

Correlation & Regression

Chapter 5

Correlation: Do you have a relationship?

Between two Quantitative Variables (measured on **Same** Person)

(1) If you have a relationship ($p < 0.05$)?

(2) What is the Direction (+ vs. -)?

(3) What is the Strength (r : from -1 to $+1$)?

Regression: If you have a Significant Correlation:

How well can you **Predict** a subject's y -score if you know their X -score (and vice versa)

Are predictions for members of the Population as good
As predictions for Sample members?

Correlations measure LINEAR Relationships

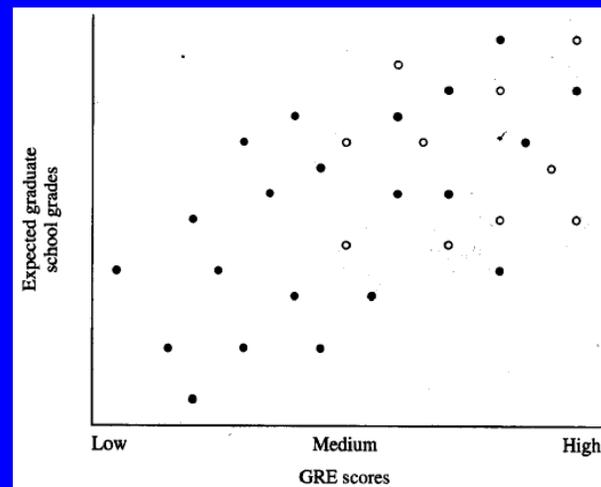
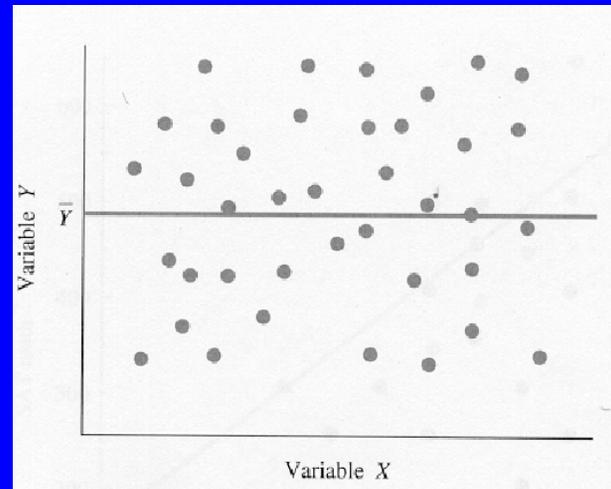
No Relationship: $r=0.0$

Y-scores do not have a Tendency to go up or down as X-scores go up

You cannot Predict a person's Y-value if you know his X-Value any better than if you Didn't know his X-score

Positive Linear Relationship:

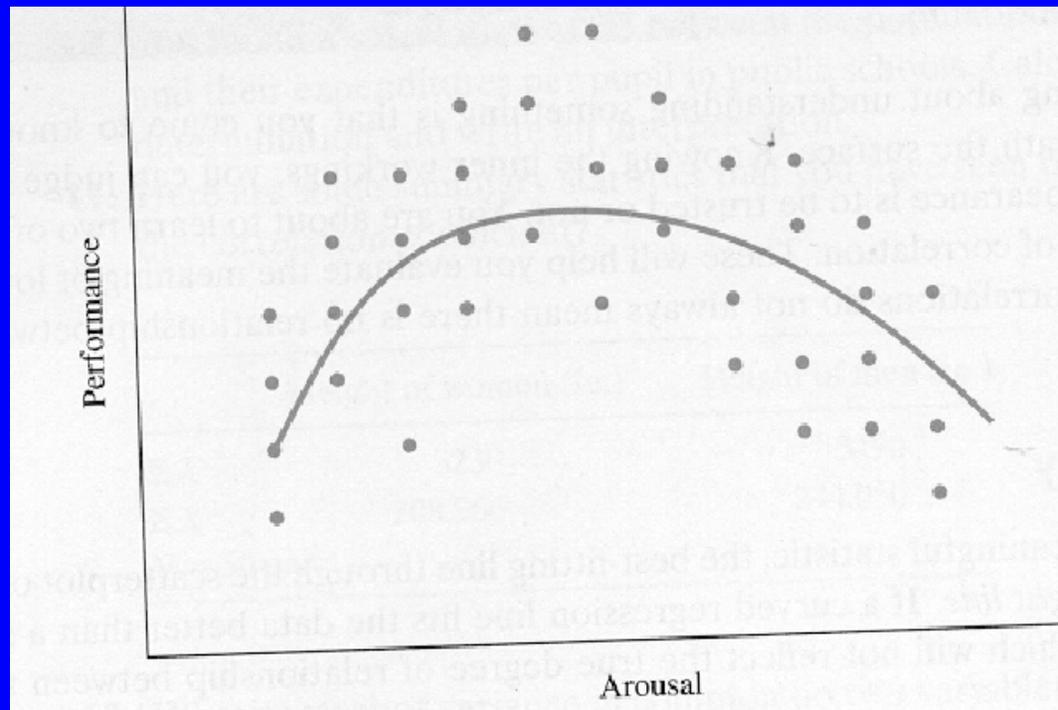
Y-scores tend to go up as X-scores go up



