

lab2_number_estimation_weber_fraction

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0.1 Lab 2 - Number estimation (Weber fraction)

This lab must be done **individually**. The required packages have been imported for you below.

```
[79]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
```

The target number (i.e. ground truth) for each experimental trial is provided in the following python array.

```
[80]: targets = np.array([3, 8, 40, 2, 5, 30, 7, 35, 6, 15, 10, 20, 9, 25, 4]);
```

Read in the experimental data—these are identical to what you’ve analyzed in Lab 1. `df` is a dataframe of size (*Participants x Trials*).

```
[81]: df = pd.read_csv('data-number-estimation.csv')
```

Compute the *mean* and standard deviation (*sd*) for each trial (do not use a `for` loop). **[1pt]**

Hint: Use `df.mean()` and `df.std()`.

```
[82]: # Write your code here

mn = df.mean()
sd = df.std()

print('The mean is {}'.format(mn))
print('The std is {}'.format(sd))
```

```
The mean is Trial 1      3.000000
Trial 2      8.319149
Trial 3     28.872340
Trial 4      1.978723
Trial 5      5.085106
Trial 6     27.723404
Trial 7      7.234043
Trial 8     31.127660
Trial 9      6.085106
Trial 10     16.425532
```

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Trial 11    10.680851
Trial 12    21.489362
Trial 13     9.744681
Trial 14    25.170213
Trial 15     4.000000
dtype: float64
The std is Trial 1    0.000000
Trial 2     1.252934
Trial 3     8.641701
Trial 4     0.145865
Trial 5     0.350762
Trial 6     8.072234
Trial 7     0.757937
Trial 8     8.157730
Trial 9     0.408059
Trial 10    2.668208
Trial 11    2.117283
Trial 12    4.960156
Trial 13    1.938938
Trial 14    5.946571
Trial 15    0.208514
dtype: float64

```

0.1.1 Figure 1 [2pts]

Task 1.1: Plot *mean* responses against target numbers and add a reference line for the ground truth. **Hint:** Use `plt.plot()`.

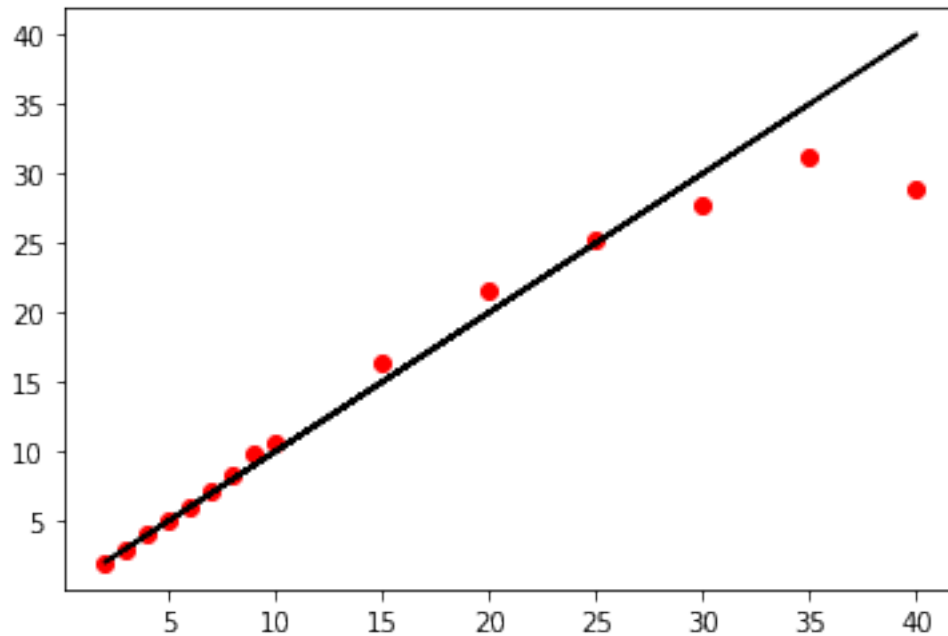
Task 1.2: Plot *mean + sd* and *mean - sd*. **Hint:** Use `np.add()` and `np.subtract()`.

Task 1.3: Annotate the graph and axes. **Hint:** Use `plt.legend()` and `plt.xlabel()` and `plt.ylabel()`.

