

descriptive statistics 1-1: relationships:
summarizing more than one variable:
crosstabs and correlation, (Wheelan,
2013, ch3,4)

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ps1; fa21

- great ideas, but do get actual data! just google it; and produce some stats
- and do read and cite literature (just put your research question into google scholar), and literature will also tell you about data
- <https://www.policymap.com/newmaps> may be useful
- for many of you i commented, do before-after
- discuss quickly; and for elaboration in few weeks
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ps1: great ideas, but start working on it asap!

- just start writing!
- (can do free-writing, dump all the ideas on paper, worry later about organization)
- few discussed specific data and literature
- narrow down, be focused on sth specific,
- be specific, eg how would you measure 'fairness'
- measurment is the key! email listserv about finding data!
- use tools from class on your data asap! ps1-1.pdf
- great to kill 2 birds with one stone: internship, etc
- and study something you are passionate about!
- again, 2 keys to succes: start early, ask questions!!
- let's do one-on-one zooms :)

howto describe data?

- depends on lev of measurement! cat v num **q&a**
- numbers
- graphs (always better unless very few ua, say <5)
humans recognize patterns in graphs better and faster
- break it up into subsets/subsamples! dig deeper!
 - say see hist/tab for males and females separately
 - say corr or crosstab for low and hi val separately
that's a quick way to see nonlinear relationship!
eg may rise and fall, eg swb and place size in china
- **whiteboard**

few categories / categorical

- use contingency tab / cross-tab (bc you cross-tab dat)
- use percents, not counts: usually clearer
- so what's the relationship: age and being a student?

What is your age?	Are you a student?			Total
	Yes - Full Time	Yes - Part Time	No	
15 and under	88%	12%	-	8
16 - 18	95%	-	5%	42
19 - 23	68%	12%	20%	205
24 - 29	16%	10%	74%	353
30 - 35	5%	9%	86%	192
36 - 45	4%	8%	88%	165
over 45	1%	7%	92%	129

- <http://www.custominsight.com/articles/crosstab-sample.asp>

crosstabs: row percents v col percents

Sort: Cols ▾ Rows ▾ Count All % **Row %** Col %

Number of Employees at Company

Job Satisfaction	1-25	26-100	101-999	1,000-3,000	> 3000	Total
Hate my job	24.4%	14.1%	26.9%	12.8%	21.8%	100%
I'm not happy in my job	31.6%	21.3%	19.2%	6.3%	21.5%	100%
It's a paycheck	↘ 27.6%	20.4%	22.6%	7.7%	↗ 21.8%	100%
I enjoy going to work	↘ 32.3%	^ 21.8%	21.3%	7.0%	17.6%	100%
Love my job	↗ 47.8%	↘ 17.2%	↘ 17.0%	↘ 5.0%	↘ 13.0%	100%

Sort: Cols ▾ Rows ▾ Count All % **Col %**

Number of Employees at Company

Job Satisfaction	1-25	26-100	101-999	1,000-3,000	> 3000
Hate my job	0.8%	0.8%	1.5%	2.2%	1.5%
I'm not happy in my job	6.6%	7.9%	7.1%	7.2%	9.3%
It's a paycheck	↘ 12.6%	16.4%	18.1%	18.9%	↗ 20.4%
I enjoy going to work	↘ 43.3%	^ 51.6%	50.3%	50.8%	48.4%
Love my job	↗ 36.7%	↘ 23.2%	↘ 23.0%	↘ 20.9%	↘ 20.5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

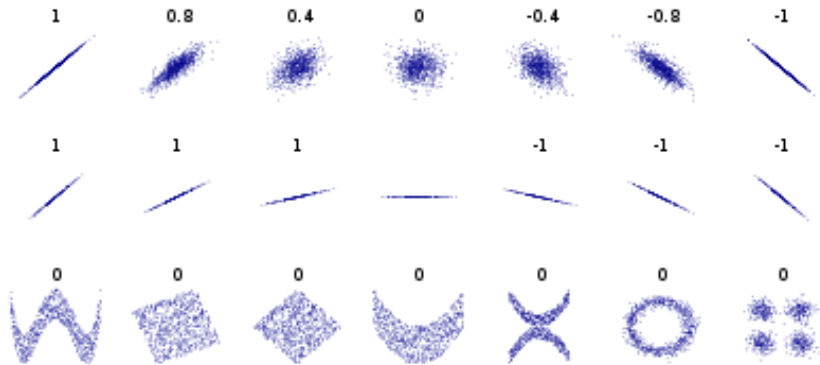
percentage change v percentage point change

