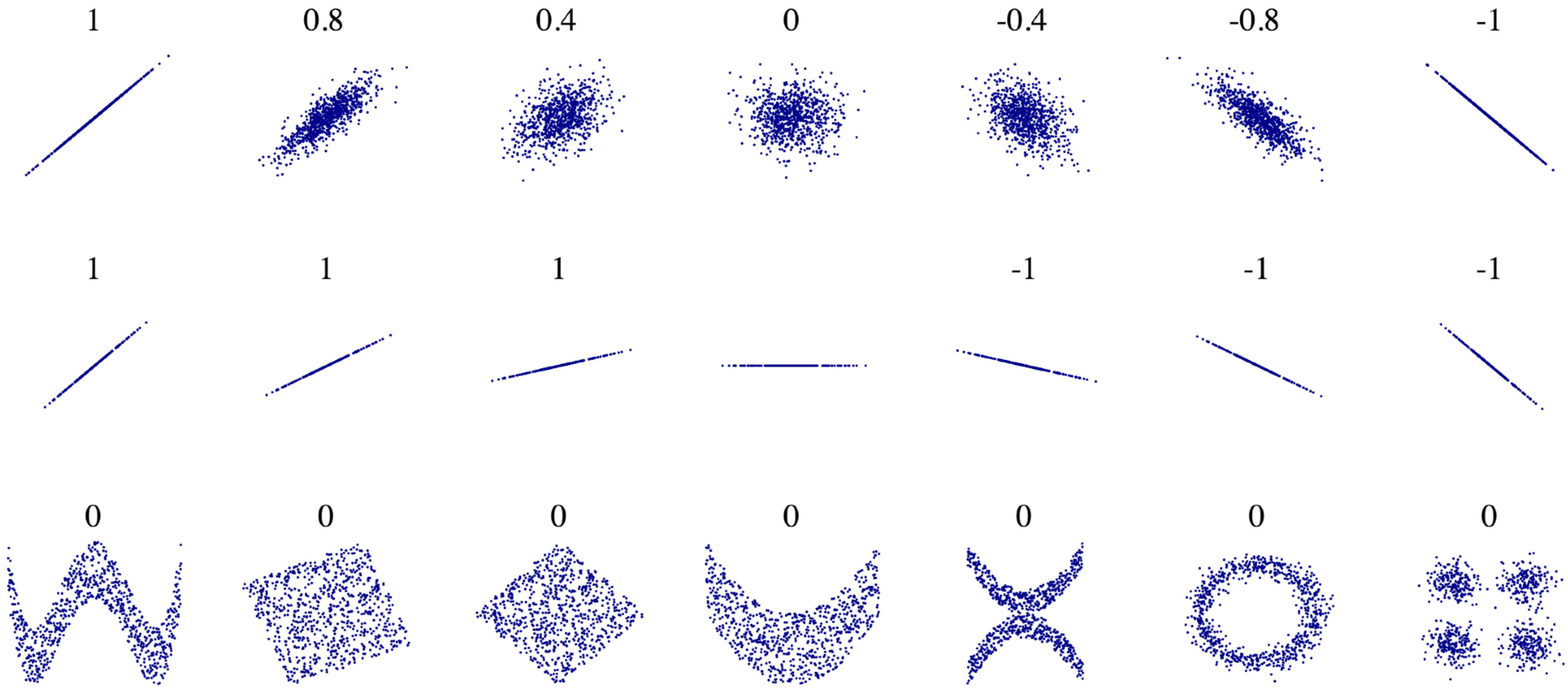
* tells you how **linearly related** two variables are



DANGERS OF CORRELATION

* just computing correlation can be dangerous when your variables are related in weird non-linear ways

