

## Week #10

- Give an example of two variables which would have a correlation of close to 1
- Give an example of two variables which would have a correlation of close to -1
- Give an example of two variables which would have a correlation of close to 0
- Draw a a relationship which cannot be accurately described by Pearson's  $r$
- Why doesn't correlation imply causation? Does causation imply correlation?
- Why does  $df = n - 2$ ?
- Rank each set of scores as though you were calculating Spearman's rho:

4, 0, 4, 9, 3  
3, 5, 3, 6, 3

## Pearson's $r$

$$\bar{X} = \Sigma(X_i)/n$$

$$df = n - 1$$

$$SP = \Sigma[(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})]$$

$$SS_X = \Sigma[(X_i - \bar{X})^2]$$

$$SS_Y = \Sigma[(Y_i - \bar{Y})^2]$$

$$r_{XY} = SP / \sqrt{SS_X \times SS_Y}$$

## Critical $r$ values

$\alpha$			
$(n - 2)$	0.2	0.1	0.05
2	0.8	0.9	0.95
3	0.69	0.81	0.88
4	0.61	0.73	0.81

## Question #1

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$	$X_i - \bar{X}$	$Y_i - \bar{Y}$	$(X_i - \bar{X})^2$	$(Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$	$(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$
4	9	-0	2	0	6	-1
5	8	0	2	0	2	1
7	5	2	-2	6	2	-4
2	4	-2	-2	6	6	6

$$\bar{X} = 4.5$$

$$\bar{Y} = 6.5$$

$$SS_X = 13$$

$$SS_Y = 17$$

$$SP = 2$$

$$r_{XY} = 2 / \sqrt{13 \times 17} = 0.13$$

$$r_{\text{crit}} = \pm 0.8$$

Fail to reject because  $0.8 > 0.13 > -0.8$

## Question #2

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$	$X_i - \bar{X}$	$Y_i - \bar{Y}$	$(X_i - \bar{X})^2$	$(Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$	$(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$
7	9	2	4	4	16	8
5	2	0	-3	0	9	-0
2	6	-3	1	9	1	-3
6	3	1	-2	1	4	-2

$$\bar{X} = 5$$

$$\bar{Y} = 5$$

$$SS_X = 14$$

$$SS_Y = 30$$

$$SP = 3$$

$$r_{XY} = 3 / \sqrt{14 \times 30} = 0.15$$

$$r_{\text{crit}} = \pm 0.9$$

Fail to reject because  $0.9 > 0.15 > -0.9$

**Question #3**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
8	6
4	1
3	3
9	4

**Question #4**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
1	7
3	8
2	9
5	1
7	4

**Question #5**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
7	7
8	5
2	6
1	9

**Question #6**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
9	9
3	7
8	4
5	1
6	8

**Question #7**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
4	9
1	2
8	4
2	8
9	6
6	7

**Question #8**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
2	3
7	8
5	6
9	4
4	9

**Question #9**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
1	2
2	4
8	3
3	5

**Question #10**

Calculate  $r_{XY}$  and test  $H_0: \rho_{XY} = 0$  at  $\alpha = 0.1$ .

$X_i$	$Y_i$
3	3
4	9
5	5
1	8
2	4