Correlations measure LINEAR Relationships, cont.

There IS a relationship, but its not Linear

$R=0.0$, but that DOESN'T mean that the two variables are Unrelated



Interpreting r-values

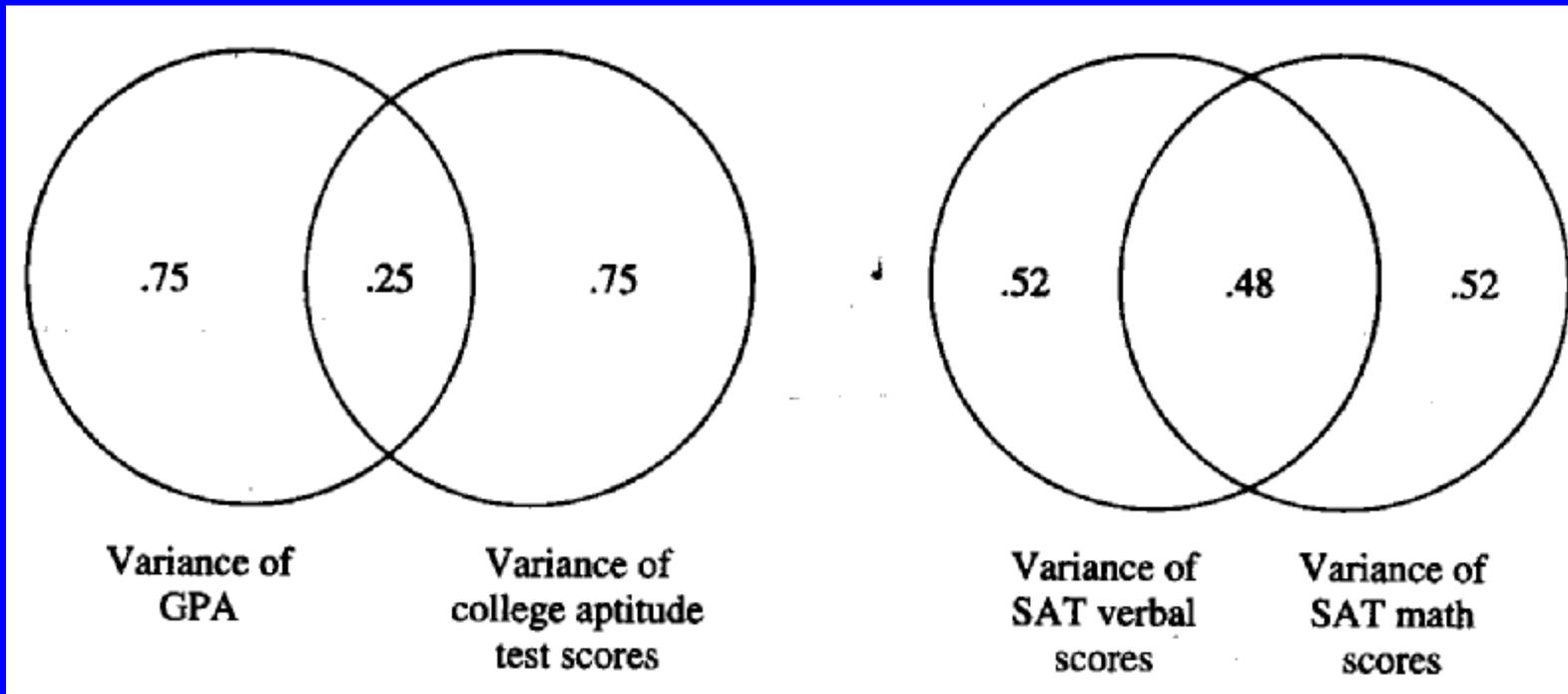
Coefficient of Determination – r^2 :

