

Stat319: Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists

Chapter 1 –Descriptive Statistics

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Chapter 1 Topics

- Must Read lab manual chapter 1.
- What is descriptive statistics?
- Measures of Location (Mean, Median, Mode)
 - Definition
 - What they represent?
 - How to compute?
- Percentiles & Quartiles
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 - How to compute?
- Relationship between Mean & Median
 - Mean = Median → distribution is symmetrical
 - Mean > Median → distribution is skewed (not symmetrical) to the right
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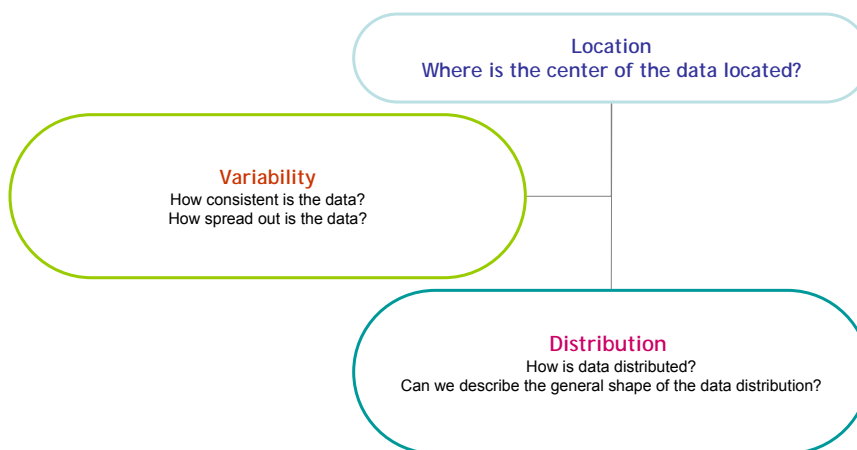
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What is descriptive statistics?

- **Descriptive** statistics
 - Describing **data** with summary information
- Main focus:
 - How to describe data
- How to describe:
 - Data distribution
 - Data central location
 - Data spread

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Descriptive Chapter Overview



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Getting to know your data

- How to know much about your data?
- Quick way
 - Do stem-and-Leaf Plot
- Data like a tree
 - Can be broken up into
 - Stem
 - Leaves

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Stem and Leaf Plot

Steps to create a Stem & Leaf plot (lab manual)

- 1) Divide observations into stem and leaf
- 2) List stems in one column (ascending order of stems)
- 3) List leaf of each observation in appropriate stem or row
- 4) Count occurrence of each leaf and tally in "frequency" column

Example for No nitrogen data

observation	Stem	Leaf	Frequency
0.32	Step 1) Stem = First two digits, Leaf = last digit		
0.53	Step 2) place stem in one column		
0.28	Step 3) place leaf in next column in the corresponding row for appropriate stem		
0.37	Step 4) Count occurrence of each leaf and tally in "frequency" column		
0.47			
0.43	0.2	8	1
0.36	0.3	2 6 7 8	4
0.42	0.4	2 3 3 7	4
0.38	0.5	3	1
0.43	Total		10

Stem & Leaf Example- Nitrogen Data (Walpole Data from Ex 1.2)

- Steps
 1. Stem= first decimal
Leaf=last digit
 2. Place stem in one column in ascending order
 3. Place Leaf in next column in the corresponding row for appropriate Stem
 4. Count occurrence of each Leaf & tally in 'Frequency' column

Observation				
0.26	✓			
0.43	✓	Stem	Leaf	Frequency
0.47	✓	0.2	6	1
0.49	✓	0.3		
0.52	✓	0.4	3 6 7 9	4
0.75	✓	0.5	2	1
0.79	✓	0.6	2	1
0.86	✓	0.7	5 9	2
0.62	✓	0.8	6	1
0.46	✓	Total		10

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Measures of Location

- Where is the data center located for the sample we are trying to describe?
- Mean = arithmetic average (numerical Average, p.9) $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum y$
- Median = the middle of ordered observations (uninfluenced center, p.9)
- Mode= the most frequent observation (Lab p. 19)

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole		ordered data	
No nitrogen	Nitrogen	No nitrogen	Nitrogen
X	X	X	X
0.32	0.26	0.26	0.26
0.53	0.43	0.32	0.43
0.28	0.47	0.36	0.46
0.37	0.49	0.37	0.47
0.47	0.52	0.38	0.49
0.43	0.75	0.42	0.52
0.36	0.79	0.43	0.62
0.42	0.86	0.43	0.75
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	0.37		0.49				0.37		0.47	
	0.47		0.52				0.38		0.49	
	0.43		0.75				0.42		0.52	
	0.36		0.79				0.43		0.62	
	0.42		0.86				0.43		0.75	
	0.38		0.62				0.47		0.79	
	0.43		0.46				0.53		0.86	
Total	3.99		5.65		Total		3.99		5.65	
Mean = Total/n	0.399		0.565							
Mode = ?							0.43		None	
Need to order data to get Median:					Median = $(X_{(n/2)} + X_{(n/2+1)})/2 =$		0.400		0.505	
					Median = $X_{(n+1)/2} =$					

Sum these values for numerator or of Mean (points to 3.99)

The middle values (points to 0.43 and 0.400)

No Mode. All values occur once only.

for even data
for odd data

More Example

Table 1.1 The life of 40 car batteries recorded to the nearest tenth of a year.

