#### **Association and Correlation in Simple Regression**

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Once it is determined by ANOVA F or t-tests (testing  $H_0$ :  $\beta=0$ ) that an association between variables exists, summary statistics such as the **coefficient of determination** ( $r^2$  or  $R^2$ ) and **coefficient of correlation** (r) may prove helpful. More usefully, further inferences may be made concerning the degree of association. This may be done by testing of  $H_0$ :  $\beta=\beta_0$  or providing confidence limits on  $\beta$ . Alternatively, one can test and provide confidence limits on the **population correlation coefficient** ( $\rho$ ) via its sample estimate (r). Tests using correlation are particularly useful when the researcher is unwilling to specify in advance which of two variables (X or Y) should be considered independent versus dependent.

## **Corrected Sums of Squares:**

$$L_{xx} := \sum_{i} (X_i - X_{bar})^2 \qquad \qquad L_{yy} := \sum_{i} (Y_i - Y_{bar})^2 \qquad \qquad L_{xy} := \sum_{i} (X_i - X_{bar}) \cdot (Y_i - Y_{bar})$$

$$L_{xx} = 1.7167 \qquad \qquad L_{yy} = 1.3467 \qquad \qquad L_{xy} = 1.3233$$

## Estimated Regression Coefficients for $Y = \alpha + \beta X$ :

$$b:=\frac{L_{xy}}{L_{xx}} \qquad \qquad b=0.7709 \qquad \text{$<$ sample estimate of } \beta$$
 
$$a:=Y_{bar}-b\cdot X_{bar} \qquad \qquad a=-0.6688 \qquad \text{$<$ sample estimate of } \alpha$$

## Estimated values of $Y(Y_{hat})$ :

$$Y_{hat_i} := a + b \cdot X_i$$

#### **Residuals:**

$$\varepsilon_i := Y_{hat_i} - Y_i$$

## **Sum of Squares Decomposition of the Regression:**

$$\begin{split} SS_T &\coloneqq \sum_i \left(Y_i - Y_{bar}\right)^2 & SS_T = 1.3467 \\ SS_R &\coloneqq \sum_i \left(Y_{hat_i} - Y_{bar}\right)^2 & SS_R = 1.0201 \\ SS_E &\coloneqq \sum_i \left(Y_i - Y_{hat_i}\right)^2 & SS_E = 0.3265 \end{split}$$

## Coefficient of Determination (R<sup>2</sup>) and Coefficient of Correlation (r):

Values are defined by using corrected sums of squares or Sums of Squares in the Regression ANOVA table:

#### **ANOVA Table for Linear Regression:**

#### **Coefficient of Correlation:**

$$r:=\frac{L_{xy}}{\sqrt{L_{xx}\cdot L_{yy}}} \qquad \qquad r=0.8704$$
 
$$r:=\sqrt{\frac{SS_R}{SS_T}} \qquad \qquad r=0.8704 \qquad \qquad r:=\sqrt{1-\frac{SS_E}{SS_T}} \qquad \qquad r=0.8704 \qquad \qquad <\textbf{all equivalent}$$

#### **Coefficient of Determination:**

$$R := r \qquad \qquad R^2 = 0.7575 \qquad \textbf{Coefficient of Determination } R^2 \textbf{ is } r^2$$
 
$$R^2 := \frac{L_{xy}^2}{L_{xx} \cdot L_{yy}} \qquad \qquad R^2 := \frac{SS_R}{SS_T} \qquad \qquad R^2 := 1 - \frac{SS_E}{SS_T} \qquad \textbf{equivalent}$$

Note: Values of r and  $R^2$  range between -1 and 1. The closer  $R^2$  is to -1 or 1, the stronger the linear relationship between the variables is *potentially* observed.  $R^2$  or r near zero suggests no association. However, no single number can capture the situation exactly. It is possible, for data to show non-linear relationships, and for there to be high correlation/determination without necessarily a "good" regression fit or precision in prediction.

## Correlation Coefficient Related to Sample Covariance & Standard Deviation:

$r := \frac{s_{Xy}}{s_X \cdot s_y}$	r = 0.8704	< correlation coefficient in terms of covariance & standard deviations	
$s_y := \sqrt{\frac{L_{yy}}{(n-1)}}$	$s_y = 0.3499$	$s_Y = 0.3499$	< calculated above for comparison
$s_X := \sqrt{\frac{L_{XX}}{(n-1)}}$	$s_X = 0.395$	$s_X = 0.395$	< calculated above for comparison
$s_{XY} := \frac{L_{XY}}{(n-1)}$	$s_{xy} = 0.1203$		< covariance of x with y

# Correlation coefficient related to regression observed slope b (as estimate of

β):

$$b := r \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L_{yy}}{L_{xx}}} \qquad \qquad b = 0.7709 \qquad \qquad b := r \cdot \frac{s_y}{s_x} \qquad \qquad b = 0.7709 \qquad \qquad < \textbf{equivalent}$$

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$$b = 0.7709$$

$$r := b \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L_{XX}}{L_{VV}}}$$
  $r = 0.8704$   $r := b \cdot \frac{s_X}{s_V}$   $r = 0.8704$   $<$  equivalent

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$$r := b \cdot \frac{s_X}{s_Y}$$

$$r = 0.8704$$

## Adjusted Coefficient of Determination R<sub>a</sub><sup>2</sup>:

$$R_a := \sqrt{1 - \frac{MS_E}{MS_T}}$$

$$R_a^2 = 0.7333$$

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Note: R<sub>a</sub><sup>2</sup> is generally a better way of determining relative fit of a regression than using non-adjusted R<sup>2</sup>.

