

# Correlation of Temperature in Pairs of Years

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## 1 Methods

A Pearson's correlation coefficient was calculated between the mean annual temperature at Key West, Florida for 1901-2000 (N) with 1900-1999 (N-1). The significance of this was then calculated by repeating the correlation on a randomly sampled set of years 1901-2000.

## 2 Results

A significant positive correlation was found between temperature of years (N-1) and years (N) ( $r_{97} = 0.3262, p < 0.001$ ), with the p-value consistently  $< 0.001$  when the analysis was re-run.