TABLE 1.1 Car Battery Life

2.2	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.2	3.7	3.0	2.6
3.4	1.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.1	4.7	3.7
2.5	4.3	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.1
3.3	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.2	4.1	1.9	3.4
4.7	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.9	3.0	4.2	3.5

(Walpole et.al. 2002, 16)

Any value belonging to $\left[2.20 - \frac{0.10}{2}, 2.20 + \frac{0.10}{2} \right) = [2.15, 2.25)$ is recorded as 2.2

More Example

Stem-and-Leaf Plot

Stem	Leaf	f	f/n
1	69	2	
2	25669	5	
3	0011112223334445567778899	25	
4	11234577	8	

Mode for grouped data

Class Interval	Class midpoint	f	f/n
[1,2)	1.5	2	0.050
[2,3)	2.5	5	0.125
[3,4)	3.5	25	0.625
[4,5)	4.5	8	0.200

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Calculating Percentiles (Lab M, 20-21)

- P_α = value that exceeds $\alpha\%$ of data

Data position: $R_\alpha = \alpha \frac{1+n}{100} = i + d$, $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, 99$;

α th Percentile: $P_\alpha = (1-d)y_{(i)} + dy_{(i+1)}$



- Special percentiles (True for any distribution)
 - P_{25} = 25th percentile = 1st quartile (Q_1)
 - P_{50} = 50th percentile = 2nd quartile (Q_2) = Median
 - P_{75} = 75th percentile = 3rd quartile (Q_3)

- Computing P_{25} (no Nitrogen data)

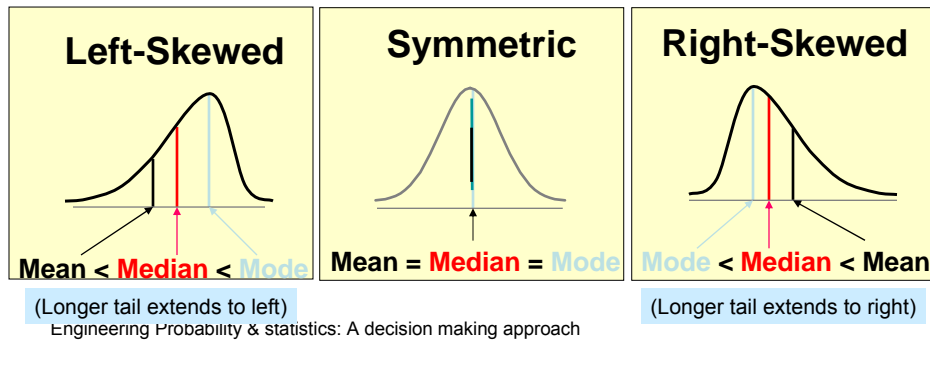
- Step 1: Order the observations in ascending order (see below)
- Step 2. Determine $R_{25} = 25(n+1)/100 = 25(10+1)/100 = 2.75$
- Step 3. Separate $R_{25} = 2.75$ into integer (i) and decimals (d):
 - $R_{25} = 2.75 = 2 + 0.75$
- Step 4: The 25th percentile is given by
 - $P_{25} = x_{(2)} + 0.75(x_{(3)} - x_{(2)})$
 - $P_{25} = 0.32 + 0.75(0.36 - 0.32)$
 - $P_{25} = 0.35$

ordered data	No nitrogen
	\bar{X}
	0.28
	0.32
	0.36
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	0.47
	0.53

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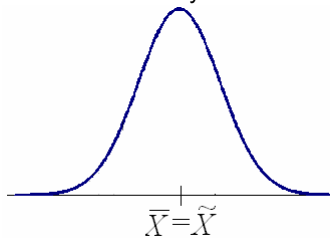
Shape of a Distribution

- Describes how data is distributed
- **Symmetric** or **skewed**

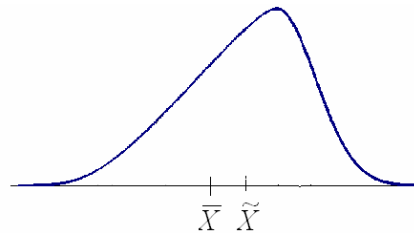


Mean versus Median (symmetric vs skewed)

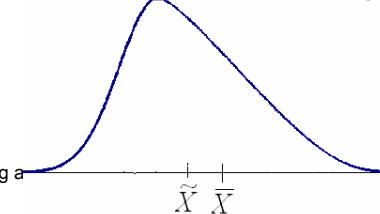
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Further about location indices

House Prices:

\$2,000,000
500,000
300,000
100,000
<u>100,000</u>

Sum 3,000,000

- **Mean:** $(\$3,000,000/5)$
= **\$600,000**

- **Median:** middle value of ranked data
= **\$300,000**

- **Mode:** most frequent value
= **\$100,000**

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Which measure of location is the “best”?

