

3. Barbara is investigating the relationship between average income (GDP per capita),  $x$  US dollars, and average annual carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) emissions,  $y$  tonnes, for different countries.

She takes a random sample of 24 countries and finds the product moment correlation coefficient between average annual  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions and average income to be 0.446

- (a) Stating your hypotheses clearly, test, at the 5% level of significance, whether or not the product moment correlation coefficient for all countries is greater than zero.

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Barbara believes that a non-linear model would be a better fit to the data.

She codes the data using the coding  $m = \log_{10} x$  and  $c = \log_{10} y$  and obtains the model  $c = -1.82 + 0.89m$

The product moment correlation coefficient between  $c$  and  $m$  is found to be 0.882

- (b) Explain how this value supports Barbara's belief.

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- (c) Show that the relationship between  $y$  and  $x$  can be written in the form  $y = ax^n$  where  $a$  and  $n$  are constants to be found.

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