

# Psychology 405: Psychometric Theory

## More on Correlations

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## Predicting scores: Question 1

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5.  $z_{\text{GRE V}} = (680 - 600) / 80 = 1.0$
6. predicted  $z_{\text{GRE Q}} = r_{xy} z_x = .72 * (1) = .72$
7. predicted GRE Q =  $.72 * 100 + 650 = 722$

## Predicting scores: Question 2

1. If a person has a GRE Quant score of 722, then what would you expect his/her GRE Verbal score to be?
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3. Mean GRE Q = 650 SD = 100
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6.  $z \text{ GRE Q} = (722 - 650)/100 = .72$
7. predicted  $z \text{ GRE V} = r_{xy} z_x = .72 * (.72) = .52$
8. predicted GRE Q =  $.52 * 100 + 600 = 652$
9. Note that although 680 predicts 722, 722 predicts 652.

## Predicting Scores: Question 3

1. For a person with an anxiety score of 16, what is the expected GPA?
2. Anxiety Mean = 12 sd = 4  $r = -.39$
3. GPA Mean = 3.0 sd = .5

## Predicting Scores: Answer 3

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2. Anxiety Mean = 12 sd = 4  $r = -.39$
3. GPA Mean = 3.0 sd = .5
4.  $z_{\text{anx}} = (16 - 12) / 4 = 1.0$
5. predicted  $z_{\text{gpa}} = r_{xy} z_x = -.39 * (1) = -.39$
6. predicted  $\text{gpa} = -.39 * .5 + 3 = 2.805$



## Partial Correlations: Question

1. Assuming the classical model of partial correlations, what is the correlation between GRE Quantitative and GPA with GRE Verbal held constant?
2.  $r_{GREQ,GPA} = .34$
3.  $r_{GREQ,V} = .72$   $r_{GREV,GPA} = .38$
4. We want to find the covariance of Q and GPA without V.
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5. partial  $r_{xy.z} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yx}}{\sqrt{(1 - r_{xz}^2) * (1 - r_{yx}^2)}}$
6.  $r_{qgpa.v} = \frac{(.34 - .72 * .38)}{\sqrt{(.482 * .856)}} = .103$  partial
7. part r  $= \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yx}}{\sqrt{1 - r_{xz}^2}} = .096$  part

## Multiple Correlation: Question

1. What is the multiple correlation of GRE V and GRE Q with rated quality of the MA?
2.  $r_{\text{GRE V, MA}} = .32$   $r_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} = .29$   $r_{\text{GRE V, Q}} = .72$
3.  $\beta_{y.x} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{1 - r_{xz}^2}$
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$$\beta_{y \cdot x} = \frac{r_{xy} - r_{xz} * r_{yz}}{1 - r_{xz}^2}$$
4.  $\beta_{\text{GRE V, MA}} = (.32 - .72 * .29) / (1 - .722) = .231$
5.  $\beta_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} = (.29 - .72 * .32) / (1 - .722) = .124$
6.  $R^2 = \beta_{y \cdot x} * r_{xy} + \beta_{y \cdot z} * r_{yz} \dots$
7.  $R^2 = \beta_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} * r_{\text{GRE Q, MA}} + \beta_{\text{GRE V, MA}} * r_{\text{GRE V, MA}} =$
8.  $R^2 = .124 * .29 + .231 * .32 = .108$
9.  $R = .329$

## Unit Weighted Multiple R

1. What is the unit weighted correlation of GREV and GRE Q with MA?

Variable	GREV	GREQ	MA
GREV	1.00	0.72	0.32
GREQ	0.72	1.00	0.29
MA	0.32	0.29	1.00

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## Unit Weighted Multiple R

1. Weight the two predictors equally

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3. All correlations are  $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$ . So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.
4.  $C_{v+q,MA} = .32 + .29 = .61$
5.  $V_{v+q} = 1.00 + .72 + .72 + 1.00 = 3.44$
6.  $r_{v+q,MA} = \frac{.61}{\sqrt{3.44*1}} = .329$

## Correlating two composites – unit weights

Table: Ability and Performance

Hypothetical relationships						
Variable	GREV	GREQ	GREA	GPA	Pre	MA
GREV	1.00	0.72	0.54	0.38	0.32	0.27
GREQ	0.72	1.00	0.48	0.34	0.29	0.24
GREA	0.54	0.48	1.00	0.55	0.47	0.39
GPA	0.38	0.34	0.55	1.00	0.42	0.35
Pre	0.32	0.29	0.47	0.42	1.00	0.30
MA	0.27	0.24	0.39	0.35	0.30	1.00

1. What is the unit weighted correlation between the ability measures and the performance measures?
2. All correlations are  $= \frac{C_{xy}}{\sqrt{V_x V_y}}$ . So we just need to find the Covariances and Variances.