- **Mean** is generally used, unless extreme values (outliers) exist
- Then **median** is often used, since the median is not sensitive to extreme values.
 - **Example:** Median home prices may be reported for a region – less sensitive to outliers

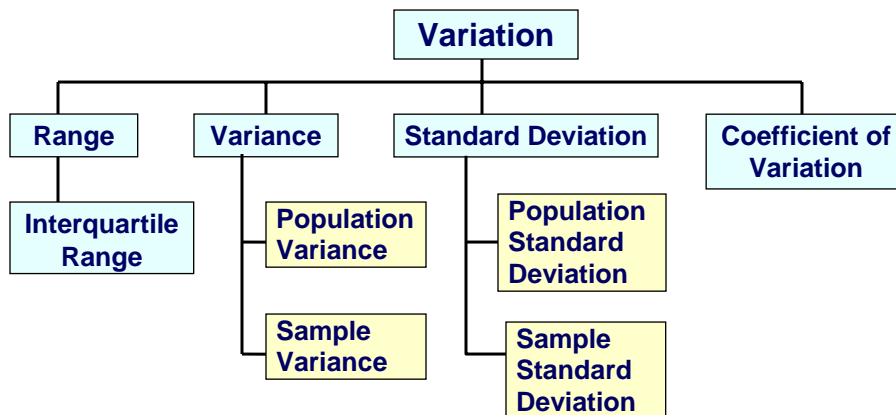
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Chapter 1 Topics (cont.)

- Measures of Variability (range, variance, Standard Deviation, Interquartile range)
 - Companies want products that are consistent in quality – good for business
 - Profit for manufactured products is a function of process variability
 - Process engineers are responsible for controlling process variability
 - In Chapters 8-15, variability indices play a major role. Very important to remember how to obtain indices, why, and what they represent
 - **Definition**
 - **What they represent?**
 - **How to compute? (Book Example 1.3)**
 - Degrees of freedom = # of **Independent** pieces of **data information** available for computing variability
 - **Why compute? Which variability index is more important?**
 - Depends on situation
 - Inference on variance : variance is important
 - Inference on mean: standard deviation is important

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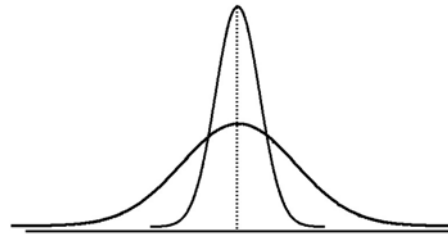
Measures of Variation



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Variation

- Measures of variation give information on the **spread** or **variability** of the data values.



Same center,
different variation

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Measures of Variability

- Measures of data spread
 - How spread out is the data?
- Range (R) = Max-Min
- Variance = average squared deviation from the mean
$$s^2 = \frac{TSS}{n-1} \text{ where } TSS = \sum (y - \bar{y})^2 = \sum y^2 - \frac{1}{n}(\sum y)^2$$
- Standard Deviation (s) = Square root of Variance

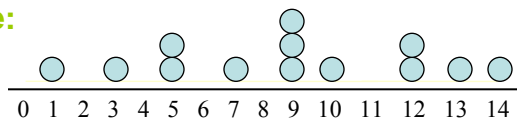
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Range

- Simplest measure of variation
- Difference between the largest and the smallest observations:

$$\text{Range} = x_{\text{maximum}} - x_{\text{minimum}}$$

Example:

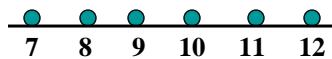


$$\text{Range} = 14 - 1 = 13$$

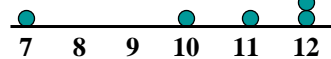
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Disadvantages of the Range

- Ignores the way in which data are distributed



$$\text{Range} = 12 - 7 = 5$$



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- Sensitive to outliers

1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,5

$$\text{Range} = 5 - 1 = 4$$

1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,120

$$\text{Range} = 120 - 1 = 119$$

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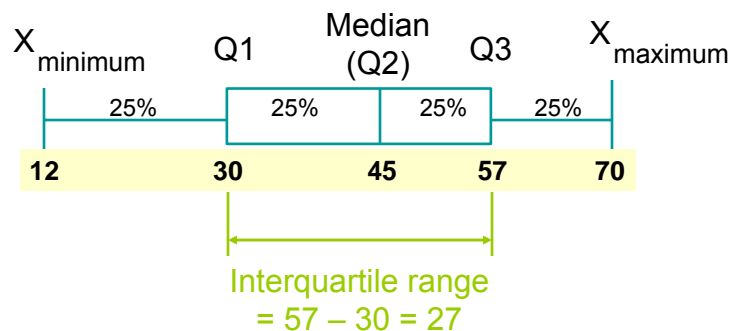
Interquartile Range

- Can eliminate some outlier problems by using the **interquartile range**
- Eliminate some high-and low-valued observations and calculate the range from the remaining values.
- Interquartile range = 3rd quartile – 1st quartile

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Interquartile Range

Box-Whiskers Plot (or Box-Plot) Example:



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Variance

- Average of squared deviations of values from the mean

– **Sample variance:**

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1}$$

– **Population variance:**

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \mu)^2}{N}$$

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Standard Deviation

- Most commonly used measure of variation
- Shows variation about the mean
- Has the same units as the original data

– **Sample standard deviation:**

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n-1}}$$

– **Population standard deviation:**

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Calculation Example: Sample Standard Deviation

Sample

Data (Y_i): **10 12 14 15 17 18 18 24**

$n = 8$ Mean = $\bar{y} = 16$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{10 - y)^2 + (12 - y)^2 + (14 - y)^2 + \dots + (24 - y)^2}{n - 1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(10 - 16)^2 + (12 - 16)^2 + (14 - 16)^2 + \dots + (24 - 16)^2}{8 - 1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{126}{7}} = 4.2426$$

