## **Linear Regression**

Scatter plot: make sure you have title, labels, and scales Used for finding a relationship between two variables

Independent variable the variable we control (x)

Dependent variable: the variable we measure (y)

## **Examples**:

Linear relationship Non-linear relationship No relationship



Positive relationship Negative relationship



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The correlation coefficient, r, measures the strength of the linear relationship between x and y. It is always between -1 and +1.

r = +1 is a perfect positive linear relationship

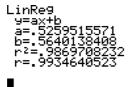
r = 0 is absolutely no relationship

r = -1 is a perfect negative linear relationship

To find the regression equation for a set of data, fill in a chart similar to the one below.

Write the summations (add all thex's, y's, etc.) in the last row.

# of students	seconds			
x	у	xy	$x^2$	$\mathcal{Y}^2$
5	3	15	25	9
12	7	87	J	49
17	9	153	289	81
20	12	240	400	144
30	16	480	900	256
Σ84	7	972	1758	539





The regression equation is always written as y = mx + b where m = slope and b = y-intercept.

$$m = \frac{n(\Sigma xy) - (\Sigma x)(\Sigma y)}{n(\Sigma x^{2}) - (\Sigma x)^{2}} = \frac{5(972) - (84)(47)}{5(1758) - (84)^{2}}$$

$$b = \frac{(\Sigma y)(\Sigma x^{2}) - (\Sigma x)(\Sigma xy)}{n(\Sigma x^{2}) - (\Sigma x)^{2}} = \frac{912}{1734} = .52$$

$$r = \frac{n(\Sigma xy) - (\Sigma x)(\Sigma y)}{\sqrt{(n(\Sigma x^{2}) - (\Sigma x)^{2})(n(\Sigma y^{2}) - (\Sigma y)^{2})}} = \frac{912}{\sqrt{(1734)(2)}}$$

Residuals are the distance the actual points are from the regression line.

If the data is linear, the residuals should be random.

If the data is non-linear, the residuals should show a pattern.

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