

Estimate the number of mollusc individuals at a given concentration of substrate calcium: Solution

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# Read the data:
moll <- read.delim (
  'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/zdealveindy/recol/main/data/molluscs-fens.txt',
  row.names = 1)
env <- read.delim (
  'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/zdealveindy/recol/main/data/env-fens.txt',
  row.names = 1)

# Calculate number of individuals:
no.ind <- rowSums (moll)

# Log-transform number of individuals and Ca concentration:
log.no.ind <- log10 (no.ind)
log.Ca <- log10 (env$Ca)

# Calculate regression
lm.1 <- lm (log.no.ind ~ log.Ca)
summary (lm.1) # R2 = 0.7291, F = 110.4 on 1 and 41 DF, P = 3.383e-13
# Call:
# lm(formula = log.no.ind ~ log.Ca)
#
# Residuals:
#      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
# -0.87343 -0.29577  0.02459  0.24509  0.84175
#
# Coefficients:
#              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
# (Intercept)  -0.4338     0.2560  -1.694   0.0978 .
# log.Ca         1.2976     0.1235   10.506 3.38e-13 ***
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# Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#
# Residual standard error: 0.3484 on 41 degrees of freedom
# Multiple R-squared:  0.7291, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7225
# F-statistic: 110.4 on 1 and 41 DF, p-value: 3.383e-13

# Log transform concentration of Ca to predict:
Ca.200 <- log10 (200)

# predict the log-value of number of species:
log.pred.no.ind <- predict (lm.1, newdata = list (log.Ca = Ca.200))

# backtransform the log number of individuals into real number of individuals:
NO.IND_Ca200 <- 10^log.pred.no.ind
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# Results:

# R2 = 0.7291
# F-value = 110.4
# P < 0.001 (or P = 3.383e-13)
# NO.IND_Ca200 = 356.55 (or 357 if rounded)
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The regression diagram:

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plot (no.ind ~ Ca, data = env, log = 'xy', xlab = 'Concentration of Ca [mg/l]',
      ylab = 'Number of mollusc individuals', las = 1)
abline (lm.1)
abline (v = 200, h = NO.IND_Ca200, col = 'red', lty = 'dashed')
axis (1, at = 200, labels = 200, col.axis = 'red', col.ticks = 'red')
axis (2, at = NO.IND_Ca200, labels = round (NO.IND_Ca200), las = 2,
      col.axis = 'red', col.ticks = 'red')
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