Square of r-value

$r^2 * 100 =$ Percent of Shared Variance; the **Rest** of the variance
Is **Independent** of the other variable

$$r=0.50$$

$$r=0.6928$$



Interpreting r-values

If the Coefficient of Determination between height and weight
Is $r^2=0.3$ ($r=0.9$):

- 30% of variability in peoples weight can be **Related** to their height
- 70% of the difference between people in their of weight
Is **Independent** of their height
- Remember: This does **not mean** that weight is partially **Caused** by height
Arm and leg length have a high coefficient of Determination but a growing leg does not cause Your arm to grow

IV & DV both Quantitative

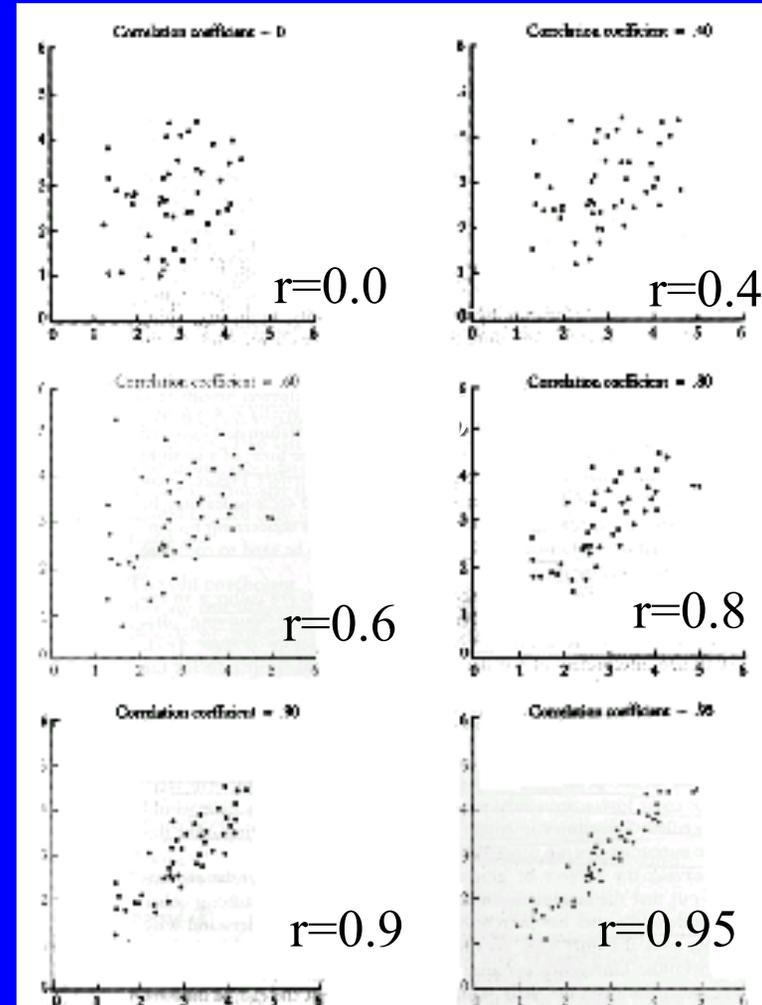
Correlation:

Each data point represents **Two Measures** from **Same** person.

1. Is There a Relationship?
2. What Direction is the Relationship?
3. How Strong is the Relationship?

-1 0 1

The stronger the relationship, the better you can predict one score if you know the other.

