

A look at grade inflation

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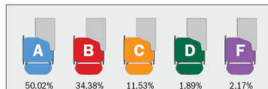
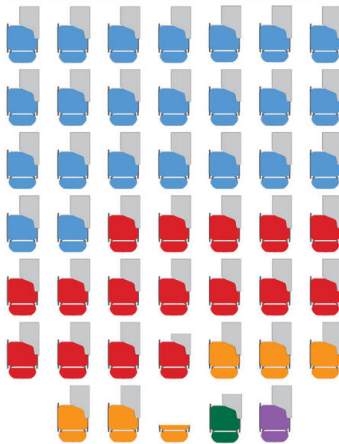
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What is the average grade

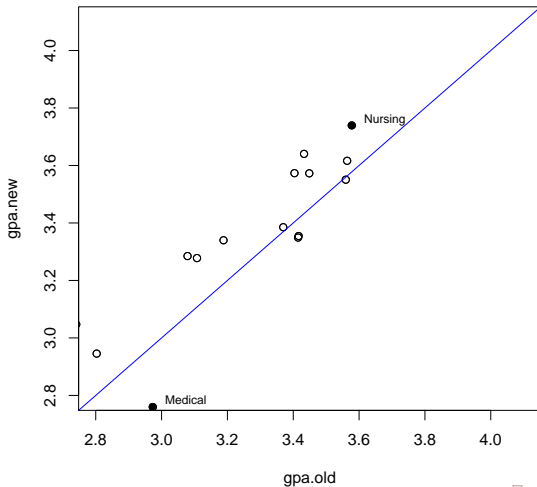
- 1** In 1970s, an average student would get a **C**
- 2** In 2009, more than half of the grades given at the U are's **A's**
- 3** Average GPA has changed from 3.57 to 3.72 in the past 10 years

A typical classroom in 2009

PERCENTAGES OF A-F GRADES GIVEN OUT FALL SEMESTER 2009



A look at GPA



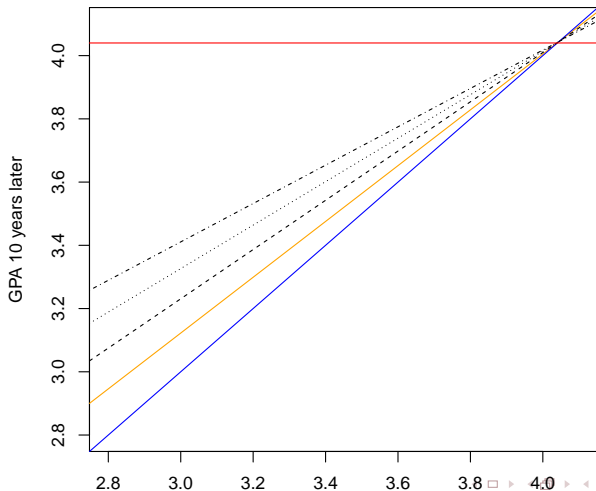
A simple calculation

$$\text{GPA}_{2009} = 0.4749 + 0.8826 * \text{GPA}_{1999}, \quad (1)$$

Or,

$$\text{GPA}_{2009} = 1.0504 * \text{GPA}_{1999}. \quad (2)$$

What will happen in the next 10 years



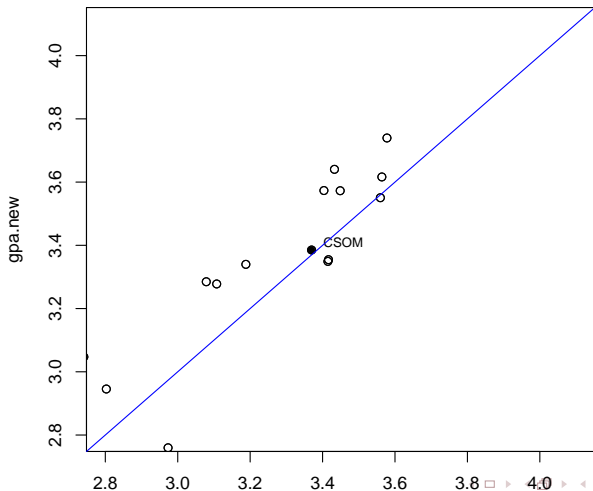
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