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## S.ID.C.8: Correlation Coefficient 2

1 The relationship between $t$, a student's test scores, and $d$, the student's success in college, is modeled by the equation $d=0.48 t+75.2$. Based on this linear regression model, the correlation coefficient could be

1) between -1 and 0
2) equal to -1
3) between 0 and 1
4) equal to 0

2 A linear regression equation of best fit between a student's attendance and the degree of success in school is $h=0.5 x+68.5$. The correlation coefficient, $r$, for these data would be

1) $0<r<1$
2) $-1<r<0$
3) $r=0$
4) $r=-1$

3 Which value of $r$ represents data with a strong positive linear correlation between two variables?

1) 0.89
2) 0.34
3) 1.04
4) 0.01

4 Which value of a correlation coefficient represents the strongest relationship between the two variables in a given linear regression model?

1) -0.94
2) 0
3) 0.5
4) 0.91

5 Which value of $r$ represents data with a strong negative linear correlation between two variables?

1) -1.07
2) -0.89
3) -0.14
4) 0.92

6 Which calculator output shows the strongest linear relationship between $x$ and $y$ ?

Lin Reg
$y=a+b x$
$a=59.026$

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b=6.767
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1) $r=.8643$

Lin Reg
$y=a+b x$
$a=.7$
$b=24.2$
2) $r=.8361$

Lin Reg
$y=a+b x$
$a=2.45$
$b=.95$
3) $r=.6022$

Lin Reg
$y=a+b x$
$a=-2.9$
$b=24.1$
4) $r=-.8924$

7 What does the correlation coefficient of -0.975 on a linear regression indicate?

1) The slope is positive.
2) One variable causes the other.
3) The scatterplot shows no association of the variables.
4) One variable has a strong relationship with the other.
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8 A study compared the number of years of education a person received and that person's average yearly salary. It was determined that the relationship between these two quantities was linear and the correlation coefficient was 0.91 . Which conclusion can be made based on the findings of this study?

1) There was a weak relationship.
2) There was no relationship.
3) There was a strong relationship.
4) There was an unpredictable relationship.

9 Which statement regarding correlation is not true?

1) The closer the absolute value of the correlation coefficient is to one, the closer the data conform to a line.
2) A correlation coefficient measures the strength of the linear relationship between two variables.
3) A negative correlation coefficient indicates that there is a weak relationship between two variables.
4) A relation for which most of the data fall close to a line is considered strong.

10 As shown in the table below, a person's target heart rate during exercise changes as the person gets older.

| Age <br> (years) | Target Heart Rate <br> (beats per minute) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 135 |
| 25 | 132 |
| 30 | 129 |
| 35 | 125 |
| 40 | 122 |
| 45 | 119 |
| 50 | 115 |

Which value represents the linear correlation coefficient, rounded to the nearest thousandth, between a person's age, in years, and that person's target heart rate, in beats per minute?

1) -0.999
2) -0.664
3) 0.998
4) 1.503

11 The relationship of a woman's shoe size and length of a woman's foot, in inches, is given in the accompanying table.

| Woman's Shoe Size | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Foot Length (in) | 9.00 | 9.25 | 9.50 | 9.75 |

The linear correlation coefficient for this relationship is

1) 1
2) -1
3) 0.5
4) 0
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12 The points in the scatter plot below represent the ages of automobiles and their values. Based on this scatter plot, it would be reasonable to conclude:


1) Age and value have a coefficient of correlation that is less than zero.
2) Age and value have a coefficient of correlation that is equal to zero.
3) Age and value have a coefficient of correlation that is between zero and 0.5.
4) Age and value have a coefficient of correlation that is greater than 0.5 .

13 Which graph represents data used in a linear regression that produces a correlation coefficient closest to -1 ?
1)


3)

4)


14 Which scatter diagram shows the strongest positive correlation?
1)

3)

2)

4)

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15 What could be the approximate value of the correlation coefficient for the accompanying scatter plot?


1) -0.85
2) -0.16
3) 0.21
4) 0.90

16 In the physics lab, Thelma determined the kinetic energy, $K E$, of an object at various velocities, $V$, and found the linear correlation coefficient between $K E$ and V to be +0.8 . Which graph shows this relationship?
1)

3)


4)


17 Determine which set of data given below has the stronger linear relationship between $x$ and $y$. Justify your choice.

| Set A | x | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | y | 24 | 30 | 36 | 51 | 70 | 86 |


| Set B | x | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $y$ | 81 | 64 | 49 | 36 | 25 | 16 |

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## Answer Section

1 ANS： 2
Since the coefficient of $t$ is greater than $0, r>0$ ．
REF：011303a2
2 ANS： 1
Because the slope of the linear regression equation of best fit is positive（ 0.5 ），the correlation coefficient must be positive．

REF：060211b
3 ANS： 1 REF：061316a2
4 ANS： 1 REF：081624a2
5 ANS： 2 REF：061021a2
6 ANS： 1
（4）shows the strongest linear relationship，but if $r<0, b<0$ ．The Regents announced that a correct solution was not provided for this question and all students should be awarded credit．

REF：011223a2
7 ANS： 4 REF：061613a2
8 ANS： 2 REF：081502a2
9 ANS： 3 REF：011616a2
10 ANS： 1

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REF：061225a2
11 ANS： 1


REF：060109b
12 ANS： 1
The correlation coefficient for the plot must be negative．
REF：fall9910b

13 ANS: 4
If the correlation coefficient $(r)$ is negative, the line of best fit must have a negative slope, eliminating answers (2) and (3). The nearer $r$ is to -1 , the more closely the data cluster around the line of best fit. Answer (4) has a tighter fit than answer (1).

REF: 080306b
14 ANS: 1
Answer (2) has a negative correlation. Answer (4) has no correlation. The closer the data cluster around the line of best fit, the stronger the correlation. Answer (1) has a tighter fit than answer (3).

REF: 010515b
15 ANS: 4
The correlation coefficient for the plot must be positive, eliminating answers (1) and (2). The correlation is rather strong, so the correlation coefficient should be closer to 1 .

REF: 060705b
16 ANS: 2
(2) is the only graph that shows a positive correlation.

REF: 010816b
17 ANS:
$r_{A} \approx 0.976 r_{B} \approx 0.994$ Set $B$ has the stronger linear relationship since $r$ is higher.
REF: 061535a2

