

Unit 1: Measures of Central Tendency
Measures of Dispersion of a
Distribution

Definition: a distribution: a set of elements/
data points.

marks (%)
 ex: 91, 91, 91, 93, 100, 100
 (a quantitative d)

ex. green, pink, black, blue, green
 ex. Sanders, Sanders, Sanders, Clinton, Sanders Bernie
 (a qualitative d)
 ↳ identify mode

Measures of Central Tendency

• Mode (Mo): the data point with highest frequency

• Mean / Average:

where to end →

where to start →

sigma "take the sum of"

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

n → total # of data points in distribution

• median (md): the middle data point of a sorted distribution

ex. 6, 3, 5, 4, 4

3, 4, 4, 5, 6

3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6

their average is the median = 4.5

position/rank of median

$$\left[\frac{n+1}{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{6+1}{2}$$

$$\frac{7}{2} = 3.5$$

take avg between 3rd and 4th data points

Marks %

66, 66, 66, 66, 66, (66), 78, 88, 92, 94, 95

Mode = 66%
Median = 66%
Avg = 76.6%

~~30~~, 60, 72, 72, 74, 76, 77, 80

Median = 73%

Mode: = 72%

Aug: = 67.62%

4.5

4 5

Measures of Dispersion



↳ they tell us how reliable the measures of central tendency are

tells us how spread out a distribution is / how much the data points vary.

marks %
D₁:
Shannon's class
marks %
D₂
Fox class

38, 40, 60, 65, 70, 70, 72, 75, 88, 90
dangerous ^{Sadment}

65, 70, 70, 71, 75, 80, 80, 81

→ safe more consistent
• lower the measure of dispersion, the better

Variance (s^2)

data point
↓

mean
↓

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{(x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + (x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + (x_3 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + (x_n - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

total # of data points
↑

P 1.14
1.15

x_i	$(x_i - \bar{x})$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$
52	$52 - 77 = -25$	$(-25)^2 = 625$
59	$59 - 77 = -18$	$(-18)^2 = 324$
60	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮
96	$96 - 77 = 19$	$(19)^2 = 361$
	Sum	3342

$s^2 = \frac{\text{sum}}{n-1} = \frac{3342}{18}$

Class A → $s^2 = 185.67$

Class B → $s^2 = 304.5$

s^2

Standard Deviation (s)
 (the square root of variance) (sx)

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

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\text{sum}}{n-1}}$$

ex. Pg 1.14

D_i
 $\bar{x} = 77\%$
 $s^2 = 185.6$

$$s = \sqrt{185.6}$$

$$s = 13.6\%$$

The majority of the data points fall between $\bar{x} - s$ and $\bar{x} + s$.

$77 - 13.6 = 63.4\%$
 $77 + 13.6 = 90.6\%$

} majority of marks ranging here

P 1.20 Instructions for entering

a distribution

D₁ / Class A

enter: D₂ / Class B

P 1.14

Pg 1.14

$$\bar{x} = 77\%$$

$$\bar{x} = 77\%$$

$$s^2 = 185.67$$

$$s^2 = 304.5$$

$$s = 13.6\%$$

$$s = 17.4\%$$

P 1.27
- 1.31

Q: Which teacher is performing better?
teacher A lower
cause lower s (the better)

Mean Deviation: (MD)

Recall
 $|2| = 2$
 absolute value of
 $| -2 | = 2$
 $| -0 | = 0$

$$MD = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \bar{x}|}{n} = \frac{|x_1 - \bar{x}| + |x_2 - \bar{x}| + \dots + |x_n - \bar{x}|}{n}$$

$\rho 1.32$

$\bar{x} = 70$

x_i	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$ x_i - \bar{x} $
70	$70 - 70 = 0$	$ 0 = 0$
72	$72 - 70 = 2$	$ 2 = 2$
70		:
:		
69	$69 - 70 = -1$	$ -1 = 1$
Sum		8

