## **PRACTICAL Week 4 - Correlation**

- 1. Open dataset students.sav
- 2. Paste all calculations and answers to syntax file and save it regularly!
- 3. Test whether there is statistically significant correlation between **Height and Weight**. Before you start:
  - a. Find out whether data of Height and Weight are approximately normally distributed.
  - b. Generate a scatterplot of these variables. Answer the following questions:
    - i. Is there potentially a linear and/or monotonic relationship between variables? If so, is it positive or negative correlation?
    - ii. Are there some substantial outliers?
  - c. If the assumptions are met, test the linear relationship between the studying variables using Pearson and Spearman correlation coefficients.
- 4. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What is the correlation coefficient of this relationship?
  - b. Can you interpret the coefficient regarding to strength and type of the correlation?
  - c. Is the correlation between Height and Weight significant? What is the *p*-value?
  - d. Is there some difference between Pearson and Spearman coefficients? Which of these tests provide better results?
  - e. Can you assume some potential confounders of this relationship?
  - f. Write-up the results.
- 5. Test whether there is statistically significant correlation between three variables: Sleep hours, Sleep problems and Hours spent on internet using Spearman rank correlation.
- 6. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What are the correlation coefficients of the relationships?
  - b. Can you interpret the coefficients regarding to strength and type of the correlation?
    - i. Sleep hours and Sleep problems
    - ii. Sleep hours and Hours spent on internet
    - iii. Hours spent on internet and Sleep problems
  - c. Are the correlations statistically significant? What are the *p*-values?
  - d. Can you assume some potential confounders of this relationship?
  - e. Write-up the results.

## Submit your practical:

1. Save your syntax file to Homework Vaults