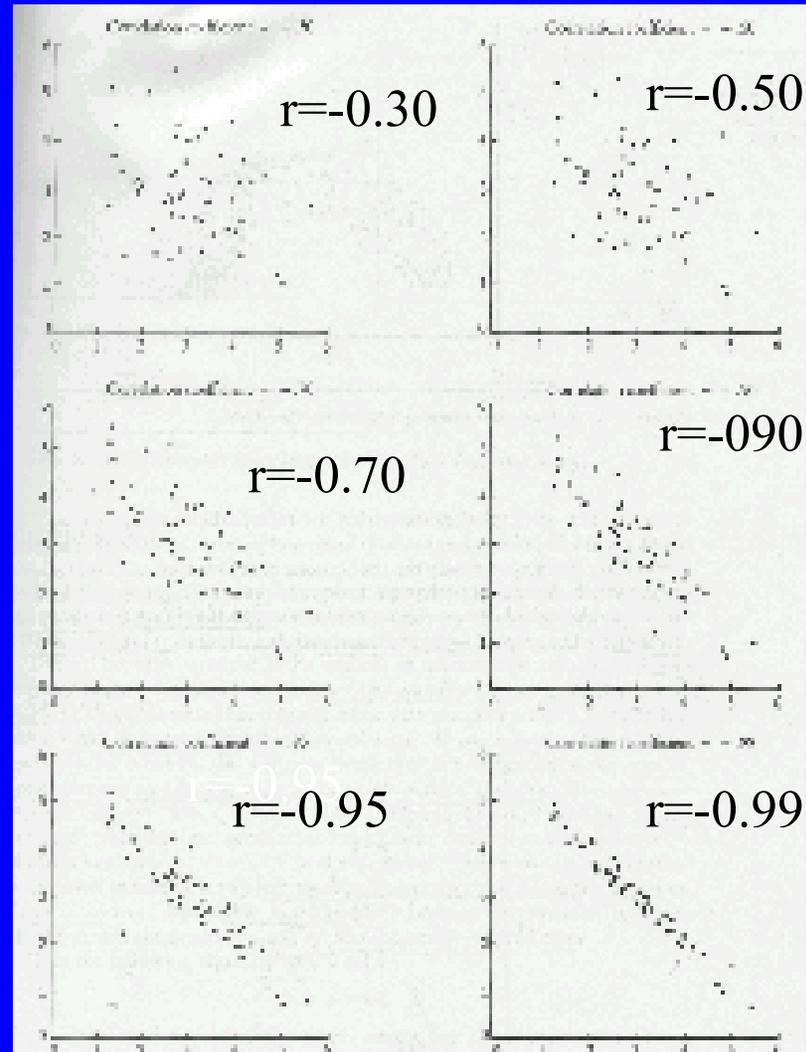


Negative Correlation

Quasi-Independent Variable:
of cigarettes/day

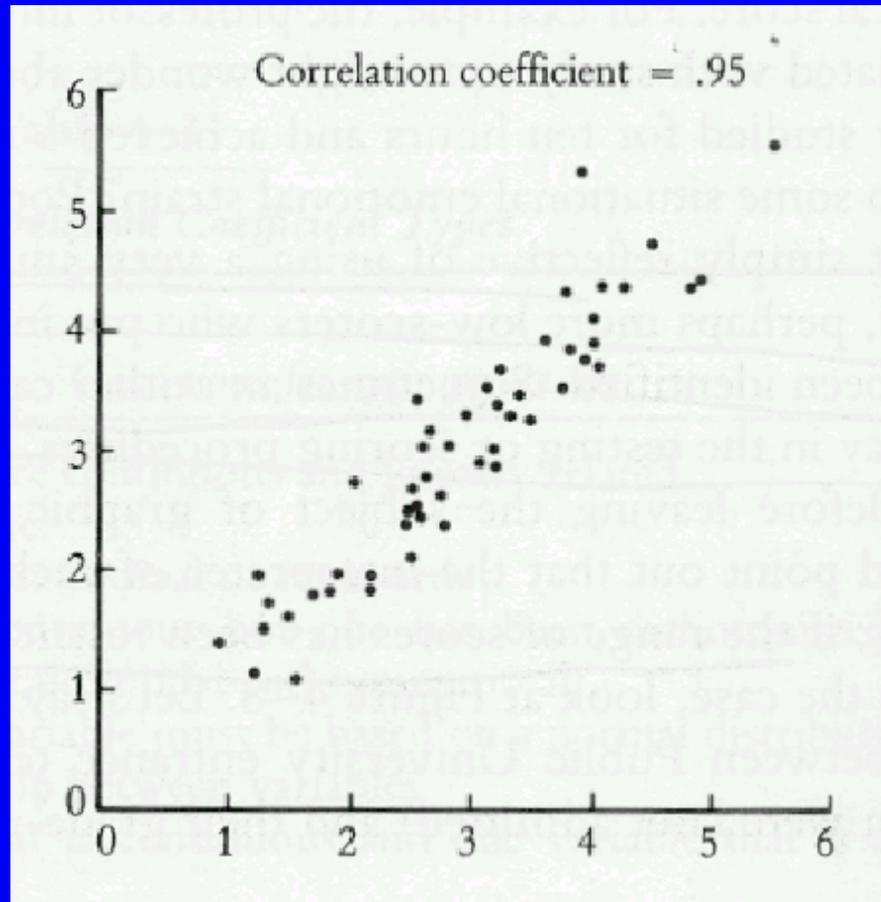
Dependent Variable:
Physical Endurance

The fatter the field, the weaker
the correlation



Correlations

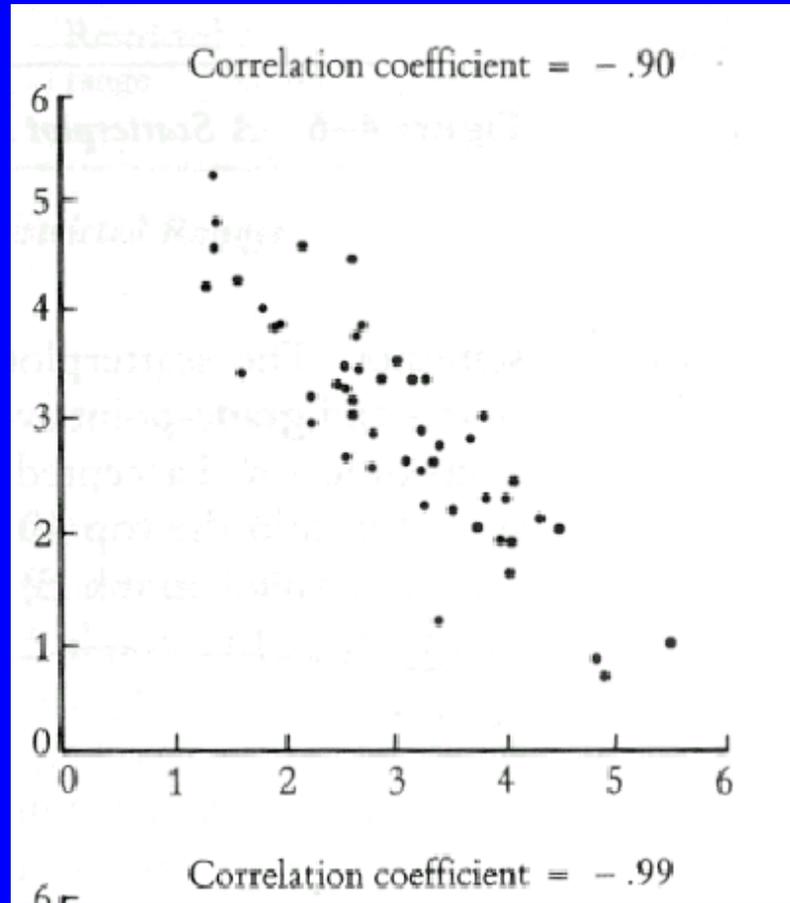
of Malformed
Cells in Lung Biopsy



of Cigarettes Smoked per Day x 10

Correlation

Lung Capacity



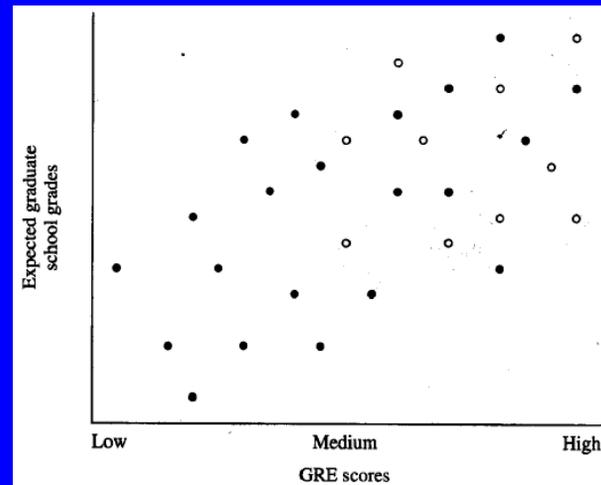
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Methodology: Restriction of Range

Restriction of Range causes an artificially low (underestimated) value of r .

E.G. using just high GRE scores represented by the open circles. Common when using the scores to determine Who is used in the correlational analysis.

E.G.: Only applicants with high GRE scores get into Grad School.