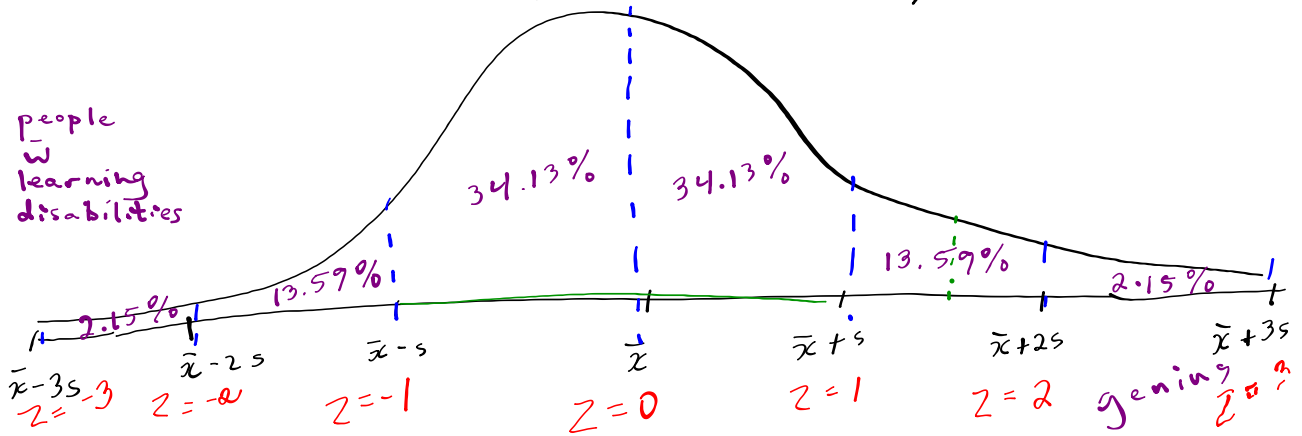
the majority of the range marks from $70 - 1.14 = 68.86\%$ to $70 + 1.14 = 71.64\%$

$$MD = \frac{8}{7} = 1.14\%$$

$$MD = \frac{\text{sum}}{n}$$

Unit 2: Standard Score (Z)

↳ a # inbetween -3 and 3
 ↳ tells you how many standard deviations a data point is from the mean (\bar{x})



$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

* Nota Bene : each data point has a Z-score

P 2.5

Class 536:

56, 56, 57, 59 ... 84, 92

Simon got 84%

. find Simon's Z-score

$$\bar{x} = 68.4\%$$

$$s = 10.46\%$$

$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

Shannon's in the same class

: she got 92%

What's her Z-score

$$Z = 2.25$$

$$Z = \frac{84 - 68.4}{10.46}$$

$$Z_s = 1.49$$

Who performed better?

Joel and Josh are
in different classes

Joel: 70%

Josh = 75%

$$Z = 2$$

$$\text{Avg} = ?$$

hard class

1-unknown

1-equation

$$Z = 0$$

$$\text{Avg} = 75\%$$

$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

- Who performed better? → Joel
- How could you explain Josh's higher mark but lower Z-score?

Typical Exam Questions

$x_i = 90\%$

$s = 10\%$

$Z = 2.7$

What's the class average? \bar{x}

$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

$10 (2.7) = \left(\frac{90 - \bar{x}}{10} \right) \times 10$

Solve for \bar{x} by doing opposite operations to both sides

B
E
M
A
S

John's $Z = 1.7$

Class average = 72%

Standard deviation = 5%

What's John's mark?

$27 = 90 - \bar{x}$

$\frac{-63}{-1} = \frac{-\bar{x}}{-1}$
 $\bar{x} = 63\%$

Typical Exam Question

Student
A

$$Z_A = 2$$

$$x_i = 80$$

$$\bar{x} = 60$$

$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

$$2 = \frac{80 - 60}{s}$$

$$2s = \frac{20}{1}$$

$$2s = \frac{20}{2}$$

$$s = 10$$

Student
B

$$Z_B = 1$$

$$x_i = 80$$

$$\bar{x} = 60$$

$$Z = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s}$$

$$1 = \frac{80 - 60}{s}$$

$$1s = \frac{20}{1}$$

$$s = 20$$

\therefore Class B has a higher standard deviation

Student A Student B

$$Z_A > Z_B$$

$$\frac{x_A - \bar{x}_A}{s_A} > \frac{x_B - \bar{x}_B}{s_B}$$

$$\frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_A} > \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_B}$$

$$\frac{s_B (x_i - \bar{x})}{(x_i - \bar{x})} > \frac{s_A (x_i - \bar{x})}{(x_i - \bar{x})}$$

$$s_B > s_A$$

* inequality sign flips when dividing or multiplying by a negative #

HWK:

$$P - 1.27 - 1.31$$

$$P - 1.39 \quad \#1 \text{ and } \#2$$

$$P - 2.8 - 2.9$$

$$P - 2.11 - 2.13$$