

Contingency Tables

A contingency table illustrates a two-variable distribution. It is another way to display statistical data, like a scatter plot.

Ex: Here is some data about the **number of hours of sleep** (x) that a student gets before an exam and their **grade on the exam** (y).

(2, 50) (3, 50) (4, 45) (4, 35) (5, 50) (5, 53) (6, 60) (6, 45) (7, 70) (7, 64) (8, 80) (8, 55) (8, 75) (8, 78) (8, 83) (9, 79) (9, 30) (9, 89) (9, 62) (9, 93) (9, 87) (10, 85) (10, 71) (10, 92) (10, 88)

Do you think there is a correlation between the two variables?

Fill in the table:

Hours Slept (x) Grade % (y)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
[30, 40[
[40, 50[
[50, 60[
[60, 70[
[70, 80[
[80, 90[
[90, 100[
Total										

~~(2, 50)~~ ~~(3, 50)~~ ~~(4, 45)~~ ~~(4, 35)~~ ~~(5, 50)~~ ~~(5, 53)~~ ~~(6, 60)~~ ~~(6, 45)~~ ~~(7, 70)~~ ~~(7, 64)~~ ~~(8, 80)~~ ~~(8, 55)~~ ~~(8, 75)~~ ~~(8, 78)~~ ~~(8, 83)~~ ~~(9, 79)~~ ~~(9, 30)~~ ~~(9, 89)~~ ~~(9, 62)~~ ~~(9, 93)~~ ~~(9, 87)~~ ~~(10, 85)~~ ~~(10, 71)~~ ~~(10, 92)~~ ~~(10, 88)~~

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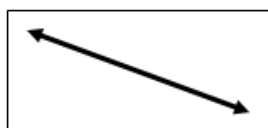
Hours Slept (x)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Grade % (y)										
[30, 40[1					1		2
[40, 50[1		1					2
[50, 60[1	1		2			1			5
[60, 70[1	1		1		3
[70, 80[1	2	1	1	5
[80, 90[2	2	2	6
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Total	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	6	4	26

- Add up numbers in columns (down) and rows (across)
- Correlation exists if...

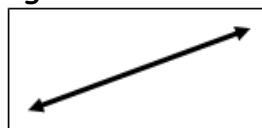
large numbers on the diagonal, small numbers (look for zeros) in the corners

- the more obvious the pattern = stronger correlation

Positive correlation:



Negative correlation:



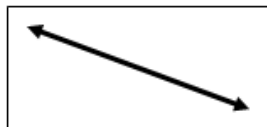
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Total	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	6	4	25

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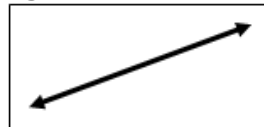
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[40, 50]		1		1						2
[50, 60]	1		2				1			5
[60, 70]					1	1		1		3
[70, 80]						1	2	1	1	5
[80, 90]							2	2	2	6
[90, 100]								1	1	2
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