Computing r

Raw
Scores

$$r = \frac{\Sigma (X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{[\Sigma (X - \bar{X})^2][\Sigma (Y - \bar{Y})^2]}}$$

Deviation
Scores

$$r = \frac{\Sigma xy}{\sqrt{(\Sigma x^2)(\Sigma y^2)}}$$

Computing r, cont.

$$r = \frac{\sum(z_x z_y)}{N}$$

Z-scores

Can You Predict Y_i If: You Know X_i ?

$$r = \frac{\Sigma (X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{[\Sigma (X - \bar{X})^2][\Sigma (Y - \bar{Y})^2]}}$$

X	d_i	$d_{ix} * d_{ix}$		Y	d_i	$d_{iy} * d_{iy}$	$d_{ix} * d_{iy}$
10	10	100		10	10	100	100
10	10	100		10	10	100	100
-10	-10	100		-10	-10	100	100
-10	-10	100		-10	-10	100	100
X-bar=0			Y-bar=	Y-bar=0			
		SUM				SUM	SUM
		400				400	400

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Methodology: Reliability

An instrument used to measure a **Trait** (vs. State) must be Reliable.
Measurements taken twice on the same subjects should agree.

Disagreement:

- Not a Trait
- Poor Instrument

Criterion for Reliability: $r=0.80$

Coefficient of Stability:

Correlation of measures taken more than 6mo. apart

Regression

Creates a line of “Best Fit” running through the data

Uses Method of Least Squares

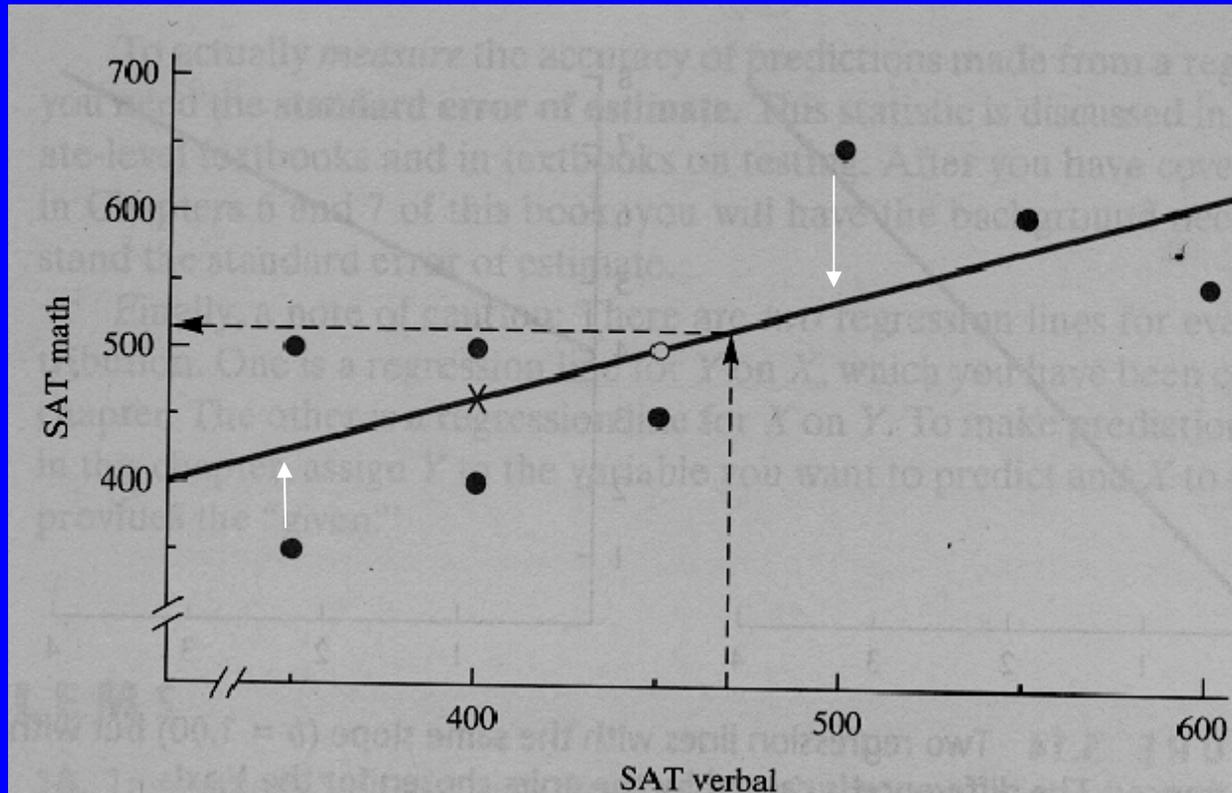
The smallest Squared Distances between the Points and
The Line

$$\hat{Y} = a + b * X \quad \text{and} \quad y = a + b * \hat{X}$$

a=intercept b=slope

The Regression Line (line of best fit) give you a & b
Plug in X to predict Y, or Y to predict X

Regression, cont.



