

Reflection Summary for September 20, 2011

Compare and Contrast the QCR and Pearson's Correlation Coefficient

QCR

- *Resistant to outliers
- *Does not consider distance between data point and mean
- *QCR is a good approach for leading students to Pearson's CC
- *Could show false measures +/- 1 for goodness of fit; i.e., QCR could be +/-1 even if not perfectly linear
- * $QCR = [n(Q1) + n(Q3) - n(Q2) - n(Q4)] / n$
- *Easier for students to grasp or understand (more intuitive & easier to calculate)
- *"How many"

Pearson CC

- *Sensitive to Outliers
- *DOES consider the distance between data point and mean
- $r = [\text{SUM (product of z scores for x,y coordinates)}] / n-1$
- r is approximately the average of the product of the z-scores for each point
- *More complex thus practically, technology needed to find Pearson r
- *Measures form – measures *linear* association between two variables
- *"How much"

QCR & Pearson

- *Measures of strength and direction between two variables
- *Use the mean lines for x and y to divide the scatterplot into 4 quadrants
- *Unitless values between -1 and +1

GPS/CCSS STANDARDS: N/A

Compare and Contrast the Median-Median Line and the Least Squares Regression Line (LSRL)

Med-Med

- *Resistant to outliers because uses the median
- *Divides data into three equal parts, then find the median point in each part
- *Count points
- *Easier to find (especially by hand); more intuitive
- *Doesn't always pass through the mean point
- *How many

LSRL

- *Non-resistant to outliers because uses the mean
- *Minimizes total area of squares of the residuals (distance between the observed y and the predicted y)
- *Considering distance from the mean point of x and y
- *Residuals: minimizes vertical distances; sum to zero
- *Lines goes through

$$\boxed{(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}$$

- *Practically need technology to find LSRL
- *How much

Med-Med & LSRL

- *Linear (straight line) models that represent the data
- *Predicts values for a response variable based on linear lines using an explanatory variable
- *Both equations for the line are of the form: predicted y = a + bx ; where a is the y-intercept and b is the slope.

GPS/CCSS STANDARDS: M8D4, MM2D2, S-ID.6, S-ID.7, S-ID.8