DANGERS OF CORRELATION



ANSCOMBE'S QUARTET

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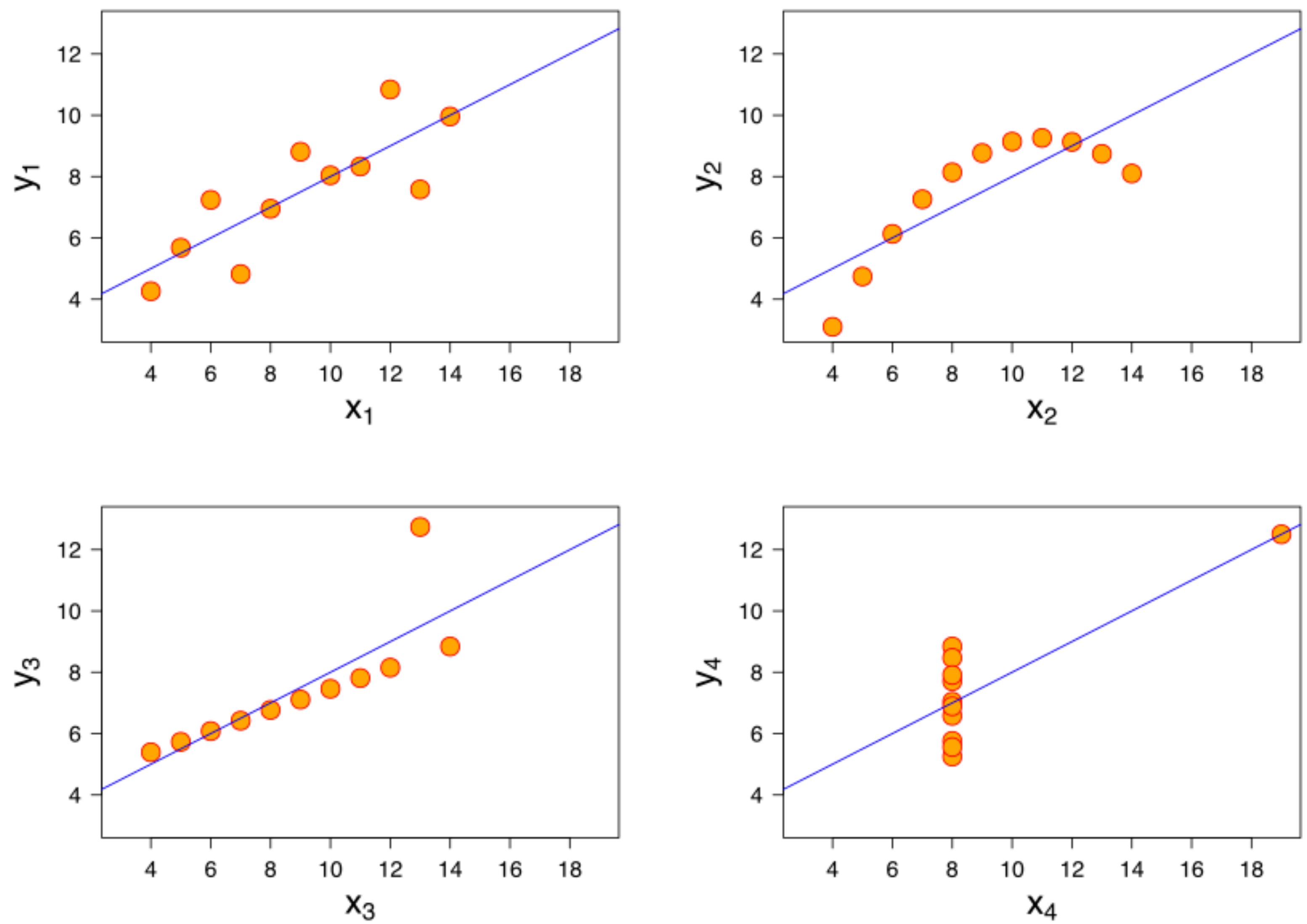
* 4 datasets with identical:
  * correlation
  * mean
  * variance
  * slope
  * R^2



COMPUTING CORRELATION

* **np.corrcoef(arr1, arr2)**
  * computes the correlation between two arrays
  * but weirdly, gives you a 2x2 array back, e.g.:
    * [[1., 0.76],
       [0.76, 1.]]

COMPUTING CORRELATION

* **np.corrcoef([arr1, arr2, arr3, …])**
  * computes the correlation between many arrays
  * for N arrays, gives you back an NxN matrix of correlations

CORRELATION SIGNIFICANCE

* suppose the correlation between X and Y is 0.15

* is this “real”, or is it something you’d see by chance?

* how do we figure this out?

CORRELATION SIGNIFICANCE

* permutation test:

  * correlation depends on X and Y being ordered the same way. but if they are actually uncorrelated, then it shouldn’t matter if we re-order them randomly

CORRELATION SIGNIFICANCE

* “exact” test:
  * if we assume that X and Y are gaussian RVs, then there is an exact formula for what the distribution of correlations look like assuming they are unrelated
  * this can be used to find a p-value
  * implemented in **scipy.stats.pearsonr**

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