Method of Least Squares:

- Minimizes deviations from regression line
- Therefore, minimizes Errors of Prediction

Regression, cont.

Correlation between X & Y = Correlation between Y & Y-hat

Error of Estimation: Difference between Y and Y-hat

Standard Error of Estimation: $\sqrt{\Sigma(Y - \hat{Y})^2/n}$

Remember what “Standard” means

The higher the correlation:

The lower the Standard Error of Estimation

Shrinkage: Reduction in size of correlation between sample correlation and the population correlation which it measures

Multiple Correlation & Regression

Using several measures to predict a measure or future measure

$$\hat{Y} = a + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + b_4X_4$$

- \hat{Y} is the **Dependent Variable**
- $X_1, X_2, X_3, \& X_4$ are the **Predictor (Independent) Variables**

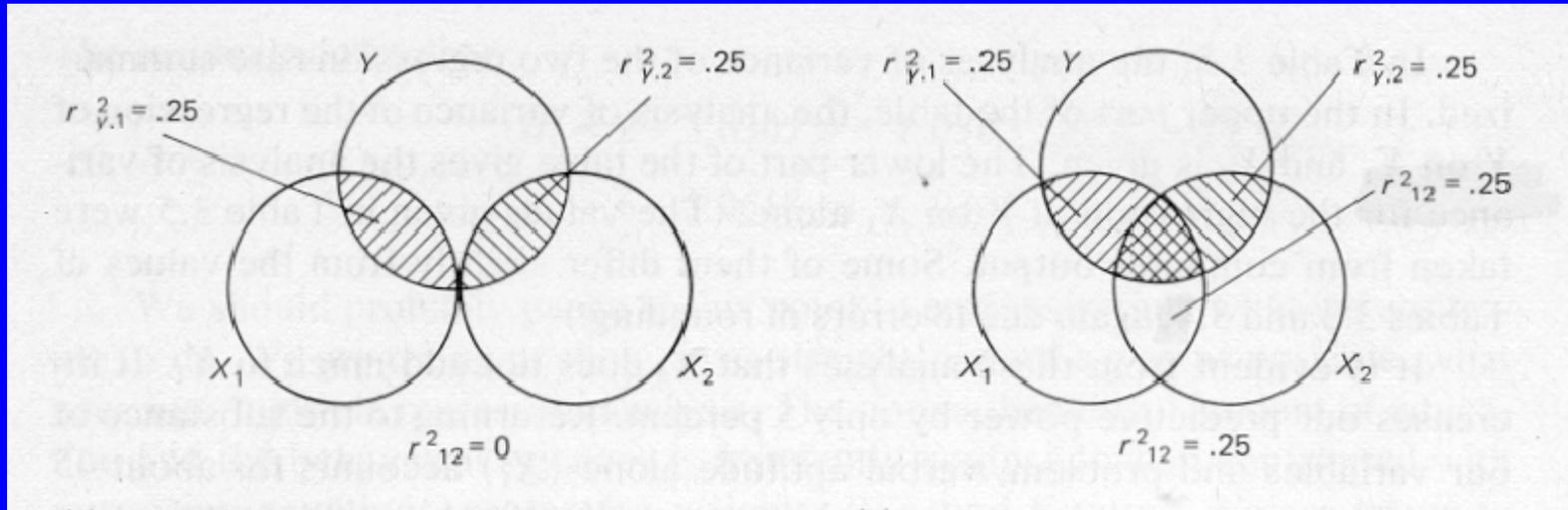
$$\text{College GPA-hat} = a + b_1\text{H.S.GPA} + b_2\text{SAT} + b_3\text{ACT} + b_4\text{HoursWork}$$

R = Multiple Correlation (Range: -1 - 0 - +1)

R^2 = Coefficient of Determination ($R^2 * 100$; 0 - 100%)

Uses **Partial Correlations** for all but the **first** Predictor Variable

Partial Correlations



The relationship (shared variance) between two variables when the variance which they **BOTH** share with a third variable is removed

Used in multiple regression to subtract **Redundant** variance when Assessing the **Combined** relationship between the **Predictor Variables** And the **Dependent Variable**. E.G., H.S. GPA and SAT scores.

Step-wise Regression

Build your regression equation one dependent variable at a time.

- Start with the P.V. with the highest simple correlation with the DV
- Compute the partial correlations between the remaining PVs and The DV
Take the PV with the highest partial correlation
- Compute the partial correlations between the remaining PVs and The DV with the redundancy with the **First Two** Pvs removed.
Take the PV with the highest partial correlation.
- Keep going until you run out of PVs

Step-wise Regression, cont.