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- $V_{ability} = 1.0 + .72 + .54 + .72 + 1.0 + .48 + .54 + .48 + 1 = 3 * 1 + 2 * (.72 + .54 + .48) = 6.48$
- $V_{performance} = 3 * 1 + 2 * (.42 + .35 + .30) = 5.14$
- $C_{ability,performance} = .38 + .34 + .55 + .32 + .29 + .47 + .27 + .24 + .39 = 3.25$
- $R_{ability,performance} = \frac{3.25}{\sqrt{6.48 * 5.14}} = .563$



## Cohen's Set correlation versus unit weighted correlations

1. What is the relationship between two sets of variables? Two alternative answers.
2. Set correlation: 1 - the ratio of determinants
  - $R = 1 - \frac{||\mathbf{R}_{xy}||}{||\mathbf{R}_x|| ||\mathbf{R}_y||}$
3. Unit weighted correlation
  - $R_{uw} = \frac{\mathbf{1R}_{yx}\mathbf{1}'}{(\mathbf{1R}_{yy}\mathbf{1}')^{.5}(\mathbf{1R}_{xx}\mathbf{1}')^{.5}}$
4. Both are found using the `set.cor` function

## set.cor to find multiple correlations from correlation matrices

```
> m1
> set.cor(4:6,1:3,m1)
```

```
      GREV GREQ GREA GPA Pre  MA
GREV 1.00 0.72 0.54 0.38 0.32 0.27
GREQ 0.72 1.00 0.48 0.34 0.29 0.24
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MA 0.27 0.24 0.39 0.35 0.30 1.00
Call: set.cor(y = 4:6, x = 1:3, data = m1)
```

Multiple Regression from matrix input

Beta weights

```
      GPA Pre  MA
GREV 0.09 0.06 0.06
GREQ 0.05 0.05 0.03
GREA 0.48 0.41 0.34
```

Multiple R

```
      GPA Pre  MA
0.56 0.48 0.40
multiple R2
      GPA Pre  MA
0.31 0.23 0.16
```

Unweighted multiple R

```
      GPA Pre  MA
0.50 0.42 0.35
```

Unweighted multiple R2

```
      GPA Pre  MA
0.25 0.18 0.13
```

Various estimates of between set correlations

Squared Canonical Correlations

```
[1] 4.1e-01 6.0e-05 1.6e-06
```

Average squared canonical correlation = 0.14

Cohen's Set Correlation R2 = 0.41

Unweighted correlation between the two sets = 0.56

## Just use Verbal and Quant

```
> m1
> set.cor(4:6,1:2,m1)
```

```
      GREV GREQ GREA  GPA  Pre  MA
GREV 1.00 0.72 0.54 0.38 0.32 0.27
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```

Multiple Regression from matrix input

Beta weights

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
GREV 0.28 0.23 0.20
GREQ 0.14 0.12 0.09
```

Multiple R

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.39 0.33 0.28
```

multiple R2

```
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.154 0.110 0.077
```

```
Unweighted multiple R
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.39 0.33 0.27
Unweighted multiple R2
      GPA  Pre  MA
0.15 0.11 0.08
```

Various estimates of between set correlations  
Squared Canonical Correlations  
[1] 2.0e-01 4.2e-05

```
Average squared canonical correlation = 0.1
Cohen's Set Correlation R2 = 0.2
Unweighted correlation between the two sets = 0.44
```

## Comorbidity

1. Symptoms are said to be comorbid if one has both symptoms.
  - This is really just one cell in a 2 x 2 table
  - We need base rates as well
2. Consider Anxiety and Depression
  - 50 % of anxiety patients are also depressed
  - 67% of depressed patients are also anxious
  - base rates are 20% for anxiety, 15% for depression

```
comorbidity(.2, .15, .1, c("Anxiety", "Depression"))
```

```
Call: comorbidity(d1 = 0.2, d2 = 0.15, com = 0.1, labels = c("Anxiety",  
"Depression"))
```

Comorbidity table

	Anxiety	-Anxiety
Depression	0.1	0.05
-Depression	0.1	0.75

```
implies phi = 0.49 with Yule = 0.87 and tetrachoric correlation of 0.75  
and normal thresholds of 1.04 0.84
```