

Correlation - Questions

June 2017 Mathematics Advanced Paper 1: Statistics and Mechanics 1

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1. A clothes shop manager records the weekly sales figures, £ s , and the average weekly temperature, t °C, for 6 weeks during the summer. The sales figures were coded so that

$$w = \frac{s}{1000}$$

The data are summarised as follows

$$S_{ww} = 50 \quad \sum wt = 784 \quad \sum t^2 = 2435 \quad \sum t = 119 \quad \sum w = 42$$

- (a) Find S_{wt} and S_{tt} (3)
- (b) Write down the value of S_{ss} and the value of S_{st} (2)
- (c) Find the product moment correlation coefficient between s and t . (2)

The manager of the clothes shop believes that a linear regression model may be appropriate to describe these data.

- (d) State, giving a reason, whether or not your value of the correlation coefficient supports the manager's belief. (1)
- (e) Find the equation of the regression line of w on t , giving your answer in the form $w = a + bt$ (3)
- (f) Hence find the equation of the regression line of s on t , giving your answer in the form $s = c + dt$, where c and d are correct to 3 significant figures. (2)
- (g) Using your equation in part (f), interpret the effect of a 1°C increase in average weekly temperature on weekly sales during the summer. (1)