

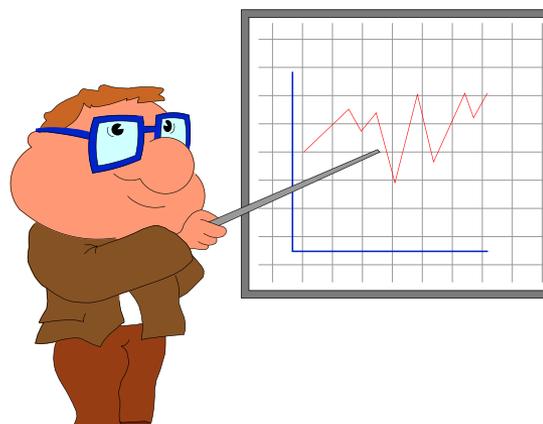
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# Probability and Statistics for Engineers

## STAT 301



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# LESSON

## 5

# Measures of Location (Central Tendency)

# Measures of Central Tendency

- **The data** (observations) often tend to be **concentrated** around the center of the data.
- Some measures of location are: the **mean**, **median** and **mode**.
- These measures are considered as **representatives** (or typical values) of the data.

# Measures of Central Tendency

➤ They are designed to give some quantitative measures of where the center of the data is in the sample.

# **The Sample Mean:**

- **Is the most common measure of central tendency**
- **The sum of the values (positive , negative or zero) divided by the number of values**
- **Is called **the** Mean , Sample Mean , Arithmetic Mean and average.**

# The Sample Mean:

- If the list is a statistical population, then the mean of that population is called a **population mean**, denoted by  $\mu$ .
- If the list is a statistical sample, we call the resulting statistic a **sample mean**, denoted by  $\bar{X}$ .

# The Sample Mean:

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are the sample values, then the sample mean is:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

Using summation:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

## **The Sample Mean (Example 1):**

**Suppose that the following sample represents the ages (in year) of a sample of 3 men:  $X_1 = 30$ ,  $X_2 = 35$ ,  $X_3 = 27$ .**

**Then, the sample mean is:**

$$\bar{X} = \frac{30 + 35 + 27}{3} = \frac{92}{3} = 30.67$$

# The Sample Mean (Example 2):

• For what value of  $X$  will 8 and  $X$  have the same sample mean as 27 and 5?

## Solution:

First, find the mean of 27 and 5:

$$\frac{27 + 5}{2} = 16$$

Now, find the  $X$  value, knowing that the sample mean of  $X$  and 8 must be 16 :

$$\frac{X + 8}{2} = 16$$

cross multiply and solve:  $32 = X + 8 \rightarrow X = 24$

# The Sample Mean (Example 3):

- On his first **5** Stat. tests, Omer received the following marks : **72, 86, 92, 63, and 77**. What test mark must Omer earn on his sixth test so that his average for all six tests will be **80** ? .

- **Solution**

Set up an equation to represent the situation.

$$\frac{72 + 86 + 92 + 63 + 77 + X}{6} = 80 \quad \longrightarrow \quad X = 90$$

**Omer must get a 90 on the sixth test.**

# **The Sample Mean (Advantages):**

- **Most popular measure in fields such as business, engineering and computer science.**
- **It is unique - there is only one answer.**
- **Useful when comparing sets of data.**

# The Sample Mean (Disadvantages):

- Affected by extreme values (outliers)

## Example.

- The sample mean of 2,3,4 is 3.
- The sample mean of 2,3,40 is 15.
- The mean increased from 3 to 15 because 40 is an extreme value.

# The Sample Mean (Properties):

➤ The sum of the deviations of the observations from their mean is always **Zero**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) = 0$$

**Example:** Find the sum of the deviations of the values 3, 4, 6, 8, 14 from their mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{3 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 14}{5} = \frac{35}{5} = 7$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) = (3 - 7) + (4 - 7) + (6 - 7) + (8 - 7) + (14 - 7) = 0$$

# The Sample Median

- **The purpose of the sample median is to reflect the central tendency of the sample in such a way that it is uninfluenced by extreme values or outliers**
- **The value which divides the data into two equal halves, with half of the data being lower than the median and half higher than the median.**

# The Sample Median (Steps):

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are the sample values, then the **sample median** computed as follows:

- Sort the values into ascending order.
- If we have an odd number ( $n$ ) of values, the median is the middle value.

$$M_e = X_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)}$$

# The Sample Median (Steps):

- If we have an even number of values, the median is the sample mean of the two middle values.

$$M_e = \frac{1}{2} \left( X_{\frac{n}{2}} + X_{\frac{n}{2}+1} \right)$$

# The Sample Median (Example 1):

Compute The sample median of  
(12, 24, 19, 20, 7) .

## Solution

➤ Sort the values into ascending order.

7, 12, 19, 20, 24

➤ Number of values is 5 is an odd the sample median is :

$$M_e = X_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)} = X_{\frac{1}{2}(5+1)} = X_3 = 19$$

# The Sample Median (Example 2 ):

Compute The sample median of  
(12, 24, 19, 20, 7 , 5) .

## Solution

➤ Sort the values into ascending order.