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Measures of Variability

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole

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	0.37	-0.029	0.000841	0.1369	0.49	-0.075	0.005625	0.2401
	0.47	0.071	0.005041	0.2209	0.52	-0.045	0.002025	0.2704
	0.43	0.031	0.000961	0.1849	0.75	0.185	0.034225	0.5625
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	0.42	0.021	0.000441	0.1764	0.86	0.295	0.087025	0.7396
	0.38	-0.019	0.000361	0.1444	0.62	0.055	0.003025	0.3844
	0.43	0.031	0.000961	0.1849	0.46	-0.105	0.011025	0.2116
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Total Sum of Squares (TSS) or S_{xx}								
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Total Sum of Squares (TSS) or S _{xx}			0.04769				0.31385	
variance = [total (X - Mean) ²]/(n-1)			0.00529889				0.034872222	
standard deviation = square root of variance			0.07279347				0.186741057	
Range = Max - Min			0.25				0.6	

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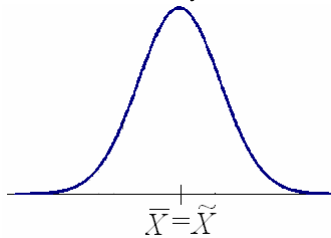
Chapter 1 Topics (cont.)

- Concept of relative frequency distribution
 - “ a picture is worth a thousand words (data)”
 - Shape of distribution
 - Symmetrical vs
 - Skewed
 - to the right
 - to the left
 - Number of Modes for distribution
 - One mode –Unimodal
 - Two modes - Bimodal
 - Multiple mode - Multimodal
 - Special distribution – Bell-shaped curve (Normal Curve)
- Empirical Rule
- z-scores
- Coefficient of Variation (C.V.)
- Coefficient of Skewness (C.S.)

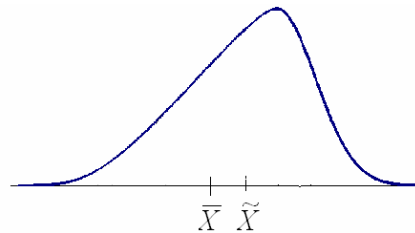
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Mean versus Median (symmetric vs skewed)

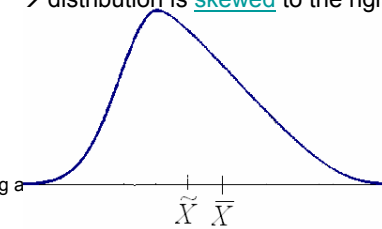
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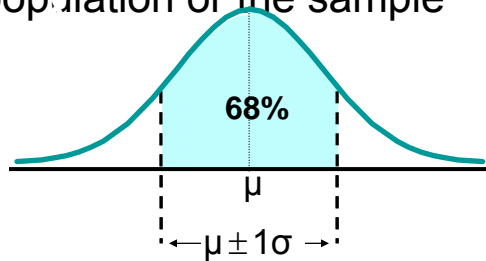
Empirical rule

- Special unimodal symmetrical distribution: Bell shaped (Normal curve)
- Rule is used to determine if data might at a first glance follow the normal distribution
- Rule:
 - Approx 68% of measurement will lie within 1 standard deviation of their mean
 - Approx 95% of measurement will lie within 2 standard deviation of their mean
 - Almost all measurements will lie within 3 standard deviation of their mean
- A population/sample satisfying all 3 properties above is said to satisfy the empirical rule.
 - This however, doesn't guarantee that data come from a normal distribution. (coz: Rule does not mention anything about the **mode**)

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The Empirical Rule

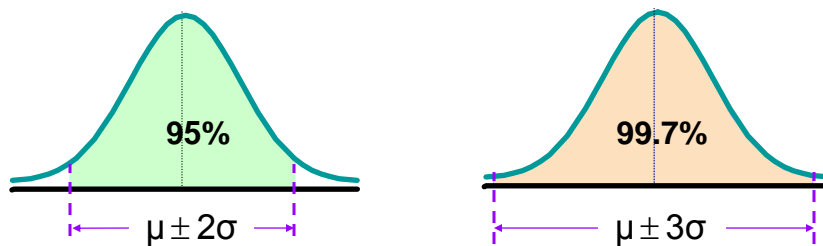
- If the data distribution is bell-shaped, then the interval:
- $\mu \pm 1\sigma$ contains about 68% of the values in the population or the sample



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The Empirical Rule

- $\mu \pm 2\sigma$ contains about 95% of the values in the population or the sample
- $\mu \pm 3\sigma$ contains about 99.7% of the values in the population or the sample



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Example for Empirical Rule

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole

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0.43	0.000961	In	In	In	0.75	0.034225	In	In	In		
0.36	0.001521	In	In	In	0.79	0.050625	Out	In	In		
0.42	0.000441	In	In	In	0.86	0.087025	Out	In	In		
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Mean+k*s	0.399+0.07279=		0.4718	0.5446	0.6174		0.7517	0.9385	1.1252		

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Z-scores

- $Z = (x - \text{Mean}) / (\text{standard Deviation})$
- Transforms observations into standard deviation units
- Negative z scores: data below mean
- Positive z scores: data above mean
- Magnitude of z score: how far away data is from mean

