

Psychology 405: Psychometric Theory

More on Correlations

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Outline

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Correlations, regressions, and categorical variables

Predicting scores: Question 1

1. If a person has a GRE verbal score of 680, then what would you expect his/her GRE quantitative score to be?
2. Mean GRE V = 600 SD = 80 $r = .72$
3. Mean GRE Q = 650 SD = 100
4. Observe GRE V = 680
5. Predicted GRE Q = ?

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3. Mean GRE Q = 650 SD = 100
4. Observe GRE V = 680
5. $z \text{ GRE V} = (680 - 600)/80 = 1.0$
6. predicted $z \text{ GRE Q} = r_{xy} z_x = .72 * (1) = .72$
7. predicted GRE Q = $.72 * 100 + 650 = 722$

Predicting scores: Question 2

1. If a person has a GRE Quant score of 722, then what would you expect his/her GRE Verbal score to be?
2. Mean GRE V = 600 SD = 80 $r = .72$
3. Mean GRE Q = 650 SD = 100
4. Observe GRE Q = 722
5. Predicted GRE V = ?

Predicting scores: Answer 2

1. If a person has a GRE Quant score of 722, then what would you expect his/her GRE Verbal score to be?
2. Mean GRE V = 600 SD = 80 $r = .72$
3. Mean GRE Q = 650 SD = 100
4. Observed GRE Q = 722
5. Predicted GRE V = ?
6. $z_{GRE_Q} = (722 - 650)/100 = .72$
7. predicted $z_{GRE_V} = r_{xy}z_x = .72 * (.72) = .52$
8. predicted GRE Q = $.52 * 80 + 600 = 642$
9. Note that although 680 predicts 722, 722 predicts 642.

Predicting Scores: Question 3

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3. GPA Mean = 3.0 sd = .5

Predicting Scores: Answer 3

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2. Anxiety Mean = 12 sd = 4 $r = -.39$
3. GPA Mean = 3.0 sd = .5
4. $z_{\text{anx}} = (16 - 12)/4 = 1.0$
5. predicted $z_{\text{gpa}} = r_{xy}z_x = -.39 * (1) = -.39$
6. predicted $\text{gpa} = -.39 * .5 + 3 = 2.805$

Partial Correlations: Question

1. Assuming the classical model of partial correlations, what is the correlation between GRE Quantitative and GPA with GRE Verbal held constant?
2. $r_{GREQ,GPA} = .34$
3. $r_{GREQ,V} = .72$ $r_{GREV,GPA} = .38$
4. We want to find the covariance of Q and GPA without V.
5. All correlations are $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$. So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.

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- All correlations are $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$. So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.
- partial $r_{xy.z} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{\sqrt{(1 - r_{xz}^2) * (1 - r_{yz}^2)}}$
- $r_{qgpa.v} = \frac{(.34 - .72 * .38)}{\sqrt{(.482 * .856)}} = .103$ partial
- part r $= \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{\sqrt{1 - r_{xz}^2}} = .096$ part

Multiple Correlation: Question

1. What is the multiple correlation of GRE V and GRE Q with rated quality of the MA?
2. $r_{GREV,MA} = .32$ $r_{GREQ,MA} = .29$ $r_{GREV,Q} = .72$
3. $\beta_{y.x} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{1 - r_{xz}^2}$
4. $R^2 = \sum \beta_i r_{x_i y}$

Multiple Correlation: Answer

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2. $r_{\text{GRE V, MA}} = .32$ $r_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} = .29$ $r_{\text{GRE V, Q}} = .72$
3.
$$\beta_{y.x} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{1 - r_{xz}^2}$$
4. $\beta_{\text{GRE V, MA}} = (.32 - .72 * .29) / (1 - .72^2) = .231$
5. $\beta_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} = (.29 - .72 * .32) / (1 - .72^2) = .124$
6. $R^2 = \beta_{y.x} * r_{xy} + \beta_{y.z} * r_{yz} \dots$
7. $R^2 = \beta_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} * r_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} + \beta_{\text{GRE V, MA}} * r_{\text{GRE V, MA}} =$
8. $R^2 = .124 * .29 + .231 * .32 = .108$
9. $R = .329$

Unit Weighted Multiple R

1. What is the unit weighted correlation of GREV and GRE Q with MA?

Variable	GREV	GREQ	MA
GREV	1.00	0.72	0.32
GREQ	0.72	1.00	0.29
MA	0.32	0.29	1.00

- 2.
3. All correlations are $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$. So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.

