

Today

- Confidence intervals
 - One proportion, one mean, two proportions, two means
- Confidence intervals and hypothesis tests
- Pairwise comparisons
- Correlation

Confidence intervals

Confidence intervals are random intervals that come with a long-run guarantee:

- *If you report 95% confidence intervals all your life, 95% of them will capture the true value*
- You **can't say anything about a particular interval**; it either contains the truth or it doesn't

[Visualization: http://rpsychologist.com/d3/CI/](http://rpsychologist.com/d3/CI/)

In SAS, you can find CIs for means and proportions (one and two groups) using the same PROCs we used for testing

One proportion

- PROC FREQ gives us intervals
- Example: drug.csv
- If we want 99% CI for recovery rate...

```
PROC FREQ data = drug;  
TABLES recovery / binomial riskdiff alpha = 0.01;  
RUN;
```

alpha is “1- confidence level” [here conf. level = 0.99]

Binomial Proportion	
recovery = 0	
Proportion	0.5667
ASE	0.0640
99% Lower Conf Limit	0.4019
99% Upper Conf Limit	0.7315
Exact Conf Limits	
99% Lower Conf Limit	0.3938
99% Upper Conf Limit	0.7287

Based on normal approximation
(you probably saw this one in
intro stats)

Doesn't rely on normal
approximation

One mean

- PROC TTEST gives us CIs for means
- Example: speed dataset
- 95% confidence interval for max. speed

```
PROC TTEST data = speed alpha = 0.05;  
  VAR speed;  
RUN;
```

Mean	95% CL Mean		Std Dev	95% CL Std Dev	
90.7330	89.5166	91.9493	22.4157	21.5882	23.3098

Two independent means

- Again, use PROC TTEST
- Example:
 - 99% CI for difference in max speed “female – male”

```
PROC TTEST data = speed alpha = 0.01;  
  VAR speed;  
  CLASS gender;  
RUN;
```

gender	Method	Mean	99% CL Mean		Std Dev	99% CL Std Dev	
female		87.0865	85.2087	88.9643	21.4179	20.1650	22.8244
male		97.9182	95.1278	100.7	22.6250	20.8068	24.7641
Diff (1-2)	Pooled	-10.8317	-14.1280	-7.5353	21.8314	20.7804	22.9863
Diff (1-2)	Satterthwaite	-10.8317	-14.1903	-7.4730			

Equal
variance

Unequal
variance

Two proportions

- Use PROC FREQ
- Example: 2drugs.csv
- 99% CI for difference in recovery rates

```
PROC FREQ data = twodrugs;  
TABLES recovery*drug / chisq riskdiff alpha = 0.01;  
RUN;
```

Column 1 Risk Estimates						
	Risk	ASE	(Asymptotic) 99% Confidence Limits		(Exact) 99% Confidence Limits	
Row 1	0.3571	0.0906	0.1239	0.5904	0.1477	0.6155
Row 2	0.5556	0.0956	0.3092	0.8019	0.3002	0.7912
Total	0.4545	0.0671	0.2816	0.6275	0.2831	0.6340
Difference	-0.1984	0.1317	-0.5376	0.1408		
Difference is (Row 1 - Row 2)						

CIs and hypothesis tests

- **Example:** Want to know if the difference in math scores between men and women is significantly different than 0 at the 0.05
 - ***We can find a 95% confidence interval for the difference in scores “men – women” and check whether it contains 0***
 - If the interval contains 0, **don't reject the null hypothesis** that there is no difference
 - If the interval doesn't contain 0, there are **significant differences between men and women at the 0.05 significance level**

CIs and hypothesis tests

In general...

