

**HOMEWORK: CORRELATION, SIMPLE REGRESSION**  
**ELEMENTARY STATISTICS AND INFERENCE (STAT:1020; BOGNAR)**

1. At a large company, the salaries ( $y$ , in thousands of dollars) and years of experience ( $x$ ) of six randomly chosen engineers are

$x = \text{years:}$	6	7	9	10	13	15
$y = \text{salary:}$	40	41	43	45	46	49

- (a) Find Pearson's sample correlation coefficient  $r$ . *Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*

- (b) Determine the least squares regression line. *Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*

- (c) Carefully make a scatter-plot of the dataset and draw the regression line (place the explanatory variable  $x$  on the horizontal axis, and the response variable  $y$  on the vertical axis).
- (d) On average, each extra year of experience yields how much extra pay?
- (e) What is the approximate average starting pay?
- (f) Approximate the mean salary for engineers with 6 years of experience, i.e. approximate  $\mu_{y|x=6}$ .
- (g) Find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean salary for engineers with 6 years of experience, i.e. find a 95% CI for  $\mu_{y|x=6}$ . Interpret the CI. *Hint: According to Minitab,  $\widehat{se}(\hat{y}) = 0.448$ . Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*

- (h) Is there a significant linear relationship between years of experience and salary? *Hint: According to Minitab,  $\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.0878$ . You must state  $H_0$  and  $H_a$  (use  $\alpha = 0.05$ ), find the test statistic and critical value, plot the rejection region, and state your decision and final conclusion. Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*
- (i) Approximate the  $p$ -value for the test in (1h). Based upon your  $p$ -value, is there a significant linear relationship between years of experience and salary? Why? *Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*
- (j) Find a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_1$ . Based upon your CI, is there a significant linear relationship between years of experience and salary? Why? *Hint: According to Minitab,  $\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.0878$ . Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*
- (k) Find a 95% confidence interval for the (population) mean starting salary, i.e. find a 95% CI for  $\beta_0 = \mu_{y|x=0}$ . *Hint: According to Minitab,  $\widehat{se}(\hat{\beta}_0) = 0.9208$ . Show all of your work using proper mathematical notation.*
- (l) In reference to question (1k), is the population mean starting salary significantly different than 40 (i.e. \$40,000)? Why?