Unit Weighted Multiple R

1. Weight the two predictors equally

Variable	GREV	GREQ	MA
GREV	1.00	0.72	0.32
GREQ	0.72	1.00	0.29
MA	0.32	0.29	1.00

- 2.
3. All correlations are $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$. So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.
4. $C_{v+q,MA} = .32 + .29 = .61$
5. $V_{v+q} = 1.00 + .72 + .72 + 1.00 = 3.44$
6. $r_{v+q,MA} = \frac{.61}{\sqrt{3.44*1}} = .329$

Correlating two composites – unit weights

Table: Ability and Performance

Hypothetical relationships

Variable	GREV	GREQ	GREA	GPA	Pre	MA
GREV	1.00	0.72	0.54	0.38	0.32	0.27
GREQ	0.72	1.00	0.48	0.34	0.29	0.24
GREA	0.54	0.48	1.00	0.55	0.47	0.39
GPA	0.38	0.34	0.55	1.00	0.42	0.35
Pre	0.32	0.29	0.47	0.42	1.00	0.30
MA	0.27	0.24	0.39	0.35	0.30	1.00

1. What is the unit weighted correlation between the ability measures and the performance measures?
2. All correlations are $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$. So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.

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set

- $$V_{ability} = 1.0 + .72 + .54 + .72 + 1.0 + .48 + .54 + .48 + 1 = 3 * 1 + 2 * (.72 + .54 + .48) = 6.48$$
- $$V_{performance} = 3 * 1 + 2 * (.42 + .35 + .30) = 5.14$$
- $$C_{ability,performance} = .38 + .34 + .55 + .32 + .29 + .47 + .27 + .24 + .39 = 3.25$$
- $$R_{ability,performance} = \frac{3.25}{\sqrt{6.48 * 5.14}} = .563$$

R code

```
R <- structure(list(GREV = c(1, 0.72, 0.54, 0.38, 0.32, 0.27),
GREQ = c(0.72, 1, 0.48, 0.34, 0.29, 0.24),
GREA = c(0.54, 0.48, 1, 0.55, 0.47, 0.39),
GPA = c(0.38, 0.34, 0.55, 1, 0.42, 0.35),
Pre = c(0.32, 0.29, 0.47, 0.42, 1, 0.3),
MA = c(0.27, 0.24, 0.39, 0.35, 0.3,
1)), row.names = c("GREV", "GREQ", "GREA", "GPA", "Pre", "MA"
), class = "data.frame")
Rx <- R[1:3,1:3]
Ry <- R[4:6,4:6]
Rxy <- R[1:3,4:6]
sum(Rx); sum(Ry); sum(Rxy)
sum(Rxy)/sqrt(sum(Rx)*sum(Ry))
```

```
R
      GREV GREQ GREA GPA Pre MA
GREV 1.00 0.72 0.54 0.38 0.32 0.27
GREQ 0.72 1.00 0.48 0.34 0.29 0.24
GREA 0.54 0.48 1.00 0.55 0.47 0.39
GPA 0.38 0.34 0.55 1.00 0.42 0.35
Pre 0.32 0.29 0.47 0.42 1.00 0.30
MA 0.27 0.24 0.39 0.35 0.30 1.00
sum(Rx)
[1] 6.48
> sum(Ry)
[1] 5.14
> sum(Rxy)
[1] 3.25
sum(Rxy)/sqrt(sum(Rx)*sum(Ry)) = 0.56
```

