14.4 Correlation Coefficient

GOALS:



- 1. Associate a regression equation with the correlation coefficient, r.
- 2. The correlation coefficient, r, provides a measure of how well a straight line fits the data, or how strong a linear relationship exists between the two variables.
- 3. Compute r from the coefficient of correlation: $r = \sqrt{r^2}$
- 4. The value of r can range from: $-1 \le r \le 1$
- 5. When r < 0, there is a negative correlation between the variables.
- 6. When r > 0, there is a positive correlation between the variables.

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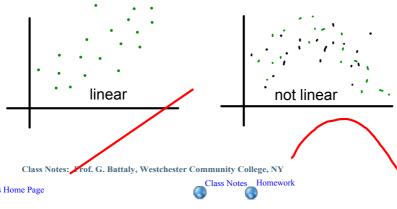
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Correlation Coefficient, r

Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, r

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



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Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, r

$$r = \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x - \overline{x})(y - \overline{y})}{s_x s_y}$$

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

$$\leq = \sqrt{\frac{2\chi^2 - (\xi_X)^2/n}{n-1}}$$

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Correlation Coefficient, r

$$-1 \le r \le 1$$

- r > 0 regression line has positive slope variables are positively linearly correlated
- r < 0 regression line has negative slope variables are negatively linearly correlated

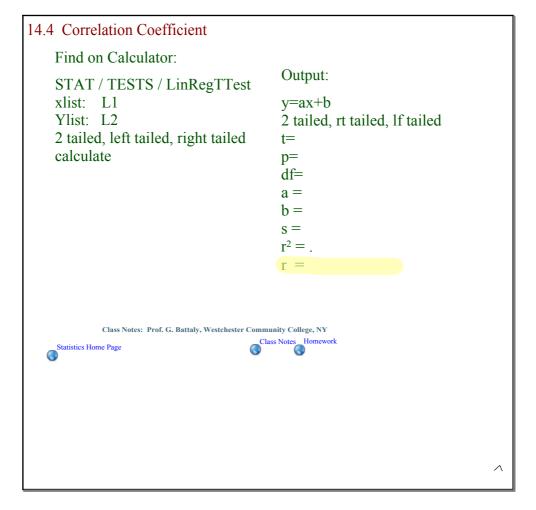
r near +1 or -1 indicates strong linear relationship

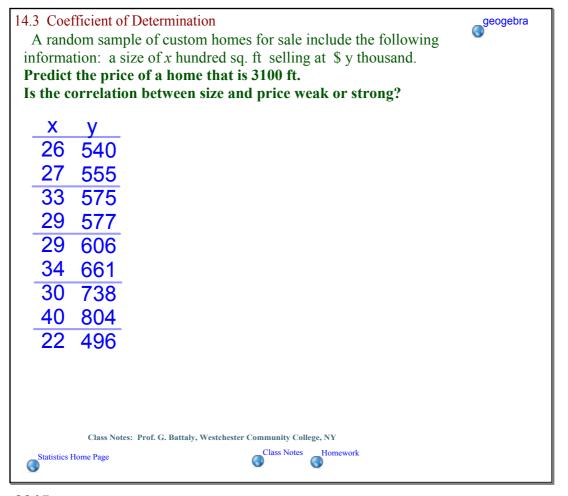
r near 0 indicates weak linear relationship

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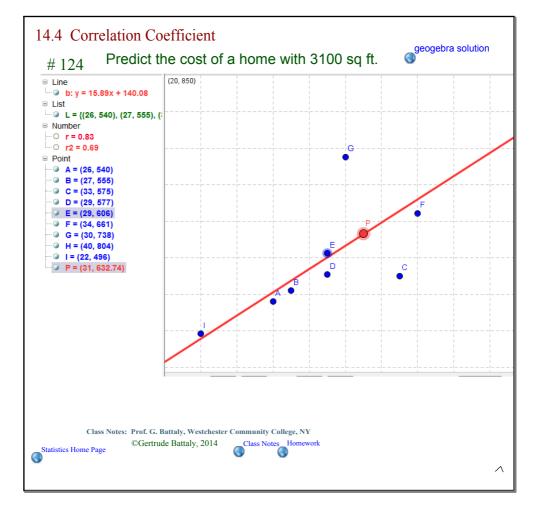


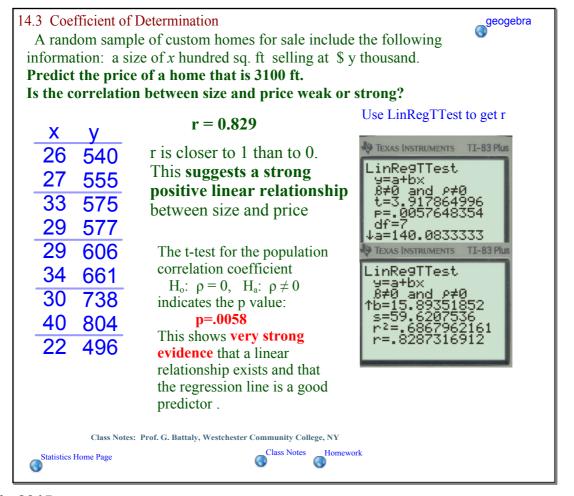






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14.3 Coefficient of Determination

Hours of Study vs. Test Scores: How are the hours of study and test scores related?

$$r = -0.775$$

r is closer to -1 than to 0. This **suggests a negative linear relationship** between hours of study ar

between hours of study and test grades

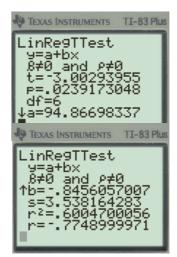
The t-test for the population correlation coefficient

 H_o : $\rho = 0$, H_a : $\rho \neq 0$ indicates the p value:

p = .024

This shows **strong evidence** that a linear relationship exists and that the regression line is a good predictor.

Use LinRegTTest to get r



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