Lecture 10: Chapter 10

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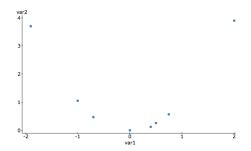
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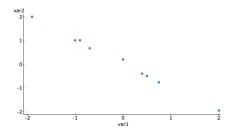
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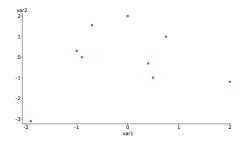
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Note: The paired data must be a simple random sample of quantitative data whose scatter plot demonstrates an approximate straightline pattern with outliers arising from known errors in sampling removed. Determining if r is significant depends on Table A-6 on page 732 in your text. It will give you the critical values for ρ , the population parameter corresponding to r.

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6	.811	.917
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9	.666	.798
10	.632	.765
11	.602	.735
12	.576	.708
13	.553	.684
14	.532	.661
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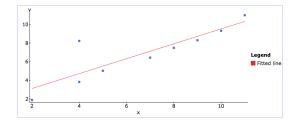
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Notice, the scatter plot confirms this linear correlation with a single outlier. It's important to look at the scatter plot to determine if the correlation is actually linear!

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Simple linear regression results: Dependent Variable: y Independent Variable: X 9 = 1.4961404 + 0.79907895 × Sample size: 9 R (correlation coefficient) = 0.86611165 R-sq = 0.75014939 Estimate of error standard deviation: 1.5195458

Parameter estimates:

Param	eter	Estimate	Std. Err.	Alternative	DF	T-Stat	P-value
Interce	pt	1.4961404	1.2676204	≠ 0	7	1.1802748	0.2764
Slope		0.79907895	0.17430385	≠ 0	7	4.584402	0.0025

From the output table, we get that the equation is

$$\hat{y} = 1.49 + 0.799x.$$

Thus, $b_0 = 1.49$ and $b_1 = 0.799$.

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Definition (Outlier/Influential Point)

In a scatter plot, an outlier is a point lying far from the others. An influential point is one which greatly affects the regression line.

§10.3 Example

Use the equation of the regression line to estimate the value of \hat{y} when x is 6 (using our previous example).

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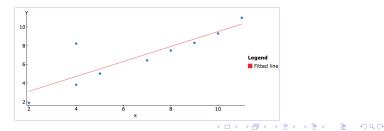
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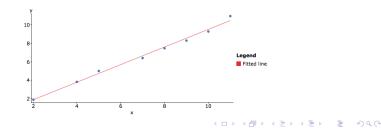
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$\S10.4$ Prediction Intervals and Variation

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$$\hat{y} - E < y < \hat{y} + E,$$

where \hat{y} is the point estimate obtained from the regression line and E is given by

$$E = t_{\alpha/2} s_e \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n(x - \bar{x})^2}{n(\sum x^2) - (\sum x)^2}}.$$

The standard error of estimate s_e can be calculated in StatCrunch or by using formulas 10-5 or 10-6 on page 532. A survey conductor wants to know if a certain drug can be transferred to a child by its nursing mother. She sampled seven pairs of mothers and children. The concentration of the drug in the mother's body x was related to the concentration in the child's body by the regression line $\hat{y} = 0.033 + 0.91x$ with $\bar{x} = 1.046$, $\sum x = 6.05$, $\sum x^2 = 9.6$, and $s_e = 0.11$. Calculate the prediction interval with $\alpha = 0.1$ for x = 1.3.

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It's important to remember that the regression line does not **always** give the best predicted value \hat{y} for a value x. This is only the case when the hypothesis test suggests that the paired data is linearly correlated! If they are not linearly correlated, the best predicted value for **any** value x is the mean of the y-values, i.e. $\hat{y} = \bar{y}$.

We conduct a hypothesis test for correlation and find that r = -0.46. What proportion of the total variation can is unexplained? Explained?

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The following tables give the total enrollment (in thousands) of a university and the number of crime on campus. Determine the best predicted value for the number of crimes on a campus with 33000 students enrolled.

Enrollment										
Crimes	103	103	86	57	32	131	157	20	27	161

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- The population mean is greater than 10.
- The sample mean is 10.
- The population mean is 10.

For the following claim, would supporting the claim be equivalent to rejecting or failing to reject the null hypothesis? Claim: The standard deviation of the weights of cats is no more than 3 ounces.

Say you want to test with 5% significance the claim that the standard deviation of the weights of cats is no more than three ounces. After conducting the test, you find that your *P*-value is 0.045. Does this mean that you support your claim or that you do not support your claim?

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We want to test the claim that watching TV negatively impacts cognitive function. We ask 25 test subjects to perform a cognitive task before and after watching 30 minutes of TV and subtract the time spent of the first task from the time spent on the second task. We get a test statistic of -2.04. Do we reject or fail to reject our null hypothesis? Do we support our claim or not? Use significance of $\alpha = 0.02$.



Describe in words what a 90% Cl for a population proportion is.





When do critical value tests include one critical value? Two? What gets compared to the critical values?





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Make sure to spend time learning the requirements for each type of hypothesis test. Be able to articulate the difference between confidence interval tests, *P*-value tests, and critical value(s) tests. You may also want to go through the mastery questions in the lecture slides from the chapters covered.

If your *P*-value is 0.005, you're probably going to reject the null hypothesis. What's the probability of making a Type-I error in this case?

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What's the most general form for the formula for the margin of error?





What's needed to calculate a critical value?





How can you reduce the size of the margin of error?



Why would we use a t distribution rather than a z distribution when we produce a confidence interval for a population mean? Why is this necessary?

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What is the assumption we use when doing a test of significance?

