

Multiple Choice

1. In a statistics class, a linear regression equation was computed to predict the final exam score from the score on the first test. The equation was $\hat{y} = 10 + 0.9x$ where y is the final exam score and x is the score on the first test. Carla scored 95 on the first test. What is the predicted value of her score on the final exam?
 - (a) 95
 - (b) 85.5
 - (c) 90
 - (d) 95.5
 - (e) None of the above

2. Which of the following are true statements about the correlation coefficient r ?
 - I. A correlation of 0.3 means that 30 percent of the points are highly correlated.
 - II. The square of the correlation measures the proportion of the y -variance that is predictable from a knowledge of the regression of y on x .
 - III. Perfect correlation, that is, when the points lie exactly on a straight line, results in $r = 0$.
 - (a) I only
 - (b) II only
 - (c) III only
 - (d) None of these statements are true
 - (e) None of the above gives a complete set of true responses

3. In regression, the residuals are which of the following?
 - (a) Those factors unexplained by the data
 - (b) The difference between the observed responses & the values predicted by the regression line
 - (c) Those data points, which were recorded after the formal investigation was completed
 - (d) Possible models unexplored by the investigator
 - (e) None of the above

4. What does the square of the correlation (r^2) measure?
 - (a) The slope of the least squares regression line
 - (b) The intercept of the least squares regression line
 - (c) The extent to which cause and effect is present in the data
 - (d) The fraction of the variation in the values of y that is explained by least-squares regression of y on x
 - (e) The fraction of the variation in the values of x that is explained by least-squares regression of y on x

5. Which of the following statements about correlation r are true?
 - I. When $r = 0$, there is no relationship between the variables
 - II. When $r = .2$, 20 percent of the variables are closely related
 - III. When $r = 1$, there is a perfect cause-and-effect relationship between the variables
 - (a) I only
 - (b) II only
 - (c) III only
 - (d) I, II, III
 - (e) All the statements are false

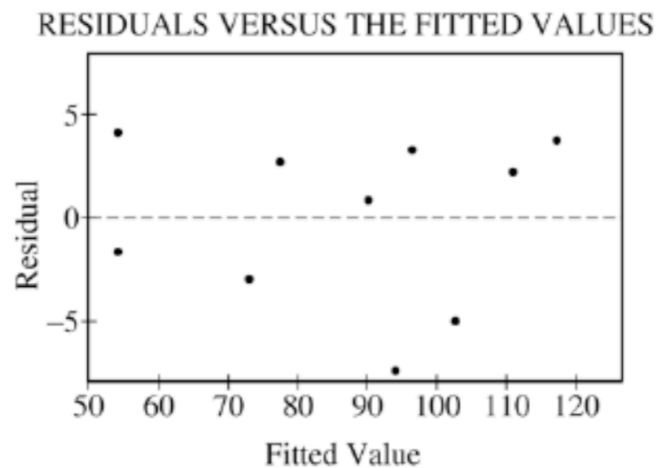
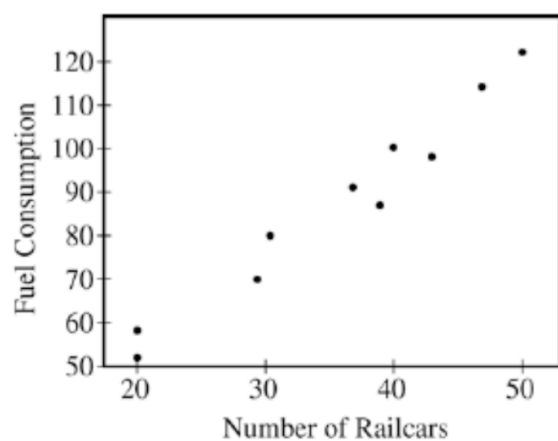
Free Response:

1. The Great Plains Railroad is interested in studying how fuel consumption is related to the number of railcars for its trains on a certain route between Oklahoma City and Omaha.

A random sample of 10 trains on this route has yielded the data in the table below.

Number of Railcars	Fuel Consumption (units/mile)
20	58
20	52
37	91
31	80
47	114
43	98
39	87
50	122
40	100
29	70

A scatterplot, a residual plot, and the output from the regression analysis for these data are shown below.



The regression equation is:

$$\text{Fuel Consumption} = 10.7 + 2.15 \text{ Railcars}$$

And the value of R^2 is 96.7%

- a. Is a linear model appropriate for modeling these data? Clearly explain your reasoning.
- b. Suppose the fuel consumption cost is \$25 per unit. Give a point estimate (single value) for the change in the average cost of fuel per mile for each additional railcar attached to a train. Show your work.
- c. Calculate the residual value for a train with 37 railcars. Show all work.
- d. Interpret the value of R^2 in the context of this problem.
- e. Would it be reasonable to use the fitted regression equation to predict the fuel consumption for a train on this route if the train had 65 railcars? Explain.