Unit 1 Notes - Anscombe's Quartet

Anscombe's Quartet provides a good reason for data cleansing. Created by English Statistician, Francis Anscombe, the purpose was to express the need to visualise data before deep analysing. The four datasets created all have similar simple descriptive statistics. The data table below shows that across the 4 datasets, the summary statistics like the mean, standard deviation (SD) and correlation coefficient (r). However, when we come to visualising the data, we can see from Figure 4 that the scatter plots distribution is noticeable different across all 4 graphs, which the simple linear regressions hasn't considered. We can see from the bottom graph, that outliers exist within those datasets, which have ultimately led to a misleading summary.

			A	nscombe's Data				
Observation	x1	y1	x2	y2	x3	y3	x4	y4
1	10	8.04	10	9.14	10	7.46	8	6.58
2	8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
3	13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
4	9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
5	11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
6	14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
7	6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
8	4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
9	12	10.84	12	9.13	12	8.15	8	5.56
10	7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91
11	5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89
			Sur	nmary Statistic	s			
N	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
mean	9.00	7.50	9.00	7.500909	9.00	7.50	9.00	7.50
SD	3.16	1.94	3.16	1.94	3.16	1.94	3.16	1.94
r	0.82		0.82		0.82		0.82	

