

Regression and correlation MATH 1442

Correlation (Page 520)

Measure the strength of the linear relationship between any two variables.

$$r = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2} \sqrt{n(\sum y^2) - (\sum y)^2}}$$

Values of r range from -1 to +1. when $|r| \approx 1$ there is a strong linear relationship. You can test the significance of the coefficient r by using table A-6 to test the hypothesis

$H_0: \rho = 0$ against $H_1: \rho \neq 0$ (Use Table A-6 on Appendix A)

$r^2 = \frac{\text{explained variation}}{\text{total variation}}$ also called coefficient of determination

r^2 is the proportion of the variation of y that is explained by x .

Using technology: For TI-83 Use LinReg($ax+b$) on the STAT CALC menu, set DiagnosticOn. Alternatively you can also use LinRegTTest on the STAT TESTS menu, you have to provide the lists as L_1, L_2

Regression (Page 542)

If the linear correlation is significant you can set up a linear equation of the form:

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x$$

Where b_0 and b_1 can be computed as follows:

$$b_1 = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2}$$
$$b_0 = \frac{(\sum y)(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)(\sum xy)}{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2}$$

Alternatively you can compute b_0 by using:

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1\bar{x}$$

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