

B 7. Which one of the following statements is true?

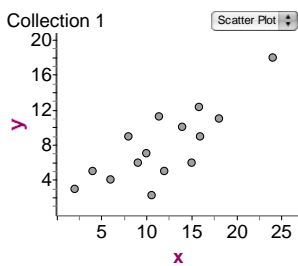
- A) Values of r near zero indicate a ~~strong~~ linear relationship.
- B) The correlation can be strongly affected by a few ~~outlying~~ observations.
- C) Changing the measurement units of x and y may affect the correlation between x and y . *nope*
- D) Strong correlation means that there is a definite ~~cause-and-effect~~ relationship between x and y
- E) Correlation changes when the x and y variables are reversed. *nope*

E 8. Which of the following associations is likely to have a negative correlation?

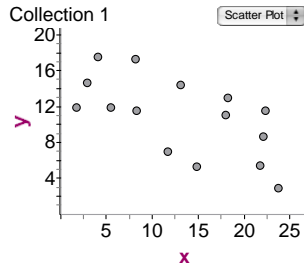
- A) Number of hours devoted to studying for a final exam and a student's grade on the final ~~X~~
- B) A teacher's salary and the number of years teaching experience that the teacher has ~~X~~
- C) The age of an automobile and the number of miles an automobile has ~~X~~
- D) The number of children in a family and the weekly amount of money spent on food ~~X~~
- E) The speed a car travels and the time required to travel a given distance on a flat deserted road ~~✓~~
more speed, less time to travel

9. For the following scatterplots, write the appropriate correlation coefficient underneath each plot.

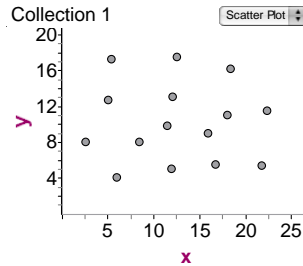
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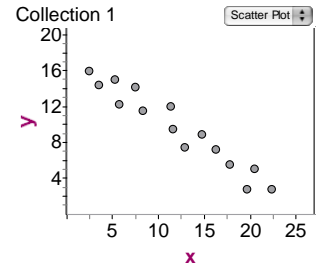
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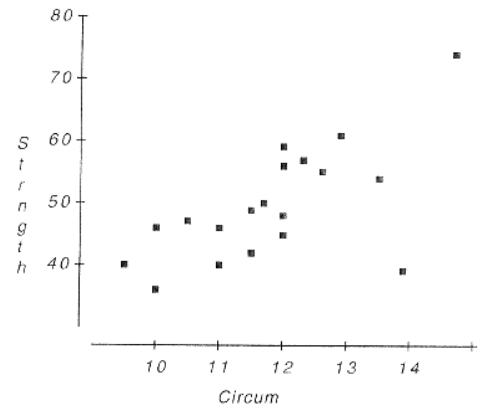


-0.9713

10. Researchers investigating the association between the size and strength of muscles measured the forearm circumference (in inches) of 20 teenage boys. Then they measured the strength of the boys' grips (in lbs). Their data are plotted at right.

- a) Describe the *association* between forearm circumference and strength.

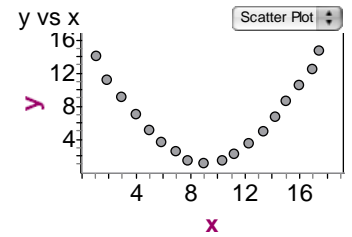
There is a moderate (or weak), positive, linear association between forearm circumference and strength. (the association is moderate – not strong – due to the outlier)



- b) If the point at the lower right corner (at about 14" and 38 lbs.) were removed, would the correlation become stronger, weaker, or remain about the same?

The correlation would become STRONGER (closer to 1).

11. The scatterplot shows a relationship between x and y that results in a correlation coefficient of $r = 0.024$. Explain why $r = 0.024$ in this situation even though there appears to be a strong relationship between the x and y variables.



The association between x and y is **NON-linear**.
Correlation is only useful for describing **LINEAR** association.

12. A student who has created a linear model is disappointed to find that their R^2 value is a very low 13%.

- a) Does this mean that a linear model is not appropriate? Explain.

Not necessarily. Although the linear model may **not** have a tremendously strong correlation ($r = 0.361$), a linear model may still be appropriate, as long as the scatterplot looks fairly linear and as long as there is no clear pattern in the residual plot (it just wouldn't be a very strong association).

