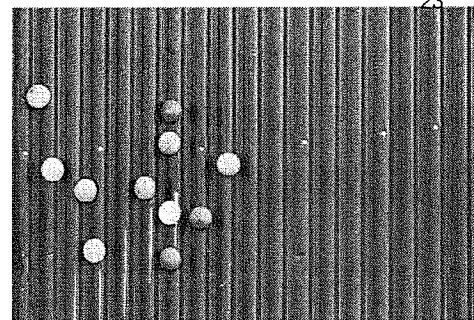


8.5 Connect the Dots

A Develop Understanding Task



- For each set of data:
 - Graph on a scatter plot.
 - Use technology (graphing calculator or computer) to calculate the correlation coefficient.

Set A

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4
1	1.5	2.5	1.9	2.8	3.2	4.5	3.7	1.7	4.8	2.7	2.3

Set B

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4
1	1.5	2.5	1.9	2.8	3.2	4.5	3.7	4	4.8	5	4.6

Set C

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4
4.7	4.9	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.1	1.3	0.8

Set D

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4
4.7	4.9	3.6	3.9	2.1	4.5	3.1	1.7	3.7	2.1	1.3	1.8

Set E

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4
4.7	4	4.2	3.9	2.8	3.2	4.5	3.7	3.2	4.8	5	4.4

Set F

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5
1.8	2.22	3.62	4.18	4.88	5.44	5.3	6

Set G

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5
4.4	4.01	2.71	2.19	1.54	1.02	1.15	0.5

- Put the scatter plots in order based upon the correlation coefficients.
- Compare each scatter plot with its correlation coefficient. What patterns do you see?

4. Use the data in Set A as a starting point. Keeping the same x -values, modify the y -values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to 0.75 as you can.

Record your data here.

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4

What did you have to do with the data to get a greater correlation coefficient?

5. This time, again start with the data in Set A. Keep the same x -values, but this time, modify the y values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to 0.25 as you can.

Record your data here.

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4

What did you have to do with the data to get a correlation coefficient that is closer to 0?

6. One more time: start with the data in Set A. Keep the same x -values, modify the y -values to obtain a correlation coefficient as close to -0.5 as you can.

Record your data here.

2	2.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.5	5	5.5	5.7	6.1	6.4

What did you have to do with the data to get a correlation coefficient that is negative?

7. What aspects of the data does the correlation coefficient appear to describe?