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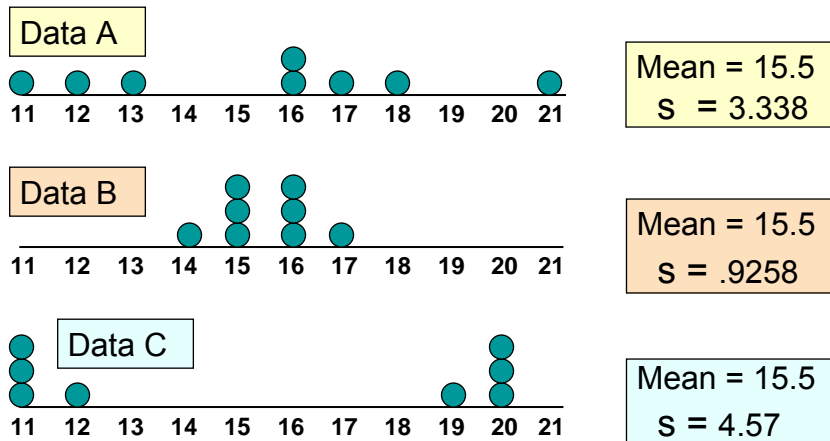
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	No nitrogen				Nitrogen			
	X	X - Mean	(X - Mean) ²	Z	X	X - Mean	(X - Mean) ²	Z
	0.32	-0.079	0.006241	-1.085	0.26	-0.305	0.093025	-1.633
	0.53	0.131	0.017161	1.800	0.43	-0.135	0.018225	-0.723
	0.28	-0.119	0.014161	-1.635	0.47	-0.095	0.009025	-0.509
	0.37	-0.029	0.000841	-0.398	0.49	-0.075	0.005625	-0.402
	0.47	0.071	0.005041	0.975	0.52	-0.045	0.002025	-0.241
	0.43	0.031	0.000961	0.426	0.75	0.185	0.034225	0.991
	0.36	-0.039	0.001521	-0.536	0.79	0.225	0.050625	1.205
	0.42	0.021	0.000441	0.288	0.86	0.295	0.087025	1.580
	0.38	-0.019	0.000361	-0.261	0.62	0.055	0.003025	0.295
	0.43	0.031	0.000961	0.426	0.46	-0.105	0.011025	-0.562
Total	3.99	0.0000	0.047690	0.000	5.65	0.0000	0.313850	0.000
Mean = Total/n	0.399				0.565			
Total Sum of Squares (TSS) or S _{xx}								
variance = [total (X - Mean) ²]/(n-1)			0.00529889				0.034872222	
standard deviation = square root of variance			0.07279347				0.186741057	
Range = Max - Min			0.25				0.6	

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CV: Comparing Standard Deviations



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Coefficient of Variation

- Measures **relative variation**
- Sometimes in percentage (%)
- Shows **variation relative to mean**
- Is used to compare two or more sets of data measured in different units

Population

$$CV = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} \right) \cdot 100\%$$

Sample

$$CV = \left(\frac{s}{\bar{x}} \right) \cdot 100\%$$

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Coefficient of variation (CV)

- Relates variability in sample to the mean

$$CV = s / \bar{y}$$

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Comparing Coefficient of Variation

- **Stock A:**

- Average price last year = \$50
- Standard deviation = \$5

$$CV_A = \left(\frac{s}{x} \right) \cdot 100\% = \frac{\$5}{\$50} \cdot 100\% = 10\%$$

- **Stock B:**

- Average price last year = \$100
- Standard deviation = \$5

$$CV_B = \left(\frac{s}{x} \right) \cdot 100\% = \frac{\$5}{\$100} \cdot 100\% = 5\%$$

Both stocks have the same standard deviation, but stock B is less variable relative to its price

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Coefficient of Skewness (CS)

- Indicates direction of the relative frequency distribution either
 - Skewed to lower values (left)
 - Skewed to higher values (right)
 - Symmetrical

$$CS = \frac{\bar{y} - \tilde{y}}{s/3}$$

- **Negative value of CS: Negative skewed/Skewed Left/left tailed distribution**
- **Positive value of CS: Positive skewed/Skewed Right/Right tailed distribution**
- **CS = 0 : Symmetrical distribution**

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Examples

	X	X - Mean	(X - Mean) ²		X	X - Mean	(X - Mean) ²
	0.32	-0.079	0.006241		0.26	-0.305	0.093025
	0.53	0.131	0.017161		0.43	-0.135	0.018225
	0.28	-0.119	0.014161		0.47	-0.095	0.009025
	0.37	-0.029	0.000841		0.49	-0.075	0.005625
	0.47	0.071	0.005041		0.52	-0.045	0.002025
	0.43	0.031	0.000961		0.75	0.185	0.034225
	0.36	-0.039	0.001521		0.79	0.225	0.050625
	0.42	0.021	0.000441		0.86	0.295	0.087025
	0.38	-0.019	0.000361		0.62	0.055	0.003025
	0.43	0.031	0.000961		0.46	-0.105	0.011025
Total	3.99	0.0000	0.047690		5.65	0.0000	0.313850
median	0.4				0.505		
Mean = Total/n	0.399				0.565		
Total Sum of Squares (TSS) or S _{xx}							
variance = [total (X - Mean) ²]/(n-1)			0.00529889				0.034872222
standard deviation = square root of variance			0.07279347				0.186741057
Range = Max - Min			0.25				0.6
Coef of variation = (std deviation)/mean				0.182			0.331
Coef of Skewness = (Mean-Median)/(std deviation)/3				-0.0412			0.9639