```

[83]: # Task 1.1
plt.scatter(targets, mn, color = 'red')
expected = plt.plot(targets, targets, color = 'black', label = 'Expected')

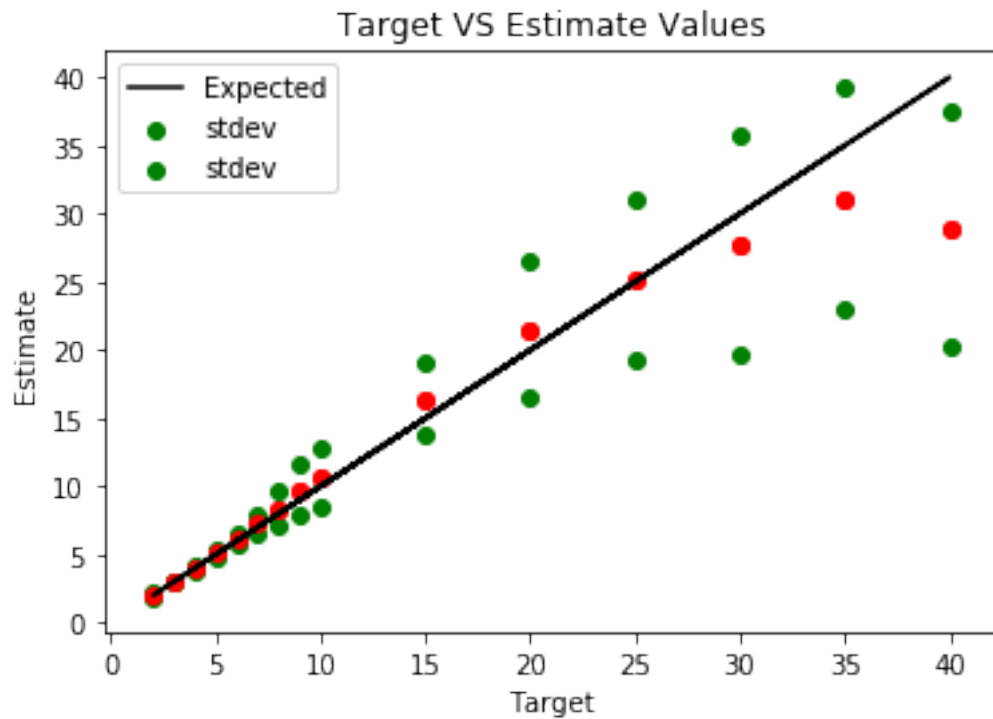
```



```
[84]: # Task 1.2
plt.scatter(targets, mn, color = "red")
add_sd = plt.scatter(targets, np.add(mn, sd), color = 'green', label = 'stdev')
subtract_sd = plt.scatter(targets, np.subtract(mn, sd), color = 'green', label = 'stdev')
plt.scatter(targets, mn, color = "red")
expected = plt.plot(targets, targets, color = 'black', label = 'Expected')

# Task 1.3
plt.xlabel("Target")
plt.ylabel("Estimate")
plt.title("Target VS Estimate Values")
plt.legend()
```

```
[84]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x118052240>
```



0.1.2 Figure 2 [2pts]

Divide *sd* by *mean* for each trial.

Hint: Use `np.divide()`.