**5, 7, 12, 19, 20, 24**

➤ Number of values is 6 is an even the sample median is :

$$\begin{aligned} M_e &= \frac{1}{2} \left( X_{\frac{n}{2}} + X_{\frac{n}{2}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( X_{\frac{6}{2}} + X_{\frac{6}{2}+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{(X_3 + X_4)}{2} = \frac{(12 + 19)}{2} = 15.5 \end{aligned}$$

# **The Sample Median (Advantages):**

- **Extreme values do not affect the median as strongly as they do to the mean.**
- **It is unique - there is only one answer.**
- **Useful when comparing sets of data.**

# **The Sample Median (Disadvantages):**

**Not as popular as sample mean**

# **The Sample Mode :**

- **The value of a variable, which occurs with the highest frequency.**
- **The value of a distribution for which the frequency is maximum**

# **The Sample Mode (Steps):**

- **Calculate the frequencies for all of the values in the data.**
- **The mode is the value (or values) with the highest frequency.**

# The Sample Mode (Examples):

- The sample mode of the list (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4) is 3.
- The list (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 5) has the two sample modes 2 and 3.
- No sample mode of the list (1, 6, 2, 7, 3, 5).

# The Sample Mode (Advantages):

➤ Extreme values do not affect the mode.

## Example:

➤ The sample mode of the list (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4) is 3.

➤ The sample mode of the list (1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4000) is 3.

# **The Sample Mode (Disadvantages):**

- **Not as popular as mean and median.**
- **Not necessarily unique - may be more than one answer**
- **When no values repeat in the data set, the mode is every value and is useless.**
- **When there is more than one mode, it is difficult to interpret and/or compare.**

## Quartiles

The three values that split a set of ranked data values for a variable into four equal parts — quarters, or quartiles.

- The **First quartile (Q<sub>1</sub>)** is the value such that 25% of the ranked data are smaller and 75% are larger.

$$Q_1 = \begin{cases} \frac{x_{(n+1)}}{4} & \text{if } n \text{ is Odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{n}{4}} + x_{\frac{n}{4}+1} \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is Even} \end{cases}$$

- The **Second quartile (Q<sub>2</sub>)** is another name for the median.
- The **Third quartile (Q<sub>3</sub>)** is the value such that 75% of the ranked data are smaller and 25% are larger.

$$Q_3 = \begin{cases} \frac{x_{3(n+1)}}{4} & \text{if } n \text{ is Odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{3n}{4}} + x_{\frac{3n}{4}+1} \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is Even} \end{cases}$$

**Example 4:** Find the median, first quartile, third quartile of the following data of scores:  
 12 25 15 5 22 7 14 36 53 30 42

**Solution:** First, arrange the data in ascending order:

5	7	12	14	15	22	25	30	36	42	53
		↓			↓			↓		
		$Q_1$			<i>Median</i>			$Q_3$		

$$Q_1 = x_{\frac{(n+1)}{4}} = x_{\frac{(11+1)}{4}} = x_3 = 12$$

$$Q_3 = x_{\frac{3(n+1)}{4}} = x_{\frac{3(11+1)}{4}} = x_{\frac{36}{4}} = x_9 = 36$$

**Example 5:** Find the median, first quartile, third quartile, if we add 65 to Example 4.

**Solution:** First, arrange the data in ascending order:

5	7	12	14	15	22	25	30	36	42	53	65
		↓			↓			↓			
		$Q_1$			<i>Median</i>			$Q_3$			

$$\text{Median}(Q_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{2n}{4}} + x_{\frac{2n}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{2+12}{4}} + x_{\frac{2+12}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (x_6 + x_7) = \frac{1}{2} (22 + 25) = 23.5$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{n}{4}} + x_{\frac{n}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{12}{4}} + x_{\frac{12}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (x_3 + x_4) = \frac{1}{2} (12 + 14) = 13$$

$$Q_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{3n}{4}} + x_{\frac{3n}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{3+12}{4}} + x_{\frac{3+12}{4}+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (x_9 + x_{10}) = \frac{1}{2} (36 + 42) = 39$$

When the result of this arithmetic is not a whole number (whether  $n$  is odd or even) use the following formulas for  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$  :

$$Q_1 = x_{\frac{(n+1)}{4}}$$

$$Q_3 = x_{\frac{3(n+1)}{4}}$$

then select the ranked positions immediately below and above the number calculated. For example, for 10 values, the result (for the first quartile) would be 2.75 ( $10 + 1$  is 11,  $11/4$  is 2.75), and you would select the second and third ranked values. With these values, do the following:

1. Multiply the larger ranked value by the decimal fraction of the original result (0.75 in the example.)
2. Multiply the smaller ranked value by 1 minus the decimal fraction of the original result (0.25 for the example, because  $1 - 0.75$  is 0.25).
3. Add the two products to determine the quartile value.

**Special case:** Should the two ranked values selected be the same number, then the quartile is that number and you can skip the previous two multiplications and one addition.



$$Q_1 = x_{\frac{(n+1)}{4}} = x_{\frac{(9+1)}{4}} = x_3 = 2.5 \quad \text{The second and third ranked values are 35 and 39}$$

4. Multiply the larger ranked value by the decimal fraction of the original result we get  
 $39 \times 0.5 = 19.5$
5. Multiply the smaller ranked value by 1 minus the decimal fraction of the original result we get  $35 \times 0.5 = 17.5$
6. First quartile is equal  $19.5 + 17.5 = 37$ .

$$Q_3 = x_{\frac{3(n+1)}{4}} = x_{\frac{3(9+1)}{4}} = x_3 = 7.5 \quad \text{The seventh and eighth ranked values are 44 and 44}$$

1. Multiply the larger ranked value by the decimal fraction of the original result we get  
 $44 \times 0.5 = 22$
2. Multiply the smaller ranked value by 1 minus the decimal fraction of the original result we get  $44 \times 0.5 = 22$
3. Third quartile is equal  $22 + 22 = 44$ .

$$\frac{(n+1)}{4} = a.b$$

$$Q_1 = .bX_{(a+1)} + (1-.b)X_{(a)}$$

$$\frac{3(n+1)}{4} = a.b$$

$$Q_3 = .bX_{(a+1)} + (1-.b)X_{(a)}$$