SPSS24 HELP SHEET: Regression

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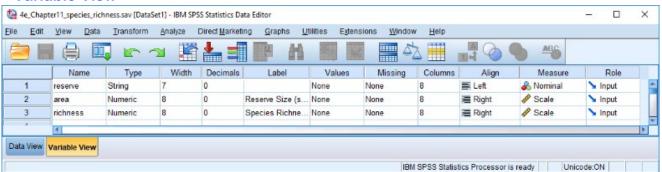
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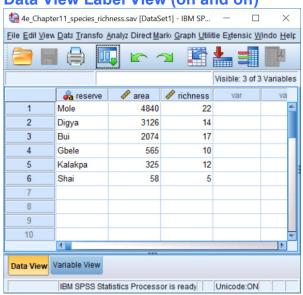
For general advice on data entry see the "How to enter data into SPSS" help sheet.

Data used in correlations are related: Data from the dependent variable go in one column and data for the independent variable in another column: Related data points must be in the same case (i.e., row). In this example, the dependent variable is *richness* and the independent variable is *area*. *Richness* (variable label = Species Richness) is measured as the number of mammalian species and is a scale level of measurement. *Area* (variable label = reserve size) is measured as square kilometres which is scale level. *Reserve* indicates the identity of the Game Reserve in Ghana where the data were collected and is not involved directly in the analysis.

Variable View



Data View Label View (on and off)



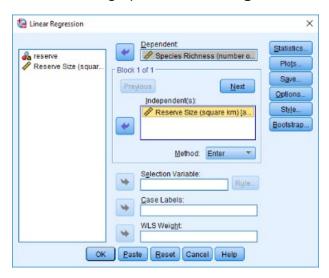
2. How to do a Regression.

To get SPSS to conduct a regression:

Open your data file.

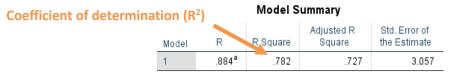
Select: Analyze - Regression - Linear...

This will bring up the Linear Regression window:

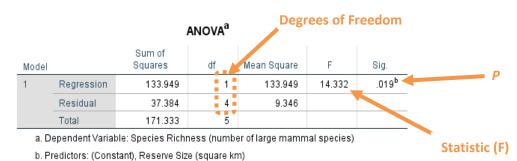


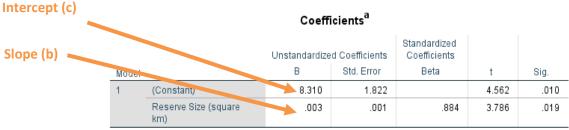
Select the dependent variable and send it to the **Dependent List** box (in this example *Species Richness*). Select the independent variable, and send it to the **Independent(s)** box (in this example *Reserve Size*). Click **OK**.

The key elements of the output are:



a. Predictors: (Constant), Reserve Size (square km)





a. Dependent Variable: Species Richness (number of large mammal species)

In summary the key information from the test is

$$y = 0.003 x + 8.310$$
; $F_{1,4} = 14.332$, $P = 0.019$, $R^2 = 0.782$

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