Math 4720: Statistical Methods

2^{nd} Week Summary (01/24/25)

- Relationship between two variables :
- Explanatory and response variables

Categorical vs. Quantitative: side-by-side box-plot

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

• Properties of the Correlation r:

Takes values between -1 and 1

r=1 or r=-1 implies that the points lie on a straight line

r=0 implies that there is no **linear** association

r < 0 implies that there is a negative **linear** association & r > 0 implies positive **linear** association

If the x and y variables are switched, the correlation will stay the same

r does not change when we change the units of measurement of x, y, or both.

r is strongly affected by a few outliers.

- Chapter 3: Probability
- The **probability** of any event A of a random phenomenon is the proportion of times the event would occur in a very long series of repetitions.
- The sample space S of a random phenomenon is the set of all possible outcomes.
- An **event** is a subset of the sample space.
- Probability Rules

The probability P(A) of any event A satisfies 0 < P(A) < 1.

If S is the sample space, then P(S) = 1.

Two events A and B are **disjoint** if they have no outcomes in common and so can never occur together. If A and B are disjoint, $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A \mid JB) = P(A) + P(B)$

For any event A, $P(A \text{ does not occur}) = P(\overline{A}) = 1 - P(A)$.

• Addition rule in general : $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$