Instability of beta weights

An example from Niels Waller

R code

```

      Y    X1    X2    X3    C
Y  1.000 0.561 0.568 0.520 0.35
X1 0.561 1.000 0.720 0.526 0.40
X2 0.568 0.720 1.000 0.554 -0.25
X3 0.520 0.526 0.554 1.000 0.30
C  0.350 0.400 -0.250 0.300 1.00

```

```
lmCor(Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3, data=niels)
```

```
lmCor(Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3, data=niels)
Call: lmCor(y = Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3, data = niels)
```

Multiple Regression from matrix input

```
DV = Y
  slope  VIF  Vy.x
X1  0.25 2.18 0.14
X2  0.25 2.28 0.14
X3  0.25 1.52 0.13
```

Multiple Regression

```
  R  R2  Ruw  R2uw
Y 0.64 0.41 0.64 0.41
```

```
lmCor(Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3+C, data=niels)
Call: lmCor(y = Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + C, data = niels)
```

Multiple Regression from matrix input

```
DV = Y
  slope  VIF  Vy.x
X1 -1.99 12.47 -1.12
X2  2.87 16.34  1.63
X3 -0.64  3.14 -0.33
C   2.06  8.66  0.72
```

Multiple Regression

```
  R  R2  Ruw  R2uw
Y 0.95 0.9 0.69 0.47
```

Cohen's Set correlation versus unit weighted correlations

1. What is the relationship between two sets of variables? Two alternative answers.
2. Set correlation: 1 - the ratio of determinants
 - $R = 1 - \frac{||\mathbf{R}_{xy}||}{||\mathbf{R}_x|| ||\mathbf{R}_y||}$
3. Unit weighted correlation
 - $R_{UW} = \frac{\mathbf{1R}_{yx}\mathbf{1}'}{(\mathbf{1R}_{yy}\mathbf{1}')^{.5}(\mathbf{1R}_{xx}\mathbf{1}')^{.5}}$
4. Both are found using the `lmCor` function

ImCor to find multiple correlations from correlation matrices

R

```
mod1 <- lmtCor(4:6, 1:3, data=R)
summary(mod1)
```

```
      GREV GREQ GREA  GPA  Pre  MA
GREV 1.00 0.72 0.54 0.38 0.32 0.27
GREQ 0.72 1.00 0.48 0.34 0.29 0.24
GREA 0.54 0.48 1.00 0.55 0.47 0.39
GPA 0.38 0.34 0.55 1.00 0.42 0.35
Pre 0.32 0.29 0.47 0.42 1.00 0.30
MA 0.27 0.24 0.39 0.35 0.30 1.00
Multiple Regression from matrix input
setCor(y = 4:6, x = 1:3, data = R)
```

```
Multiple Regression from matrix input
```

```
Beta weights
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
GREV 0.087 0.064 0.064
GREQ 0.047 0.045 0.030
GREA 0.481 0.414 0.341
```

```
Multiple R
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.56 0.48 0.40
```

```
Multiple R2
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.31 0.23 0.16
```

```
Cohen's set correlation R2
```

```
[1] 0.41
```

```
Unweighted multiple R
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.50 0.42 0.35
```

```
Unweighted multiple R2
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.25 0.18 0.13
```

```
Various estimates of between set correlations
```

```
Squared Canonical Correlations
```

```
[1] 4.1e-01 6.0e-05 1.6e-06
```

```
Average squared canonical correlation = 0.14
```

```
Cohen's Set Correlation R2 = 0.41
```

```
Unweighted correlation between the two sets = 0
```

Just use Verbal and Quant

R

```
mod2 <- lmCor(4:6, 1:2, R)
```

```
      GREV GREQ GREA  GPA  Pre  MA
GREV  1.00  0.72  0.54  0.38  0.32  0.27
GREQ  0.72  1.00  0.48  0.34  0.29  0.24
GREA  0.54  0.48  1.00  0.55  0.47  0.39
GPA   0.38  0.34  0.55  1.00  0.42  0.35
Pre   0.32  0.29  0.47  0.42  1.00  0.30
MA    0.27  0.24  0.39  0.35  0.30  1.00
```

```
summary(mod2)
```

```
Multiple Regression from matrix input
lmCor(y = 4:6, x = 1:2, data = R)
```

```
Multiple Regression from matrix input
```

```
Beta weights
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
GREV  0.28  0.23  0.202
GREQ  0.14  0.12  0.095
```

```
Multiple R
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.39  0.33  0.28
```

```
Multiple R2
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.154  0.110  0.077
```

```
Unweighted multiple R
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.39  0.33  0.27
```

```
Unweighted multiple R2
```