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Stem & Leaf Example- Nitrogen Data (Walpole Data from Ex 1.2 -Review)

- Steps
 1. Stem= first decimal
Leaf=last digit
 2. Place stem in one column in ascending order
 3. Place Leaf in next column in the corresponding row for appropriate Stem
 4. Count occurrence of each Leaf & tally in 'Frequency' column

Observation				
0.26	✓			
0.43	✓	Stem	Leaf	Frequency
0.47	✓	0.2	6	1
0.49	✓	0.3		
0.52	✓	0.4	3 6 7 9	4
0.75	✓	0.5	2	1
0.79	✓	0.6	2	1
0.86	✓	0.7	5 9	2
0.62	✓	0.8	6	1
0.46	✓	Total		10

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Stem-and Leaf Information

- Gives the shape of the distribution
- No nitrogen data
 - Skewed right distribution

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Chapter 1 Topics (cont.)

- Graphical Methods and Data Description
 - “ a picture is worth a thousand words (data)”
 - Stem and leaf plot (p16-17)
 - Frequency distributions
 - Frequency tables (p. 18 & Lab M, pp.10-12)
 - Graphical displays
 - Frequency Histogram (p. 12 & Lab M, pp. 18-19)
 - Frequency plots (Lab M, pp.13-15)
 - » plot
 - » Polygon
 - » Smoothed frequency curves (p. 19)
 - Cumulative Frequency plot (Lab M, pp.13-15)
 - And Relative Frequency equivalents
 - Box-plot (lab M, p. 24) & Outlier detection (Inner & Outer fences)
 - Other graphs
 - Bar Chart (for discrete & Qualitative data, Lab M, pp.15-17)
 - Pie chart (for qualitative data, Lab M, pp. 17-18)
 - Scatterplot (for ordered bivariate data, X and Y, p352): will be discussed further in chap 11

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Why Use Frequency Distributions?

- A frequency distribution is a way to summarize data
- The distribution condenses the raw data into a more useful form...
- and allows for a quick visual interpretation of the data

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Frequency Distribution: Discrete Data

- **Discrete data:** possible values are countable

Example: An advertiser asks 200 customers how many days per week they read the daily newspaper.



Number of days read	Frequency
0	44
1	24
2	18
3	16
4	20
5	22
6	26
7	30
Total	200

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Relative Frequency

Relative Frequency: What proportion is in each category?

Number of days read	Frequency	Relative Frequency
0	44	.22
1	24	.12
2	18	.09
3	16	.08
4	20	.10
5	22	.11
6	26	.13
7	30	.15
Total	200	1.00

$$\frac{44}{200} = .22$$

22% of the people in the sample report that they read the newspaper 0 days per week



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Frequency Distributions

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole Frequency Distribution

No nitrogen				Nitrogen			
X	count	frequency	cum. Freq	X	count	f	cum. Freq
0.32				0.26			
0.53				0.43			
0.28				0.47			
0.37				0.49			
0.47				0.52			
0.43				0.75			
0.36				0.79			
0.42				0.86			
0.38				0.62			
0.43				0.46			
Total							

STOP!
Wrong!
Data **MUST** be
SORTED in
increasing
order first

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Frequency Distributions for No Nitrogen Data

0.32
0.53
0.28
0.37
0.47
0.43
0.36
0.42
0.38
0.43
0.47
0.53

Relative Frequency
= Frequency/n

X	Tally	Frequency	Cumulative Frequency	Relative Frequency	Relative Cumulative Frequency
0.28	<i>1</i>	1	1	0.10	0.10
0.32	<i>1</i>	1	2	0.10	0.20
0.36	<i>1</i>	1	3	0.10	0.30
0.37	<i>1</i>	1	4	0.10	0.40
0.38	<i>1</i>	1	5	0.10	0.50
0.42	<i>1</i>	1	6	0.10	0.60
0.43	<i>11</i>	2	8	0.20	0.80
0.47	<i>1</i>	1	9	0.10	0.90
0.53	<i>1</i>	1	10	0.10	1.00
Total		10		1.00	

If n > 30 data, we may have too many rows in the frequency distribution. We need to do something to improve our frequency distribution. We need grouped frequency distributions.

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Grouped Frequency Distributions

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole Grouped Frequency Distribution

No nitrogen					Nitrogen					
X	count	frequency	relative frequency	relative cum. Freq.	X	count	f	F	rf	rF
(0.25-0.30]	1	1	0.10	0.10	(0.25-0.30]	1	1	1	0.10	0.10
(0.30-0.35]	1	1	0.10	0.20	(0.30-0.35]	0	0	1	0.00	0.10
(0.35-0.40]	111	3	0.30	0.50	(0.35-0.40]	0	0	1	0.00	0.10
(0.40-0.45]	111	3	0.30	0.80	(0.40-0.45]	1	1	2	0.10	0.20
(0.45-0.50]	1	1	0.10	0.90	(0.45-0.50]	111	3	5	0.30	0.50
(0.50-0.55]	1	1	0.10	1.00	(0.50-0.55]	1	1	6	0.10	0.60
					(0.55-0.60]	0	0	6	0.00	0.60
					(0.60-0.65]	1	1	7	0.10	0.70
					(0.65-0.70]	0	0	7	0.00	0.70
					(0.70-0.75]	0	0	7	0.00	0.70
					(0.75-0.80]	11	2	9	0.20	0.90
					(0.80-0.85]	0	0	9	0.00	0.90
					(0.85-0.90]	1	1	10	0.10	1.00
Total		10			Total		10			

Even without calculating variance, the nitrogen data is more variable.

