Year 11 Statistics Learning Journey

Unit 4 – Scatter Diagrams and Correlation

Core knowledge	Reference	number
Scatter Diagrams – 'If older coins weigh less than newer coins, what is the explanatory variable?'		
Correlation - 'Give an example of non-linear correlation'		
Causal Relationships – 'Does correlation imply a causal relationship? Why or why not?'		
Line of Best Fit - 'Should we draw through a mean point?'		
Interpolation and Extrapolation – 'Give a scenario where extrapolation is not suitable'		
Equation of a Line of Best Fit - 'Why is this useful to know if extrapolating data?'		
Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient -'What is the difference between a SRCC of 1, 0 and -1?'		
Calculating Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient -'Why do we need to 'rank' (ordinal data) the data in each set?'		
Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient -'Why would we not use the gradient to calculate this correlation coefficient?'		
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Key Vocabulary

Associated – When there is a relationship between variables.

Correlation – An association between two variables that shows an increasing or decreasing trend.

Explanatory Variable – Independent variable.

Response Variable – Dependent variable.

Causation – Indicates that one event is the result of the occurrence of another event.

Interpolation – Estimated data reading taken from within the values of a data set.

Extrapolation - Estimated data reading taken from outside of the values of a data set.

Line Of Best Fit – Also known as the 'regression line'.

Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient – Measures the strength of the correlation between two sets of data

Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient - Measures the strength of linear correlation between two sets of data.