

Practicals 9: Regression, correlation and general linear models

1. Snowflakes can have very different sizes and this might to depend on the temperature of the ice crystals from which they are formed. In winter 2012, mean snowflake size and ice crystals temperature were recorded during 14 snowing events in České Budějovice. The resulting data are summarized in table below:

Sbowing event No.	mean snowflake ice crystal temperature [°C]	mean snowflake diameter [mm]
1	-18	4.9
2	-20	6.1
3	-5	8.3
4	-12	8
5	-8	8.7
6	-9	8.5
7	-2	10.2
8	-14	7.1
9	-8	8.4
10	-17	6.2
11	-2	9.9
12	-4	9.3
13	-3	11
14	-12	7.6

How does the snowflake size depend on temperature?

Perform a statistical analysis, support it by a figure and present a conclusion.

In addition to the statistical model, report the regression equation describing the dependence of snowflake size on temperature.

What can we say about the snowflake size at the temperature 5°C?

2. Intelligence Quotient (IQ) of Czech Ministry of Interior Affairs employees was measured. These people were also asked on the average amount of beer they drink daily. The results were following:

IQ	beer [liters]
69	2
84	3.5
95	4.6
98	1.2
65	8
105	1.1
87	2.3
91	3.2
94	1
111	0.5
110	8
75	1

Is the amount of beer consumed correlated with intelligence of Czech Ministry of Interior Affairs employees?

3. Number of seedlings per square meter was monitored at 24 grasslands, which were mown once (mown1), mown twice (mown2) or grazed (variable treatment). In addition, biomass production was measured together with mean annual temperature of each grassland. Which of the grassland parameters have significant effect on seedling density?

See data in separate Excel file.

A. Dependence of THC concentration in blood on the amount of cannabis smoked was analyzed in one person who smoked different amounts of dried cannabis of the same source. The intervals between measurements were long enough to decrease of THC concentration to 0 before each trial.

THC [mg/litre blood]	Cannabis DW [g]
10.1	5.3
3	1.2
8.7	3.8
12.3	8.5
20.8	9.1
5.9	3.1
10.1	4.5
12.3	8.5
5.9	6.5
10.1	7.8

Does THC concentration depend on the amount of cannabis smoked?
Perform a statistical analysis and illustrate it with a figure.

B. 20 books published in recent year were randomly selected in a bookshop. Number of pages were counted for each book and the age of the author was retrieved.

The resulting data were as following:

author age	number of pages
57	568
41	302
23	102
56	574
85	600
57	162
74	128
85	405
61	201
35	129
38	204
62	305
45	450
41	275
43	320
75	401

56	230
51	222
31	188
48	196

Does the author age have an affect on thickness of books?
Perform a statistical analysis and illustrate it with a figure.

C. Relationship between mean age of children in a family and height of Christmas tree was studied.
The resulting data were following

tree height [m]	age [yrs]
2.2	3.5
3.1	4.2
0.8	15.8
2.5	7.6
1.4	12.8
1.7	16.4
1.2	15.3
2.8	6.5
0.9	19.5
1.6	5.6

Does the age of children in family affect the height of the Christmas tree bought by the parents?

D. During a field survey 10 frogs were captured, measured (body length and body mass) and released.

Following data were obtained:

Frog	body mass [g]	body length [mm]
1	7	56
2	10	71
3	11	80
4	8	53
5	9	61
6	14	91
7	8	64
8	11	79
9	12	85
10	8	62

Is there any correlation between body mass and length in frogs? What is the proportion of variability shared by the two variables?