- Let θ be an unknown feature of the DGM
- Suppose we know how to construct $(1-\alpha)100\%$ confidence intervals for θ
- We want to test $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_a: \theta \neq \theta_0$ at the α significance level
- We can do the test by checking whether θ_0 is contained in the interval
- If θ_0 is in the interval, don't reject the null; otherwise, reject the null

Pairwise comparisons

Comparing **more than 2 groups**

- **Example:** We want to know if there are differences in average standardized testing scores for different socioeconomic statuses, using the hsb2 dataset
- How can we solve this problem?
- We know how to compare **2 groups**, but now we have **3 groups**: low, middle, and high socioeconomic status

Pairwise tests

- An approach is doing **3 pairwise two-sample tests**
 - Low vs middle
 - Middle vs high
 - Low vs high
- If we do these 3 tests at the 0.05 significance level (each), the probability that there is at least one false positive (type I error) is **roughly 0.14**

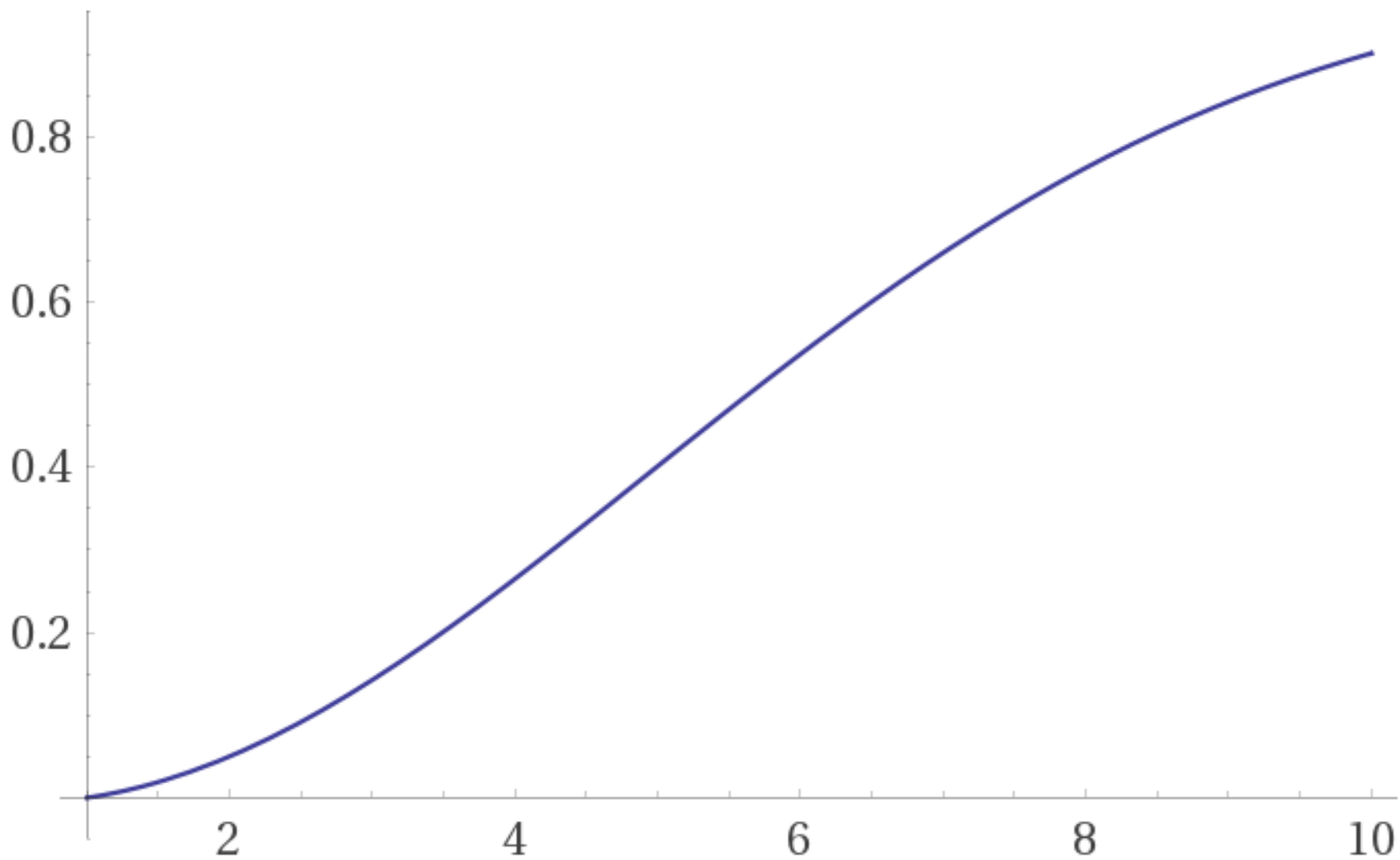
Pairwise tests

- If we have k groups, there are k choose 2 pairwise comparisons
- If our significance level is 0.05, the probability that there's at least one false positive (FP) is