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.15  0.11  0.08
```

```
Various estimates of between set correlations
```

```
Squared Canonical Correlations
```

```
[1] 2.0e-01 4.2e-05
```

```
Average squared canonical correlation = 0.1
```

```
Cohen's Set Correlation R2 = 0.2
```

```
Unweighted correlation between the two sets = 0
```

Comorbidity

1. Symptoms are said to be comorbid if one has both symptoms.

- This is really just one cell in a 2 x 2 table
- We need base rates as well

2. Consider Anxiety and Depression

- 50 % of anxiety patients are also depressed
- 67% of depressed patients are also anxious
- base rates are 20% for anxiety, 15% for depression

R code

```
comorbidity(.2, .15, .1, c("Anxiety", "Depression"))
```

```
Call: comorbidity(dl = 0.2, d2 = 0.15, com = 0.1, labels = c("Anxiety",
"Depression"))
```

Comorbidity table

	Anxiety	-Anxiety
Depression	0.1	0.05
-Depression	0.1	0.75

```
implies phi = 0.49 with Yule = 0.87 and tetrachoric correlation of 0.75
and normal thresholds of 1.04 0.84
```

Can also treat this as an Area Under the Curve – signal detection problem

R code

```
com <- comorbidity(.2, .15, .1, c("Anxiety", "Depression")) #find the comorbidity
AUC(com$twobytwo) #convert to a Signal Detection Approach
```

```
AUC(com$twobytwo) #convert to a Signal Detection Approach
Decision Theory and Area under the Curve
```

The original data implied the following 2 x 2 table

	Predicted.Pos	Predicted.Neg
True.Pos	0.1	0.05
True.Neg	0.1	0.75

Conditional probabilities of

	Predicted.Pos	Predicted.Neg
True.Pos	0.67	0.33
True.Neg	0.12	0.88

Accuracy = 0.85 Sensitivity = 0.67 Specificity = 0.88

with Area Under the Curve = 0.87

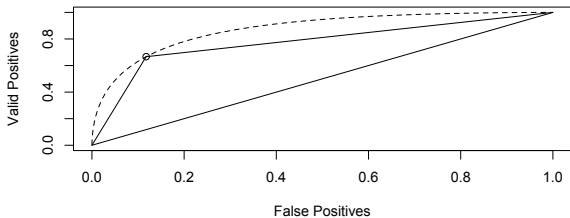
d.prime = 1.62 Criterion = 1.19 Beta = 0.13

Observed Phi correlation = 0.49

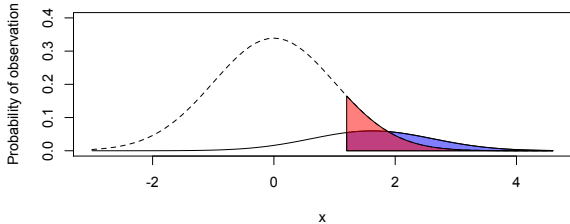
Inferred latent (tetrachoric) correlation = 0.75

Show the Signal Detection graphic

Valid Positives as function of False Positives



Decision Theory



Three ways to compare categorical means

R code

```
dim(spi)
t.test(wellness ~ sex, data=spi)
t.test(education ~ sex, data=spi)
```

```
t.test(wellness ~ sex, data=spi)
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data: wellness by sex
t = -6.021, df = 2872.4, p-value = 1.954e-09
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.14075230 -0.07159818
sample estimates:
mean in group 1 mean in group 2
 1.479228      1.585404
```

