

Section 3: Regression and Correlation

Objective: To see if there exists a linear relationship between **x** and **y** variables. [TI83 84 Calculator](#)

Steps to do:

- Using Scatter Plot to see the possibility of any pattern and answering **4 key questions**
 - To see if data exhibits a **linear pattern** or not
 - To see if linear pattern is **positive or negative**
 - To see how closely (**strongly or perfectly**) data are **clustered around a straight line**.
 - To detect any **outlier** (a point that is lying far away from the other data points).
- If a linear pattern exists, find **r = Correlation Coefficient** and explain it.

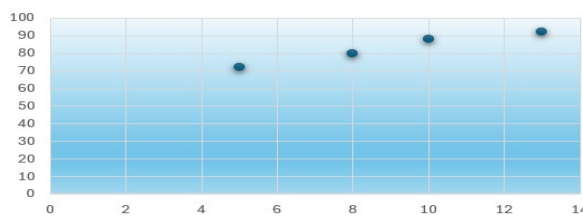
Coefficient of correlation	Correlation
0.0 - ± 0.2	Little correlation
± 0.2 - ± 0.4	Weak correlation
± 0.4 - ± 0.7	Correlated
± 0.7 - ± 0.9	Strong correlation
± 0.9 - ± 1.0	Very strong correlation

- Formulate the linear relationship by **equation $y = ax + b$**
- Find **a** = slope, **b** = y-intercept by Formula/[TI83 84 Calculator](#)/Excel and make prediction.

Example 1: Is a relationship between **x** = hours of study and **y** = test score? [Online calculator](#)

- Let's look at these data and plot them in X and Y axis called it as **scatter plot**

	x = Hours Study/week	y = Test Score
1	5	72
2	10	88
3	13	92
4	8	80



The pattern of data points **suggests** a strong linear positive correlation.

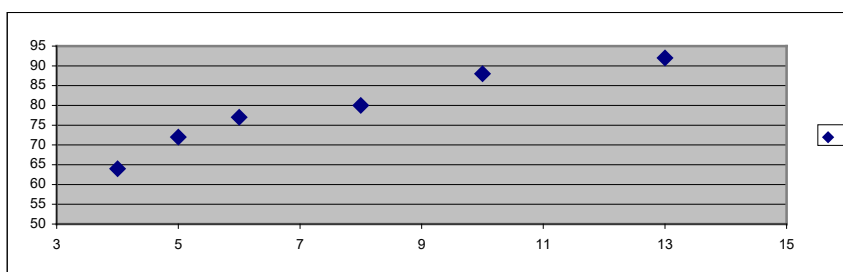
- Find **r** = Correlation Coefficient by either Formula/Excel/ Ti
r = 0.98 because it is close to 1, it **suggests** a very strong positive linear correlation
- Find **a** = slope, **b** = y- intercept by either Formula/Excel/ Ti
a = 2.59, b = 59.71 Regression equation **$y = ax + b$** **$y = 2.59x + 59.71$**
- Use this regression equation to make predictions
 - If someone studied **x = 12** hours, what will be his estimated test score
 $y = 2.59x + 59.71$ **$y = 2.59(12) + 59.71 = 90.71$**
 - If someone studied **x = 20** hours, what will be his estimated test score
 $y = 2.59x + 59.71$ **$y = 2.59(20) + 59.71 = 111.51$** Impossible! Why?

Because $x = 20$ is outside the scope of our data.

- How many hours **x = ?** does one need to study to get **y = 85** on the test?
 $y = 2.59x + 59.71$ **$85 = 2.59(x) + 59.71$** **$25.29 = 2.59x$** **$x = 9.76$ hours**

Example 2: Is a relationship between x = hours of study and y = test score?

	x = Hours Study/week	y = Test Score	x^2	y^2	$x y$
1	5	72			
2	10	88			
3	13	92			
4	8	80			
5	6	77			
6	4	64			
	$\sum x = 46$	$\sum y = 473$	$\sum x^2 = 410$	$\sum y^2 = 37817$	$\sum x y = 3794$



Comment: A very strong positive linear correlation.

1. Compute the correlation coefficient and **comment** on that $r = 0.963$ Very strong...?
2. Compute the slope and y-intercept and write the equation of regression line. Slope = $a = 2.92$, y-
itc = $b = 56.41$

$$y = a x + b = 2.92 x + 56.41$$
3. Explain the slope based on the regression equation and the in relation of x and y variables.
In general, for every additional hour of study per week the score goes up by 2.92 points.
4. Compute average and standard deviation for both x and y variables. $\bar{x} = 7.67$, $\bar{y} = 78.83$,
 $s_x = 3.386$, $s_y = 10.28$
5. If one student studies 6 hours a week, use **Reg. Equ.** to estimate her test score. $x = 6$, $y' = 73.93$
6. If one student has test score of 85, use **Reg. Equ.** to estimate number of hours he spends studying
per week. $y = 85$, $x' = 9.79$