R^2 values only tell strength of association – **NOT** appropriateness of the linear model.

- b) Does this model allow the student to make accurate predictions? Explain.

No. Since the r -value is only 0.361, this indicates that the residual values would be relatively large, and there is a good chance that most predictions made from the linear model would be pretty far off from the actual (observed) values.

13. **Storks** Data show that there is a positive association between the population of 17 European countries and the number of stork pairs in those countries.

- a) Briefly explain what "positive association" means in this context.

As the number of stork pairs increases, so does the population of that European country (or vice-versa).

- b) Wildlife advocates want the stork population to grow, so they approach the governments of these countries to encourage their citizens to have children. As a statistician, what do you think of this plan? Explain briefly.

Having children may not (probably will not?) **CAUSE** the stork population to increase. Even if there is a strong association between these two variables, **correlation does not imply causation**.

14. **Car commercials** A car dealer investigated the association between the number of TV commercials he ran each week and the number of cars he sold the following weekend. He found the correlation to be $r = 0.56$. During the time he collected the data he ran an average of 12.4 commercials a week with a standard deviation of 1.8, and sold an average of 30.5 cars with a standard deviation of 4.2. Next weekend he is planning a sale, hoping to sell 40 cars.

- a) Write an equation of the linear model to estimate the number of cars he might sell on a certain weekend based on the number of TV commercials run that week. Define any variable used in this equation or state the equation in context. (Show your work as well as your formulas... but only if you want any credit!)

$$x = \# \text{ of commercials that week}$$

$$y = \# \text{ of cars sold that weekend}$$

$$\text{slope} = r \cdot \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$

$$= 0.56 \times \frac{4.2}{1.8}$$

$$= \underline{1.3067}$$

$$y\text{-int} = \bar{y} - \text{slope}(\bar{x})$$

$$= 30.5 - (1.3067)(12.4)$$

$$= \underline{14.2973}$$

$$\# \text{ of cars sold} = 14.2973 + 1.3067 (\# \text{ of TV commercials run that week})$$

- b) If the car dealer decides to pay for 18 TV commercials, how many cars might he expect to sell the following weekend?

$$\widehat{\text{cars sold}} = 14.2973 + 1.3067(18)$$

$$= \underline{37.8179}$$

about 38 cars

- c) Let us suppose that in a particular week, the car dealer paid for 10 commercials and sold 22 cars. Calculate the residual for the number of cars sold that weekend, and interpret this value in context.

$$\underline{\text{Actual cars sold}} = 22$$

$$\widehat{\text{cars sold}} = 14.2973 + 1.3067(10)$$

$$= \underline{27.364}$$

$$\text{Residual} = \text{observed} - \text{predicted}$$

$$e = y - \hat{y}$$

$$= 22 - 27.364$$

$$= \underline{-5.364}$$

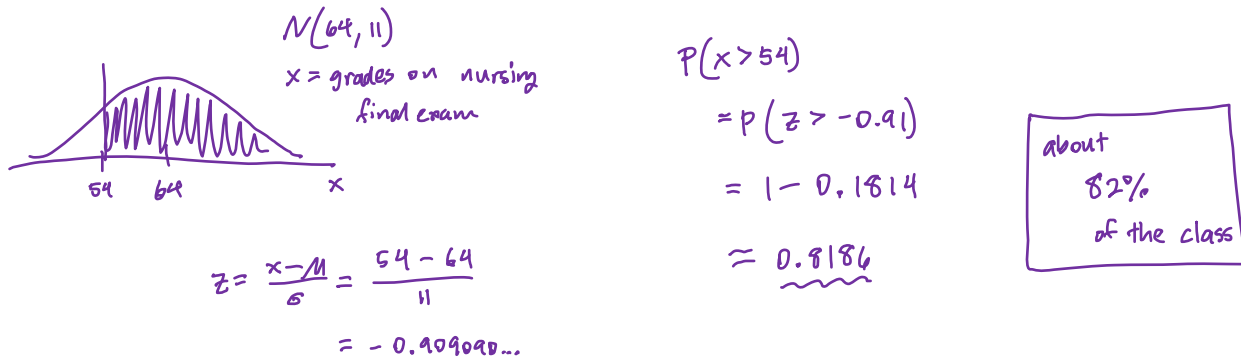
This means the dealer sold 5.364

FEWER cars than the model predicted,

given that the dealer paid for 10 commercials,

15. Professor Rogers has found that the grades on the nursing final exam are normally distributed with a mean of 64 and standard deviation of 11.