## One sample t-Test for $\rho = 0$ :

This test, using  $\rho$  instead of  $\beta$ , is an equivalent alternative to the previous  $H_0$ :  $\beta=0$  t-test.

## **Assumptions:**

- Variables X & Y are random samples from a Normal Distribution without Independent versus Dependent relationship.
- $-Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, ..., Y_n$
- $X_1,\,X_2,\,X_3,\,\dots$  ,  $X_n\,$  with each value of  $X_i$  matched to  $Y_i$

### **Model:**

$$\rho = \beta(\sigma_x/\sigma_y) \qquad \qquad < \text{correlation coefficient } \rho \text{ defined in terms of Regression slope } \beta \\ \text{and standard deviations } \sigma_x \& \sigma_y.$$

## **Hypotheses:**

$$H_0$$
:  $\rho = 0$  < No correlation

$$H_1$$
:  $\rho \neq 0$  < Two sided test (One Sided tests are also possible but rare)

## Standard Error of r (estimate of $\rho$ ):

$$s_r := \sqrt{\frac{\left(1-r^2\right)}{(n-2)}} \hspace{1cm} s_r = 0.1557 \hspace{1cm} < \text{standard error of } r$$

### **Test Statistic:**

$$t := \frac{r}{s_r} \qquad \qquad t = 5.5893$$

## **Sampling Distribution of Test Statistic t:**

If Assumptions hold and  $H_0$  is true, then  $t \sim t_{(n-2)}$ 

#### **Critical Value of the Test:**

 $\alpha := 0.05$ 

< Probability of Type I error must be explicitly set

$$C_1:=\text{qt}\bigg(\frac{\alpha}{2}\,,n-2\bigg) \qquad C_1=-2.2281 \quad C_2:=\text{qt}\bigg(1-\frac{\alpha}{2}\,,n-2\bigg) \qquad C_2=2.2281$$
 
$$C:=\left|C_1\right|$$

#### **Decision Rule:**

IF |t| > C, THEN REJECT H<sub>0</sub> OTHERWISE ACCEPT H<sub>0</sub>

#### **Probability Value:**

$$P := 2 \cdot pt(t, n-2) \qquad P = 1.9998 \qquad < \textbf{if } t \le 0$$
 
$$P := 2 \cdot (1 - pt(t, n-2)) \qquad P = 0.00023111 \qquad < \textbf{if } t > \textbf{0} \qquad < \textbf{Two sided case}$$

#### **Prototype in R:**

**#SIMPLE LINEAR REGRESSION** 

**#ZAR EXAMPLE 17.1** 

ZAR=read.table("c:/DATA/Biostatistics/ZarEX19.1aR.txt")

ZAR

attach(ZAR)

X=winglen Y=taillen

**#CREATING LINEAR MODEL LM:** 

LM=lm(Y~X) Yhat=fitted(LM) e=residuals(LM)

RESULTS=data.frame(X,Y,Yhat,e)

**RESULTS** 

**#ANOVA F-TEST FOR SLOPE:** 

anova(LM)

#t-TESTS FOR SLOPE & INTERCEPT:

summary(LM)

t statistic & P > values are identical to the t-test for  $H_0$ :  $\beta = 0$ 

r = 0.8704

 $r^2 = 0.7575$ 

#### > summary(LM)

Call:

 $lm(formula = Y \sim X)$ 

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -0.26495 -0.11544 0.00903 0.13248 0.29757

Coefficients:

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '' 1

t statistic & P > Residual standard error: 0.1807 on 10 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.7575, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7333
F-statistic: 31.24 on 1 and 10 DF, p-value: 0.0002311

∧ R<sup>2</sup>

 $^{\land}R_{a}^{2}$ 

cor.test(X,Y, method="pearson",alternative="two.sided",conf.level=0.95)

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t = 5.5893 < t statistic above

CI corresponds to Fisher's

Pearson's product-moment correlation

P value corresponds also >

data: X and Y

t = 5.5893, df = 10, p-value = 0.0002311

alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0

Fisher's 95 percent confid 0.5923111 0.9631 sample estimates: 95 percent confidence interval:

0.5923111 0.9631599

< sample correlation > 0.8703546 r = 0.8703546

### Fisher's One sample z-Test for $\rho = \rho_0$ :

This test evaluates specific values of  $\rho_0$  using Fisher's z-transformation approach.

