

Question 5.24

The relationship between age-adjusted death rate and animal fat intake is positive, linear, absent of outliers, and very strong ($r=0.949$).

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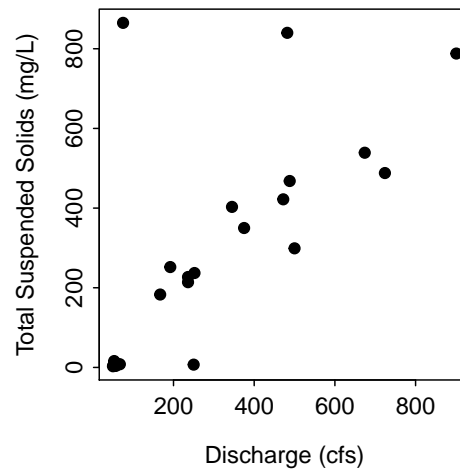


Figure 1. Scatterplot of total dissolved solids versus discharge in Fish Creek.

The relationship between total dissolved solids and discharge in Fish Creek is mostly positive and mostly linear (Figure 1). Several outliers are apparent of which the three most prominent are the two with a total dissolved solids greater than 800 mg/L and discharge less than 600 cfs and the one point with a total dissolved solids of 0 mg/L and a discharge at approximately 250 cfs (Figure 1). The strength, excluding the outliers, is moderately strong. I did not compute a correlation coefficient because of the presence of the outliers.

Appendix – R Commands

```
d <- read.csv("https://github.com/droglenc/NCData/raw/master/FishCrNWaterQuality.csv")
plot(SuspSed~DschrgCFS,data=d,pch=19,xlab="Discharge (cfs)",
ylab="Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)")
```

Notes From Professor

- You must provide labeled tables and figures to support your results and refer to these tables in your sentences.
- Do not use the word “correlation” unless you are specifically referring to “r.” For example, you would NOT say “the correlation between suspended sediments and discharge is positive, linear, etc.” In this case, it is better to replace the word “correlation” with “relationship.”
- Make sure to use `xlab=` and `ylab=` to provide better labels for the x- and y-axes, respectively.
- You must explicitly state where the outliers are located. In this case, it is adequate to note that they are “in the upper-left” corner of the plot. Alternatively, you could note the approximate coordinates of the points.

- It is correct to not calculate or report the correlations coefficient because of the presence of outliers. However, you still need to comment on the strength of the relationship. Your comment will be more subjective based on your interpretation of the clustering of the points but it still needs to be made.
- Computing the correlation in 5.25 is inappropriate because of the outliers in the data. If you were to compute the correlation you would have to use the code below, including the `use="pairwise.complete.obs"` argument because there are missing data in the *SuspSed* variable. **Again, this is inappropriate in this situation.**

```
> cor(d$SuspSed, d$DschrnCFS, use="pairwise.complete.obs")
```