a) If the passing grade is 54, what percent of the class will pass (will make greater than 54)?



b) If Professor Rogers wants only 85% of the class to pass, what should the passing grade be?

find cutoff for bottom 15%

$$z \approx -1.04 = \frac{x - 64}{11}$$

$x = \underline{52.56}$

16. There is a linear relationship between posted speed limit and the average number of accidents. A least squares fit of some data collected by the department of traffic control gives the model

$$\hat{y} = -10.91 + 0.72x$$

where x is the posted speed limit and \hat{y} is the estimated number of accidents.

a) What is the estimated increase in accidents that corresponds to an increase of 20 mph?

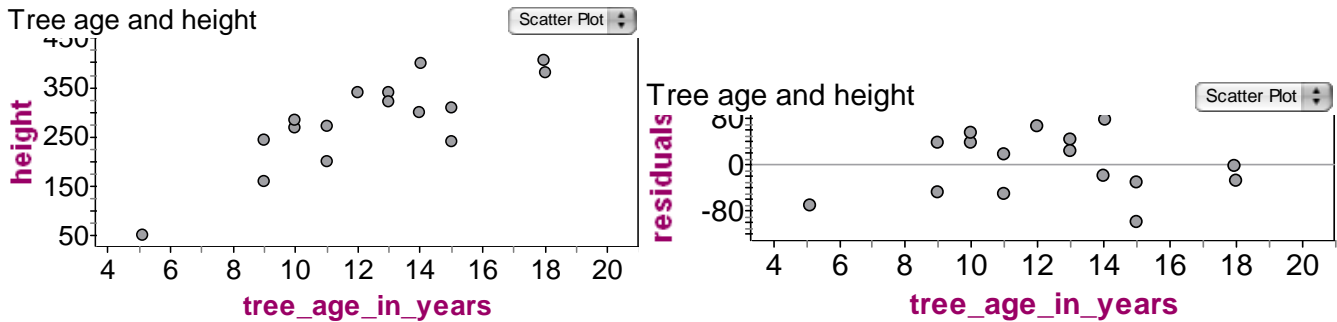
$$0.72(20) = \underline{14.4 \text{ accidents}}$$

b) The department of traffic control reported 23 accidents when the posted speed limit was 50 mph. Does the least squares model overestimate or underestimate the number of accidents? Show your thinking.

$$\hat{y} = -10.91 + 0.72(50)$$

$$= \underline{25.09} \leftarrow \text{the model OVERESTIMATES the \# of accidents.}$$

17. Landslides are common events in tree-growing regions of the Pacific Northwest, so their effect on timber growth is of special concern to foresters. The following is information on clear-cut growth, with age of the tree (years) used to predict the 5-year height growth (cm). A scatterplot, a residual plot, and the computer output from a regression analysis are shown:



Predictor	Coefficient	St Dev	T	P
Age	21.3	3.45	4.1	0.04
Constant	9.5	5.6	2.07	0.01

S = 51.6 R-Sq = 67% R-Sq(adj) = 64.2%

- a) Is a linear model appropriate to summarize this data? Explain.
- YES. 1) scatterplot is fairly linear
2) Residual plot has no clear pattern.
- b) State the least squares regression line equation that summarizes the relationship between the age of trees in years and the height of the tree. Define any variables used in this equation or state the equation in context.

$$\text{tree height} = 9.5 + 21.3(\text{age})$$

- c) Interpret the meaning of the slope of the regression line in context.
- For each increase of 1 year in tree age, the model predicts an increase of 21.3 cm in tree height.
- d) If meaningful, interpret the y-intercept. If not meaningful, explain why not.
- A zero-year old tree is 9.5 cm tall?
(Not sure if that is meaningful...?)
- e) What is the percent of variation height of the trees that can be explained by the linear association of tree age in years and height of the trees?

67%

- f) Interpret s_e in this context.
- 51.6 cm is the typical distance between predicted tree height and actual tree height.
- g) Predict the height of trees that are 30 years old. Comment on your prediction.

648.5 cm... but 30 years is outside of our data.

this is extrapolation - we cannot assume that this prediction is reliable.