But, the best number of classes for a set of data is \sqrt{n} . That is for this data square root of 10 = 3.16228 or 3.

Class Width = $\frac{\text{Range}}{\text{Number of Classes}}$

Example 1.2 p.9 of Walpole Grouped Frequency Distribution

No nitrogen					Nitrogen					
X	count	frequency	relative frequency	relative cum. Freq.	X	count	f	F	rf	rF
(0.25-0.33]	11	2	0.20	0.20	(0.25-0.33]	1	1	1	0.10	0.10
(0.33-0.41]	111	3	0.30	0.50	(0.33-0.41]	0	0	1	0.00	0.10
(0.41-0.49]	1111	4	0.40	0.90	(0.41-0.49]	1111	4	5	0.40	0.50
(0.49-0.57]	1	1	0.10	1.00	(0.49-0.57]	1	1	6	0.10	0.60
					(0.57-0.65]	1	1	7	0.10	0.70
					(0.65-0.73]	0	0	7	0.00	0.70
					(0.73-0.81]	11	2	9	0.20	0.90
					(0.81-0.89]	1	1	10	0.10	1.00
Total		10			Total		10			

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General Guidelines

- Lab Manual (p.10):

$$\text{number of classes} = \sqrt{n}$$

- Distributions with numerous observations are more likely to be smooth and have gaps filled since data are plentiful
- Class Width
 - Class widths can typically be reduced as the number of observations increases

$$\text{Class Width} = \frac{\text{Range}}{\text{Number of Classes}}$$

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Battery Life Example

Table 1.1 The life of 40 car batteries recorded to the nearest tenth of a year.

TABLE 1.1 Car Battery Life

2.2	4.1	3.5	4.5	3.2	3.7	3.0	2.6
3.4	1.6	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.1	4.7	3.7
2.5	4.3	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.3	3.9	3.1
3.3	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.2	4.1	1.9	3.4
4.7	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.9	3.0	4.2	3.5

(Walpole et.al. 2002, 16)

Any value belonging to $\left[2.20 - \frac{0.10}{2}, 2.20 + \frac{0.10}{2}\right) = [2.15, 2.25)$ is recorded as 2.2

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Grouped Frequency Example for Battery Life data

Range = $4.7 - 1.6 = 3.1$, No. of Classes: $\sqrt{40} \approx 6.32$

Class Width: $3.1/6 \approx 0.52$, (Walpole et.al. 2002, 16)

1.5-1.9 is to the nearest 0.1 year. So rounded battery lives of 1.45 to 1.95 will be included in this interval

Interval	Midpoint	f	f/n	F	F/n
1.5—1.9	1.7	2	0.05	2	0.050
2.0—2.4	2.2	1	0.025	3	0.075
2.5—2.9	2.7	4	0.100	7	0.175
3.0—3.4	3.2	15	0.375	22	0.550
3.5—3.9	3.7	10	0.250	32	0.800
4.0—4.4	4.2	5	0.125	37	0.925
4.5—4.9	4.7	3	0.075	40	1.000

80th percentile is 3.9 years, that is **80% of the batteries** have lifetimes **less than 3.95** years (since the lifetimes are recorded to the nearest 10th). **Total lifetimes** of the batteries that have lifetime between 2.95 years and 3.45 years is **$3.2 \times 15 = 48$** approximately.

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Chapter 1 Topics (cont.)

- Mean, Variance, and Percentiles of Grouped Data
 - Approximate: lose precision
 - But sometimes when you don't have any other information or choice, losing some precision is a small price to pay

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Mean, Variances and Percentiles of Grouped data

Mean for grouped data:

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum yf$$

Variance for grouped data:

$$s^2 = \frac{TSS}{n-1}, \quad TSS = \sum y^2 f - \frac{1}{n} (\sum yf)^2$$

Percentiles for grouped data:

Can obtain from the relative cumulative frequency column directly or by the following modifications to the percentile formula

$$d = \frac{\frac{\alpha}{100} - rF_j}{rF_{j+1} - rF_j}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, 99;$$

rF_j = relative cumulative frequency for the j^{th} class

$$P_\alpha = (1-d)y_{(j)} + dy_{(j+1)}$$

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Mean & Variances from Grouped Data

Interval*	Midpoint	f	f/n
1.5—2	1.75	2	0.05
2.0—2.5	2.25	1	0.025
2.5—3	2.75	4	0.100
3.0—3.5	3.25	15	0.375
3.5—4	3.75	10	0.250
4.0—4.5	4.25	5	0.125
4.5—5	4.75	3	0.075

*Lower limit included

The following quantities are calculated from the above frequency distribution:

$$\sum y = (1.75)(2) + (2.25)(1) + \dots + (4.75)(3) = 138.5,$$

$$\bar{y} = 138.5/n \approx 3.4625,$$

$$\sum y^2 f = (1.75)^2(2) + (2.25)^2(1) + \dots + (4.75)^2(3) = 498.5,$$

$$TSS = 498.5 - (138.5)^2/n = 18.94375,$$

$$s^2 \approx 0.485737179,$$

$$s \approx 0.696948476$$

	Original	Grouped
\bar{y}	3.4125	3.4625
s	0.7028	0.6969

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Determining Percentiles from Relative Cumulative Frequency Distributions

