

Spearman Rank Coefficient (ρ)

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Abbreviations & other names:

- ρ
- r_s

1 Comparison to other tests

[See Spearman Rank coefficient \(\$\rho\$ \) vs pearson product-moment correlation \(r\) vs linear regression](#)

2 Purpose

- Similar to Pearson Correlation Coefficient¹
- Ordinal data¹
- Not restricted to Continuous variables¹
- Ranking converts nonlinear data into a linear relationship¹

Measure: Strength of relationship between the ranks of the values of 2 variables¹

3 Range

-1 to +1¹

4 Interpretation

Observed correlation does NOT assume causation only Association¹

1. Schober P, Boer C, Schwarte LA. Correlation Coefficients: Appropriate Use and Interpretation. *Anesthesia and Analgesia*. 2018;126(5):1763-1768. doi:[10.1213/ANE.0000000000002864](https://doi.org/10.1213/ANE.0000000000002864)