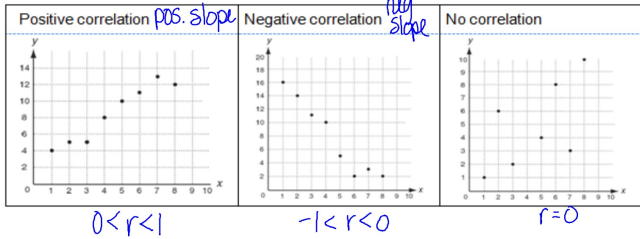


Curve Fitting with Linear Models

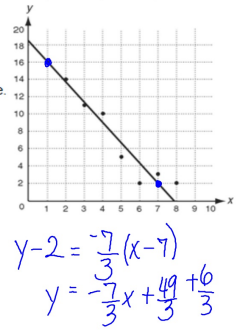
Use a scatter plot to identify a correlation. If the variables appear correlated, then find a line of fit



Example: The table shows the relationship between two variables. Identify the correlation, sketch a line of fit, and find its equation.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
y	16	14	11	10	5	2	3	2

- Step 1** Make a scatter plot of the data.
What type of correlation? *negative*
- Step 2** Use a straightedge to draw a line.
There will be some points above and below the line.
- Step 3** Choose two points on the line to find the equation:
(1, 16) and (7, 2)
- Step 4** Use the points to find the slope:
 $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2 - 16}{7 - 1} = \frac{-14}{6} = -\frac{7}{3}$
- Step 5** Use the point-slope form to find the equation of a line that models the data.
 $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $y - 2 = -\frac{7}{3}(x - 7)$
 $y = -\frac{7}{3}x + \frac{49}{3} + \frac{6}{3}$
 $y = -\frac{7}{3}x + \frac{55}{3}$



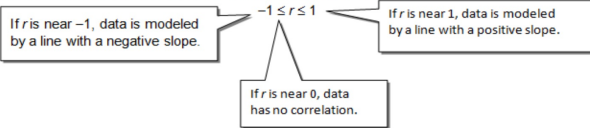
A line of best fit can also be used to predict data. Use your equation of a line to predict the value of y when $x = 2.4$.

interpolation: predict data & x is within domain of graph

$$y = -\frac{7}{3}(2.4) + \frac{55}{3}$$

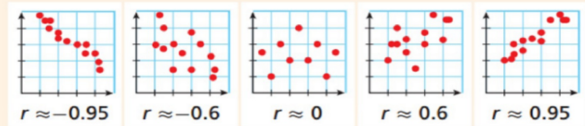
$$-\frac{7}{3}(2.4) + \frac{55}{3} = \frac{-56}{10} + \frac{55}{3} = \frac{-56(3) + 55(10)}{30} = \frac{-382}{30} \approx 12.7$$

We use the correlation coefficient, r , to measure how well the data fits.



Properties of the Correlation Coefficient r

- r is a value in the range $-1 \leq r \leq 1$.
- If $r = 1$, the data set forms a straight line with a positive slope.
- If $r = 0$, the data set has no correlation.
- If $r = -1$, the data set forms a straight line with a negative slope.



Completing the Square

Trinomial Squares $A^2 + 2AB + B^2 = (A+B)^2$
 $A^2 - 2AB + B^2 = (A-B)^2$

Solve $\frac{3x^2 - 12x - 6}{3} = 0$ by CTS

$x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$

$(\frac{-4}{2})^2$

$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 2 + 4$

$A^2 - 2(\frac{x}{2}) + B^2$

$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{6}$

$x-2 = \pm\sqrt{6}$

$x = 2 \pm\sqrt{6}$