Determination of Percentiles from CRF Distribution

To derive 75th percentile, we proceed as follows: Let $q = 75^{\text{th}}$ percentile

rF	X
0.55	3.4
0.75	q
0.80	3.9

$$\frac{q - 3.4}{0.75 - 0.55} = \frac{3.9 - 3.4}{0.80 - 0.55}$$

$$q = 3.8,$$

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Graphical Methods

Stem and Leaf Plot: NoNitro (Exam1p2)

NoNitro
one leaf=1 case

stem\leaf	(leaf unit=.1000000, e.g., 6*5 = .6500000)	Class n	Percent
2* 8	.	1	
3* 2	.	1	
3* 878	.	3	25%
4* 233	.	3	median
4* 7	.	1	75%
5* 3	.	1	
5*	.	0	
min = .2800000 max = .5300000 Total N:		10	

- Stem and Leaf Plot (STATISTICA)

Frequency table: NoNitro (Exam1p2)

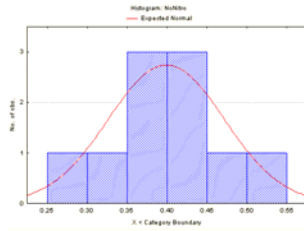
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.3500000	<=x<.4000000	3	5	30.00000	50.0000
.4000000	<=x<.4500000	3	8	30.00000	80.0000
.4500000	<=x<.5000000	1	9	10.00000	90.0000
.5000000	<=x<.5500000	1	10	10.00000	100.0000
.5500000	<=x<.6000000	0	10	0.00000	100.0000
Missing		0	10	0.00000	100.0000

- Frequency Tables (STATISTICA)

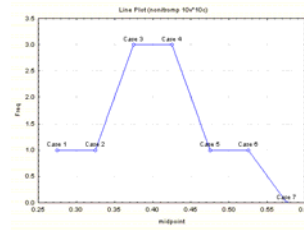
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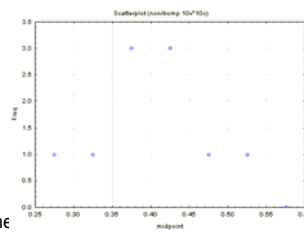
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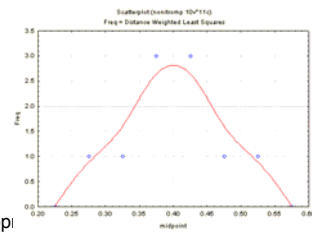
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Frequency Plot



Smoothed Frequency Curve (Distribution)

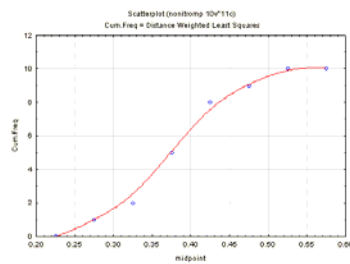


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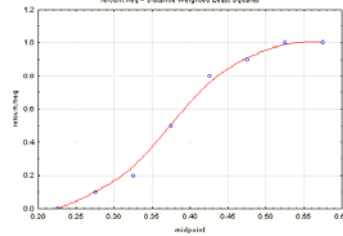
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Smoothed Cumulative Frequency Curve

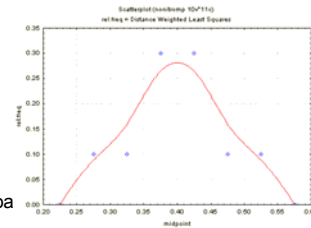


Smoothed Relative Cumulative Frequency Curve



The Relative frequency equivalents of the previous plots can also be used.

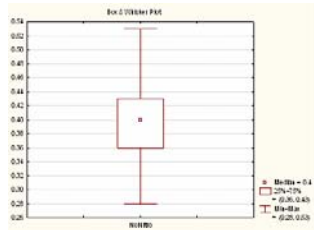
Smoothed Relative Frequency Curve (Distribution)



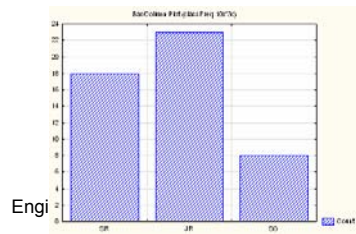
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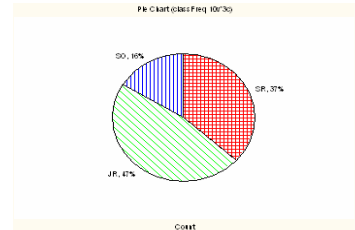
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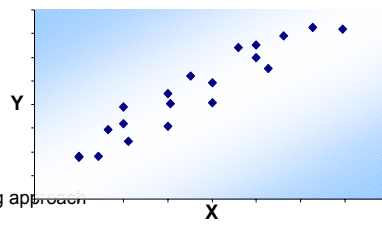
Bar Chart (for discrete and qualitative data)



Pie Chart (for qualitative data)



Scatterplot (for bivariate data - X,Y data) – only in Final exam (chap 11)



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