- say good school's dropout rate increases from 2% to 4%
 - percentage point increase is $4 - 2 = 2$
 - percentage increase is $(\frac{4-2}{2}) * 100 = 100$
 -
- say bad school's dropout rate increases from 50% to 75%
 - percentage point increase is $75 - 50 = 25$
 - percentage increase is $(\frac{75-50}{50}) * 100 = 50$
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- if you start from low base (eg 2), then small percentage point increase is huge percent increase!
 - and it matters! eg racism in Scandinavia

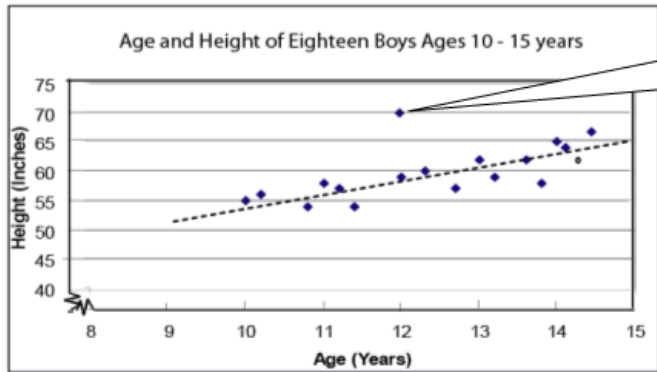
many categories / continuous data: corr and scatterplots

- just plot data in scatterplot; identify outliers!
- **ex: outliers** cops/1k and crime (note dc and camden)
- correlation range: -1 to 1
- $< |.4|$ low
- $|.4 - .6|$ moderate
- $> |.7|$ strong
- again, keep in mind causation v correlation

correlations for different scenarios



scatterplot



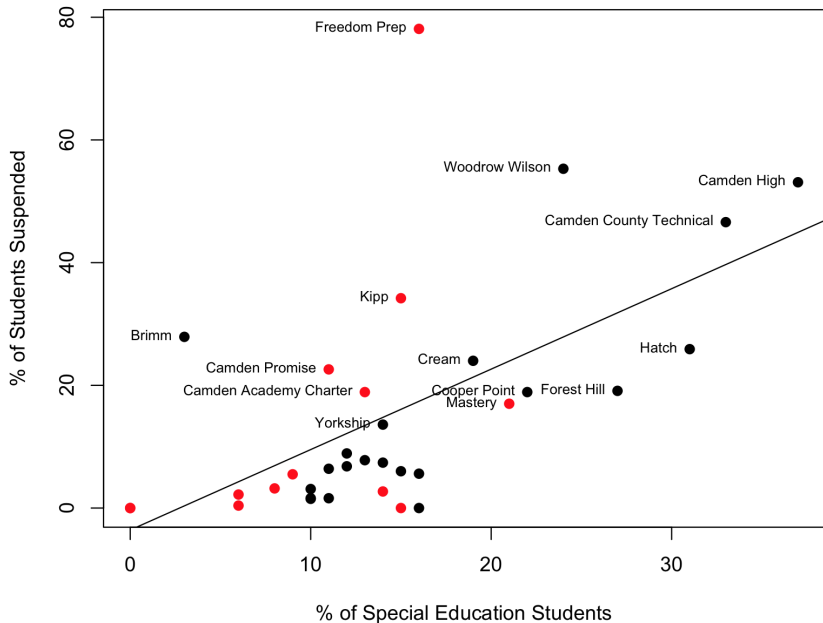
The 12 year old boy who is 5' 10" is an outlier for this set of data.

- also see <http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/statcorr.php>

- next slide: <https://danley.camden.rutgers.edu/2017/04/13/who-suspends-the-highest-percentage-of-camden-students-freedom-prep/>

- red: charter/renaissance; black: Camden schools

Suspension Data



do scatterplots

- it is useful to produce a scatterplot
 - you'd see outliers—
 - and whether the relationship is due to them
 - **blackboard**: relationships biased due to outliers
 - say marriage rate and divorce rate and that one state where really a lot of people get divorced (and married)

calculate it!

- there are formulas in wheelan and trochim
 - but can just calc with software :)
 - lets see trochim's example of height and weight from syl
 - can do it excel or google sheets etc
 - but it's 21st century, so lets do it in Python :)

Wheelan in ch11 mentions Whitehall studies

- high status causes better health!
- great book 'Status Syndrome' by m marmot
- eg nobel or oscar boosts one's health and longevity
- these successful folks live longer and in better health
- than exact same people (income, lifestyle, etc) but without status
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2566175/>
- Table 2A: correlations
- esp 'Decision latitude' (scroll down)
- conclusions?

Nudge by Thaler

- use bus tools for pub pol and adm
- ...

wrap-up

- end every class discussing what we covered and quick look at next week
- end with a review Q&A,
- give some examples (essp in pub pol and pub adm) for concepts covered
- students will discuss concepts from the class
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- quick look at next class

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