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## Practice 6.3.2: Calculating and Interpreting the Correlation Coefficient

For each of the following scatter plots, describe the type of linear correlation between the two variables: positive, negative, or no correlation, and identify whether it is strong or weak.
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Warmer weather can be an inspiration to plant gardens and work on landscaping. A plant nursery manager thinks there may be a relationship between weather and plant sales. Each day, the manager records the average temperature in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and the number of plants sold in a table. Use the table for problems 5-7.

| Average temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{F}$ ) | Plants sold | Average temperature $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{F}\right)$ | Plants sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | 18 | 69 | 119 |
| 78 | 281 | 64 | 59 |
| 76 | 101 | 54 | 20 |
| 67 | 152 | 50 | 4 |
| 69 | 113 | 57 | 33 |
| 75 | 120 | 76 | 263 |
| 56 | 25 | 65 | 58 |
| 54 | 37 | 76 | 133 |
| 77 | 157 | 78 | 275 |

5. Create a scatter plot of the data.
6. Use your graph to describe the relationship between temperature and plant sales.
7. Find the correlation coefficient, $r$, of the data. Describe what the correlation coefficient indicates about the relationship between the data.

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A cruise ship captain wants to know if there is a relationship between the number of children on the ship and the average attendance at a nightly pool party. The ship counted anyone under age 17 as a child. The results are in the following table. Use the table for problems 8-10.

| Number of children | Average pool party attendance |
| :---: | :---: |
| 663 | 23 |
| 454 | 76 |
| 737 | 23 |
| 200 | 112 |
| 101 | 116 |
| 216 | 139 |
| 666 | 23 |
| 415 | 52 |
| 978 | 61 |
| 930 | 62 |
| 850 | 22 |
| 891 | 63 |
| 253 | 110 |
| 795 | 22 |
| 858 | 64 |
| 117 | 144 |
| 842 | 65 |
| 275 | 136 |

8. Create a scatter plot of the data.
9. Use your graph to describe the relationship between the number of children and pool party attendance.
10. Find the correlation coefficient, $r$, of the data. Describe what the correlation coefficient indicates about the relationship between the data.