$$\Pr(\text{FP} \geq 1) = 1 - \Pr(\text{FP} = 0) = 1 - 0.95^{\binom{k}{2}}$$

- For example, if $k = 5$, $\Pr(\text{FP} \geq 1)$ is approximately 0.4

$\Pr(\text{FP} \geq 1)$



Computed by Wolfram|Alpha

of groups

A (not-so-great) fix

- A general solution to this “multiple testing” problem (which isn’t specific for pairwise comparisons) is the following
- **Bonferroni:** If we’re are doing N tests and want to ensure an overall false positive rate of 0.05, conduct the individual tests at the $0.05/N$ significance level
- **Problem: Very stringent.**
 - For example, if we have 5 groups, there are $N = \binom{5}{2} = 10$ pairwise tests, so we should perform the tests at the 0.005 significance level, which is quite harsh

Tukey's honest significant difference

- If we're comparing the "means" (expectations) of groups with either / or
 - Approximately normal distributions
 - Sample sizes that are big enough, and the DGM has finite variance
- We can use a less stringent method called **Tukey's honest significant difference** (there are others)
- SAS will do it for us

- **Example:** compare average scores in standardized tests for low, middle and high socioeconomic status at an overall significance level $\alpha = 0.01$

```

PROC ANOVA data = hsbnew;
  CLASS ses;
  MODEL avg = ses;
  MEANS ses / Tukey alpha = 0.01;
RUN;

```

Alpha	0.01
Error Degrees of Freedom	197
Error Mean Square	59.57878
Critical Value of Studentized Range	4.16833

Comparisons significant at the 0.01 level are indicated by ***.				
ses Comparison	Difference Between Means	Simultaneous 99% Confidence Limits		
high - middle	4.344	0.553	8.135	***
high - low	7.617	3.152	12.082	***
middle - high	-4.344	-8.135	-0.553	***
middle - low	3.274	-0.784	7.331	
low - high	-7.617	-12.082	-3.152	***
low - middle	-3.274	-7.331	0.784	

If an interval doesn't contain 0, the difference between the group is significant

Correlation

Sample correlation

- Sample correlation is useful for quantifying the degree of **linear** association between 2 quantitative variables
- It can be computed in different equivalent ways. For example, if we have variables X and Y that come in pairs:

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$$

- We can compute a z-score for each datum:

$$z_{x_i} = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_x} \quad z_{y_i} = \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_y}$$

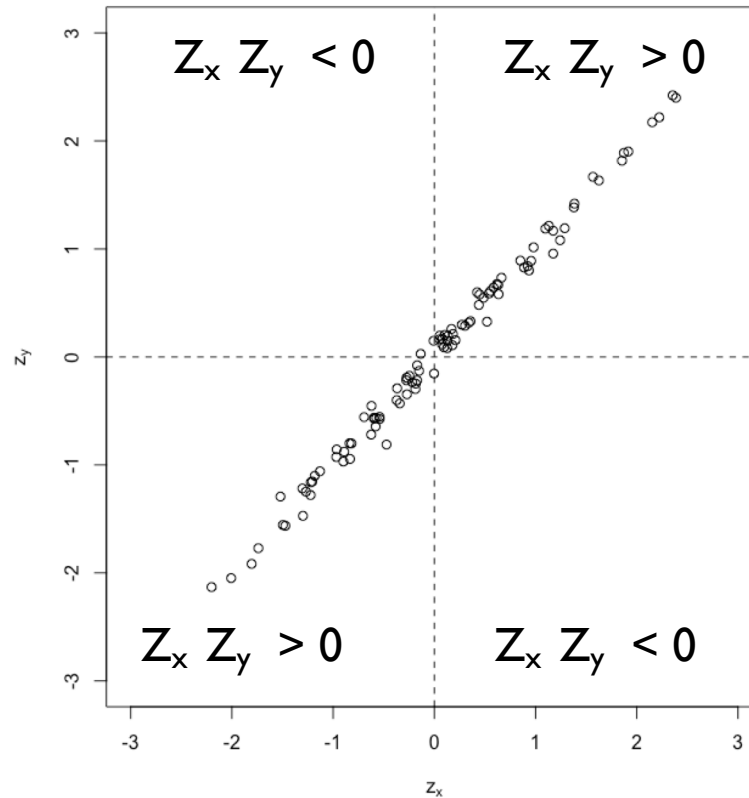
- And find:

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} (z_{x_1} z_{y_1} + z_{x_2} z_{y_2} + \dots + z_{x_n} z_{y_n})$$

Correlation

- r is always between -1 and 1 . The extremes are attained when there are perfect linear relationships (with negative and positive slope, respectively)

Positive correlation ($r > 0$)



When x_i is above the mean of x , y is usually above the mean of y

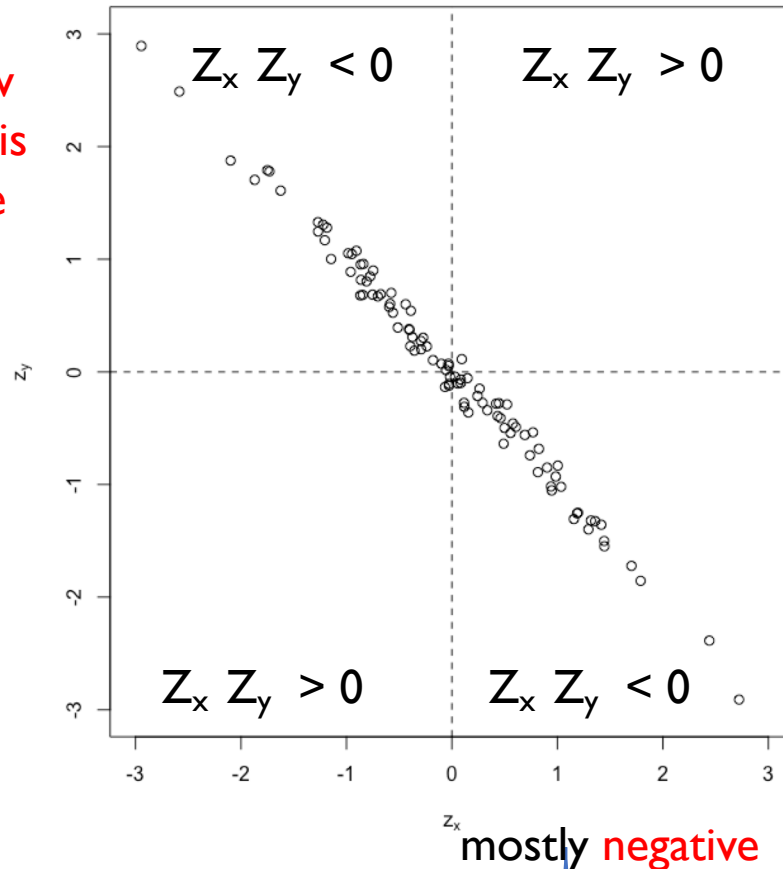
When x_i is below the mean of x , y is usually below the mean of y

mostly positive

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(z_{x_1} z_{y_1} + z_{x_2} z_{y_2} + \cdots + z_{x_n} z_{y_n} \right)$$

Negative correlation ($r < 0$)