#### **Assumptions:**

- Normal distribution for all variables used to compute correlation coefficient r.

#### **Hypotheses:**

 $\rho_0 := 0.750$  value must be explicitly stated.

 $H_0$ :  $\rho = \rho_0$  < Correlation Coefficient  $\rho_0$  not necessarily zero  $H_1$ :  $\rho \neq \rho o$  < Two sided test

#### Fisher's Z-transformation:

$$z := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{1+r}{1-r} \right)$$

$$z = 1.3345$$

$$z_0 := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{1 + \rho_0}{1 - \rho_0} \right)$$

$$z_0 = 0.973$$

#### **Test Statistic:**

$$Z := \left(z - z_0\right) \cdot \sqrt{n - 3}$$

$$Z = 1.0848$$

## **Sampling Distribution of Test Statistic Z:**

Z is distributed according to the *Standardized* Normal distribution of  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ .

#### **Critical Value of the Test:**

 $\alpha := 0.05$ < Probability of Type I error must be explicitly set

$$C_1 := qnorm \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}, 0, 1\right)$$
  $C_1 = -1.96$   $C_2 := qnorm \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}, 0, 1\right)$   $C_2 = 1.96$ 

#### **Decision Rule:**

#### **Probability Value:**

$$P := 2 \cdot pnorm(Z, 0, 1)$$

$$P = 1.722$$

$$<$$
 if  $t \le 0$ 

$$P := 2 \cdot (1 - pnorm(Z, 0, 1))$$

$$P = 0.27803$$

$$<$$
 if  $t > 0$ 

< Two sided case

## Confidence Interval for $\rho$ :

$$z_1 := z - C \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-3}} \qquad \qquad z_2 := z + C \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-3}} \qquad \qquad CI_Z := \left( \begin{array}{ccc} z_1 & z_2 \end{array} \right) \qquad CI_Z = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0.6812 & 1.9879 \end{array} \right)$$

$$z_2 := z + C \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-3}}$$

$$CI_z := (z_1 \ z_2)$$

$$CI_z = (0.6812 \ 1.9879)$$

^ CI in transformed units of z

$$\mathrm{CI}_{\rho} := \left( \frac{e^{2 \cdot z_1} - 1}{e^{2 \cdot z_1}} \cdot \frac{e^{2 \cdot z_2} - 1}{e^{2 \cdot z_2}} \right)$$

 $CI_{\rho} = (0.5923111 \ 0.9631599)$  < CI reverse transformed into units of  $\rho$ 

## **Prototype in R:**

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#FISHER'S Z TRANSFORMATION TEST:
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rho0=0.750 #set test value

n=length(Y)

r=sqrt(summary(LM)\$r.squared)

z=(1/2)\*log((1+r)/(1-r))

z0=(1/2)\*log((1+rho0)/(1-rho0))

**#TEST STATISTIC Z:** 

Z=(z-z0)\*sqrt(n-3)

**#CRITICAL VALUE OF TEST:** 

alpha=0.05 #set type 1 error rate

C=abs(qnorm(alpha/2,0,1))

C

**#PROBABILITY**:

PA=2\*pnorm(Z,0,1)

PB=2\*(1-pnorm(Z,0,1))

PB

P=min(PA,PB)

**#CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR RHO** 

z1=z-C\*(1/sqrt(n-3))

**z1** 

z2=z+C\*(1/sqrt(n-3))

CILower=(exp(2\*z1)-1)/(exp(2\*z1)+1)

**CILower** 

CIUpper=(exp(2\*z2)-1)/(exp(2\*z2)+1)

**CIUpper** 

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> r
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[1] 0.8703546
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> z=(1/2)\*log((1+r)/(1-r))

[1] 1.33454

> z0=(1/2)\*log((1+rho0)/(1-rho0))

#### > 70

[1] 0.972955

#### > #TEST STATISTIC Z:

> Z=(z-z0)\*sqrt(n-3)

[1] 1.084755

#### > #CRITICAL VALUE OF TEST:

> alpha=0.05 #set type 1 error rate

> C=abs(qnorm(alpha/2,0,1))

[1] 1.959964

#### > #PROBABILITY:

> PA=2\*pnorm(Z,0,1)

[1] 1.721970

> PB=2\*(1-pnorm(Z,0,1))

[1] 0.2780303

> P=min(PA, PB)

[1] 0.2780303

#### > #CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR RHO

> z1=z-C\*(1/sqrt(n-3))

[1] 0.6812187

> z2=z+C\*(1/sqrt(n-3))

[1] 1.987861

> CILower = (exp(2\*z1)-1)/(exp(2\*z1)+1)

#### > CILower

[1] 0.5923111

> CIUpper=(exp(2\*z2)-1)/(exp(2\*z2)+1)

#### > ClUpper

[1] 0.9631599