Simple Correlations with college GPA:

HS GPA =.6

SAT =.5

ACT =.48 (but highly **Redundant** with SAT, measures same thing)

Work =-.3

$$\text{College GPA-hat} = a + b_1\text{H.S.GPA} + b_2\text{SAT} + b_3\text{HoursWork} + b_4\text{ACT}$$

Stepwise Multiple Regression

DEPENDENT VARIABLE.. FRESHGPA

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B
COLBOARD	0.70000	0.49000	0.49000	0.70000	0.00821
HIGHSCH	0.75820	0.57487	0.08487	0.01300	-0.01819
FAMINC	0.76278	0.58183	0.00697	0.12000	0.01931
(CONSTANT)					-1.35188

DEPENDENT VARIABLE.. INVINDEX INVESTORS INDEX 1949=100

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
GNP GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	0.93729	0.87852	0.87852	0.93729	0.01574	1.08714
CORPPROF CORPORATE PROFITS BEFORE TAXES	0.95153	0.90540	0.02689	0.87912	-0.15462	-0.55669
CORPDIV CORPORATE DIVIDENDS PAID	0.97774	0.95598	0.05058	0.93667	0.42586	0.45524
(CONSTANT)					-111.70268	

Shrinkage

Step 1: Construct Regression Equation using sample which has **already graduated** from college.

Step 2: Use the a , b_1 , b_2 , b_3 from this equation to **Predict** College GPA (\hat{Y}) of high school graduates/applicants

The regression equation will do a **better job** of predicting College GPA (\hat{Y}) of the **original sample** because it factors in all the **Idiosyncratic relationships** (correlations) of the original sample.

Shrinkage: Original R^2 will be **Larger** than future R^2 s

Forced Order of Entry

Specify order in which PVs are added to the regression equation

Used to test (1) Hypotheses and to control for (2) Confounding Variables

E.G.: Is there gender bias in the salaries of lawyers?

- **Point-Biserial Correlation** (r_{pb}) of Gender and Salary: $r_{pb} = 0.4$
Correlation between **Dichotomous** and **Continuous** Variable
- But females are younger, less experienced, & have fewer years on current job

1. Create Multiple Regression formula with all the other variables
2. Then **Add** the test variable (Gender)
3. Look at R^2 : **Does it Increase** a lot or little at all?

If R^2 goes up appreciably, then Gender has a **Unique Influence**

Other Types Of Correlation

Pearson Product-Moment Correlation:

- Standard correlation
- r = Ratio of shared variance to total variance
- Requires two continuous variables of interval/ratio level

Point Biserial correlation (r_{pbs} or r_{pb}):

- One Truly Dichotomous (only two values)
- One continuous (interval/ratio) variable
- Measures proportion of variance in the continuous variable

Which can be related to group membership

E.g., Biserial correlation between height and gender

Discriminant Function Analysis

Logistic Regression

Look at relationship between **Group Membership** (DV) and PVs
Using a regression equation.

Depression = $a + b_1$ hours of sleep + b_2 blood pressure
+ b_3 calories consumed

Code Depression: 0 for No; 1 for Yes

If $\hat{Y} > 0.5$, predict that subject has depression

Look at:

Sensitivity: Percent of Depressed individuals found

Selectivity: Percent of Positives which are Correct

Discriminant Function Analysis

Logistic Regression

Four possible outcomes for each prediction (Y-hat):

	Y = 0	Y = 1	
Y-hat < 0.5	Correct Rejection	Miss	↑ Sensitivity % Hits ↓
Y-hat > 0.5	False Positive	Hit	
	← Selectivity → % Correct Hits		

Discriminant Function Analysis

Logistic Regression

Expect Shrinkage:

Double Cross Validation:

1. Split sample in half
2. Construct Regression Equations for each
3. Use Regression Equations to predict **Other Sample** DV
Look at Sensitivity and Selectivity
If DV is continuous look at correlation between Y and Y-hat
If IVs are valid predictors, both equations should be good
4. Construct **New** regression equation using combined samples

Discriminant Function Analysis

Logistic Regression

Can have more than two groups, if they are related quantitatively.

E.G.:

Mania	= 1
Normal	= 0
Depression	= -1

Which Procedure To Use?

Logistic Regression produces a more efficient regression equation
Than does Discriminant Function Analysis:

Greater Sensitivity and Selectivity