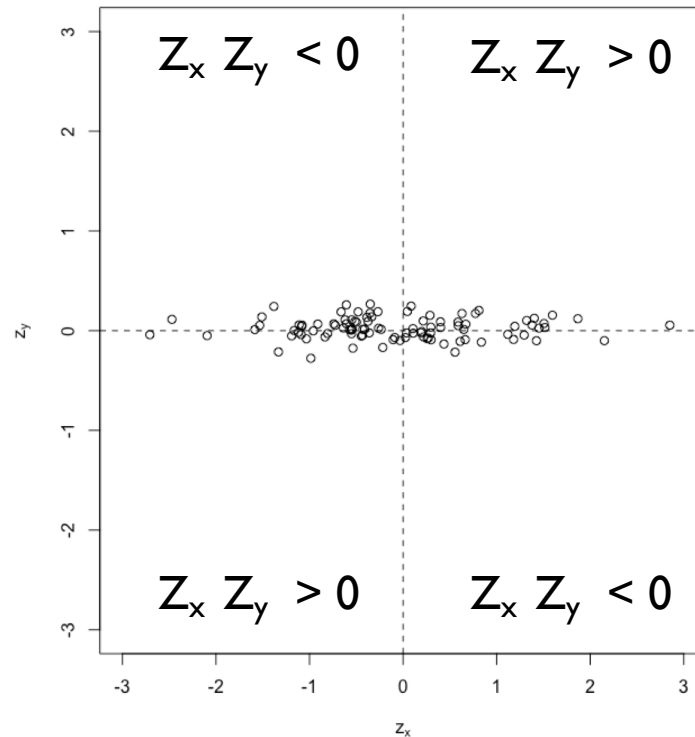
When x_i is below the mean of x , y is usually above the mean of y_i



When x_i is above the mean of x , y is usually below the mean of y_i

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(z_{x_1} z_{y_1} + z_{x_2} z_{y_2} + \cdots + z_{x_n} z_{y_n} \right)$$