```
> t.test(education ~ sex, data=spi)
```

Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data: education by sex
t = 4.5873, df = 2908.4, p-value = 4.68e-06
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.2040981 0.5088266
sample estimates:
mean in group 1 mean in group 2
 4.314540      3.958078
```

Try regression

R code

```
lm (wellness ~ sex, data=spi)
lm (education ~ sex, data=spi)
```

```
lm (wellness ~ sex, data=spi)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = wellness ~ sex, data = spi)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	sex
1.3731	0.1062

```
> lm (education ~ sex, data=spi)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = education ~ sex, data = spi)
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	sex
4.6710	-0.3565

Regression with significance tests

R code

```
summary(lm (wellness ~ sex, data=spi))
```

```
summary(lm (wellness ~ sex, data=spi))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = wellness ~ sex, data = spi)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.5854	-0.4792	0.4146	0.4146	0.5208

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1.37305	0.02926	46.925	< 2e-16 ***
sex	0.10618	0.01759	6.036	1.76e-09 ***

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

Residual standard error: 0.4957 on 3278 degrees of freedom

(720 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-squared: 0.01099, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01069

F-statistic: 36.43 on 1 and 3278 DF, p-value: 1.756e-09

raw units

R code

```
spi.complete <- complete.cases(spi[c("wellness", "sex")])
lmCor(wellness ~ sex, data=spi[spi.complete, ], std=FALSE)
Call: lmCor(y = wellness ~ sex, data = spi[spi.complete, ], std = FALSE)
```

```
spi.complete <- complete.cases(spi[c("wellness", "sex")])
Call: lmCor(y = wellness ~ sex, data = spi[spi.complete, ], std = FALSE)
```

Multiple Regression from raw data

```
DV = wellness
      slope  se    t      p lower.ci upper.ci VIF Vy.x
(Intercept) 1.37 0.03 46.93 0.0e+00    1.32    1.43  1 0.00
sex          0.11 0.02  6.04 1.8e-09    0.07    0.14  1 0.01
```

Residual Standard Error = 0.5 with 3278 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

```
      R    R2  Ruw R2uw Shrunken R2 SE of R2 overall F df1  df2      p
wellness 0.1 0.01 0.07 0.01      0.01      0      36.43  1 3278 1.76e-09
```

Do the lmCor operation with default values – standardized units

R code

```
lmCor(wellness ~ sex, data=spi[spi.complete,])
```

```
setCor(wellness ~ sex, data=spi[spi.complete,])
```

```
Call: setCor(y = wellness ~ sex, data = spi[spi.complete, ])
```

Multiple Regression from raw data

DV = wellness

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF
(Intercept)	0.0	0.02	0.00	1.0e+00	-0.03	0.03	1
sex	0.1	0.02	6.04	1.8e-09	0.07	0.14	1

Residual Standard Error = 0.99 with 3278 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

	R	R2	Ruw	R2uw	Shrunken R2	SE of R2	overall F	df1	df2	p
wellness	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.01	0	36.43	1	3278	1.76e-09

Or, just show the correlations

R code

```
lowerCor(spi[cs(sex, wellness, education)])
corr.test(spi[cs(sex, wellness, education)])
```

```
lowerCor(spi[cs(sex, wellness, education)])
```

```
      sex  wllns edctn
sex      1.00
wellness 0.10  1.00
education -0.08 0.00  1.00
```

```
corr.test(spi[cs(sex, wellness, education)])
```

```
Call:corr.test(x = spi[cs(sex, wellness, education)])
```

```
Correlation matrix
```

```
      sex wellness education
sex      1.00      0.1      -0.08
wellness 0.10      1.0       0.00
education -0.08     0.0       1.00
```

```
Sample Size
```

```
      sex wellness education
sex      3946     3280     3304
wellness 3280     3311     3000
education 3304     3000     3330
```

```
Probability values (Entries above the diagonal are adjusted for multiple tests.)
```

```
      sex wellness education
sex      0      0.00     0.00
wellness 0      0.00     0.92
education 0      0.92     0.00
```

To see confidence intervals of the correlations, print with the short=FALSE option