

Correlation coefficient for bivariate frequency distribution:

If the bivariate data on x and y is given on a two way correlation table and f is the frequency of a particular rectangle in the correlation table,

then,
$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum f_{xy} - \frac{1}{n} \sum f_x \sum f_y}{\sqrt{[\sum f_x^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum f_x)^2]} \sqrt{[\sum f_y^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum f_y)^2]}}$$

In this case also, if we change the scale and origin, then,

$$r_{xy} = r_{uv} = \frac{\sum f_{uv} - \frac{1}{n} \sum f_u \sum f_v}{\sqrt{[\sum f_u^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum f_u)^2]} \sqrt{[\sum f_v^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum f_v)^2]}}$$

Ex: → Find the co-efficient of rank correlation for the following frequency distribution.

X \ Y	10 - 25	25 - 40	40 - 55
0 - 20	10	4	6
20 - 40	5	40	9
40 - 60	3	8	15

Solⁿ We make the following table.

Here, we take, $u = \frac{x-30}{20}$, $v = \frac{y-32.5}{15}$.

		y							
		Midvalue							
		u							
		v							
x	Midvalue	u	-1	0	1	f_x	fu	fu^2	fu^3
0-20	10	-1	1	0	-1	10+4+6 =20	-20	20	10+0-6 =4
20-40	30	0	0	4	0	5+40+9 =54	0	0	0+0+0 =0
40-60	50	1	-1	8	1	3+8+15 =26	26	26	-3+0+15 =12
f_y			10+5+3 =18	4+40+8 =52	6+9+15 =30	$N=100$	$\Sigma fu = 6$	$\Sigma fu^2 = 46$	$\Sigma fu^3 = 16$
f_v			-18	0	30	$\Sigma fv = 12$			
f_{v^2}			18	0	30	$\Sigma f_{v^2} = 48$			
f_{uv}			10+0-3 =7	0+0+0 =0	-6+0+15 =9	$\Sigma f_{uv} = 16$			

We must have $\Sigma fuv = \Sigma fvu$

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\Sigma fuv - \frac{1}{n} \Sigma fu \Sigma fv}{\sqrt{\Sigma fu^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\Sigma fu)^2} \sqrt{\Sigma fv^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\Sigma fv)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{16 - \frac{1}{100} \times 6 \times 12}{\sqrt{46 - \frac{1}{100} \times 36} \sqrt{48 - \frac{1}{100} \times 144}} = 0.33$$