

Chapter 2 questions

1. Problem 2.45 on page 95 of the text.

Chapter 3 questions

2. A study to assess the capability of subsurface flow wetland systems to remove biochemical oxygen demand and various other chemical constituents resulted in the accompanying data on x = BOD mass loading (kg/ha/d) and y = BOD mass removal (kg/ha/d) ("Subsurface Flow Wetlands: A Performance Evaluation," Water Envir. Res., 1995: 244-247):

x : 3 8 10 11 13 16 27 30 35 37 38 44 103 142
 y : 4 7 8 8 10 11 16 26 21 9 31 30 75 90

- (a) Construct boxplots of both mass loading and mass removal, and comment on any interesting features.
- (b) Construct a scatter plot of the data and comment on any interesting features.
- (c) Make the qqplots for x and y , and comment on whether x and/or y could have come from a Normal distribution.

3. Start with

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \right) \left(\frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y} \right).$$

- (a) Start with the formula above, and show that it is equal to

$$r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}.$$

- (b) Start from part (a), and show that it is equal to

$$r = \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_{xx} S_{yy}}}$$

where S_{xx}, S_{xy}, S_{yy} are defined on page 110.

4. 3.11 in your book.
5. 3.16 in your book.
6. Compute the least squares line for data in problem 2. Use the command "`lm(y ~ x)`" in R.

7. 3.25 in your book.

8. Let

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \alpha - \beta x_i)^2.$$

Set $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{MSE} = 0$, and derive the equation

$$\bar{y} - \alpha - \beta \bar{x} = 0.$$

9. In homework 1, you collected data which included data on 2 continuous variables. Call them x and y , depending on which variable you want to predict from the other.

- (a) Produce the scatterplot of x vs. y , and interpret.
- (b) Compute the correlations coefficient between x and y , and interpret.
- (c) Perform linear regression to estimate the regression coefficients, and interpret them.
- (d) Draw the regression line on the scatterplot of part (a). Does it look right?
- (e) Compute R^2 and interpret.