```
[85]: sd_over_mean = np.divide(sd, mn)
      print('Dividing sd by mn equals: {}'.format(sd_over_mean))
```

```
Dividing sd by mn equals: Trial 1      0.000000
Trial 2      0.150608
Trial 3      0.299307
Trial 4      0.073717
Trial 5      0.068978
Trial 6      0.291170
Trial 7      0.104774
Trial 8      0.262073
Trial 9      0.067059
Trial 10     0.162443
Trial 11     0.198232
Trial 12     0.230819
Trial 13     0.198974
Trial 14     0.236254
```

```
Trial 15    0.052129
dtype: float64
```

Uncomment the following line to start a new figure.

```
[86]: plt.figure()
```

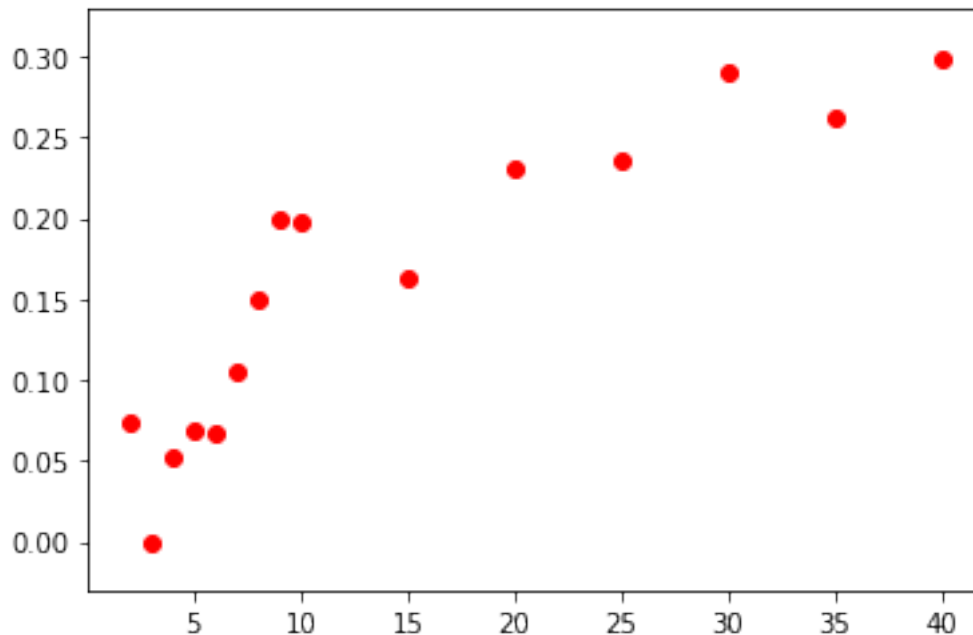
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[86]: <Figure size 432x288 with 0 Axes>
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Plot $\frac{sd}{mean}$ ratios against the target numbers.

```
[87]: # Task 1.2
plt.scatter(targets, sd_over_mean, color = "red")
```

```
[87]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x118e0cb70>
```



Estimate Weber's fraction in two steps. 1) First choose an appropriate threshold target number (given the plot you've made above) and justify your choice. [2pts]

```
[88]: thres = 15
```

I pick the threshold as 15 because after that certain point, the error rate increases in a much stable fashion than other points. Degree of uncertainty scales with target number, so more targets means lower Weber fraction (this means lesser error and greater acuity).

- 2) Then calculate Weber fraction by averaging $\frac{sd}{mean}$ ratios across trials that have targets greater than the threshold you've chosen. [1pt]

Hint: Use `np.where()` and `np.mean()`.

```
[89]: # plot consists of mean plots
      # get only means where bigger or equal to than thresh
      # calculate weber frac

      idx_bigger_thresh = np.asarray(sd_over_mean)[np.where(df.mean() >= thresh)]
      webfrac = np.mean(idx_bigger_thresh)
      print(webfrac)
```

0.24701118916625828

Export and submit a **fully executable** Python Jupyter Notebook along with a PDF export of your notebook showing all results you've obtained. Please follow the naming convention as suggested in Lab 1.[2pts]