Correlation ~ 0

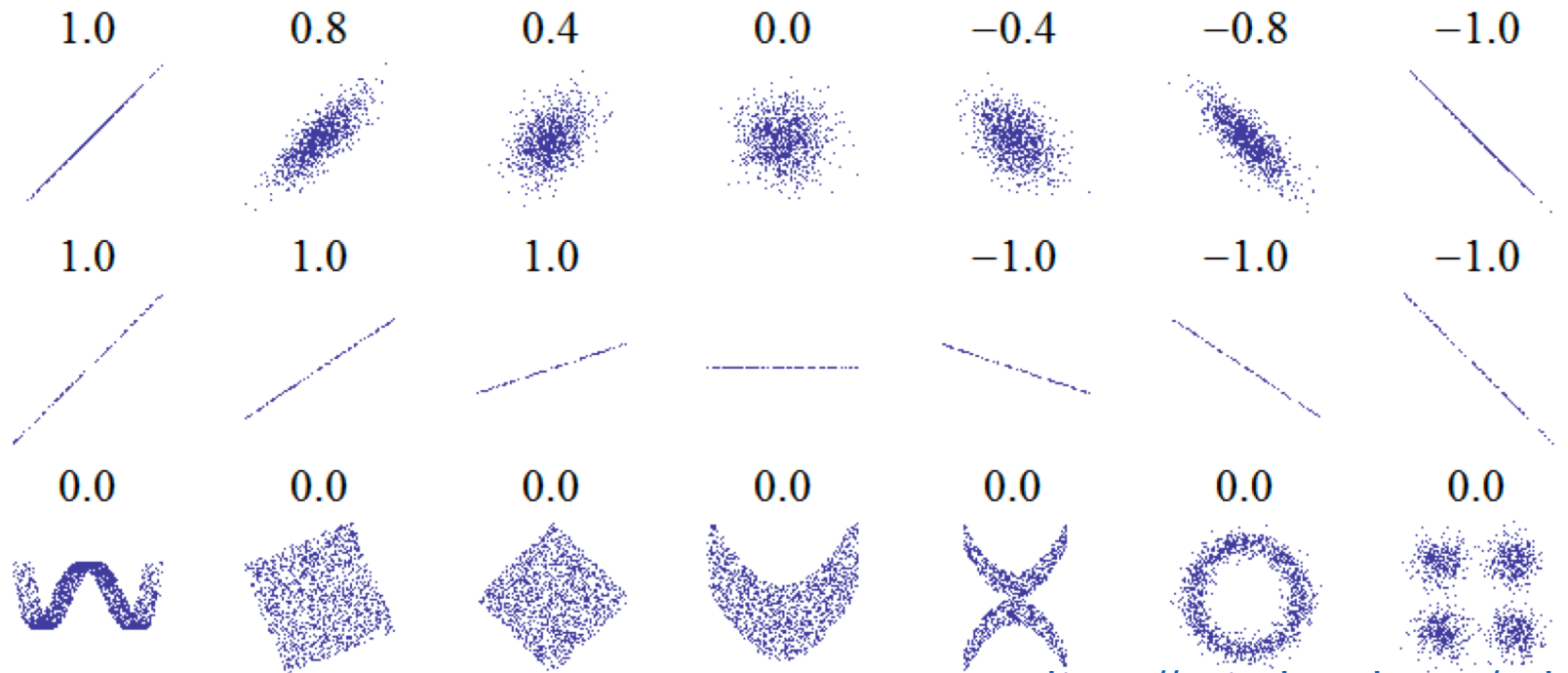


roughly the same **positive** & **negative**... will cancel out & $r \sim 0$

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(z_{x_1} z_{y_1} + z_{x_2} z_{y_2} + \cdots + z_{x_n} z_{y_n} \right)$$

r measures the **strength** and **direction** of **linear dependence**:

- If there is a clear pattern, but it isn't linear... r is inadequate!*



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Correlation_and_dependence

7.7 Match the correlation, Part I.

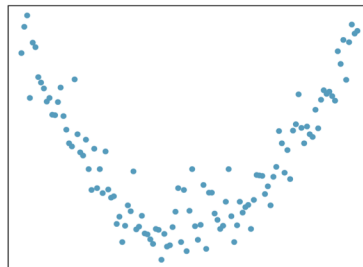
Match the calculated correlations to the corresponding scatterplot.

(a) $r = -0.7$

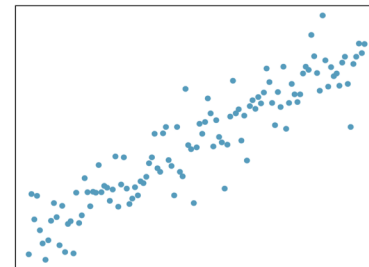
(b) $r = 0.45$

(c) $r = 0.06$

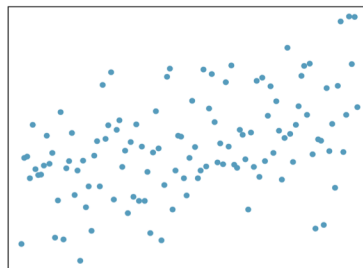
(d) $r = 0.92$



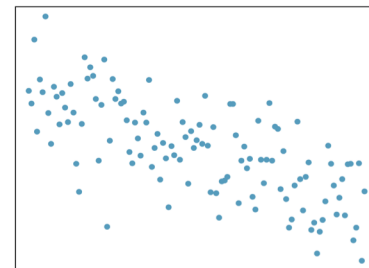
(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

Correlations with SAS

- PROC CORR computes correlations for us
- To visualize the data, we can create a “scatterplot matrix” with PROC SGSCATTER
- **Example:** in the hsb2 dataset, suppose that we want to find the pairwise correlations between math, writing, reading, science, and social studies scores

```
PROC CORR data = hsbnew;  
VAR math write socst science read;  
RUN;
```

```
PROC SGSCATTER data = hsbnew;  
matrix math write socst science read;  
RUN;
```

Pearson Correlation Coefficients, N = 200

Prob > |r| under H0: Rho=0

	math	write	socst	science	read
math	1.00000	0.61745 <.0001	0.54448 <.0001	0.63073 <.0001	0.66228 <.0001
write	0.61745 <.0001	1.00000	0.60479 <.0001	0.57044 <.0001	0.59678 <.0001
socst	0.54448 <.0001	0.60479 <.0001	1.00000	0.46511 <.0001	0.62148 <.0001
science	0.63073 <.0001	0.57044 <.0001	0.46511 <.0001	1.00000	0.63016 <.0001
read	0.66228 <.0001	0.59678 <.0001	0.62148 <.0001	0.63016 <.0001	1.00000

